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Tech seeks further tier-one progress

Hance: University won't stop until 'top of the mountain' is reached

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech has entered its second year attempting to obtain tier-one status and university officials hope they will learn more in October and December when fundraising results are posted.

In order to gain tier-one status, universities must be named an emerging research university, spend \$45 million in research and meet four of six listed criteria by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Taylor Eighmy, Tech's vice president for research, said the university is in good shape for meeting all the criteria although some, such as high achievement for freshman, high-quality faculty and high-quality graduate programs are still not determined.

"There's been a lot of discussion around the three remaining criteria that have to be articulated, and the most recent versions of them we look good with those criteria, but those haven't been finalized

yet," he said.

The National Research University Fund gives \$10 million to \$20 million a year to tier-one research universities, leaving plenty of money at stake for Tech.

Tech was named an emerging research university in House Bill 51, has an estimated endowment of more than \$400 million, awarded approximately 212 doctoral degrees and has a membership in the Association of Research Libraries and a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa — all of

which meet the criteria for a tier-one university, Eighmy said.

To become a tier-one university, Tech must spend \$45 million in restricted research expenditures for two straight years. If the \$45 million is met, the next six criteria are looked at.

"We are being very progressive and very proactive about our approach this year and next year," Eighmy said. "We're leaving no stone unturned, we're working very hard on it, we're very optimistic."



BAILEY

Fundraising is a major part of gaining access to the NRUF and tier-one status.

"Of the emerging research universities we have a very fine-tuned, highly-functional fundraising organization here that does very well in the amount of fundraising that's taking place in support of research," Eighmy said.

The University of Houston, University of North Texas, University of Texas at San Antonio and other universities are in the race for tier-one status. In the recent Texas Research

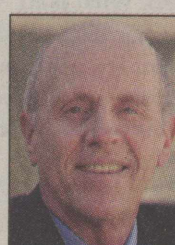
Incentive Program, Tech raised \$23.5 million and will be matched by \$21.1 million in TRIP funding over the next two years, far surpassing other competing universities, he said.

"At the end of the day, sure we're paying attention to what each other is doing, but it benefits the state when we have more of these kinds of institutions, it's not a zero-sum game," Eighmy said.

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EIGHMY



HANCE

Graphic Content

Professor creates 2nd graphic novel textbook, more to come

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

Rawls College of Business Associate Professor Jeremy Short said there is no surprise some students find textbooks uninteresting. Along with three other people, he helped create one of the first graphic novel textbooks for business classes.

Short said his students would remember scenes and lines from TV shows like "The Office," so he wanted to create something students would enjoy that could be more like entertainment than a textbook. Since making a movie was out of his budget, Short chose the graphic-novel approach.

"Textbooks are just boring," he said. "It's not that the material is boring, it's the way it's presented is not very compelling and engaging like other things we might do that are more like entertainment."

After getting the idea for a book like this from his younger brother and sister, Short began his research. Writing a textbook in the form of a graphic novel wasn't simple, he said. Graphic novels have some of the same characteristics of regular novels in the sense that they both have plot lines and characters, but in order to write this book, Short attended various classes to learn about it.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

JEREMY SHORT, A professor in the Rawls College of Business Administration, displays the graphic novel text book he wrote.

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Confirmed case of West Nile prompts caution

Lubbock residents urged to use caution outdoors

By SOPHIA HALBROOK
STAFF WRITER

Think back a few years when the West Nile Virus was an epidemic in Texas. It seemed everywhere you looked people were talking about it, or a new case would make headlines.

Many West Texans have swept the fear of West Nile under the rug, but this year's first case of West Nile virus in Lubbock was confirmed Friday.

Juan Dehoyos, a senior management information systems major from Del Rio, said he was not aware of the case of West Nile in Lubbock.

"I don't really think much about West Nile, or worry too much about it," he said. "It's just not so common around here anymore."

Beckie Brawley is the Public Health Coordinator at the Lubbock Department of Health. She said locals need to be more aware of the virus.

"It's just a reminder that West Nile Virus is here in our county," Brawley said. "It has been here for several years now. There are mosquitoes that are spreading it and people need to be very careful."

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TODAY

College Night at Hyde
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So, what is it?
If you like great dance music, cheap drinks and shot specials then come party the night away at Hyde Lounge, no cover.

Buddy Holly Center Summer Showcase 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Buddy Holly Center 1801 Crickets Avenue
So, What is it?
Come to the Buddy Holly Center Meadows Courtyard to support and enjoy Texas Musicians, this week's musician is Patricia Vonne.

Singer Kyle Abernathie Performs
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Abuelo's Courtyard 4401 82nd Street
So, What is it?
If you and your friends are in the mood for Pop/Rock music, head to Abuelos and listen to Kyle Abernathie. It's free.

FRIDAY

Bombshell Fridays at Hyde
Time: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Congresswoman repays scholarships

WASHINGTON (AP) — A north Texas congresswoman who broke scholarship rules by awarding money to her relatives and an aide's children said Wednesday that she has repaid about \$31,000 to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

The Dallas Morning News reported earlier this week that Democratic Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson had given about a third of her scholarships since 2005 to two grandsons and two great-nephews and to the son and daughter of her top aide in Dallas. The newspaper reported that 23 of those scholarships violated eligibility rules.

Where: Hyde Lounge 1707 Texas Ave
So, what is it?
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Opening Reception - Art-Faculty & MFA Exhibitions
Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Landmark and Study Galleries, Art Building
So, What is it?
A public reception to meet the artists of the "Annual Art Faculty Exhibition" and "Annual MFA Candidate Group Show."

First Friday Art Trail
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Texas Tech Museum
So, What is it?
New exhibits, activities, movies, planetarium shows and snacks. And, it's not just art either: dinosaurs, historical objects, different cultures and science are all displayed.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

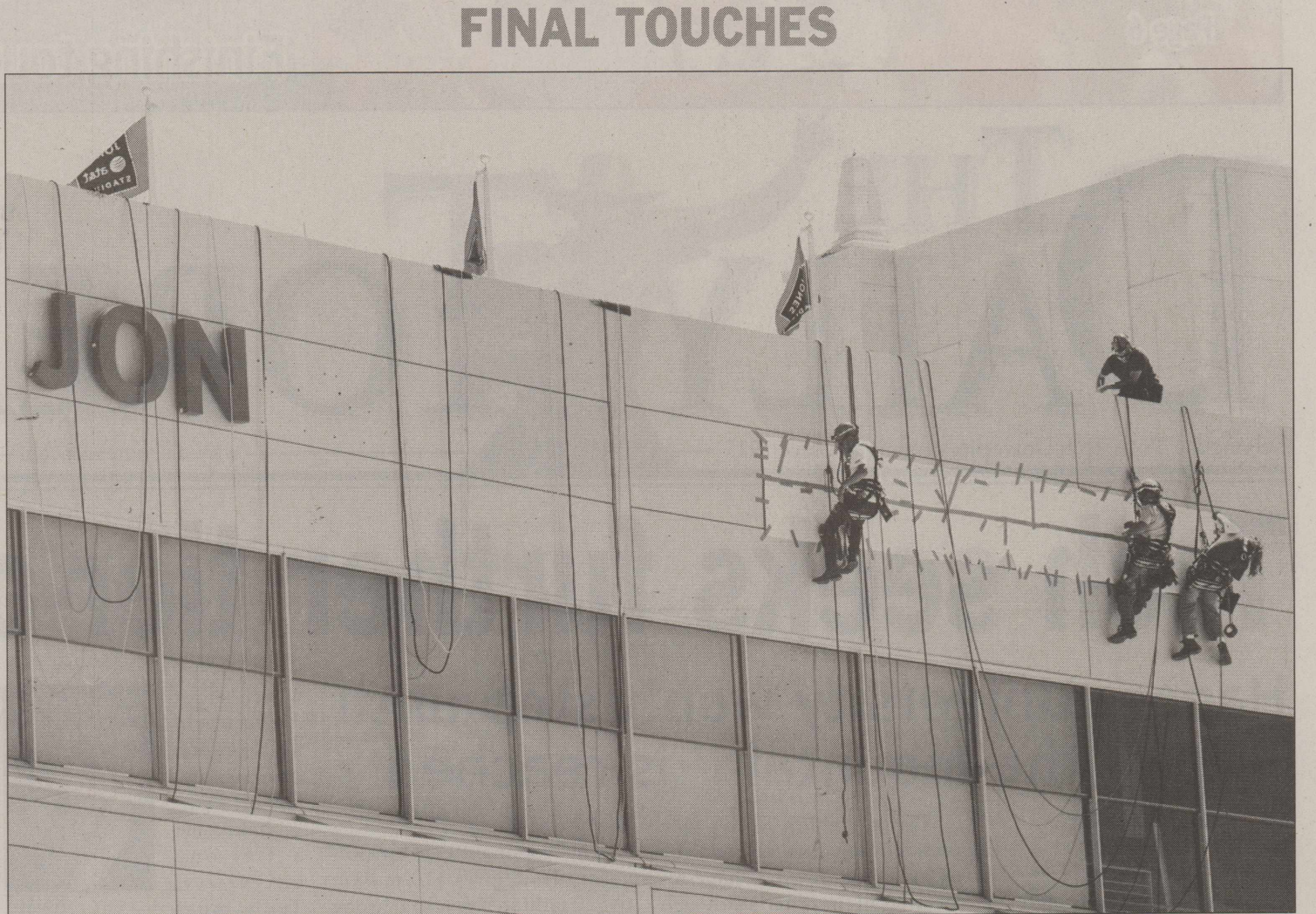


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

WORKERS APPLY THE letters to the East facade of Jones AT&T Stadium Wednesday.

Progress

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"If we do \$45 million this year, we want to do \$50 million next year. We want to exceed what we did this current year."

GUY BAILEY
PRESIDENT
TEXAS TECH

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the last 15 months have been excellent as far as receiving grants, growing the university and stepping closer to becoming a research university.

"We're not going to take a breather just because we reach a certain plateau," he said. "We're going to continue till we get to the top of the mountain."

If Tech gains research university status, Hance said there would be more opportunities to recruit faculty with national research, gain access to research organizations and receive grants from different groups.

The undergraduate program

also will expand and increase its research opportunities, Hance said. "It will give (undergraduates) the ability to participate in research, it will give them the ability to have distinguished professors that are doing national research, and they're on the cutting edge of their subject matter and expertise," he said.

Tech President Guy Bailey said he was optimistic about the progress made during the first year of attempting tier-one status and looks forward to the second year.

"We'd like to speed up," he said. "If we do \$45 million this year, we want to do \$50 million next year. We want to exceed what we did this current year."

Bailey said if Tech does obtain

tier-one status, the degrees students receive will be worth more.

"From one perspective it would enhance the value of the degree," he said. "From another perspective it's going to create a lot of education opportunities for our undergraduates."

Currently the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Rice University all are tier-one schools — Tech would be the third public university in Texas to achieve such status.

In the next 10 years, Eighmy, Bailey and Hance said Tech will strive to become eligible for the Association of American Universities — which list the top 64 public and private colleges in the United States.

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West Nile

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"They should use repellent when they are outside, and dress appropriately with long sleeves and pants if they are going to be outside."

Brawley said some early symptoms are tiredness and aches. She said other symptoms might be headache, loss of appetite, or severe confusion.

Ron Warner, DVM, MPVM, PhD and professor for the department of Family and Community Medicine Division of Preven-

tive Medicine, said there is no vaccine for West Nile Virus in humans. He said the number of people infected is not high enough for the amount it would cost to make the vaccine.

"Those that get severely ill or die, are usually older people or those that have compromised immune systems," he said.

Warner said a lot of research on the West Nile Virus is done on horses.

"By far the equine is the most exquisitely sensitive creature to West Nile," he said. "Less than one in 150 humans have severe neurologic defects, one in three

horses unvaccinated will have severe defects. That's one of the reasons why there is a vaccine for horses, but not for people."

The south plains panhandle is at a much greater risk than the rest of the state because of the type of mosquito that makes a living in this area. This mosquito probably makes up 80 to 90 percent of the mosquito population, and is the most efficient transmitter of West Nile known, Warner said.

According to the Texas Department State Health Services website, up until 2007, there were 683 West Nile Fever cases

and 1291 people infected with the West Nile Virus in Texas. Out of the total number of these viruses and infections, there were 121 fatalities, which equaled a case fatality rate of 9 percent.

Although the numbers have been decreasing, Warner said the virus is not something to be taken lightly. He recommended DEET as a highly effective repellent.

"It's here," Warner said. "Until we have two really good frosts, the mosquitoes will be active, and they are going to be looking for a blood meal. Don't make yourself a target."

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Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, a name was misspelled in the article "Tech freshman Huskey making

strides early on." The name is correctly spelled Brandy Huskey. *The DT* regrets the error.

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Police kill gunman who held 3 at Discovery Channel

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A man who railed against the Discovery Channel's environmental programming for years burst into the company's headquarters with at least one explosive device strapped to his body Wednesday and took three people hostage at gunpoint before police shot him to death, officials said.

The hostages — two Discovery Communications employees and a security guard — were unhurt after the four-hour standoff. Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger said tactical officers moved

in after officers monitoring Lee on building security cameras saw him pull out a handgun and point it at a hostage.

An explosive device on the gunman's body detonated when police shot him, Manger said. Police were trying to determine whether two boxes and two backpacks the gunman had also contained explosives.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said authorities had identified James J. Lee as the likely suspect.

County Police and firefighters

Wednesday night looked at a laptop screen that showed an image of a body lying face-up, surrounded by blood. Authorities also sent in a robot to disarm the explosive on the gunman's body.

NBC News reported that after its producers called Discovery's general number, a man identifying himself as James J. Lee got on the phone and said he had a gun and several bombs.

"I have several bombs strapped to my body ready to go off. I have a device that if I drop it, if I drop it, it will ... explode," the man told NBC.

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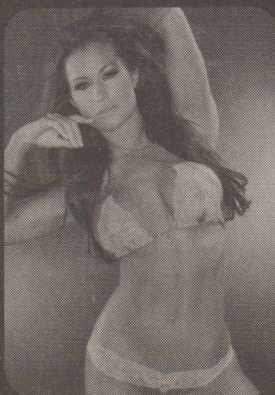
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SIGN-UP SENSATION



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador
 CARDER MCCOY, A freshman business major from Richardson and a Phi Delta Theta pledge, sells tickets to the 30th annual Kalf Fry concert Wednesday outside of the Student Union Building.

Apple unveils new TV box for renting movies, shows

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Inc. is refining its plans to annex the living room into its entertainment empire.

On Wednesday, Apple unveiled a smaller, cheaper version of Apple TV, which connects to a high-definition television and can show rented movies and TV shows from Apple's own service, plus content from Netflix, photos on Flickr, YouTube clips and more.

The new \$99 gadget marks a slight improvement over Apple's first television set-top box, which went on sale in 2007. The original Apple TV had to sync with a computer, a concept most consumers weren't ready for, Apple CEO Steve Jobs said at a media event Wednesday. It also didn't record live television shows the way TiVo and other digital recorders did, at a time when that was becoming a popular way to watch TV.

"We've sold a lot of them, but it's never been a huge hit," Jobs said of the existing Apple TV, which went for \$229.

Jobs, who presided over a media event in San Francisco wearing a black crew neck instead of his trademark mock turtleneck, also unveiled social media features for its iTunes software, a new lineup of iPods including a touch-screen Nano and new software for its iPhone, iPod

Touch and iPad devices.

Apple's new TV box, about four inches square, still doesn't record television, but it comes at a time when more people have gotten used to watching shows online.

The device lets people rent, not buy, content. Apple TV owners will pay \$4.99 to rent first-run high-definition movies the day they come out on DVD. High-definition TV show rentals will be 99 cents.

Apple said the same movie studios that have allowed iTunes users to rent and buy movies have agreed to include their titles for streaming. Apple did not rent TV shows before, but now episodes will be available from News Corp.'s Fox, The Walt Disney Co.'s ABC, ABC Family and Disney Channel and BBC America. Jobs said he hoped other television companies would join once the service gains popularity.

Apple TV, which will be available within a month, will also display shows, movies, photos and music streamed over Wi-Fi from other devices — computers with iTunes installed, as well as iPhones, iPads and the iPod Touch. For example, an iPad owner could start watching a movie on the tablet, then walk into the living room and, with a few taps, finish watching it on the TV screen.

Hazed & Confused?

Don't be confused!

All of the following are examples of hazing:

Signatures

Forced physical activity

Physical harm

Kidnapping

Required alcohol purchase and/or consumption

Introductions

Calisthenics

Errands for active members

Sleep deprivation

Forced labor

Did you know?

- In 2005, a men's social fraternity was suspended from Texas Tech University for multiple counts of hazing new members.
- In the last five years, 9 student organizations have been referred to Student Judicial Programs for hazing allegations.
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
- The entire organization is responsible even if alumni are the individuals who are hazing students.
- The activity does not need to include alcohol to be considered a hazing incident.

- Hazing is not limited to physical activity, but includes activities that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student.
- Failing to report hazing to Student Judicial Programs violates the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the *Student Handbook*, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

According to the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Texas Education Code, hazing is defined as follows:

Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act, directed against a student by one person acting alone or by more than one person occurring on or off university premises that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging or associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organization whose membership consists of students. For complete hazing definitions please refer to the Texas Education Code website at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm#37.151> and Part IX of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is!

Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Chapter 37, Section 151) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the last three years (Chapter 51, Section 937).

The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

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 Phi Beta Pi Sorority (Fall 2009)

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After seven years of death, pain comes to welcome end

More than 4,000 troops' lives, and countless Iraqi civilian deaths later, it is finally over. Kind of.

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday, combat missions in Iraq ended, but Obama announced plans to leave 50,000 troops in the country in an advisory training role for Iraqi troops.

Obama praised American troop sacrifices in the conflict, as he should. Too many American soldiers fought and died in a conflict that never should have started. Families of the soldiers lived in constant fear of their loved ones being killed at any given moment.

Our nation was led to believe an erroneous connection between Saddam Hussein and terror networks and weapons of mass destruction, and I was one of them. I believed it.

I understand Hussein was a very bad guy but so is Kim Jong Il, and no one seems to think an invasion of North Korea would be a good idea.

The international community abandoned us. Our closest allies condemned us. Yet, the Bush Administration pushed on with the conflict as a sign of its arrogance and irrationality.

The beginning of the conflict was the heyday of the Bush admin-

Paul Williamson



istration. Bush was a war president feeding off the fear of Sept. 11. He could do no wrong.

If you were against him, you were labeled as anti-American.

When the situation got dire, the calls for a surge were loud and clear. And I supported the surge. (To those of you who know me or read my columns, I understand your shock. I am a liberal that was in favor of troop surge into this conflict). My reasoning behind supporting the surge had more to do with preventing a humanitarian crisis more than anything.

Not attempting to stabilize the country would have left Iraq in ruins. There was no infrastructure to speak of and the population

was vulnerable to attacks from all angles from many enemies. There was no doubt a withdrawal at the worst time of this conflict would have left the innocent civilians in that country with no chance to raise up.

It's like spilling milk. Someone has to clean it up. If someone leaves it there, it ends very poorly. The Bush Administration spilt milk and we as a nation paid the price monetarily and in human life.

I commend Obama's ability to show a unification between those that opposed the war and those that supported.

Obama said no matter which side of the debate someone falls on, it is support for our servicemen and women that unites everybody.

Our military members and their families are the ones that paid the true price in this conflict. Hundreds of thousands of American troops fought in this conflict. They put their lives on the line day in and day out and for that I thank them.

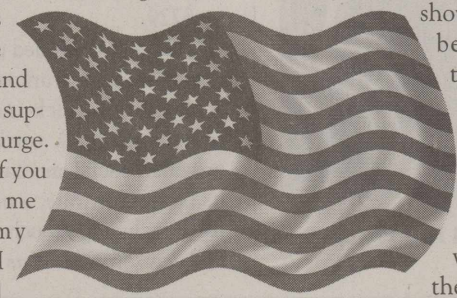
Now the Iraqi people have a chance to build their nation from the ground up. They are responsible for their destiny.

Obama ran on the platform of pullout from Iraq and he has, finally, started to fulfill such a commitment. He allowed time for our military to complete the job to allow for a smooth transition to local security forces. Obama is keeping 50,000 military members in Iraq to continue that transition. Until all our troops are home and out of harm's way will I consider his campaign promise fulfilled.

Now with Operation Iraqi Freedom complete, as a nation it is time to move forward.

It is time to focus on issues prevalent here at home. To focus on granting equal rights to gay and lesbian citizens, and implement a strong health care bill. The future of our nation is great and with this ugly conflict in the rearview mirror, we can rise up and fight for local issues.

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Women should live for themselves

I recently read an article "For the Sisterhood" by Caroline Lee who, in her opening paragraph, described how "the female praying mantis is notorious in the animal kingdom for her mating habits.

It has been observed that occasionally, the female will bite off the head of her mate during copulation. Among the many reasons for this cannibalistic behavior is that the head is an inhibitory center during sexual intercourse. Removing the head increases the drive of the male."

The praying mantis has no dependency on her mate for love or companionship but only for the simple act of continuing the cycle of life.

This brought my attention to our dependency on love in general. Women have the constant need to care for and help others, but when is it ever just about us?

When the men in our lives "go out with the guys," their main concerns for the entire night are "Is my beer cold?" and "What's the score?"

Women, on the other hand, spend the nights venting about their guys' lack of effort to take out the trash.

Where has our appetite for life gone?

Undoubtedly, falling in love

RoAnne Romo



and spending the rest of your life with the one you unconditionally love is never a bad thing. But some women mistake this cohabitation for co-dependency.

When deciding what to eat, we consider what the other person wants. This simple decision is not life altering, but why not just say "I want to eat at Olive Garden tonight, let's go tonight." Our "I" and "Me" have now turned in to "Us and "We."

For students who have 8 a.m. classes, when you ride the bus or walk to class in the morning, who is the first person you text?

When you sit in class, zoning out from your professor's mono-

tone echo's, who dominates your daydreams?

One of the more famous campaigners of feminism, Gloria Steinem, wrote "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle," and she couldn't be more right.

Love is a human emotion that exists in most aspects of our lives, whether it's love for family, God, pets or friends. This love is hard if not impossible to live without. Romantic love is not.

After a breakup, mourning is normal, but most take it to an obsession that is far from acceptable. Keeping Facebook messages from an ex, storing pictures in a shoebox, loitering around their favorite bar, finding a new interest in their favorite football team just because of their jersey colors, etc. Breakups are no easy road trips, but like a great poet once wrote "This too shall pass."

For those of you new to the single world after a two or more year relationship, I ask you to find the silver lining. You are cut free from all ties,

you have space to breathe and think and decide all for yourself. Learn to live as Jessica, not Brad and Jessica. Stop looking for love, and let love find you.

Women today are living post feminism war, reaping the benefits of voting, corporate office positions, voiced opinions. Yet we still thrive with the approval, attention and love of the very men who placed the duct tape over our mouths.

As Epicurus, a Greek philosopher once said, "Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; and remember that what you have was once among the things you only hoped for."

I recently read a quote by Marilyn Monroe who put things better than I ever could. She writes, "I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go. Things go wrong so you can appreciate them when they're right. You believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself. And sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."

Today, love you.

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"Learn to live as Jessica, not Brad and Jessica. Stop looking for love, and let love find you."

End of recession will not eliminate country's growing budget problems

By **PATRICK O'BRYAN**
OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

The first thing most of us learned when we got a credit card was to never pay just the minimum balance. By the time a customer finishes paying off a balance at the monthly minimum, interest accumulated over the years can be as costly as the item itself.

And yet, it is exactly this method of dealing with debt that our political leaders have chosen to emulate.

The national debt as of Friday was about \$13.4 trillion, which amounts to about \$87,000 for every American worker.

And this is not just the effect of a few years of stimulus spending to bolster the economy through the current recession. The Congressional Budget Office projects

that Barack Obama's 2011 budget will cause deficits to fall until 2014 and rise afterward as Obamacare benefits begin to be paid out.

By 2020, long after the recession is projected to end, we will still be running a deficit of 5.6 percent of GDP, increasing the public debt to over \$20 trillion, about 90 percent of GDP.

However, this problem is compounded greatly by the impending retirement of more and more baby boomers and rising medical costs, especially in Medicare. By the end of President Obama's possible second term, the Government Accountability Office has estimated that these factors will combine so that more than 90 percent of all government revenue will be consumed by entitlement spending and servicing the national debt.

The trends fueling this explosion of

public debt will only accelerate in the coming decades. Without any changes beyond those currently forecast, government spending will account for 35 percent of GDP by 2040. Balancing the budget that year (i.e. cutting the deficit to 0 and retaining the same level of debt) would require tax revenues to be increased by 75 percent, or government spending to be cut by 42 percent.

There are no easy solutions to this problem. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan may be popular bogeymen, but defense spending over the last decade has been less than any other post-WWII decade save the 1990's, and has followed a general downward trend since 1945.

The harsh fact is that previous generations have promised themselves more than we will ever be able to pay for. Over the next 75 years, Social Security

and Medicare are projected to be underfunded by 46 trillion dollars. Those who protest reform of entitlement programs as cuts to promised benefits ignore the fact that these benefits will need to be cut eventually.

Delaying reform now means that Americans who are not yet born will have to pay for the retirement of predecessors who lived beyond their means, decreasing their own standard of living before and after retirement.

We used to be a country that strove to create a better future for our descendants.

Today, this attitude has been replaced with one in which citizens wield their ballots to make sure they get what was promised to them, regardless of how much of it they actually paid for or how their decisions will affect the country when they are gone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama's religion not important

Like it or not, our great nation has an innumerable amount of issues and problems today. Some are large and complex, some are small and easily comprehensible, and some get more attention than others.

During the 2008 Presidential Campaign, one issue that came about and is still, unfortunately, getting a ridiculous amount of attention, is that of Obama's religion. Tabloids, newspapers and national television networks have done countless stories over the religious beliefs of Obama and frankly, I'm getting tired of hearing about it.

Out of all of the events taking place in the United States and the world, this is what necessitates months of debate and coverage? (Please note that Obama

himself stated many times that he is a Christian and his pastor made quite a media splash during the campaign.) The national economy is recovering, but is far from out of the woods. The conflict in Iraq is finally coming to a close, but isn't over yet. Several hurricanes and tropical storms threaten the Eastern coastline. As a recent graduate from Lubbock-Cooper High School, I can say first hand that the public education system is in need of a serious educational overhaul (I'm of course referring to academics and not athletics).

Could we please drop the subject of whether or not Obama is a Muslim and move on to some real problems?

Jakob Reynolds is a freshman history major from Lubbock.

Stupidity kills

There is a recurring health hazard that afflicts virtually all the student body. It happens every year and this year has already seen it rear its ugly head.

I am talking about stupid attacks that eventually run the risk of injury or death.

Symptoms of a stupid attack include any of the following:

Crossing the street without looking, often while texting.

Looking directly at a driver and stepping off the curb anyway.

Assuming that you can avoid a car that's "only going 20 mph."

Assuming the driver understands and agrees with you having the right of way anywhere.

Assuming that all the vehicles are going to obey the speed limit.

I could go on, but you likely recognize the symptoms now. If you witness a student or faculty member displaying any of the symptoms of a stupid attack you will need to immediately intervene.

Physically stop them from the behavior. Look them dead square in the eyes and recite the following until you see light of comprehension begin to dawn:

"The pain of the accident and resulting extended physical therapy will last far longer than the comfort of knowing that you were in the right."

Have a safe and productive school year.

Phil Gwinn is a Texas Tech utilities plant trainee.

(Tea) Party harder

By **PRESTON MUI**
THE HOYA (GEORGETOWN U.)

The Tea Party Movement is an extremely vocal and powerful force of opposition against big government. But how much does it actually care about individual liberty?

To be sure, the cause of liberty in the United States has seen many benefits from the Tea Party movement. Glenn Beck famously catapulted Friedrich Hayek's economic and political treatise "The Road to Serfdom," a favorite of classical liberals, to the Amazon best-seller list and even called for a non-interventionist foreign policy and cuts in military spending. Although there are strong voices in the Tea Party movement, no person or group seems to have emerged as its definitive leader. This suggests it's a bottom-up movement driven by ideas and beliefs rather than loyalty to politicians or parties.

Most importantly, the Tea Party is one of the major forces pushing back on recently-passed health care legislation, financial and automobile company bailouts and ill-conceived environmental regulations. To the extent that the Tea Party can delay or stop increases in the size and scope of government, the movement is a potential ally for freedom.

Anyone who believes in a free society, however, should be skeptical of the notion that Tea Partiers truly care about individual liberty. According to a New York Times poll, 42 percent of Tea Party supporters believe we should decrease legal immigration, while 14 percent favor increasing it. Four in 10 believe the government shouldn't recognize the right of same-sex couples to enter into marriage-like contracts. The Tea Party is largely focused on economic issues, but if the Tea Party becomes more influential it may have to deal with social issues—potentially

leading to a fracture in the movement.

I'm also suspicious of the Tea Party's opposition to government spending and deficits. Tea Partiers overwhelmingly report wanting to reduce the size of government, but it's important to remember that arguments against the recent health care reform law often came with a plea not to touch Medicare. The Tea Party is adopting an odd "keep the government away from Medicare" attitude, in which they claim to oppose government spending but are surprisingly protective of the entitlement programs that are most likely to lead us to fiscal ruin.

The Tea Party's strong stance on opposing increases in the size and scope of government resonates with me. But I haven't heard much to suggest that the Tea Party would be in favor of taking limited-government principles to their logical conclusion, which is to oppose intrusive government largess wherever it occurs. A true limited-government worldview would scrutinize government regulations not only of businesses and the environment, but also marriage and immigration. Economically speaking, if Tea Partiers want to be serious about government spending, they have to be willing to put the sacred cows of Medicare, Social Security and defense spending on the chopping block.

Going into November, Republicans will inevitably court the Tea Party vote, hoping to ride the wave of anti-Obama sentiment. If Tea Partiers want to remain principled small-government activists, they should be suspicious. Republicans would love to use the Tea Party for its own political ends, but an honest look at the GOP track record shows they're not serious about limited government.

As of now, I'm willing to work with — and have worked with — Tea Partiers on opposing big government. But until they can show me that they are serious about principles of small government and individual freedom, I can't count myself as one of them.

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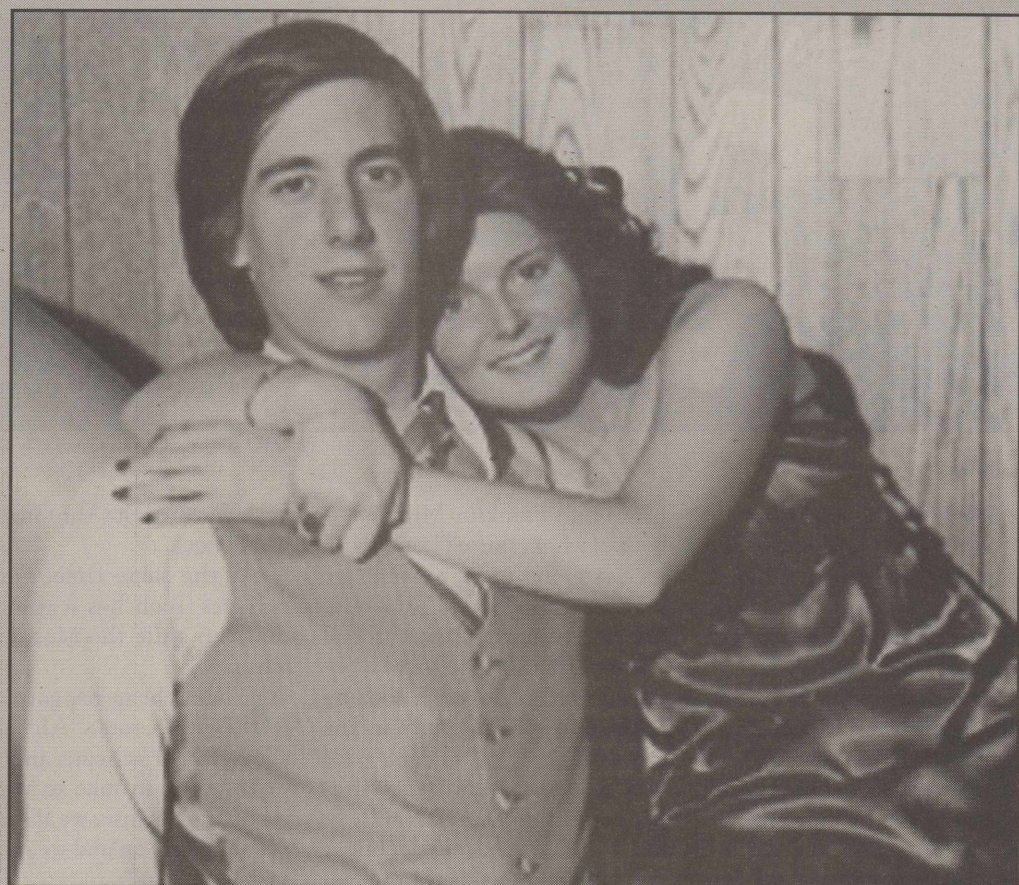


PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK AND LEAH UPDYKE
RICK AND LEAH Updyke as undergraduates at Texas Tech before graduation in 1981.

Couple passes on Tech traditions, treasures Red Raider memories

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Once their daughter started her first year at Texas Tech, Rick and Leah Updyke couldn't stop reminiscing about their days cheering on Red Raiders and strolling through campus from 1977 to 1981.

Leah pursued her degree in finance with a real estate emphasis while balancing her relationship and being a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Shortly after graduating in 1981, she opened her own real estate firm in 1985.

After giving birth to her first son, Allen, she retired to be a stay-at-home mother. Now that all three of her kids, Allen, Alex and Katie, have moved out, she said she is looking forward to maybe getting back into the real estate business.

After venturing out into the job market, Leah said that she felt like Tech had really prepared her for working in real estate, as well as being able to run a business.

While Rick, a Missouri native, was at Tech, he was studying business and became part of the first graduating class of Management Information Systems program. He was an officer of a group called Prisms as well as a member of his fraternity Beta Theta Pi. Rick previously ran strategic and financial

planning for 7-Eleven. He is currently the president of Cardtronics, an ATM management company.

Rick and Leah went to high school together at Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. She said they were friends all throughout school, but never dated. It wasn't until a year after enrolling at Tech the two took their friendship to the next level.

Before football games, Leah and Rick liked to hang out at his fraternity's lodge, which was off Broadway Street at the time, with friends before walking over to the stadium. Rick said his fraternity liked to move all the furniture out onto the front lawn of the lodge to watch baseballs games on television in the spring.

One event during football season Rick's freshman year sticks out in his mind.

Tech was ranked in the Top 10 in the nation in football. During the game against Texas A&M, Heisman Trophy hopeful Rodney Allison suffered a broken leg after a hard hit. Everything went down hill from there.

Inside the classroom, Rick said that one of his favorite memories happened during his atmospheric science lecture class.

"Someone ran into the room

and jumped up onto the stage and whispered something into the professor's ear," he said. "Then the professor said 'class is dismissed' and ran out of the room to chase a tornado."

Rick said he played softball and basketball intramurals during his years as a Red Raider. Though he did not win a championship, he said he does remember scoring 44 points against the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Leah remembers walking across campus while the bells were going off after President Reagan freed all the hostages in Iran.

She also recalled one summer she stayed in Lubbock. While her and some friends were laying-out by the pool she heard the news that President Reagan was shot.

Some things haven't changed much since they graduated, though.

Like many students still do, they frequented Harrigans and Mesquites, which was Rick's favorite restaurant.

"They have the best chicken fried steak you'll ever have," he said.

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Graphic

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"It was a lot more fun and very different," he said.

The novel follows Atlas Black's adventures in school to become successful in the business world. Black's adventures and experiences are all directly related to what students in Short's classes are learning.

Unlike other business textbooks, all of the pictures correlate to the text. Short said sometimes publishers just put stock photos next to text that isn't always helpful. In this book, since it is a graphic novel, the art goes with the context of the book and the actions being performed by the characters.

The first Atlas Black novel took Short more than two years

to write, he said. Not only did he have to research how to write a graphic novel, but he and his publishers needed to find the right illustrator. Len Simon, the books' illustrator is known for his work in movies such as "Anastasia," "Prince of Egypt," "Fat Albert" and "Curious George," Short said.

Dave Ketchen, a professor at Auburn University and Short's former doctoral professor, said they are both obsessed with improving college teaching. Since Ketchen has written a textbook in the past, this type of book not only appeals to college students, but to anyone interested in business as well.

"My 70-year-old father read the books and loved them," Ketchen said. "I wrote a traditional textbook a few years ago, and it is gathering dust on my father's book shelf. He never made it past the first page."

The Atlas Black books are helpful and entertaining because of the different layout, Short said. Because the goal was to entertain, students are eager to read these books and find out what happens.

"I guarantee that Atlas Black will make students laugh," Ketchen said. "I doubt that can be said about a traditional textbook, at least not in a good way."

Unlike other textbooks costing students hundreds of dollars each, this book is under \$15. Short said he wanted this book to be accessible by anyone who is interested in business and entrepreneurship so the cost needed to be low. Work-

ing with the book's publishers, they chose to keep the price similar to what other graphic novels cost.

Keeping cost and efficiency in mind, eventually the publisher will have this book free online for anyone to view. Within the next year, Short said he hopes to have the versions of the book available for Kindle, Nook and iPad. This will give students a more diverse way of reading the textbook while also cutting costs.

"I think it would be a good chance for kids to see how what professors do and how they have a comical side to them and be able to access it in more than one way," said Kelsey Rangel, a

sophomore from Austin.

Short and his co-authors don't plan on stopping production of this style of textbook; Shorter is already working on two more graphic novel textbooks for various classes including a freshman success

class. "People learn more when they are being entertained," Ketchen said. "So learning doesn't have to be boring, even though most textbooks are written as if it does."

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Tech faces pass-heavy offense in season opener

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

SMU has made a lot of progress since head coach June Jones took the reins of the Mustang program in 2008, progress that includes a bowl game appearance for the first time in more than 20 years.

A lot of SMU's recent success can be attributed to Jones' pass-heavy offense, an offense fairly similar to former Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach's "Air Raid" offense.

It's going to be trial-by-fire for the Tech defense, considering the Red Raiders feature new starters at both cornerback positions in sophomores Will Ford and D.J. Johnson, along with a set of young backups.

"We'll probably play all four, probably five guys at corner," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said after Tuesday's practice. "Try to move them in-and-out, try keep them fresh. We're going to play a lot of defenses and coverages and nickels and dimes and we'll have a couple of surprises."

Jones' offense has effectively resurrected the SMU program from a team that had not made a bowl game since 1986, and took Hawaii — Jones' last coaching stop — to a 12-1 record and BCS bowl game in 2007 with the help of current-NFL Oakland Raider quarterback Colt Brennan.

Last season, SMU threw for 3,666 of 5,093 yards and really seemed to come together after quarterback Kyle Padron, a Southlake Carroll High School product, took control of the offense full-time in SMU's eighth game last season.

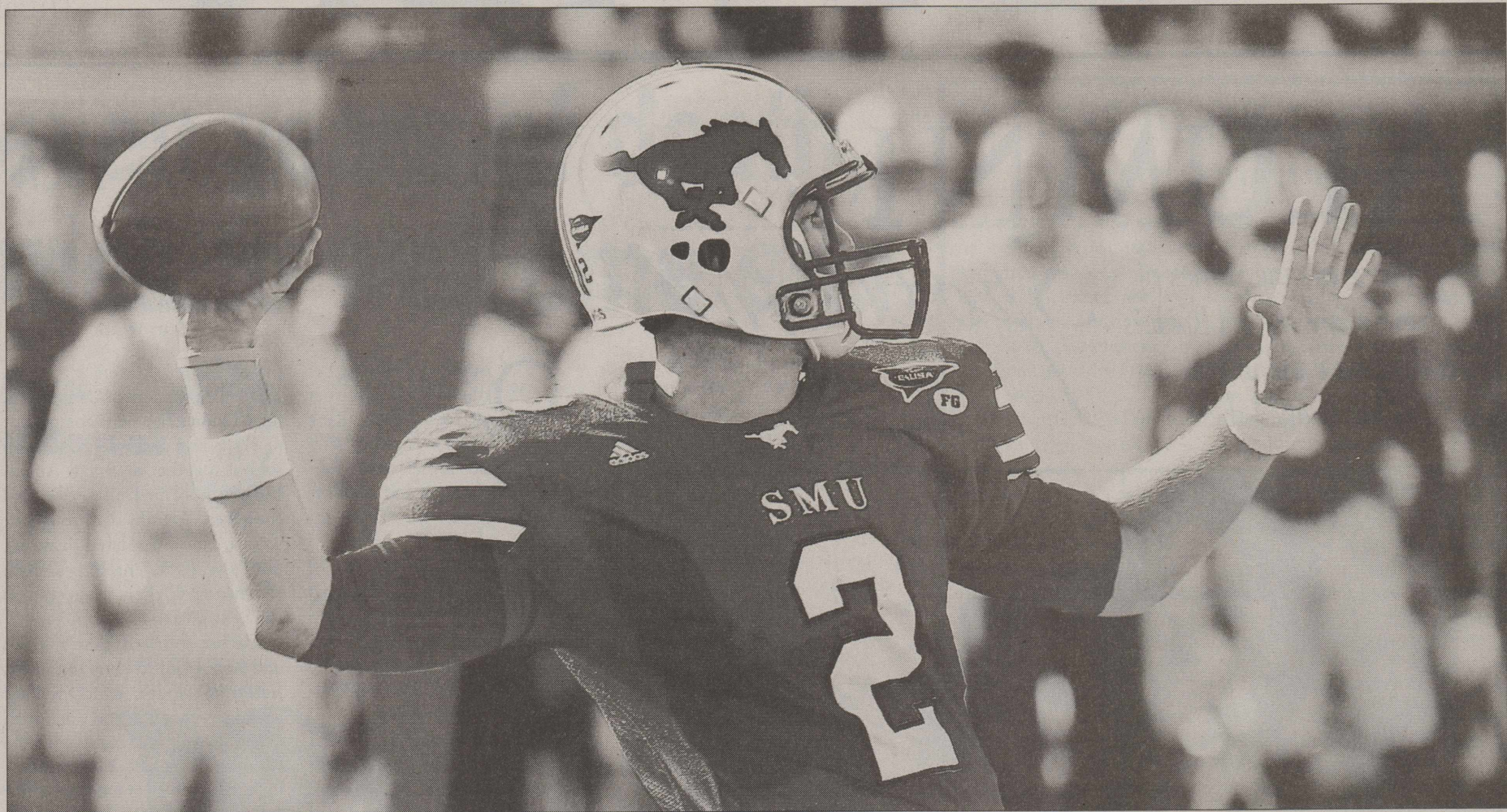


PHOTO BY CASEY LEE/The Daily Campus

SMU QUARTERBACK KYLE Padron attempts a pass during play at Ford Stadium.

SMU has a 5-1 record with Padron starting as its starting quarterback including the Mustangs' 45-21 win against Nevada in the 2009 Hawaii Bowl. He finished the season with 1,922 yards and 10 passing touchdowns.

SMU has a big question to answer on offense, however.

The Mustangs lost top wide receiver Emanuel Sanders, who accumulated 1,339 of SMU's total yards last season, to graduation.

But Aldrick Robinson, SMU's second leading receiver with 800 reception yards, returns in addition to Terrance Wilkerson and Cole Beasley — SMU's third and fourth leading receivers, respectively.

Consequently, SMU has experienced players in an offense that has proved successful. With Tech featuring new corners, expect the Mustangs to test the Red Raider secondary early.

The key to shutting down

the SMU offense will be getting to Padron early and often. The sooner, the better.

"That's our job," defensive lineman Donald Langley said. "That's why we got a scholarship. The expectation for us is high, that's where the coaches put it and it's our job to respond."

If Tech's front seven can't effectively get pressure on the SMU offense and the corners take a while to get adjusted, the pressure rests on safeties Cody

Davis and Franklin Mitchem — both of whom started last season.

"It's going to be a challenge for the secondary," Davis said. "They're going to throw it around a lot but that's good. We're looking forward to it, we're looking forward to making plays in the secondary."

Red Raiders such as linebacker Brian Duncan believe SMU will be a tougher opponent Sunday on both sides of the ball than they were in 2008, where

Tech defeated the Mustangs 43-7 in Lubbock.

At the same time, Duncan believes Tech has a gameplan that can stifle the Mustang offense.

"Their scheme has gotten better," Duncan said. "All I know about is our scheme and what we're going to take to win the game. On defense, we have a lot of stuff going on and we're going to get the win."

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Pacquiao still wants fight against Mayweather

NEW YORK (AP) — Manny Pacquiao and his trainer Freddie Roach wanted the exact same thing that boxing fans everywhere wanted: Floyd Mayweather Jr.

They got Antonio Margarito instead.

Pacquiao and Roach said Wednesday that they agreed to every demand put forward by Mayweather for what could have been the richest fight in boxing history. But the former pound-for-pound king chose not to accept the fight, leaving Pacquiao to look elsewhere for a fall opponent.

He'll face Margarito, the former welterweight champ, on Nov. 13 at Cowboys Stadium.

"I don't need him, he needs me," Pacquiao said of Mayweather, during a stop Wednesday in New York to promote his upcoming fight. "Compare my achievements in boxing to his achievements."

They've both achieved plenty, which is why fans have been clamor-

ing for the high-profile matchup for the better part of two years — and why so many are upset it hasn't happened.

The fight was nearly made in January, then fell apart when Pacquiao refused Olympic-style drug testing in the weeks leading up to the fight. But the newly minted Congressman from the Philippines said he's even agreed to the strict blood testing in an effort to make the fight, but he hasn't heard from Mayweather's side why an agreement couldn't be reached.

"We agree with, you know, his demands," Pacquiao said, referring specifically to the blood testing. "I wanted to know if that's his real reason (for not fighting)."

The entire negotiation process came to resemble an unsavory soap opera, with HBO Sports boss Ross Greenburg publicly stating that he had worked tirelessly as an intermediary between the two sides. Pacquiao's promoter Top Rank has a poor relationship with Mayweather, who rose to become a world champion under its banner, so it's not unreasonable to assume there was an intermediary.

Shortly after a deadline imposed by Top Rank for Mayweather to accept the fight had passed, his adviser Leonard Ellerbe issued a

bizarre statement in which he said no negotiations ever took place — contradicting Greenburg and the folks at Top Rank.

Roach said that Top Rank had been calling him for advice on what gloves to wear, what ring size to use, what weight to fight at — standard details during a negotiation process.

"When people are calling me and asking me, 'Is this OK? Is this OK? Is this OK?' There's something going on," Roach said. "I know there must have been negotiations going on."

"Whatever he wanted to do, we were accepting it. Whatever he wanted. Manny said, 'I want to fight. I'll agree to anything.' I thought the fight was a shoo-in."

Roach was recently in Ukraine to watch one of his other fighters, Vyacheslav Senchenko, retain a welterweight title. But all he heard from fans were questions about Pacquiao-Mayweather — not about Senchenko, and certainly not about Margarito.

"You know, I really truly think boxing needs that fight to happen," Roach said. "All people want to know, 'When's he fighting Mayweather?' Wherever I go, that's what I'm asked. People will get pissed off if that fight didn't happen."

Big Ten splits up Mich, Ohio St

(AP) — Any Michigan man will tell you, there is nothing quite like beating Ohio State. Every Buckeye agrees, a win over that team from up North is priority No. 1.

Well, now Michigan and Ohio State could get two chances in a season to beat their fiercest rival.

What would Woody and Bo have thought of that? A rematch!

Two people familiar with the Big Ten's decision said Wednesday that the conference has decided to put Ohio State and Michigan into separate divisions, starting next season when it expands to 12 teams.

One person also says Michigan and Ohio State will continue to play each other each year in the Big Ten regular-season finale, as they have since 1943, meaning they could wind up meeting again for the conference championship a week or two later. Not in the Big House or the Horseshoe but on a neutral field. Maybe even a domed stadium.

According to the two people, one six-team division will include Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern, while the other will have Ohio State, Penn State, Wisconsin, Illinois, Purdue and Indiana.

They spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Big Ten had not yet disclosed its decision. An announcement was expected Wednesday evening. The breakdown was first reported by ESPN.com.

Nebraska will join the Big Ten as its 12th team next year, allowing the conference to split into two divisions and add a lucrative championship game. The expansion put the conference in a delicate balancing act, trying to add to its coffers without diminishing its rich traditions, none bigger than Michigan and Ohio State.

For years, the matchup known simply as "The Game" in Big Ten country has been the conference's signature rivalry, one of the most storied and tradition-rich in all of sports. The Buckeyes and Wolverines have played 106 times since 1897.

Twenty-two times "The Game" has determined whether Ohio State or Michigan won the Big Ten championship.

Never was the rivalry more intense or more significant than from the late 1960s through the '70s, when Ohio State coach Woody Hayes and Michigan coach Bo Schembechler waged what has been dubbed "the Ten-Year War."

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Azarenka collapses, is carted off at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Victoria Azarenka collapsed and had to be taken off the court in a wheelchair Wednesday, an accident that resulted from a concussion she endured after falling and hitting her head while warming up for her U.S. Open match.

The 10th-seeded Belarusian was trailing Gisela Dulko 5-1, 31 minutes into her match on another steamy day at Flushing Meadows, when she stopped running and crumpled to the ground. She was taken to the hospital for tests, diagnosed with a mild concussion.

A scary scene on a day in which the temperature had already reached 90 degrees when the accident occurred at 11:30 a.m. However, the 21-year-old released a statement saying it was a head injury, not the heat, that set her up for the fall.

"I was warming up in the gym prior to my match against Gisela Dulko when I fell while running a sprint," she said. "I fell forward and hit my arm and head. I was checked by the medical team before I went on court and they were courtside for monitoring. I felt worse as the match went on, having a headache and feeling dizzy. I also started having trouble seeing and felt weak before I fell."

Wearing an all-black tennis dress, Azarenka had been moving slowly throughout the match. Before she served the second point in the seventh game, she hesitated and winced in pain. After the point, she kneeled down.

A point later, while trying to run on the baseline, she stopped and crumpled to the ground. Medical personnel rushed out, draped a towel across her legs and yelled to the sideline to bring water. After a few minutes on the ground, being sheltered by an umbrella and with an ice pack on her neck, Azarenka was helped into the wheelchair and moved off the court. A trainer placed his hand on her neck to check her pulse.

"I was scared," said Dulko, who

advanced to the third round. "She went to the floor. I was worried for her. I went to see her, brought some ice, did whatever I could do to help."

Dulko said the conditions were, indeed, brutal. For the second straight day, tournament officials put in place their extreme-weather policy, meaning women could ask for a 10-minute break if they split sets.

"It's tough to play out there," Dulko said. "It's really hot, really humid. You sweat so much, sometimes it's impossible to hold the racket."

In other action Wednesday, former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic defeated 21st-seeded Zheng Jie, 6-3, 6-0 in a match that took 56 minutes.

Later, No. 3 Venus Williams defeated Rebecca Marino 7-6 (3), 6-3. Other winners included No. 20 Sam Querrey, who defeated American Bradley Klahn in four sets. Klahn, who was limping around during the end of the fourth set, said the heat didn't bother him at first.

"I don't know if I was just caught up in the moment or just kind of not thinking about it, then all of a sudden the cramps just kind of hit me," Klahn said.

Other winners included No. 14 Nicolas Pietrangeli and No. 4 Andy Murray, who defeated Lukas Lacko of Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Seventh-seeded Tomas Berdych lost. Ryan Harrison, an 18-year-old American qualifier, defeated No. 15 Ivan Ljubicic.

Temperatures were in the mid-90s at midday.

"The weather was my biggest enemy today," Ljubicic said. "I mean, throughout my career I struggled with the heat. I'm not really coping really well with that, and I tried all kind of different tactics to deal with it. I never find the right one."

Scheduled to play later Wednesday were defending champion Kim Clijsters, Andy Roddick, Melanie Oudin and John Isner.

This wasn't the first time Azarenka has dropped out suddenly from a Grand Slam tournament.

Astros sweep slumping Cards

HOUSTON (AP) — Hunter Pence hit a three-run homer and the Houston Astros completed a sweep of St. Louis with a 5-2 victory Wednesday, handing the slumping Cardinals their fifth straight defeat.

The fading Cardinals, who have lost 13 of 16, began the day seven games behind first-place Cincinnati in the NL Central. The Reds were scheduled to host Milwaukee later.

Nelson Figueroa (4-2) pitched out of two bases-loaded jams and lasted five innings for the win. Brandon Lyon worked a perfect ninth for his 11 save in 12 chances, sealing Houston's 14th victory in 20 games.

Shut out 3-0 the previous two nights, St. Louis snapped an 18-inning scoreless streak on Matt Holliday's 24th homer in the first for a 2-0 lead.

Jeff Suppan (1-7) was activated from the disabled list before the game and allowed only one hit until the Astros rallied in the fifth. Brett Wallace drew a leadoff

walk and went to third on Jason Castro's double. Pinch-hitter Brian Bogusevic hit a grounder to first baseman Albert Pujols, who threw out Wallace at the plate. Michael Bourn hit a sacrifice fly and Jeff Keppinger walked before Pence's go-ahead homer.

Bourn singled in the seventh to extend his hitting streak to 11 games. He scored on Carlos Lee's sacrifice fly.

Figueroa escaped a jam in the third, when Suppan led off with a walk and Skip Schumaker singled. Aaron Miles and Pujols flied out and Figueroa hit Holliday with a pitch to load the bases before Jon Jay grounded into a force play.

St. Louis loaded the bases again in the fifth on singles by Miles and Jay and an intentional walk to Holliday with two outs. Ex-Astro Pedro Feliz flied out to end the threat.

Figueroa allowed two runs and six hits. Five relievers combined to hold the Cardinals to one hit over the final four innings.

Schumaker doubled to start

the game but was thrown out on the bases when Miles hit a comebacker to Figueroa. Pujols, hitless in his last 13 at-bats, fouled out before Holliday's homer.

The Cardinals have scored two runs in their last 36 innings. The consecutive shutouts the previous two nights marked the first time in 94 years that St. Louis had been blanked with three hits or fewer in back-to-back games.

Suppan made his first start since Aug. 1, when he pitched 5

1-3 scoreless innings against the Phillies. He went five innings and allowed four runs, three hits and four walks.

Notes: The Cardinals called up outfielder Nick Stavinoha and catcher Matt Paganzzi from Triple-A Memphis. They also activated left-hander Denny Reyes from the disabled list. Keppinger (toe injury) came off the disabled list before the game. ... Lee is among the major league leaders with 30 RBIs since July 28.

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West Texas talent emerges for Tech volleyball

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

When Texas Tech volleyball assistant coach Beth Falls started recruiting last year, the thought of the Red Raiders landing two state champion players may not have crossed one's mind.

But that's exactly what Tech got when it landed Aubree Piper and Sheridan Burgess, both from Amarillo.

With both Piper and Burgess coming from winning programs, Falls said they have made nothing but a positive impact on the squad.

"Both of them come in and the girls love them," she said. "They get along with the team great. They're exactly the type of kids we want and type of kids we recruit. They've been nothing but joys and they're going to work into our team perfectly."

Burgess spent her high school

career at Amarillo High where she was a member of three 5-A state championship teams.

Burgess also earned Academic All-State and Academic All-District accolades in 2009 from the TGCA.

While she was a member of the Sandies, Burgess also played with the Amarillo Elite Volleyball club. She also was a member of the Advanced Volleyball Club in Amarillo.

Even with all of these accomplishments Burgess said it took a lot more than just skill for the Sandies to win a fourth consecutive state title last year.

"We had a big target on our back because we had success the previous year," she said. "So we had to have a lot of heart and we just had to play our game for the most part and just be competitive."

Burgess played against Piper last season, who ended up joining her as a Red Raider. Amarillo High won

that match 3-1.

Although they have been opponents in the past Burgess said she sees this as a great opportunity for both to grow as players.

"Now that we are together we get to kind of feed off each other's energy," she said. "Learn from each other, things maybe she learned from her coach maybe things I learned from mine. It's a good combined effort and I think we're going to do a great job together."

Burgess is not the only one that has had a successful high school career — Piper also won a state title her senior year.

Piper was a member of the 2009 4A state champion Canyon Randall High School volleyball team.

As a Lady Raider, Piper became a four-year letter winner and earned All-State honors her final three years there.

She also had a successful amateur career as a member of the AAU Young Guns Team. In 2007 she was named as an All-American as a member of the squad.

But there probably isn't a better way to wrap up your high school career than by winning a state title, being named the area's MVP and also being named the MVP of the title match on top of that.

"When they called my name I just started bawling," Piper said. "I wasn't really expecting it, but I was really happy. I'm very fortunate to get it and it's all because of my teammates."

With both players coming from top programs and enjoying successful individual careers, it can be expected for the work ethic to carry over to their collegiate careers.

Aside from that, Piper and Burgess are now at a Tech program that could use a dose of success — the Red Raiders have lost 59 consecutive Big 12 Conference losses.

So with both players knowing what success tastes like, Piper said she hopes they can bring a winning vibe to this squad along with their talents.

"With us having that mentality that's really going to help the rest of the team because we're so positive," she said. "And we're just going to push everyone to do the best that they can do and we expect them to push us to."

But nobody may be more optimistic about this year than Tech coach

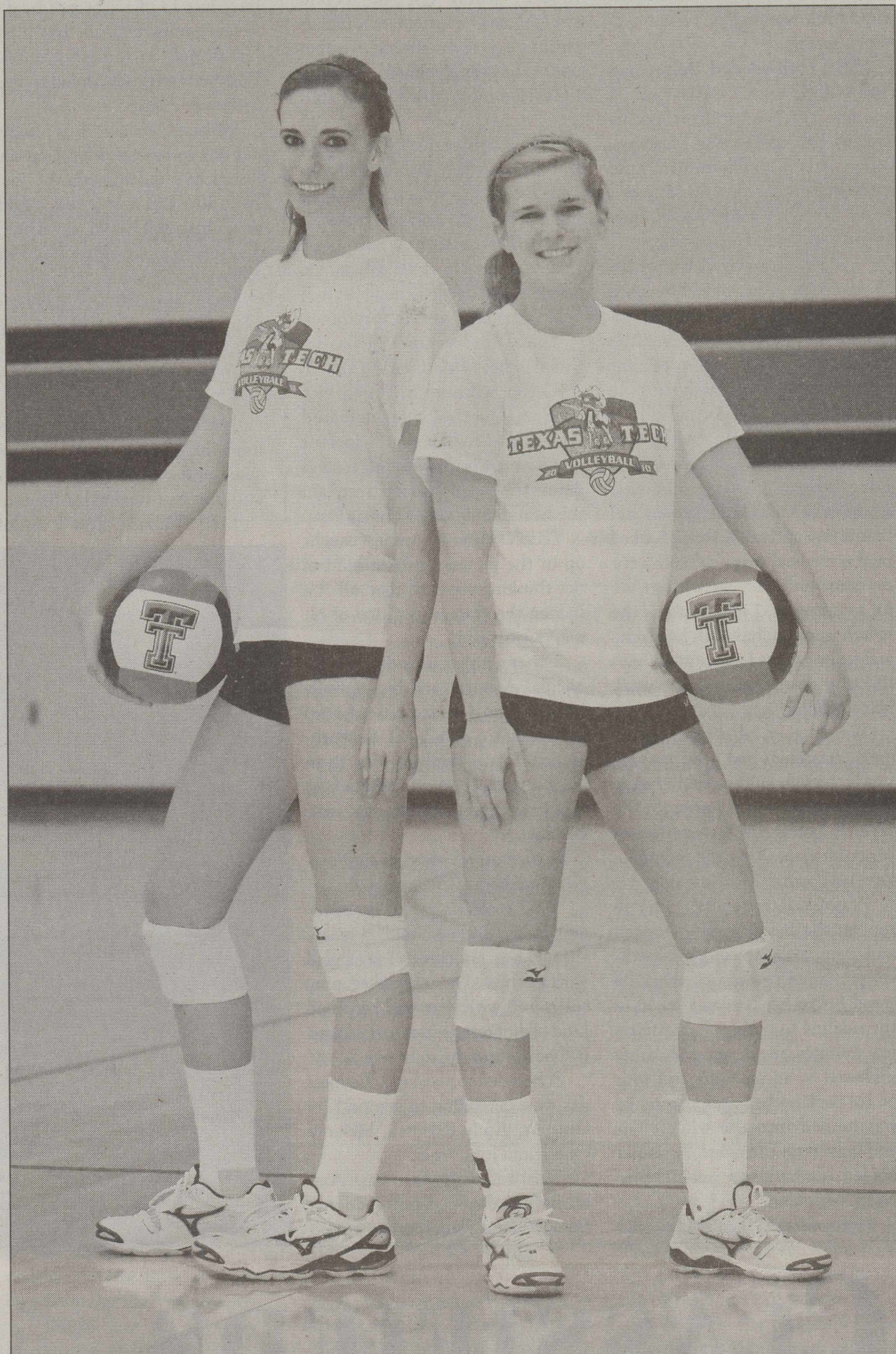


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TEXAS TECH FRESHMEN Aubree Piper and Sheridan Burgess have made their way to Tech after successful high school and club careers in Amarillo, where the two were opponents.

Trish Knight.

Knight expects a lot out of these players over the next few years but she is more excited that they are local talent.

"One of the things you wanna

do is recruit in your backyard

important because if we can keep first and foremost," Knight said. "If you can do that you have so much more excitement for your program and all those kind of things. And so for us that was

the good kids in this area here then we have a chance to bring this program to where I want it to be."

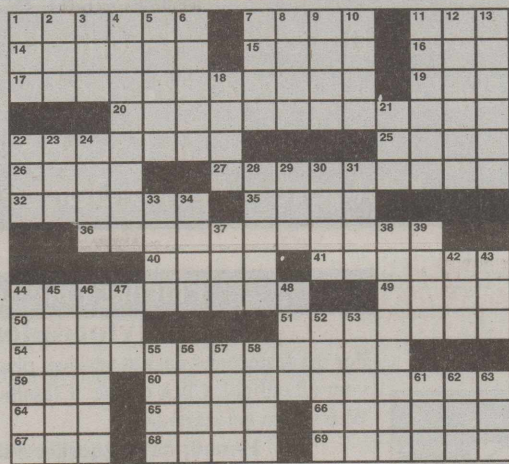
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- 32 Cat tail motion
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- 64 Messenger letters?
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By Dan Naddor

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Hamilton out with sore right knee

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Josh Hamilton was held out of the Texas Rangers lineup Wednesday after receiving a shot the previous night for his sore right knee.

Hamilton, who leads the majors with a .361 batting average, was the designated hitter the previous two games at Kansas City. He hit .435 with five home runs and 16 RBIs in his past 12 games and said he planned to play the outfield Friday.

"I would say I'm 40 to 50 percent better," Hamilton said Wednesday. "I've got two days off here, which will be good. I'll just come in on Friday (af-

ter an off-day Thursday) and do all the normal stuff, but I will take it easy the next two days, just kind of rest. I'll just try to get through it for a couple of weeks and see what happens."

Hamilton said there is a possibility for another cortisone shot in a couple of weeks. He is among the American League-leaders with 31 home runs, 40 doubles and 97 RBIs.

"It's like having a toothache," Hamilton said. "It hurts all the time. It's that time of year. Just walking around it feels better. That says something. It was bothering me sleeping. I slept better last night."

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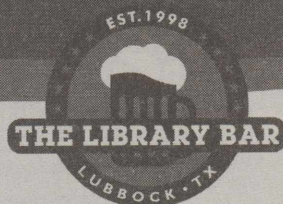
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