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Something to harp about



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MELISSA BERGER, A sophomore music education major from Cypress, practices a concert grand harp Wednesday in the Music building in preparation for her end-of-year recital.

Tech announces new law-medical degree program

J.D., M.D. degrees can be obtained in 6 years

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's School of Law and School of Medicine are joining forces to offer a few select students the opportunity to receive a dual law and medical degree.

Dr. Steven Berk, the dean of the School of Medicine, said the J.D./M.D. program offers students the chance to do in six years what normally would take seven years.

"Students entering the program will go to law school for the first two years and then come to the medical school for four years," he said. "In

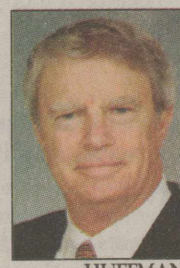
the sixth year, there will be some combined things between both schools, although the students will be involved in mostly medical classes."

The program will aim to prepare students to play an important role in different disciplines, Berk said.

"What I think is most important is to ready graduates for fields of study where medicine and law overlap, such as medical ethics," he said.

Berk said the program will eventually attempt to bring in two students each year, but they must be highly qualified and motivated students.

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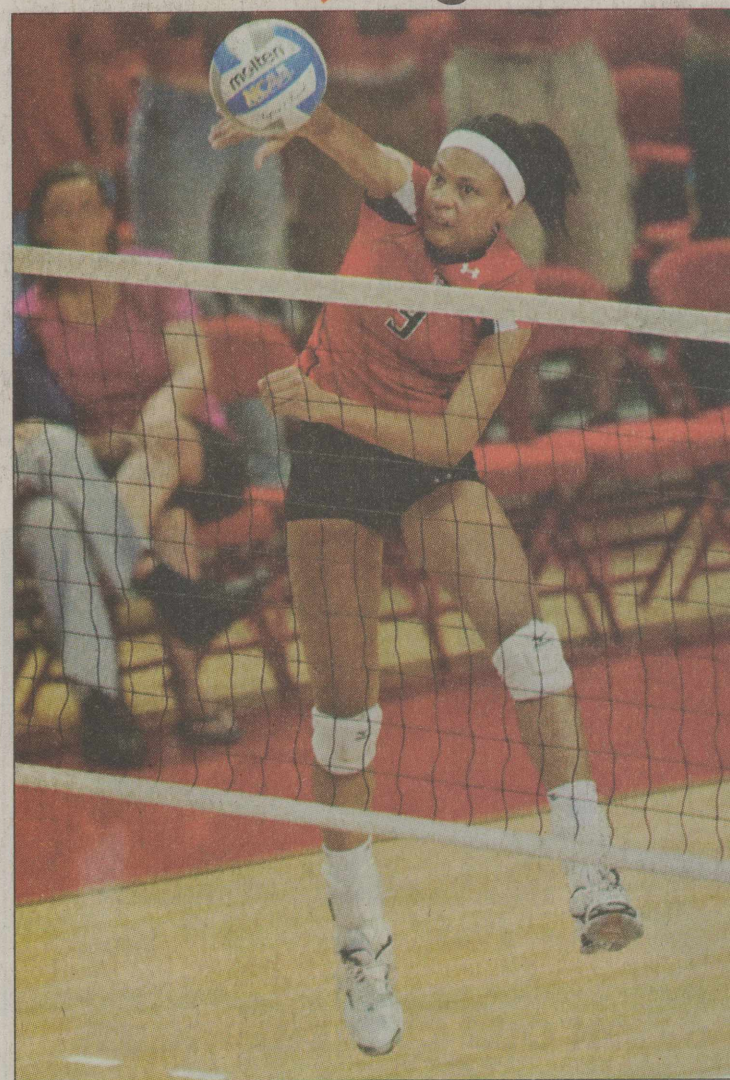


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BERK

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Colorado came back to beat the Red Raiders on Wednesday after Texas Tech won the first two sets. SPORTS, Page 10

WHERE DO YOU LIKE IT?

Facebook statuses help to raise breast cancer awareness

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
STAFF WRITER

"I like it on the couch."
"I like it on the coffee table."
"I like it on the floor."

If you are utterly confused as to what this means, check the Facebook statuses of a few of your female friends. This is only the latest trend to hit Facebook: In an effort to raise awareness for breast cancer, women are updating their statuses with an ambiguous phrase of where they like to put their handbags when they get home.

"Obviously, this will increase breast cancer awareness," said Joanna Stott, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Georgetown, while rolling her eyes. "I feel like the Facebook statuses have nothing to do with breast cancer awareness. It just makes the girls seem promiscuous."

Last October saw a similar stunt. Women updated their statuses with the color of bra they were wearing. All over the website you would see "black" or "polka-dotted" as your friends' statuses, all in an effort to increase awareness of breast cancer.

Stott did not participate in last year's campaign and will not join in this year's either. She said both of these stunts are obnoxious, but provocative, and provocative messages draw serious attention.

A few other companies realize the attention-grabbing ability of sexiness and are attempting to link sexiness with breast cancer.

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Community Calendar

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Mass Communications Career Fair

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Frazier Alumni Pavilion
So, what is it?
 The College of Mass Communications will host its annual career fair. Students should dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes.

Graduate School Workshop

Time: Noon
Where: Administration Building Room 341
So, what is it?
 The Center for Undergraduate Research would like to invite you to the Fall Workshop Series. Many graduate school-related topics will be explored including funding, applications and expectations.

FRIDAY

Pat Green: Live at Wild West

Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Wild West
So, what is it?
 Pat Green returns to Lubbock to do a live show. Tickets are \$17 before the show and \$20 at the door.

Texas Tech soccer vs. Kansas

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex

Lubbock Chorale Concert

"Handelfest"
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, Tech School of Music
So, what is it?

Lubbock Chorale will perform Dixit Dominus, Utrecht Te Deum. For tickets call 806-792-9220.

Harvest Shindig at the American Wind Power Center

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: the American Wind Power Center, 1701 Canyon Lake Drive
So, what is it?
 Come enjoy games, a silent auction, barn dance, music by Jeff McCreight and great food. In support of World Hunger Day, please bring a can of food to be donated to the South Plains Food Bank. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. All proceeds support the Bridge of Lubbock.

Family Weekend

Time: All day
Where: Various locations
So, what is it?
 Come enjoy family weekend with family and friends. Events include campus tours, a Friday night dinner in the Student Union Ballroom and a performance by Hypnosis Keith Karkut in the Allen Theatre at 8:00 p.m.

To make a calendar submission e-mail dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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.

COMPOUND CHEMICALS



MALIK AL-AFYOUNI, A senior chemistry major from San Antonio, makes new organometallic compounds using a glove box. These compounds will be measured for their testing characteristics, structure and reactivity.

Degree

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"It's just like anyone else doing two years of law school and then four years of medical school," he said. "Certainly it will be difficult."

Walt Huffman, the former dean of the School of Law, said the program was a joint idea of both he and Dr. Berk.

"Texas Tech is one of the few schools who has undergraduate research, graduate research, a law school and a medical school spread across one campus," he said. "We set out to do with this joint program something that very few universities in the nation can offer."

While other universities offer a similar J.D./M.D. program, the unique focal point of Tech's dual law and medical degree sets it apart, Huffman said.

"One thing that differentiates our program from others is that both Dr. Berk and I were determined that it would not just produce doctor-lawyer types such as medical malpractice lawyers," he said.

Huffman said the program's main focus is on areas where students can contribute to both society and America.

"There are three basic areas that our program will focus on," he said, "including forensics, medical law policy and bio-defense."

With a background in both law and medicine, forensic specialists can look at a crime scene and not only understand what took place there, but also the legality behind the evidence, Huffman said.

"We would like for most people to focus on medical law policy that will allow them to participate as a

government official, such as an HMO worker," he said. "Marta Hoes, our only active student currently in the program, is focusing in this area."

The final area of study the program will spotlight is bio-defense, specifically dealing with counter-terrorism.

"Students can obtain an understanding of both the law surrounding counter-terrorism and the medical issues in bio-terrorism," Huffman said. "This is the biggest threat terrorist-wise to the United States."

The synergy displayed between the School of Medicine and School of Law in creating this program is a big step forward for the university, he said.

"It gives Texas Tech visibility," Huffman said, "and the program puts the university in a unique and prestigious niche."

Terence Cook, the assistant dean of admissions with the School of Law, said the J.D./M.D. dual degree is arguably one of the most unique and demanding programs available.

"There are major differences between the medical school and law school recruitment process," he said. "I was able to communicate with the med school to get a better understanding of these differences."

During the recruitment process, Cook said, he looks beyond a student's ability to complete the program.

"I look for the student to be able to articulate his or her purpose in pursuing the degree," he said. "It goes beyond just doing the work; it's how you will use the knowledge."

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STUDENT PASSES OUT



THREE TEXAS TECH Police officers were dispatched to the Math building after a student who was feeling ill passed out Wednesday. Officers said the student refused transport to a Lubbock hospital.

Shift commander keeps trapped miners calm, live

COPIAPO, Chile (AP) — The crew of Chilean miners was pinned nearly a half-mile underground by 700,000 tons of rock after what felt like an earthquake in the shaft above them, and had no real hope they'd ever be found. Luckily, though, the men had Luis Urzua.

Urzua, 54, was the shift commander at the time of the disaster, and used all his wits and his leadership talents to help his men stay calm and in control for the 17 harrowing days it took for rescuers to make their first contact with them.

It was no surprise, then, that Urzua was the last of the 33 miners to leave the San Jose gold and copper mine after more than two months of confinement. Urzua — after shaking hands and embracing rescue workers — climbed into a cramped cage at 9:46 p.m. and was hauled up from a narrow hole drilled

through 2,000 feet of rock. He arrived at the top 11 minutes later to jubilant cheers, songs and applause.

"We have done what the entire world was waiting for," he told Chilean President Sebastian Pinera immediately after his rescue. "The 70 days that we fought so hard were not in vain."

The president told him: "You are not the same, and the country is not the same after this. You were an inspiration. Go hug your wife and your daughter." With Urzua by his side, he led the crowd in singing the national anthem.

Robinson Marquez once worked with Urzua in a nearby mine, Punta del Cobre. "He is very protective of his people and obviously loves them," and would not have left until all his men were safely aboveground, Marquez said.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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 1 *Hip-hopper who married Beyoncé (German)
 5 Sturdy fabric
 10 Delhi wrap
 14 Movie apiarist
 15 Like sandalwood leaves
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 18 Brewers' kilns
 19 Things you saw while out?
 20 *Old stories (English)
 23 "Paris, je t'": 2005 film
 24 Charged particle
 25 Nashville awards gp.
 26 "Inferred cosmic substance (Russian)
 33 Mythological ride
 35 Derivative cry
 36 Pivotal part
 38 Bug, perhaps
 39 Hottie
 40 Easternmost state
 41 "Don't touch that"
 42 Body art, in slang
 43 High-speed raptor
 44 "Séance device (French)
 47 Former World No. 1 tennis player Ivanovic
 48 With 6-Down, one in fear of an audit
 49 "Dagnabbit!"
 51 "Fatal problem in Genesis (Spanish)
 58 Colombia neighbor
 59 Funnel-shaped
 60 Architect Miles van der
 61 Animal shelter
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 66 Parliamentary votes, or what appears at the starts of the answers to starred clues

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By Matt Maters

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 11 ... ducks in
 12 Poverty, in metaphor
 13 Brightness nos.
 21 Down source
 22 "Kidding!"
 25 Included in the e-mail chain
 26 Video game plumber
 27 Pianist Claudio
 29 Honshu city
 30 Top limit
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 32 Bad sentence
 34 Former Kremlin policymaker

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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 50 Like a biting remark, in British slang
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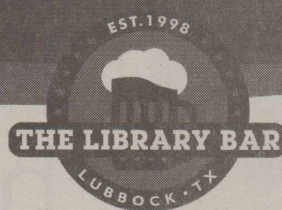
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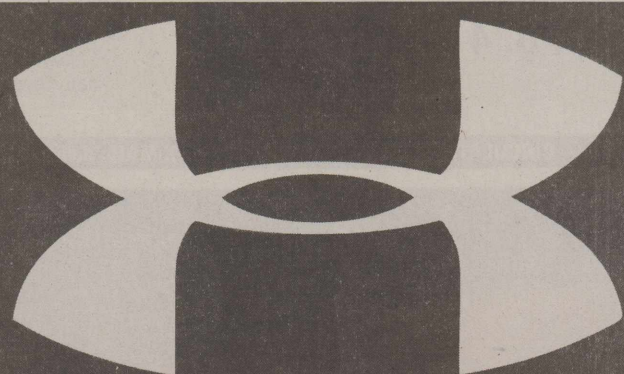


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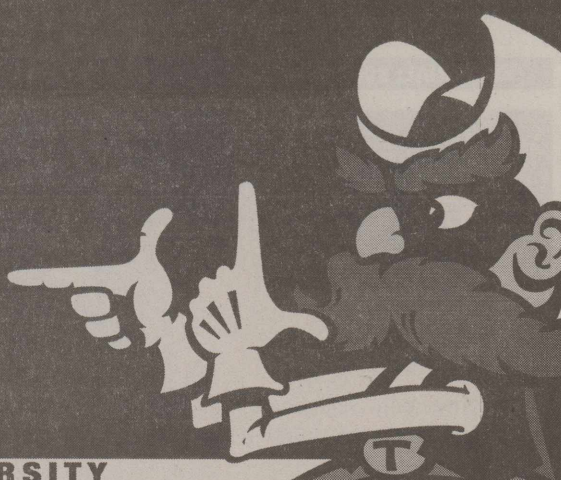
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Clooney asks Obama for commitments on Sudan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama met with activist-actor George Clooney at the White House on Tuesday to discuss U.S. involvement in Sudan ahead of a critical election early next year in Africa's largest nation.

Clooney recently returned from Sudan, and is asking the U.S. and world community to use international pressure and robust diplomacy to prevent violence ahead of the Jan. 9 election. The election is an independence referendum on south Sudan that is likely to split the country in two, and there are fears that the vote could lead to a new outbreak of north-south civil war.

"At a time that is one of the most politicized times ever, this is something that everyone agrees on: If there's some way to get ahead of this and stop it before it happens, we better," Clooney said following his meeting with the president.

Obama and Clooney were joined in their talks by activist John Prendergast, cofounder of the Enough Project, an initiative to end genocide. Prendergast said U.S. involvement in containing violence before the election could be a "game-changer" for the Sudanese people.

"It gives a chance to diplomacy," Prendergast said. "It

gives a chance to peacemaking that didn't exist three months ago."

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said Obama underscored U.S. efforts to ensure that the referendum be held on time and that all parties involved refrain from violence. However, Obama said in the meeting that the ultimate responsibility for Sudan's future rests with its political leaders.

Still Obama has made clear that the U.S. has a deep interest in that future. He met with other world leaders at the United Nations in September to address concerns that preparations for the January vote were lagging, and said the coming months may show whether the Sudanese people "move forward with peace or slip backward into bloodshed."

A 2005 peace agreement that ended a bloody 21-year civil war between Sudan's mostly Muslim north and predominantly animist and Christian south set up a unity government in the capital, Khartoum, as well as an autonomous government in the south. It called for the 2011 referendum on southern independence.

The civil war, in which nearly 2 million people died, was one of the bloodiest of the second half of the 20th century.

Student athletes promote RaiderThon event

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

Several Texas Tech student athletes were locked in a jail cell outside the Student Union Building Wednesday afternoon to solicit donations for the Children's Miracle Network at University Medical Center and to spread the word about the upcoming dance marathon, RaiderThon.

Elise Mahley, RaiderThon's assistant overall director and a senior geography and political science major from Fort Worth, said 100 percent of the proceeds from Raiderthon are donated to UMC's Children's Miracle Network to help buy supplies or to be donated to families in need with a child in the hospital.

In the three hours the organization was outside of the SUB, Hannah Smith, the executive chair of Dance Marathon TTU, said the organization raised \$130 in cash and an estimated \$45 in change. The group will be outside the SUB from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the rest of the week, raising money and encouraging people to participate in RaiderThon.

The student athletes are placed in the jail cell for 30 minutes and asked to raise \$50 from passers-by before being released from the cell, said Smith, a junior public relations major from Cocoa Beach, FL.

RaiderThon, also sponsored by the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center with help from Tech Activities Board and other community organizations, will take place Oct. 23 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the student recreation center. With 162 confirmed participants for RaiderThon, Smith said \$5,200 toward the group's \$12,000 goal has already been secured.

"We really want more participants,"



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

LOGAN PLUMLEE, A senior exercise and sport sciences major from Giddings, donates money to Tahrirk Peak, a freshman civil engineering major from Radford, Va., for the Children's Miracle Network, a charity that raises funds for more than 170 children's hospitals, Wednesday outside the Student Union Building. Peak, a Texas Tech Football Linebacker, was in "jail" with other student athletes soliciting donations for the charity.

Smith said, "and we're making a big push for more fundraising."

Despite being called a dance marathon, Smith said, participants do not dance the entire time and sometimes not at all. She said there are plenty of other activities to entertain participants not interested in dancing including a step dance show and speeches made by members of six families who have benefited from the Children's Miracle Network.

"TAB is sponsoring a Build-A-Bear event," she said. "Participants can make a bear to be donated to the children at the hospital."

There will also be a dance competition with prizes, Smith said.

She said the jail theme will continue at RaiderThon, where she hopes more student athletes and student government president Drew Graham will be thrown in jail; however, no inmates have been confirmed yet.

In regards to the variety of music for participants to dance to at RaiderThon, Smith said absolutely every genre would be represented, including salsa, pop song mash-ups and the Texas Tech fight song.

RaiderThon participants are required to donate an initial \$15 upon registering for the event, Mahley said. Each participant is then asked to raise an additional \$60 for the Children's Miracle Network. With the \$15 initial donation, partici-

pants receive a T-shirt, two snacks and a meal, as well as other various freebies.

For the duration of the six-hour event, Mahley said, participants will not be allowed to sit down.

"The whole purpose of the event is to raise money for Children's Miracle Network," she said, "and to feel some of the pain that the children in the hospital feel for just a few hours."

For more information, visit RaiderThon's Facebook page, Texas Tech RaiderThon, or e-mail LubbockDanceMarathon@gmail.com. Participants can register for RaiderThon at <http://www.helpmakemiracles.org/event/ttudm>.

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Cancer

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A T-shirt company, Save the Ta-Tas, just released a line of lotions called Boob Lube. The Keep A Breast Foundation also employs this tactic with its "I love boobies" wristbands.

While the provocative approach to raising awareness for breast cancer is offensive to some, there is evidence that it works. According to the Save the Ta-Tas website, the brand has donated \$515,000 to fight the war on breast cancer and eradicate the disease.

And last year, Susan G. Komen for the Cure had 135 fans on its Facebook page. Within a week of the bra colors as statuses, it had 135,000. As of today, the Komen organization's fan count has jumped to 352,380, with many fans posting "where they like it" on the Facebook page's wall.

"If people want to raise awareness for breast cancer, I think the best way would be to make Facebook statuses say

something to inform their friends about upcoming events, such as Race for the Cure," Stott said, "not saying something provocative."

The cancer-awareness campaign also raises awareness for men, whether they are intrigued by the promiscuous statuses or simply confused.

In contrast with Stott, Jonathan Mitchell, a junior public relations major from Borger, said he thinks getting this issue across to women through social media is possibly the best way to achieve awareness for both women and men.

"In my opinion, the best way to bring breast cancer awareness to the table is when you talk about it," Mitchell said. "We need to get past the awkwardness and be more open about the issues and challenges we face in order to overcome it."

While Mitchell did not understand last year's bra-color statuses, he said he and many other men caught on this year. Mitchell said he thinks men may be attracted to the provocative statuses but do not find the actual message in any way inappropriate.

"We need to get past the awkwardness and be more open about the issues and challenges we face in order to overcome it."

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OPINIONS

Stop forcing love, accept being rule, not exception

Time and time again, I will talk until I'm blue in the face about female empowerment. Call me a raging feminist if you'd like, but today that won't be the case.

Most stereotypes, when it comes to women, can be marked as exaggerated and farfetched. For instance: People who are afraid of assigning a woman as the president of the United States because they fear that once a month we will declare war on random countries simply because we're irritated as hell and bloated.

The media, encompassing both entertainment and news, tend to spotlight what is "dramatic." When a tragedy happens in a small southern town, do they interview a well-educated, articulate spokesman of the town? No. They choose to talk to someone missing their front tooth and who substitutes "yew" for you, "-eem" for him and "down yonder" for over there.

Christians, in movies, are depicted as extremists who carry their Bible wherever they go and literally beat people over the head with it. Christians are stereotyped for quoting scriptures in every conversation, but in reality we're not all like that.

The rule versus exception theory comes to play here because the rule is

RoAnne Romo



that most Christians are pretty normal, loving and accepting people. The exception is the crazy Christians holding poster board signs that are condemning everyone to hell. But because the crazies are the only ones in the spotlight, every other Christian is pushed under this category.

Now, back to women. Here is where I would like to say that all women are normal (the rule) and some are crazy (the exception), but I quite honestly would be lying if I didn't think a big portion of us were a little crazy at times.

"We are so focused on finding and keeping love that we are missing out on our life that's continuing on with or without us."

What has continually seemed to bug me more and more are women confusing themselves as the exception instead of the rule. The rule is, when your boyfriend breaks up with you, chances are he doesn't like you anymore and you should move on. The exception is the couple that breaks up, gets back together and lives happily ever after.

A woman who dates someone for seven years and still calls him her boyfriend instead of husband is the rule; a woman who dates someone for seven years, and he finally asks her to marry him is the exception.

Today, women are so obsessed with "finding the right one" that we categorize ourselves as the exception in every situation. Instead of moving on after a break up, we thrive on old memories and somehow convince ourselves that if we fight hard enough we will get them back and live

happily ever after, becoming the rule.

We are so focused on finding and keeping love that we are missing out on our life that's continuing on with or without us.

Tyra Banks did a topic on her talk show about barsexuals - straight women who kiss other women in bars for attention and even money.

Why is there such an obsession with needing the attention and approval of men?

This crave is even beginning to affect the younger generations. On the same show, Banks interviewed a straight 15-year-old girl who admitted to kissing other girls on the bus or at school because she would gain popularity and attention from the boys in her school.

We are taking on life with the wrong approach. We are seeking attention (whether good or bad) for all the wrong reasons. Even if you did gain the attention of a man you like by kissing another girl, is he really someone you'd want to date? Just because Betty found her husband in college doesn't mean that you should focus on your MRS; go for a PhD and enjoy life on the way.

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Internet isn't free

By **SUSANNAH GRIFFEE**
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS
(NEW YORK U.)

Across the U.S., young professionals are implanting computer chips into their ears in order to constantly receive information on the go. These chips collect signals from the nervous system and send detailed personal profiles of every user to advertisers across the globe.

Sound like science fiction? That's because it is. People aren't actually implanting computers into their brains just yet. But they are sharing almost everything they do on a computer with organizations across the world, often without even realizing it.

Every time a person opens up an Internet browser, that person engages in a transaction. No money changes hands; the Internet user simply trades a reasonable expectation of privacy for access to an almost unlimited supply of data. That exchange enables the Internet to progress rapidly while, at the same time, allowing people of various economic backgrounds more or less equal access to vast stores of information. Everyone has some measure of control over their privacy, and everyone also has the authority to give their privacy away. Personal privacy becomes a commodity.

Soon, the new HTML5 programming language will go even further. Theoretically, HTML5 will allow companies to enable more cookies and consumer tracking

capabilities. However, the new coding will also allow users to view multimedia without plug-ins like Flash and to browse the Internet more quickly.

The recent prominence of HTML5 in the news and an investigation by the Wall Street Journal into the tracking habits of Internet companies have caused a wave of alarmist outcries concerning the erosion of Internet privacy. Fox Entertainment and NBC, along with other companies, have faced class-action lawsuits concerning Internet privacy issues in the past months.

House Energy and Commerce Communications Subcommittee Chairman Rick Boucher recently announced that Internet privacy legislation will be introduced during the next session of Congress. House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee Chairman Bobby Rush introduced a bill that would allow users to opt out of having their information collected on the Internet as well as allow users to sue Internet companies for breach of privacy. The bill would also prevent companies from selling consumer information to third-party advertisers.

It's as though people have forgotten that "Internet privacy" never existed in the first place. The Internet is not free; users must pay for their information with their privacy. Advertisers fund websites in exchange for data about the people who visit those sites. If laws require sites to stop collecting that data and allow users to opt out of sharing their information, the Internet will no longer be able to depend on advertisers to exist.

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Positive HIV test halts porn shoots at companies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than half a dozen pornographers in California's multibillion-dollar adult entertainment industry have halted production after an actor tested positive for HIV — and more shutdowns were expected.

Vivid Entertainment Group and Wicked Pictures were among the companies that announced production halts as a precaution.

"From Vivid's perspective, there was no question that when we heard this, we immediately shut down production and said let's get the facts and evaluate them before we move forward," Steven Hirsch, the founder of Vivid, one of the largest makers of adult films, said Wednesday.

"Adult entertainment companies act responsibly, and no one wants to see another person test positive if there's anything they can do to stop it," he said.

Actors in movies by Wicked Pictures use condoms. Still, company president

Steve Orenstein said two shoots were on hold and future production depends on further HIV test result from a clinic that serves the industry.

PinkVisual Productions is also slated to halt production for at least a few weeks. Adult Video News reported additional shutdowns at Hustler Video, Digital Playground, Jennaration X Studios, Girlfriends Films and Kick Ass Pictures.

The identity and gender of the HIV-positive actor have not been released by the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation, which operates the clinic where the case was discovered. The clinic was working to identify and test on-screen partners of the actor.

Los Angeles County public health officials and state occupational health officials have said the widespread lack of condom use on porn sets puts performers at risk of contracting HIV and other diseases. Adult film producers have said viewers find condoms to be a turnoff.

'Life As We Know It' too predictable, not believable

By CARA LEIGH
THE LARIAT (BAYLOR U.)

Here lies another woefully tragic case of rugged boy meets plaid-skirted girl meets the baby that will bring them all together.

The synopsis of this movie sounds more like a pitch for a dated sitcom: Holly "Control Freak" Berenson (Katherine Heigl) and Eric "Manchild" Messer (Josh Duhamel) are two bickering friends-of-friends who, after a disastrous blind date, vow to disdain each other for all of eternity. But after a horrendous car accident leaves the couple best-friendless and little Sophie "She's-Your-Child-Now" Novak orphaned, hijinks ensue.

You can already see where this is going, can't you?

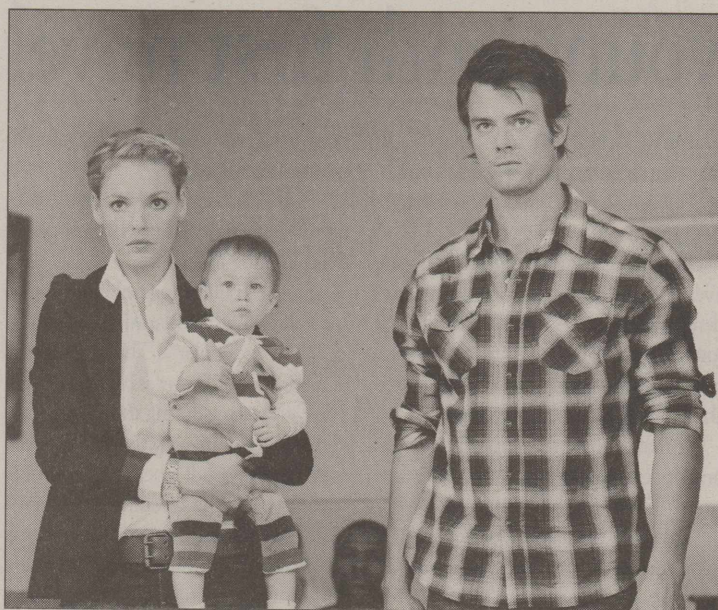
For some reason unbeknownst to logic or sense, the deceased parents decide it's best to leave adorable baby Sophie in the care of her godparents: two incompatible sworn enemies.

Okay, okay ... so it turns out to be a miraculous coming together of Holly and Messer, a cornucopia of beauty, family and lessons learned... but therein lies the rub. Holly and Messer never actually hated each other.

Holly is a bakery manager and caterer, ever distracted with her job and her nonexistent love life. Heigl, slipping comfortably back into safe and easy territory, offers little to no difference in this role as she does in "Knocked Up," "27 Dresses" or "The Ugly Truth". Again she plunges headfirst into a pretty-but-not-too-pretty, intelligent, stylish, relatable-but-not, semi-successful firecracker.

Messer, on the other hand, is a fun-loving playboy who, when not taking reckless rides on his Harley, enjoys a flourishing career as a TV sports technical director. He's coarse, childish and sexist, but this is all forgivable due to his good looks and sensitive side.

Do you see what the writers did there?



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The "total opposites" and "odd couple" gag is a tired one, and if not done just right, should not be done at all. Holly and Messer's relationship takes a stab at satisfyingly frustrating love-hate tension, but without witicism or bite.

The pair never once believably loathe each other. From the beginning the audience is left to count down the minutes before the protagonists finally lock lips. Their "blossoming" love is not only already there but obviously so.

Raiders dance to raise money for children

By KATHERINE ROWE
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is hosting a university-wide event to raise money and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network.

Keeley Fragosso, a senior nursing major from Fort Worth, said the HSC students thought it would be a great idea if they started a tradition of a dance marathon, like other schools. She said over 150 schools in the nation participate in events like this, but it is Texas Tech's first year to host this event.

"All proceeds will go to UMC Children's Miracle Network to help out children who are born premature or who are considered 'Miracle Children,'" Fragosso said.

Along with food and live music, there will be children's activities and an "Inspiration Tent," she said. The tent will have pictures of miracle children and their families to remind visitors of the reason behind this event.

Kristi Drennan, a second-year occupational therapy graduate

student from Mason, said there will be six families sharing their stories about their experiences with the Children's Miracle Network.

"People are registering as dancers and are coming to the six-hour event; they are able to meet families that are involved in the Children's Miracle Network at some point in their child's life or are still involved in it," Drennan said. "You get to hear their stories and how it has helped them."

Drennan said 160 dancers have registered so far, but she is hoping for more to join.

"I did my undergrad at Tech, and I know it's so philanthropically involved; there are always organizations going out and getting involved in any opportunity out there," Drennan said. "That's why we knew the dance marathon would work here."

People interested in participating can sign up for \$15 to dance, but donations are also welcome. The event will take place on Oct. 23 between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Fragosso said the student-run

event requires the registered dancers to stand or dance for the full six hours of the event.

"We dance for those who can't," Fragosso said.

"We would love to have any organization or students there," Drennan said. "The more participation there is, the more we can get the word out about the Children's Miracle Network and the families' lives that it's effected."

Drennan said 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network in Lubbock at the University Medical Center, and the money will stay in Lubbock.

"It's just a matter of getting people to know what it's about because we know that once they get there and see the families," Drennan said, "they're going to understand what the families have been through and why we want to support them. Even if we don't have a huge amount of people this year, we feel like this could be a growing tradition that will get bigger and bigger every year."

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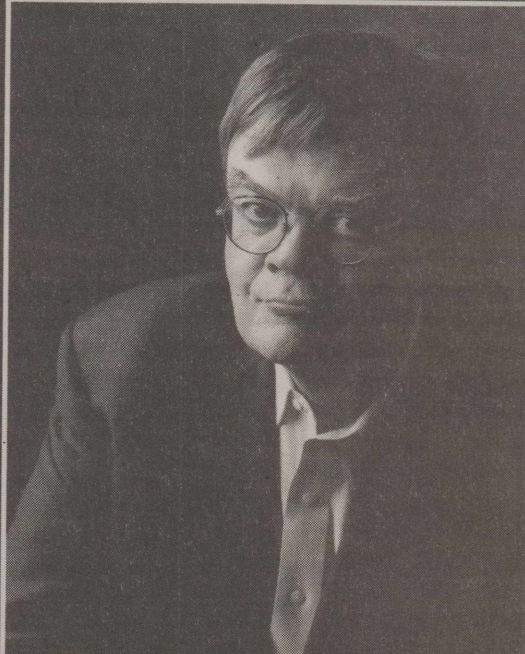
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Hilary Duff staying young with first novel

NEW YORK (AP) — Hilary Duff may be a recently married young woman of 23, but when it comes to books she's not quite ready to grow up.

"I love reading young adult books even though I'm a little older than the set demographic for YA," she said Tuesday. "I love adventure. I relate to girl characters, love, finding yourself and breaking out of the mold that people put you in."

It makes sense then that the actress and singer would decide to write her first novel "Elixir" for the younger set.

Duff may have a feel for her reading audience, too, from knowing her viewing audience. Duff played Lizzie MacGuire for two seasons on the Disney Channel from 2001-2004. Fans who watched her on TV may also want to check out her book.

"Elixir" is about a young photojournalist named Clea Raymond whose photos have extra images in them that weren't there originally. Then her father disappears. Clea sets off to unravel the mystery of both.

"This idea just kept coming to me and building in my head. I thought 'What am I gonna do with this? Am I gonna write a script or pitch the idea? Have someone else write it?' And then I thought 'I'm

open for a new challenge. I'm going to try to write a book."

Duff has had a busy year. Besides writing, she also wed pro hockey player Mike Comrie in August.

She says publishing deadlines can be more stressful than planning a wedding.

"It's very similar ... They (publishers at Simon & Schuster Children's) were very good to me during the writing process and very lenient with dates and stuff until the very end. Then it got hectic. I was planning the wedding, and there's deadlines with that, too, like getting the location and getting your dress at a certain time ... I tend to do everything at the last minute ... I couldn't even choose which one is harder. I guess I'd say the book."

Duff plans "Elixir" to be the first in a series of novels. She will begin its sequel in a few weeks.

"That's one thing I learned during the writing process. So much changes. You have an idea in your head and then more ideas come with that idea and then your premise can kind of change."

Next up, Duff will guest star on the NBC sitcom "Community" in November.

Exhibit celebrates Dia de los Muertos

By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

Skulls and skeletons are often used to decorate for Halloween festivities, but for Dia de los Muertos, the imagery of bones has a different meaning.

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a day to recognize and honor loved ones who have passed.

The Texas Tech School of Art is hosting an exhibit for the celebration featuring artwork created by students, said David Mondt, preparatory and assistant curator for Landmark Arts. The presentation draws on the life and work of Mexican engraver and illustrator José Guadalupe Posada.

"It features students from the school's foundations courses and advanced courses," Mondt said. "The exhibit features drawings and ceramic masks and skull drawings. Some of the drawings are drawings and collages based on work of José Guadalupe Posada."

The exhibit is also a part of the annual citywide procession

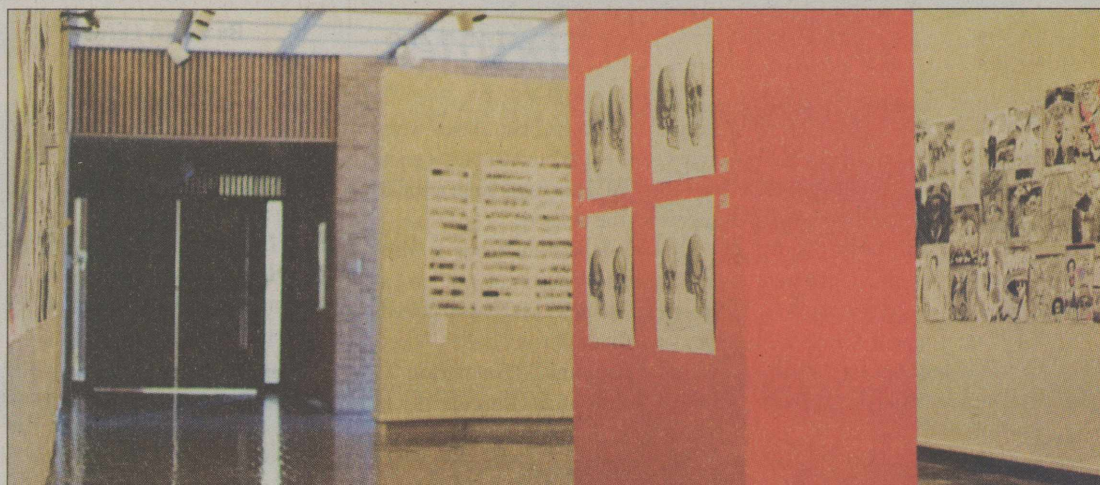


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THE TEXAS TECH School of Art is hosting an exhibit celebrating Dia de los Muertos. The exhibit will feature artwork created by students that range from drawings to collages. The exhibit will be open through Oct. 31.

for Dia de los Muertos on Oct. 30, said Mondt.

"It's an important celebration," he said. "It brings a sense of community to remember our past and where we come from. It's a holiday celebrated in many forms around the world, in the form of All Saints' Day or All Souls' Day. It's important to remember people's families and to honor them."

The exhibit is on display in the studio gallery in the lobby of the art building and is open to the public free of charge through Oct. 31, Mondt said.

Britt Byrne, a junior studio art major from Lubbock, said she has attended the exhibit for the past two years. Her favorite pieces are the works created with colored pencil on black paper.

"The way I look at it is it's hard to draw skeletons," Byrne said. "I can tell which ones are better, and I can tell who spent more time on their drawing."

Although none of her art classes have participated in the exhibition yet, Byrne said she likes the idea of the presentation.

"It represents what I would

think of for the holiday, the skeletons and the bright colors," she said. "It's almost like a fiesta for skeletons."

Alex Roby, a sophomore graphic design major from San Antonio, has a sculpture in the exhibit for her hand-building class. Roby described her project as a "fun free-for-all" and said it only took her one day to complete.

"It's out of clay, and the glaze I put on it is raku glaze," she said. "I put the glaze on and then put it on a brick kiln. I took it out when it was really hot and put in into a trash can with a bunch of newspapers."

Her favorite works in the showcase are the realistic drawings of skulls, Roby said. She thought the presentation did an accurate job of interpreting José Guadalupe Posada's work.

"The drawings are a good expression of the holiday and of the artist that does art of Dia de los Muertos," she said. "They followed the guidelines of his art and did what he does, which is the 2-D skeletal figures."

Erik Garza, a junior com-

munication design major from Lubbock, has two projects in the showcase.

For his design class, he did a charcoal drawing of a skeleton on a horse.

"It was my take on the holiday," Garza said. "I was looking at the artist's pieces, and I threw ideas together. I thought it would be neat to have a guy waving a sword on a horse. I think it came out pretty cool."

For his drawing II class, Garza created a colorful drawing in colored pencil on black paper inspired by a mask he acquired in San Antonio at Fiesta, an annual Hispanic celebratory event.

"The little skeleton guys came from art of (José Guadalupe Posada), and the flower, well, I just like to draw flowers," he said. "That mask, I actually have the mask in my room."

The showcase of skeleton-themed art is a unique way to showcase art during October, Byrne said.

"For this time of year, I like that they do this theme and not just Halloween," she said.

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Nielsen reports third weekly win in a row for CBS

NEW YORK (AP) — As the fall season wrapped its third week, viewers were sticking with the tried-and-true.

Veteran shows like "NCIS," Sunday Night Football, "60 Minutes" and top-ranked "Dancing with the Stars" were among the week's most popular.

Just two freshman series — CBS' "Hawaii Five-O" and "Mike & Molly" — cracked the Top 20 prime-time list the Nielsen Co. released Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Smits' new legal drama, "Outlaw," became the season's third ratings casualty (after "Lone Star" and "My Generation") as NBC announced it would be banished to Saturday nights for a few weeks before disappearing altogether.

CBS extended its winning streak, becoming the first network to win the first three weeks of a season in viewers, adults 18-49 and adults 25-54, since NBC accomplished that feat nearly a decade ago.

CBS could claim the top five most-viewed new series, which also included "Blue Bloods," "Bleep My Dad Says" and "The Defenders."

For the week, CBS averaged 11.9 million viewers (7.4 rating, 13 share). ABC averaged 8.8 million (5.6 rating, 10 share), NBC had 7.0 million (4.4 rating, 8 share), Fox had 6.1 million (3.6 rating, 6 share), the CW had 2.3 million (1.5 rating, 2 share) and ION Television had 1.2 million (0.8 rating, 1 share).

Among the Spanish-language networks, Univision led with a prime-time average of 3.9 million viewers (1.9 rating, 3 share), TeleFutura had 830,000 and Telemundo had 770,000 (both 0.4 rating, 1 share), Azteca had 230,000 (0.1 rating, 0 share), and Estrella had 220,000 (0.1 rating, 0 share).

NBC's "Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 7.5 million viewers (5.0 rating,

10 share). ABC's "World News" was second with 7.0 million (4.7 rating, 10 share) and the "CBS Evening News" had 5.5 million viewers (3.7 rating, 8 share).

A ratings point represents 1,159,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 115.9 million TV homes. The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

For the week of Oct. 4-10, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "Dancing With the Stars," ABC, 19.89 million; "NCIS," CBS, 19.81 million; NFL Football: Philadelphia at San Francisco, 16.86 million; "Dancing With the Stars Results," ABC, 16.70 million; "NCIS: Los Angeles," CBS, 16.15 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 15.02 million; "The Mentalist," CBS, 14.39 million; "Two and a Half Men," CBS, 14.37 million; "Criminal Minds," CBS, 13.87 million; "The Good Wife," CBS, 12.76 million.

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Could BCS get it all right this year?

(AP) — It's midway through the season and all seems surprisingly well in college football. The defending national champion has gone down, there's a consensus No. 1 in the polls, and Boise State is getting at least a modicum of respect not possible in recent years.

Nothing about the first BCS standings that come out Sunday night is likely to change that. This might be one of the rare years where the most reviled ranking system in sports actually gets it right.

Keep winning, and Ohio State can book a ticket for Arizona in January. Same goes for Oregon, everyone's darling team of the moment.

Lose one, though, and there's probably no denying Boise State any longer.

That's really about it. With Alabama's loss to South Carolina, the paths are increasingly clear to the Jan. 10 national title game.

No controversy. No complaints.

But probably not nearly as much fun.

BCS supporters have said all along that the controversies raised by the imperfect rating system merely add to the lure of college football. Their argument is that anything that gets people talking about who is No. 1 is better for the sport than an actual playoff system to decide the true national champion.

They said it with a straight face when The AP's No. 1, Southern Cal, was denied a spot in the national championship game after the 2003 season. They said it again three years later when undefeated Boise State was left out along with a very good Michigan team while Florida coach Urban Meyer talked his team into the title game.

They might be right.

Sure, Boise State could complain that it shouldn't be passed in the polls by Oregon when it has done nothing but win games impressively this year. And supporters of No. 4 TCU will certainly scream if Nebraska moves past their school with a win over Texas on Saturday.

But if Boise State coach Chris Petersen adamantly refuses to get drawn into the debate, who are we to begin arguing the case of the BCS wannabes?

"I'll start out by saying I did not vote us No. 1, and I appreciate your guys' interest in all that stuff, but that's the last time I'm talking about that until December," Petersen said Monday.

An analysis this week by ESPN college football researcher Brad Edwards actually put Boise State at No. 1 on top of the BCS standings, while Ohio State was fifth, mostly because the Buckeyes have played an incredibly soft schedule so far. That likely will change even before the BCS rankings are out if Ohio State can get past No. 18 Wisconsin in a showdown crucial to its hopes of playing in the national title game once again.

Boise State, meanwhile, is traveling to California to play a pathetic San Jose State team whose only claim to fame is that it plays a far tougher schedule than the Broncos. Had Boise already played Alabama, Wisconsin, Utah and even Nevada this year — as San Jose State has — then we'd have a much clearer idea of just how good the Broncos really are.

The knock on Boise State isn't all its fault. The school is contractually obligated to take the field against the patsies who populate the Western Athletic Conference. But while the Broncos don't play anyone of significance except No. 19 Nevada, the teams ahead of them in the rankings do. And, as their schedules get progressively tougher, Ohio State and Oregon will cement their spots at the top of the BCS standings as long as they keep winning.

There are, however, still ways to mess this up. This is the BCS, after all, and something is bound to happen that doesn't make sense.

Nebraska and Oklahoma aren't out of this yet. They have reputations and they'll keep getting more votes as they keep winning, which is key in a system that relies two-thirds on polls and one-third on computer rankings.

Auburn and LSU are still undefeated, too, and any unbeaten SEC team will have a powerful grip on voters.

But Boise State and TCU have done enough in the last few years to gain reputations of their own. So much so that, if either Ohio State or Oregon stumble, there's a good chance one of the national championship contestants could be decided the day after Thanksgiving in Reno, of all places, when Boise State meets Nevada.

Right now, though, the pollsters seem to have it just about right. Halfway through the season, there's not a lot to argue about.

27-year-old Weeden making most with new opportunity

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of things that make Oklahoma State quarterback Brandon Weeden unique compared to the average college football player.

For starters, Weeden is in charge of one of the most prolific offenses in the country, averaging 322 passing yards per game on an offense that averages 526 yards a game.

He's also 27 years old. Weeden will make his first start since turning 27 when he takes on Texas Tech at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The gunslinger initially passed up on college football when he was drafted in the second round of the 2002 Major League Baseball draft by the New York Yankees from Santa Fe High School in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was the Yankees' first pick of the draft.

"Being 18 years old and being offered the money, it's tough to turn down," Weeden said. "That on top of the opportunity to play in one of the best organizations in all of sports with the Yankees and basically to chase my dream. My dream was to play major league baseball, and I had the opportunity when I'm 18, what kid wouldn't want to do it?"

Weeden played five seasons of minor league baseball from 2002 to 2006 with four different teams, mostly as a pitcher, but it did not go as well as planned. By 2004, Weeden had been traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers franchise, and he was done after the 2006 season.

Weeden never advanced out of class A baseball and finished his career with a 19-26 record as a starting pitcher, an earned run average of 5.02,

344 strikeouts and 213 walks during 374 innings pitched.

In 2007, Weeden joined the Oklahoma State football team and redshirted that season.

In 2008 and 2009, Weeden backed up the Cowboys' star quarterback Zac Robinson but led the Cowboys to a come-from-behind victory against Colorado the game after former Tech cornerback Jamar Wall knocked Robinson out with a concussion.

A junior now, Weeden has finally earned the chance to start for the Cowboys full-time and is making the most of the opportunity.

"It's exciting," he said. "I've loved every minute of it. College football, I feel like, is one of the best sports and best time of the year and being in the Big 12 (Conference), I followed the Big 12 my whole life and just playing in this league is a blast. Obviously, baseball didn't work out, and this is what I wanted to do if it didn't work out, so it's exciting."

Playing minor league baseball is not an experience Weeden regrets, however. He thinks playing baseball gave him a maturity level similar to attending college.

"I think the main thing is you've got to grow up and mature on your own quickly because you're 18 years old and thrown halfway across the country," Weeden said. "Your mom and dad aren't there to cook your dinner and do your laundry and stuff like that, so you have to grow up. I think it kind of matured me at a young age."

Some college football fans could take issue with a Weeden. After all, he's 27 years old playing against players mostly in their early 20's.

Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville sees it differently, though.

"I think it's good," Tuberville said. "Anything to help these



PHOTO BY MARK NELSON/The Daily O'Collegian
BRANDON WEEDEN LEADS the Big 12 in passing yardage. He will lead the Oklahoma State Cowboys into Jones AT&T Stadium to face Texas Tech at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

kids make sure they get a degree. I've had several guys that have gone on to play baseball and the great thing about that is they've got their scholarship paid for, and it doesn't cost you a scholarship. So I'm pretty sure whoever he played for is paying for his scholarship.

"I think it's a good rule, and it's helped a lot of players through the years to make their mind up and go back and work on their degree."

Being older than the rest of

his teammates, Weeden has a certain mentality on the field he said he believes could make him someone the other players on the Cowboys roster can look up to.

"I don't know, it's tough to say," Weeden said. "I think they respect me, and I try to help them out as much as I can, so I think so. I think in the end, they realize what I've been through as far as my baseball deal. I think they kind of understand my situation."

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Texans still last in pass defense

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans made Kareem Jackson their first-round draft pick and immediately ordained him as their top cornerback, assigned to lock down every opponent's No. 1 receiver.

The Texans opted not to re-sign free agent Dunta Robinson and cut veterans Jacques Reeves and Fred Bennett, leaving Jackson and second-year pro Glover Quin as the starting cornerbacks.

So far, it seems like a disastrous move.

The Texans rank last in pass defense (329.6 yards per game) and have allowed an opposing receiver to top 100 yards in four of their five games.

Houston coach Gary Kubiak is sticking with Jackson, Quin and fellow second-year cornerback Brice McCain as the Texans (3-2) prepare for Sunday's game against Kansas City (3-1). Houston has a bye week after that, and Kubiak insists that the team won't be shopping for a veteran cornerback during the gap in the schedule.

"When you make those decisions, you have to move on," Kubiak said. "We went young and we know who we're playing with. I think they're going to all be fine players. I think it's part of the growth process, but we need that process to hurry up."

The secondary has undeniably improved in one area in the last two weeks, intercepting four passes after failing to pick off one in any of the first three games.

Backup safety Troy Nolan had two interceptions in the Texans' 31-24 win over Oakland on Oct. 3. Jackson and fellow rookie Sherrick McManis intercepted passes in Houston's 34-10 loss to the Giants last week.

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Nebraska vs Texas brings out some Husker haters

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska fans don't like Texas, and that's putting it mildly.

Guess what? Texas and its fans don't seem to care.

Folks of the Cornhusker persuasion have been counting down the days to Saturday's game with the Longhorns for 10 months.

Texas fans have been thinking about this game for, oh, 10 days.

Around here, passions against Texas have roiled since the clash of cultures that resulted in the Big Eight merging with four schools from the dying Southwest Conference to create the Big 12 in 1996.

The Huskers were in the middle of their three-national-championships-in-four-years run when the Big 12 came along, and they didn't exactly buddy up to the wealthy and powerful Longhorns.

Passions heated up again after December's Big 12 championship game and more so once Nebraska announced its move to the Big Ten in 2011. Some have suggested that Nebraska bolted for the Big Ten because it was fed up with Texas. "Anyone reading into us going to

the Big Ten to spite Texas is ridiculous," athletic director Tom Osborne said. "You don't change conference just to show your heels to a school."

At the administrative level, Osborne said, the relationship between the Big 12 heavyweights is cordial.

At the fan level, not so much after Texas beat Nebraska 13-12 in the Big 12 title game. One second was put back on the clock after it hit zeroes, giving the Longhorns enough time to kick the winning field goal.

Nebraska coach Bo Pelini shouted about a conspiracy on his way to the locker room, alleging Texas was given extra help to get to the BCS championship game. (Pelini this week said the right call was made.)

By June, Nebraska was on its way to the greater riches and exposure of the Big Ten. Some Texas folks accused the Huskers of nearly killing off the Big 12. Nebraska countered that the Longhorns tried to work out a deal to go to the Pac-10 while publicly saying they wanted the Big 12 to survive.

For the Nebraska faithful, Saturday will be one last throw-down with the team it loves to hate, unless the two

would meet again in a conference championship game rematch.

The backdrop is similar to the 1970s, when Nebraska routinely lost to Oklahoma. Sooners coach Barry Switzer, on the sideline with a cigarette in his mouth, was the man in the black hat back then, the antithesis of the clean-living Osborne.

The vitriol leveled at Switzer and his Sooners was cartoonish compared with the nastiness directed toward Texas nowadays on social media, radio sports talk shows and even in the newspaper. Over the summer, the Omaha World-Herald featured a part-time meatpacking-plant employee who happened upon a steer head with horns measuring 5 feet from tip to tip. He "ran home, grabbed his Husker hat and camera and called over the meat plant owner for assistance. He turned the 150-pound head toward the camera, knelt behind it, grabbed the horns and smiled," the newspaper reported.

Bob Knowles, an Omaha attorney and board member of the Nebraska Touchdown Club, suspects the sour attitude is mostly attributable to Nebraska's 1-8 record against the Longhorns since the Big 12 started.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TEXAS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR Will Muschamp talks to linebacker Keenan Robinson during Texas' 24-14 victory against Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium. Texas travels to play at No. 5 Nebraska Saturday.

"If we were 8-1, I don't think we're having this conversation," Knowles said. "It's the losing that is the primary driving force, in my opinion, for why

Nebraskans dislike Texas."

Is a rivalry a rivalry if one team wins all the time?

Joe Jamail, the billionaire trial lawyer

and Texas benefactor who had the field at DKR-Royal Memorial Stadium named after him, said he and other Longhorn fans have no animosity for Nebraska.

Report: NFL could lose \$1 billion with lockout

CHICAGO (AP) — The NFL reportedly could lose \$1 billion if there is a lockout after the March 3 expiration of the collective bargaining agreement — even if the entire 2011 season is played.

The Wall Street Journal reported the figure Wednesday, citing unidentified senior NFL officials familiar with information presented to the 32 team owners at the league's meeting in Chicago.

"People think we can have a knock-down drag-out fight and settle on March 1, and everything will be fine, and it's not true," Eric Grubman, the league's executive vice president for finance, told the newspaper.

The paper said the NFL could lose \$400 million in March alone, when many season tickets are renewed, and another \$500 million if preseason games

are canceled next summer because of labor unrest.

Though the story said all teams were profitable, a league official told The Associated Press the NFL has never made that claim.

The Journal also said each team could expect to lose about \$8 million for every canceled home game.

Asked to comment on the newspaper report, James Quinn, a players' union lawyer, said the league had only itself to blame for any financial woes.

"This is a predicament of the NFL's choosing," Quinn said in a statement issued Wednesday by the NFLPA. "They took a juggernaut business in a challenged economy and then sent a message of a voluntary shutdown. NFL players proposed a 'lock-in' last year to get this done and they said no."

Braves waste no time, Gonzalez takes over for Cox

ATLANTA (AP) — The Braves didn't even wait 48 hours to introduce Bobby Cox's replacement.

No need. Fredi Gonzalez was Atlanta's manager-in-waiting almost as soon as Cox announced that 2010 would be his final season.

In what was nothing more than a formality, Gonzalez took over Wednesday as the team's new manager, succeeded the fourth-winningest skipper in baseball history.

Gonzalez said he's not worried about following in Cox's large footsteps. The Braves' manager since 1990, he led the team to an unprecedented 14 straight division titles and the 1995 World Series championship. After missing the playoffs the last four years, Atlanta returned as a wild card this season.

Cox's managing career ended Monday night when the Braves, devastated by injuries, lost to San Francisco

in Game 4 of the NL division series.

"Our goal is simple: We want to keep putting flags on that facade up there," Gonzalez said. "I don't think there's a person alive that's going to replace Bobby Cox. We just want to continue the winning tradition and go from there."

Gonzalez's return to the Atlanta, where he served as Cox's third-base coach from 2003-06, has been widely expected ever since he was fired in June by the Florida Marlins.

"This is perfect for us on so many levels," said general manager Frank Wren, who didn't even bother interviewing another candidate.

When Cox decided late last season to retire in 2010, the Braves came up with about 15 possible candidates and had the 46-year-old Gonzalez at the top of the list right from the start — even though he was managing the Marlins.

"He was on our radar before he was available," Wren said. "We thought there may come a time when we were going to have to ask the Florida Marlins for permission to talk to their manager. We really thought Fredi was the best candidate for us."

Gonzalez apprenticed under Cox before leaving to take over as Florida's manager, a post he held for 3½ years. He had a record of 276-279 with the Marlins, one of baseball's lowest-spending teams.

Florida fired Gonzalez on June 23, a month after he benched star shortstop Hanley Ramirez for a lack of hustle — a move that many believed angered owner Jeffrey Loria.

The Marlins said they changed managers because the team needed a boost, but the switch to Edwin Rodriguez didn't help much. Florida was 34-36 when Gonzalez was dismissed and ended up 80-82, third in the NL East.

Gonzalez said he never thought that disciplining Ramirez would become such a big deal, perhaps contributing to him losing his job but drawing praise from around baseball.

"That's the way I was brought up," he said. "I know the way the game should be played. If you don't do something, you're going to lose those 24 other guys. For me, it was just a simple thing to do."

Cox kicked off the changing of the Braves guard by holding a farewell news conference of his own at Turner Field, reminiscing about a career that will surely earn him a spot in Cooperstown. He plans to work on his golf game and do a little traveling, but he's mainly looking forward to not having to live by a schedule.

"I don't really have a bucket list," he said.

Cox will remain with the team as a consultant and looks forward to spending time at spring training, but he's going to be mostly in the background — just as he was at Gonzalez's news conference, sitting to the left of the new manager at the end of the table.

This is Fredi's team now.

"I don't feel any outside pressure because I'm the next guy after Bobby," Gonzalez said. "It never crossed my mind to shy away from being that guy. Somebody's got to do it. I'm honored they asked me to do it."

Less than two weeks after Gonzalez was fired by the Marlins, he was at Wren's lake cabin in east Alabama for a daylong interview. A few days later, team president John Schuerholz met with Gonzalez. Finally, in September, the top two Braves officials held one more formal interview with Gonzalez and knew they had the right guy.

"He's got a great personality," Wren said. "Players gravitate toward him. They

like playing for him. It's important that guys like playing for you, because they'll usually play even better. We've seen him over the course of time. Managing at the major league level is different, but we saw what he did at Florida. He ran a good game."

Cox chimed in, saying it's not going to be that tough for Gonzalez to put his own stamp on the job.

"Walter Alston was replaced by Tommy Lasorda," Cox said. "Tommy did a great job and they forgot all about Walter Alston. That is what's going to happen here."

Gonzalez turned down the chance to talk with four other teams that need or were considering new managers, most notably the Chicago Cubs. He doesn't even have to worry about moving; he kept his home in suburban Atlanta, where his wife and two children continued to live while he was with the Marlins.

He's home again.

Gonzalez said he'll do a few things differently than Cox. Perhaps the most noticeable change will be having the players stretch on the field before batting practice, something his predecessor never asked the Braves to do.

Also, the Braves shook up Cox's coaching staff just a bit, firing first-base coach Glenn Hubbard and bench coach Chino Cadahia. Carlos Tosca, who was with Gonzalez in Florida, will take over the bench coach duties and hitting coach Terry Pendleton will shift over to Hubbard's post.

The Braves plan to hire a new hitting coach after struggling at the plate this season. Three other members of Cox's staff will remain in the same posts: pitching coach Roger McDowell, third-base coach Brian Snitker and bullpen coach Eddie Perez.

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McCoy's No. 12 jersey to be retired at Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will retire former quarterback Colt McCoy's No. 12.

McCoy, who may get his first NFL start this week with the Cleveland Browns, won an NCAA record 45 games as a starter for the Longhorns from 2006-2009. He was a Heisman Trophy finalist in 2008 and 2009 and led Texas to the Big 12 title and a berth in the national championship game last season.

McCoy twice won the Walter Camp Foundation national player of the year award.

Coach Mack Brown says the school will have a ceremony to retire the jersey when Texas hosts Baylor on Oct. 30.

Other Longhorns so honored include Earl Campbell (No. 20), Bobby Layne (22), Tommy Nobis (60), Ricky Williams (34) and Vince Young (10).

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First-time Texas Rangers now face proven Yankees

ARLINGTON, (AP) — Now that the Texas Rangers have finally won a postseason series for the first time, they get to play the team that has won more than any other.

Bring on the New York Yankees, who have 27 World Series titles and 40 pennants.

"We feel like we can play baseball with anyone," Rangers manager Ron Washington said Wednesday. "We only can blaze our own trail right now, and every time we do something that's good, it adds to the history of the Texas Rangers."

Game 1 of the AL championship series is Friday night at Rangers Ballpark.

Things are much different for the Rangers than in the last half of the 1990s, when in their only three previous playoff appearances they were knocked out in the first round by the Yankees. New York went on to win the World Series each time, and has a nine-game postseason winning streak against Texas.

"This is a different group of guys, and they have a lot of confidence," Washington said. "We're not shocked by anything. We're here because we believe and belong here."

These Rangers can run. They can pitch. And they can still slug.

Texas clinched the AL division series against Tampa Bay with a 5-1 victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night. Twice, runners scored from second base on infield grounders. Nelson Cruz stole third with two outs in another inning and scored on a throwing error, and ace left-hander Cliff Lee finished a six-hitter after Ian Kinsler's two-run homer in the top of the ninth.

"We're confident. We don't care who we go up against," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Rangers player in his 10th season. "We know we're good and we believe in ourselves."

New York and Texas split eight meetings during the regular season, but the Rangers won four of five at home with a three-game sweep last month. The AL West champions have home-field advantage over the wild-card Yankees in the league championship series.

"The three games we played them here in September," Washington said, "proved that we could play with those guys."

New York worked out Wednesday at Yankee Stadium, trying to stay sharp four days after wrapping up its division series with a three-game sweep of Minnesota. The Twins, like Texas, have lost nine straight postseason games against New York.

Pearson headlines second NASCAR HOF class

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It was popularity vs. performance in voting for NASCAR's second Hall of Fame class, a five-member group that likely will be remembered for the exclusion of three-time champions Darrell Waltrip and Cale Yarborough.

David Pearson, the only true "lock" of the group, was the leading vote-getter in Wednesday's lengthy selection process. A year after the "Silver Fox" surprisingly was left out of the inaugural class, he was on all but three of the 53 ballots cast after two hours of spirited debate.

The 105-race winner received a standing ovation when NASCAR chairman Brian France called his name from the Great Hall of the Hall of Fame.

"I am just proud that that many people thought enough to vote for me," Pearson said, insisting he'd never been upset at losing by a single vote last year to former NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr.

"I really didn't know if I was going to make it (Wednesday) or not because like I said, I was told last year I was going to get in and I didn't. Nobody ever knows 'til they call it right then."

Not so for Waltrip, who knew by the time the third name was called that he had not made the cut this year.

Three-time Daytona 500 winner Bobby Allison, whose 84 wins are tied for third on the victory list, was the second inductee announced and was followed by Lee Petty, a 54-race winner and patriarch of a Petty Enterprises organization that dominated NASCAR for more than three decades.

Waltrip, watching the announcement from a stage where he was waiting to analyze the selections for Speed, looked crestfallen

when Petty's name was announced. "I knew right there that I was probably not going to make it," said Waltrip, who had campaigned for a spot. "Five people. Kind of hard to fit. Somebody was going to be the odd man out."

The remaining two slots went to two-time champion Ned Jarrett, who believed he was selected as much for his racing resume as he was for his post-driving career as a popular broadcaster, and pioneer Bud Moore, who fielded cars for Pearson, Allison, Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt, Buddy Baker and Benny Parsons over 37 seasons.

Nobody begrudged the selections. But many wondered how Waltrip and Yarborough could have been excluded when Allison, a driver with very similar numbers, made the class. Waltrip is tied with Allison with 84 career wins, and Yarborough, who won three straight championships and four Daytona 500s, had 83 career victories.

The answer was politics. Voters said after the inductees were announced that a great deal of the discussion Wednesday focused more on character and off-track contributions to NASCAR than it did on statistics.

Waltrip was a polarizing figure as a driver and has angered many in the industry with his criticism as a broadcaster for Fox. Yarborough has had very little to do with NASCAR since his 1999 retirement. He made a rare appearance two years ago to honor Jimmie Johnson when Johnson tied his 30-year record of winning three straight titles.

"You don't want to say the most popular people are the ones who are going to be in the Hall of Fame, that should not be (all of it), but people are human beings," said longtime race promoter Humpy Wheeler, a member of the voting committee.

"I don't think that there's a vote

anytime, anywhere that personal feelings aren't involved in it."

Dustin Long, a reporter for Landmark Newspapers and president of the National Motorsports Press Association, said the criteria for selecting inductees has not been made clear by NASCAR and that contributed to statistics being bypassed in Wednesday's vote.

"We have to decide as a group what matters. Sometimes personal things would come into it and there was more discussion about what happened after their careers," Long said. "How do they stay a part of the sport? Did they stay a part of the sport? Cale Yarborough's name was mentioned as not being as involved after he retired and that likely impacted him."

"We spent a lot of time just trying to figure out, 'Is it the founders we put in? Do we put in the rock stars? Drivers? ... How we go about it?'"

Waltrip dismissed personal feelings playing a part in his exclusion, instead blaming his age. At 63 years old, he believes voters feel he's got plenty of time to get elected.

There may be some truth to that,

too. Jarrett, who turned 78 on Tuesday, said when he was nominated he made it a goal to "live long enough to be able to be enshrined."

"I worked hard on my health the last year, particularly, so I could get to this day," he said. "This was the prize — to get in the NASCAR Hall of Fame while I was still living."

Waltrip seemed fine with his fate an hour after the announcement: "I'm not angry. I got over that 100 years ago. I got over that the last time Bobby (Allison) put me in the wall."

But the elephant in the room was that if Allison was in, Waltrip and Yarborough had been slighted based on people simply not liking them.

"Cale don't go anywhere he don't really have to go, he wants to get paid everywhere he does go, which there ain't nothing wrong with that," Pearson said. "Darrell? How do you know?"

The induction will be in May, when the new class officially joins NASCAR founder Bill France Sr., France Jr., seven-time champions Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt and icon Junior Johnson in the Hall.

Texas court restrains Liverpool sale

LONDON (AP) — The trans-Atlantic fight for the famed but struggling Liverpool soccer team spilled into Texas state court on Wednesday when its current American owners obtained a temporary restraining order preventing the club from being sold to the parent company of the Boston Red Sox.

The current owners called the Liverpool-Red Sox deal an "epic swindle." Earlier in the day, the High Court in London refused to stop the team's independent directors from selling the team out from under owners Thomas Hicks and George Gillett Jr. at a huge loss to the pair, who bought Liverpool three years ago. A 285 million pound (\$453 million) loan to the duo by the Royal Bank of Scotland is due to be paid back Friday, and the pair ceded control of the sales process last spring to an appointee of RBS, who became Liverpool's chairman and negotiated the sale to New England Sports Ventures.

Given that London court decision, the team's board convened a meeting in London on Wednesday night to approve the deal, and Red Sox owner John Henry had just arrived when District Court in Dallas issued the temporary restraining order and scheduled an Oct. 25 hearing.

A few hours later, the board resolved to complete the sale.

Whether the Texas court order can be enforced on events in Britain, in a transaction with holding companies from Delaware, Britain and the Cayman Islands, was not immediately clear. The board voted to complete the sale and said

it will seek to remove the TRO issued by Texas District Judge Jim Jordan.

Hicks and Gillett, in a trans-Atlantic legal attack on the sale, said they are suing the three British board members, RBS and NESV for \$1.6 billion in damages.

The board ratified the sale hours after High Court Judge Christopher Floyd in London ruled against the owners' attempts to try to block it.

Hicks owned the Texas Rangers before the team went bankrupt this year and was sold in August for \$590 million to a group headed by Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan. Hicks also is trying to sell the NHL's Dallas Stars.

Gillett owned the NHL's Montreal Canadiens before selling them in December to the Molson family along with the team's arena and a concert promotion company in a deal said to be worth \$575 million.

Hicks and Gillett bought Liverpool in 2007 for 218.9 million pounds (\$31 million). They said they have invested an additional \$270 million in cash into the club since then.

"The independent directors consider the restraining order to be unwarranted and damaging, and will move as swiftly as possible to seek to have it removed," the team said.

The Dallas suit was filed against Liverpool chairman Martin Broughton, managing director Christian Purslow, commercial director Ian Ayre, RBS and NESV. Action is also being taken against Liverpool finance director Philip Nash, who isn't on the board.

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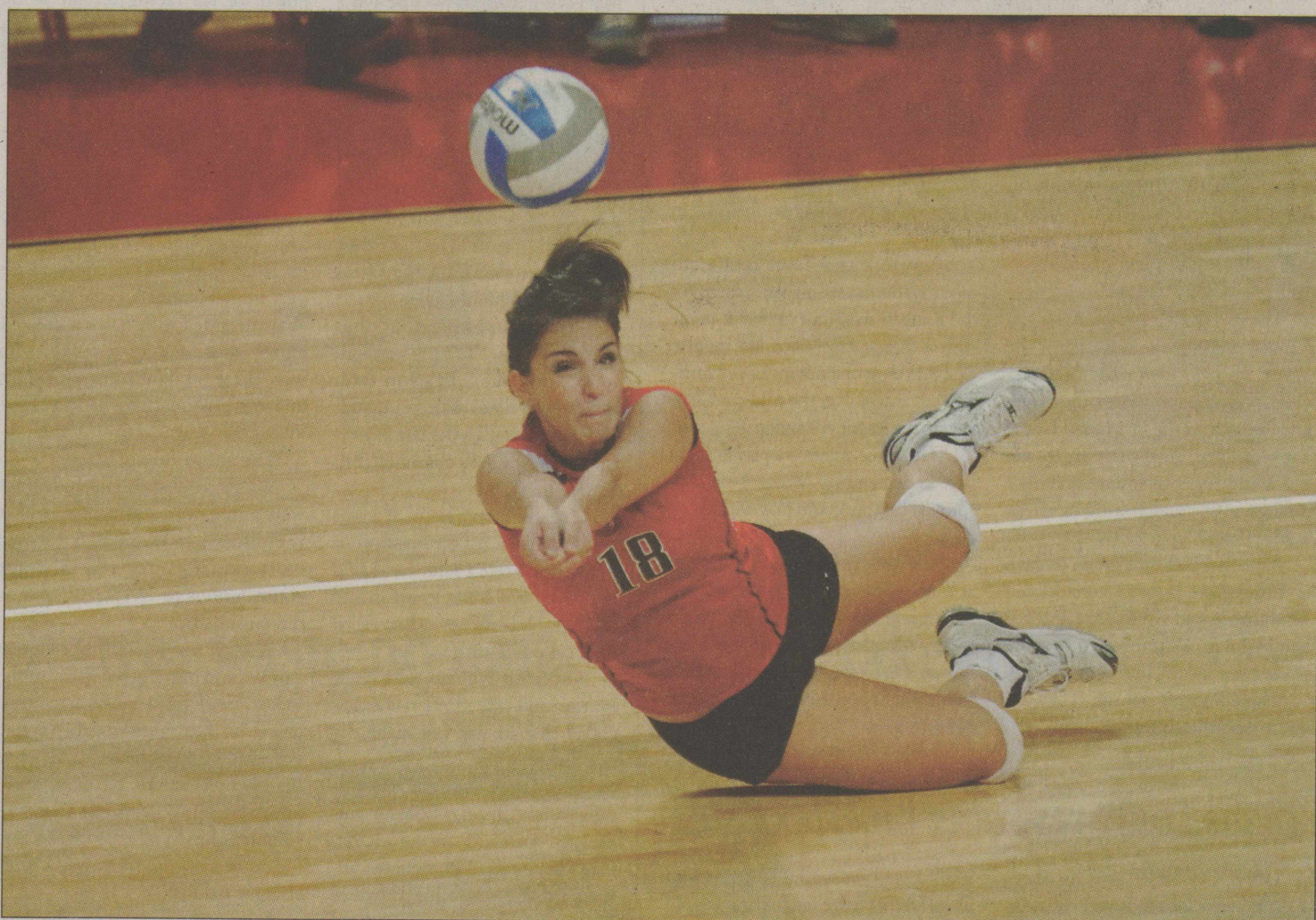


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TEXAS TECH'S CANDICE Neill dives for the ball during the Red Raiders' 3-2 loss to Colorado on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

Despite career performances by Amanda Dowdy, Karlyn Meyers and Alexxa Roberts, Texas Tech could not claim its second Big 12 Conference win of the season against Colorado.

"Well I did have a great performance, but I couldn't have done it without my team," Dowdy said. "I mean Karlyn was awesome tonight, all the other hitters

were awesome. I mean they kept the blocks off me, our diggers were great. Everybody played phenomenal."

When it was all said and done Dowdy, an outside hitter and middle blocker, finished with a career high 37 kills and 20 digs Wednesday. The 37 kills also was the highest number of kills put up by a Big 12 player this season in a five-set match.

Dowdy's 37 kills also broke the Tech school record of kills in a match that previously was 33 kills, achieved by Kelly Johnson in 2002 against Kansas State.

Meyers, a setter, had a career night as well recording 67 assists — that too is now the best in the Big 12 in a five-set performance. Roberts recorded 14 kills, which also is her career high in that category.

Even with all of these performances in the end all that matters is which team walks away with the win, and it was not the Red Raiders (3-14, 1-7 in Big 12 play).

The match opened with both teams going back and forth until Tech took a 10-8 lead forcing Colorado to burn a

timeout. But down 16-14, the Buffaloes surged back to take a 21-20 lead.

Colorado eventually pushed the score to set point at 24-22, but Tech battled back to tie it. Then out of a Buffaloes timeout the Red Raiders clinched the first set following a 2-0 run.

The second set began with an 8-3 run for Tech — the Red Raiders never looked back eventually winning the set 25-20.

After intermission Colorado looked like a different team, beginning the third set on a 10-6 run.

Colorado kept rolling, eventually taking the set 25-15.

Tech retained a 2-1 advantage going into the fourth set, but the Buffaloes would not go away easily.

Colorado opened that set on a 6-3 run, but Tech battled back eventually taking 16-14 lead off two consecutive errors by the Buffaloes.

Colorado fought back to take a 17-16 lead. The Buffaloes took control after things were knotted at 24 all and claimed the final two points to clinch the set.

Tied at two set wins apiece, the match went to the fifth and decisive set.

After an exchange of points between the two squads, the Buffaloes were in line to clinch the set and match with a 14-12 lead. But the Red Raiders fended off the clinching point, and did it 10 more times after this.

The Red Raiders had two chances to clinch the match, but in the end, could not execute. Colorado got the best of the Red Raiders via a 3-0 run to wrap up the set, and match, 28-26.

"Played well, had some fantastic performances out of a lot of kids," Knight said. "It's just hard to lose that one."

Tech plays No. 11 Texas on Saturday and the Buffaloes (6-9, 3-6) face No. 13 Iowa State.

After a loss like this Roberts said the team can only learn from it and try to apply those lessons to its next match against whoever it may be.

"We just set our bar higher every time we play," Roberts said. "We learn more about each other; what we need to do. We need to come out with more urgency and take care of the matches that we know we can."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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