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A Routine Exercise



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NICHOLE BASS, A senior chemistry major from San Antonio, leads Moses Carraseo, a senior foreign affairs major from Odessa, Kayla Waldrop, a freshman criminal justice major from Denton, and Elfege Ponce, a freshman pre-nursing major from Del Rio, through an Air Force ROTC rifle routine Sunday at Memorial Circle.

Team discovers West Nile Virus antibodies in quail

Sample found during study on quail population decline

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

While scanning Scaled Quail blood samples for various antibodies of viruses, a team of various doctoral students, including some from Texas Tech, discovered a single quail with antibodies for the West Nile Virus at the Texas Institute of Environmental and Human Health.

The antibodies are proof that in some point of the quail's life, the West Nile Virus had come in contact with the bird.

Kristyn Urban, a doctoral student in environmental toxicology from Abilene, said she was asked by the Quail-Tech Alliance to sample serum from quail's blood and try to find out why the quail population across West Texas is declining.

"Obviously, populations are in decline," she said, "and everybody is trying to figure out why that is and the compounding reasons as why that is."

Blood pellets are stored for up to 10 years to be sampled,

and it was one of the pellets that showed antibodies present, Urban said. The sample was not pristine enough to tell if the virus was actually infecting the bird.

"The actual virus was not found," she said. "West Nile Virus is an RNA virus, so we have not found the RNA specific to West Nile in the quail. The virus is not present in the sample, but what we did find was antibodies."

The quail was part of a preliminary screening of only 31 quail. There were no other birds with antibodies for West Nile Virus, so the team was either very lucky finding the antibodies in one bird or it's part of a compounding problem for the quail population, Urban said.

Currently, more than 400 quail are being tested for antibodies, and she said the research was going to be extensive and ongoing. If the virus is found in the quail population, it could add additional stressors to the already faltering population.

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More than 1,000 students show up for University Day

Students, families get a taste of Tech at event

By JASMINE BRADFORD
STAFF WRITER

Many prospective students got a little taste of Texas Tech campus life with campus tours, spirit showcases and a resource fair that gave information about a few academic colleges and student services.

Monday, many families came out to view the campus for University Day. Some students gave campus tours, and student organizations gave information to prospective students about campus life along with what their clubs had to offer.

Julian Olivas, unit manager of Visitors Center programs, said it took months to prepare for this day in which incoming freshmen are able to explore the campus with their families.

"University Day is our annual open house," Olivas said. "Students experienced a rousing pep rally with the Goin' Band and spirit squads and also heard from campus leaders."

Olivas also mentioned that housing, campus tours and tours around the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center were given throughout the day for families to observe the life of current students.

Colin Zalesak, a sophomore architect major from Fort Worth, helped with campus tours for the Hulen and Clement residential halls.

"We're just explaining the basic rooms, dining options, learning communities and activities to families," Zalesak said.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., the halls set up to give information to

families across the states, from South Carolina to Colorado. A lot of families took an interest in dorm living and made personal visits to the different halls for additional information and questions.

"Overall, we've had 49 families that came to us for tours," Zalesak said.

There was a vast turnout of prospective students that attended the event.

As they checked into the United Spirit Arena, they were given bags that included informational brochures about what takes place on campus.

"Over 1,000 students attended, not including parents and family," Olivas said.

Prospective student Ashlyn

Tubbs and mother Jennifer Tubbs from Clarendon walked around the campus for a bit to check out dining and the dorms for themselves.

"I really like the campus a lot. I just don't know how I'm going to find my classes." Ashlyn Tubbs jokingly said.

In agreement with her daughter, Jennifer Tubbs said she also noticed how easy it is to get lost on campus just by simply walking to the dorm.

"I mean, this campus is huge," Jennifer Tubbs said. "But I like it, especially the colleges."

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The Red Raiders still have work to do if they hope to make a bowl game. SPORTS, Page 8

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Fall Microsoft Event

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Red Raider Lounge, Student Union Building
So, what is it?
In conjunction with National CyberSecurity Awareness Month, the TTU Information Technology Division and Microsoft invites students to attend an IT security-focused session that will address evolving security threats, trustworthy computing and more.

"Rosy Fingers of a Navajo Dawn" Lecture

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech University
So, what is it?
The CH Foundation Gallery Talk Series by Paul Zolbrod will discuss the Navajo

culture. Free admission and reception.

WEDNESDAY

Workshop: CV and Resume

Time: noon
Where: Library Instruction Lab No. 150
So, what is it?
The center for Undergraduate Research invites students to a continuation of its Fall Workshop Series. This week, CVs and resumes will be discussed.

Michael Martin Murphey in Concert

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Cactus Theater
So, what is it?
Tickets are \$30 and \$35 for Murphey's Lone Cowboy Campfire Concert, which stands as his only 2010 appearance in Lubbock.

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Virus

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"Adding another possible disease that might be endemic to quail populations just lessens their abilities to deal with change or whatever stress they're dealing with to combat population decline," Urban said. "We're not saying if this increases an individual quail mortality."

West Nile has been in the United States since 1999, she said. It's already endemic to West Texas and in other bird populations.

"First of all, there is no reason for alarm," Urban said. "We're around West Nile Virus here anyway. It's endemic; it's in bird species at the reservoir anyway. So it's not some huge new thing and that there's new ways of exposure."

Brad Dabbert, principal investigator for Quail-Tech Alliance, said his organization is monitoring quail populations in 38 counties and nearly 20 million acres of land. He worked with Urban and others in order to try and find a reason for the quail's population decline.

"The last 25, 30 years, there's been a decline," he said. "Quail are populations that are called 'boom or bust,' and during the year, they'll be up and down with rainfall. Even within those changes, it's been a downward decline, a slow one, but a downward decline that is cause for a lot of concern."

Birds like the Sage Grouse have problems with West Nile because they can't produce antibodies to stave off the infection, Dabbert said.

"The antibodies show, at least in this one bird, there is some level of resistance to the disease," he said. "What is unclear is because we've only found one bird with antibodies and several birds without antibodies."

Destroying mosquito populations could help prevent the spread of West Nile among bird species, Dabbert said. Quail season begins at the end of October, and there is no data that shows quail are being hunted to the point their population is decreased.

There is not likely to be an increase of human infections if the disease is found in quail, Urban said.

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

AUSTIN QUICK, A senior business management major from Austin, uses the back machine Monday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Soldier discusses events at Fort Hood Shooting

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)—A pregnant soldier shot during a rampage at a Texas Army post last year cried out, "My baby! My baby!" as others crawled under desks, dodged bullets that pierced walls and rushed to help their bleeding comrades, a military court heard Monday.

A soldier had just told Spc. Jonathan Sims that she was expecting a baby and was preparing to go home, when the first volley of gunfire rang out Nov. 5 in a Fort Hood building where soldiers get medical tests before and after deploying.

"The female soldier that was sitting next to me was in the fetal position. She was screaming: 'My baby!

My baby!'" Sims said.

Pvt. Francheska Velez, a 21-year-old from Chicago, had become pregnant while serving in Iraq. She was among the 13 killed in the worst mass shooting on an American military base.

Sims was one of 10 soldiers to testify Monday at an Article 32 hearing that will determine whether Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Hasan will stand trial on 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

Spc. Dayna Roscoe testified she was in an overflow waiting area in the medical building when the gunman shot her in the left arm as she hid in a chair with her arms wrapped around her head. He

turned away, fired in another direction and then came back and shot her twice more, hitting her leg.

When the gunman left, Roscoe said, she could hear another soldier, Lt. Col. Juanita Warman, "say she'd been shot in the abdomen and was bleeding. She wanted someone to tell her family that she loved them and that she wasn't going to make it."

Warman, 55, a military physician assistant from Havre De Grace, Md., also died that day.

Pfc. Justin Johnson said he started crawling toward a cubicle and others dove to the ground when the gunfire erupted.

"He was aiming his weapon on the

ground and he started shooting, and he was hitting people that were trying to get away," Johnson testified by video link from Kandahar in Afghanistan. "It didn't seem like he was targeting a specific person, sir. He was just shooting at anybody."

None of the witnesses Monday were asked to identify Hasan in court as the shooter. Several witnesses testified last week that they made eye contact with Hasan and identified him as the Fort Hood gunman.

Witnesses last week and Monday told similar stories of how a man in an Army combat uniform stood by a front counter, shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — "God is great!" in Arabic — and started shooting.

Facebook says apps transmitted user information

NEW YORK (AP)—The latest Facebook privacy fiasco shows that the world's largest online social hub is having a hard time putting this thorny issue behind it even as it continues to attract users and become indispensable to many of them.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that several popular Facebook applications have been transmitting users' personal identifying information to dozens of advertising and Internet track-

ing companies. Facebook said it is working to fix the problem, and was quick to point out that the leaks were not intentional, but a consequence of basic Web mechanisms.

"In most cases, developers did not intend to pass this information, but did so because of the technical details of how browsers work," said Mike Vernal, a Facebook engineer, in a blog post Monday.

In a statement, Facebook said there is "no evidence that any personal information was misused or even

collected as a result of this issue."

Even so, some privacy advocates said it's problematic that the information was leaked at all, regardless of what happened to it. Facebook needs its users to trust it with their data because if they don't, they won't use the site to share as much as they do now.

"Facebook has been assuring users for a very long time that their personal information will not be available to advertisers," said Marc Rotenberg, executive director of

the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

At issue are user IDs, the unique identifier tied to every person on Facebook. These IDs can be used to find users' names, gender and any information they've made visible to "everyone" on the Internet through their privacy settings.

"It's their entire friends' lists, their likes, their biographical information," Rotenberg said. "Facebook gets access to it and now it's leaking out to advertisers."

Texas candidates for Gov urge supporters to vote

HOUSTON (AP)—The candidates for Texas governor fanned out across Texas on the first day of early voting Monday, slipping into polling places in Austin and Houston to vote for themselves before urging their supporters to do the same.

Democrat Bill White held get-out-the-vote rallies in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. Republican Gov. Rick Perry, the longest serving governor in Texas history, went to traditionally Democratic territory in South Texas to rally supporters and to announce that former Democratic gubernatorial candidate Farouk Shami had endorsed his re-election bid.

"On the second day of November we will take America back!" Perry said at Cobblehead's restaurant in Brownsville, where he appeared alongside Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos and praised tea party

activists gathered at the event. Shami, who got only 13 percent of the Democratic vote in March against White, said Perry's conservative bonafides made him the best pro-business candidate in the race.

White, a former Houston mayor stressing his own business credentials, called Perry's endorsement from Shami, maker of the popular Chi flat iron, "a bit odd."

"Mr. Shami gathered his supporters after the primary and expressed unequivocal support for my candidacy, and was harsh in his criticisms of Mr. Perry during the primary," White said.

While recent polls have given Perry the lead, they have shown that it's a surprisingly tight race in staunchly conservative Texas.

Both candidates voted early Monday morning, the first opportunity to cast a ballot. The early voting period ends Oct. 29, and Election Day is Nov. 2.

"I voted right," Perry said after he and his wife, Anita, voted at an Austin grocery store.

White and his wife, Andrea, voted at a Houston community center, and White later told reporters he did not cast a straight Democratic ticket.

"I usually tend to go through office by office and position by position," he said, adding, "We need to get away from this strident partisanship and the sound bite politics."

Before voting, Perry made a campaign stop with several Republican candidates for statewide office, including U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Greg Abbott.

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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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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Red Raiders fundraise for life-saving dance marathon

By **KATHERINE ROWE**
STAFF WRITER

Dancing to save the lives of children around the nation may seem unorthodox to some, but Texas Tech officials feel otherwise.

By dancing non-stop for six hours, Tech and the Health Sciences Center will raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Saturday.

Kiona Coleman, a second-year medical student, is the Health Sciences Center's executive chair for the event. She said they have been fortunate for the sponsors they've had.

"We went through the hospital for the event," Coleman said. "The Children's Miracle Network is well known in Lubbock. We got a list of people from the University Medical Center that they knew that would probably help out."

Local sponsors include Chik-fil-a, Wal-Mart and Sheridan's Frozen Custard.

Robert Fletcher, owner of Sheridan's Frozen Custard, said they worked with those in charge of the dance marathon

to set up a time that customers could benefit the event.

On Oct. 17, Sheridan's customers could give a portion of their purchase to the event. Coleman reported that \$90 was raised.

"Not too bad considering we didn't have much planning time," she said.

The event will raise money for equipment and different programs, most importantly the neonatal intensive care unit, Coleman said.

"Dance marathon is benefiting Children's Miracle Network, and there are more families that have had to go to Children's Miracle Network hospitals, like University Medical Center in Lubbock," she said. "I think a lot of the sponsors have actually gone through, have kids or have had families that have been effected, and

had to use some of the facilities that the money is going to. So I think that pulls them in, and they actually want to help us out with it."

Fletcher said an employee had brought the fundraiser to his attention, and he was happy

to help.

"We're always open to new fundraising opportunities for local charities, especially when money stays at a local basis, and that was what prompted our interest," Fletcher said. "We were happy to get the call to work out a time when fundraising could take place."

The RaiderThon will take place between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 23 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Coleman said 239 people have already signed up to participate.

"It's important for us to kind of just get the word out to people, so they can know about the event," Coleman said. "Sponsorship helps us a lot because we are trying to get as much donated to the event as possible so we can give all of our money to the hospital."

Fletcher said the organizations generate traffic to the store, and those that mentioned their support for the Children's Miracle Network and the dance marathon gave 15 percent of their purchase to the event.

"The things that we like most about organizations like that is that it is a local event and the funds that are raised stay local," he said. "That's a big seller for me, and we would love to be involved on a long-term basis with them."

He said it is his desire to bring attention to the event and will enable the organization to be more successful.

Coleman said the sponsors are the key to the well-being of the event.

"It's so pertinent to have sponsors that are willing to do little things for us and to keep things going," she said.

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ROBERT FLETCHER
SHERIDAN'S FROZEN
CUSTARD OWNER

MAKEOVER MADNESS



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LAUREN BARR, A junior with no declared major from Dallas, gets her hair styled during the Clinique event Monday in the Student Union Building.

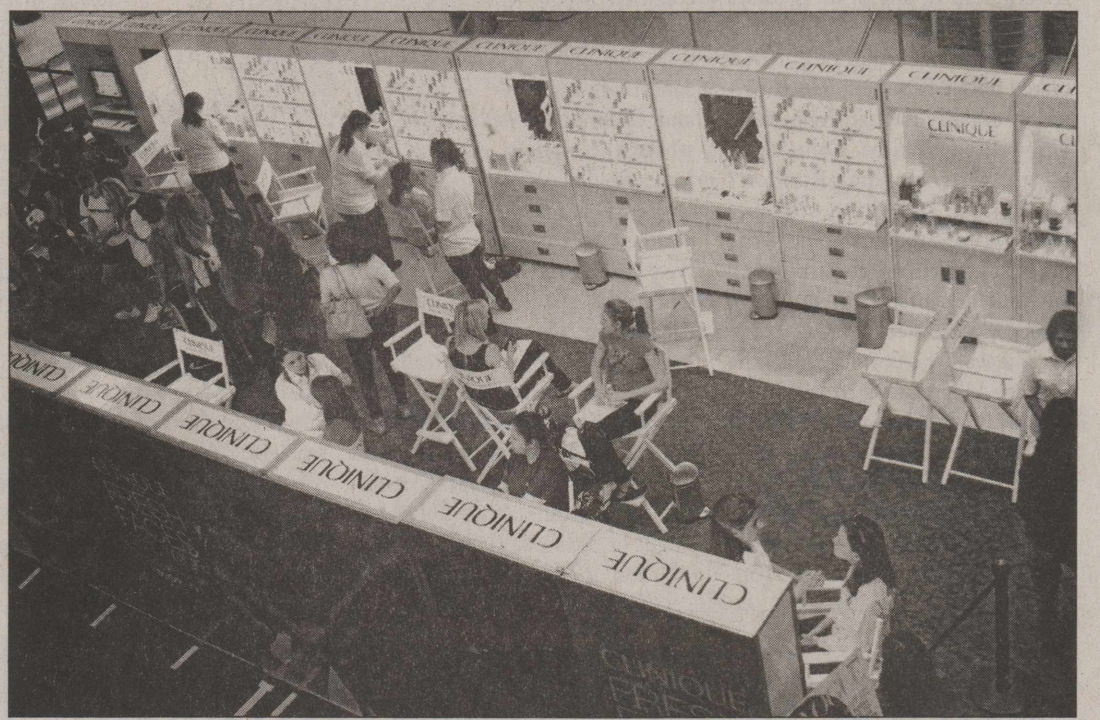


PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
CLINIQUE PROFESSIONALS SHOW women how to do their makeup and style their hair at the Clinique event Monday in the Student Union Building.

Angelina Jolie gets Bosnia filming permit back

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Angelina Jolie has been given back a permit to film in Bosnia that was briefly withdrawn because of rumors that her movie featured a rape victim who falls in love with her assailant, her producer said Monday.

Jolie was given back the permit for her first project as a director after the country's culture minister was given the script in an attempt to assure him the rumors were false, said Edin Sarkic, Jolie's Bosnian producer. The minister did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Mass rape was a taboo topic in the immediate aftermath of the country's 1992-95 war between Serb and Bosnian Muslim forces but since then victims have formed a group to campaign for their rights, which has

become one of the country's most powerful lobbies.

The Association of Women Victims of War protested Jolie's production after hearing rumors that the film's main characters — a Bosnian woman and a Serb man — were a rape victim and rapist.

Culture minister Gavrilko Grahovac pulled the filming permit Wednesday.

Sarkic said that the newly restored

permit will allow Jolie and her crew to start filming in Sarajevo in November. They are currently filming in Hungary. He said the whole controversy was "unnecessary".

Bakira Hasecic, leader of the association, told The Associated Press that she had tried to meet Jolie since August, when she first heard the rumors about the film's plot.

"We expect to meet with her now finally and we hope she will convince us that what we were suspecting and what we were afraid of is not true," Hasecic said.

Jolie said in a written statement Friday that it would be a shame if "unfair pressure based on wrong information" prevented her crew from shooting her film, whose title hasn't been publicly released.

"We hope she will convince us that... what we were afraid of is not true."

BAKIRA HASECIC
ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
VICTIMS OF WAR

Day

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Preparation for this day included the help of most of the school departments in order for it to be a successful turnout for the parents and students who are interested in what Tech has to offer.

"University Day is only successful through the cooperation and participation of all campus departments and student services offices," Olivas said.

The day ended with parents and students walking around campus for their own enjoyment with additional questions for other departments or organizations that they came across.

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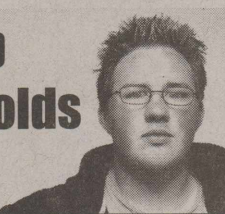
One of the places through which my daily trek around Texas Tech campus almost always brings me is the Free-Speech Area between the library and the Student Union Building.

I consider myself lucky to not only be a student at a university that grants its students and faculty such a place, but also a citizen of a nation whose Constitution was written with the right to free speech as one of its fundamental values.

Needless to say, I am not alone when it comes to supporting the right to voice my opinion and for others to voice theirs without the government or any of its agencies interfering with me doing so. I recently read an article online that talked about how a student libertarian organization at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., set up a wall, with the administration's permission, on which students could write. Students could write or post anything they pleased without censorship in honor of "Free-Speech Week."

The wall was considered by the College Libertarians to be a huge success in the sense that a variety of ideas, thoughts and sayings were written without censorship. However, many students and faculty took great offense to some of the postings on the wall, as they in-

Jakob Reynolds



cluded racist, sexist and otherwise vulgar and obscene remarks.

According to the article, sophomore Joel Lopata singlehandedly tore down the wall in one evening and threw the pieces in a trash can. The next morning, a coalition of College Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats and Greens restored the wall for its final day.

Lopata claimed to the Pepperdine newspaper that there was nothing positive about the wall and that it reflected nothing more than anonymous cowardice. Whether or not his act of destroying the wall was an act of free speech is debatable. The article about the ordeal might be old news (it ran on Sept. 17), but it brings to light a very

important, albeit controversial idea: Although we are all constitutionally protected when it comes to free speech, and our founders supported the idea, perhaps we ourselves do not.

At first, it sounds like a ridiculous thought, but when you really contemplate over it, it might actually make sense. What Mr. Lopata did by removing the free-speech wall was silence thousands of Pepperdine students from expressing their views in order to block them from being heard by others.

One of the things about the situation that really got me was that the one to censor free speech wasn't an administrator or an authoritative figure, but a student, a peer of those that set up the wall to begin with.

It made me wonder if we, as a society, really want total freedom of speech or freedom of speech as long as it applies to what we want to hear. For example, when someone like Glenn Beck, a popular talk

show host on Fox News Network, says something like, "Obama is a racist with a deep-seated hatred of white people," some people will undoubtedly agree with him, but many people won't.

Of course, there will always be those that say he should be taken off the air or censored in some way. In fact, Huffington Post founder Arianna Huffington said in an interview on Keith Olbermann's "Countdown" on MSNBC that Beck should be excluded from the First Amendment.

Now, don't get me wrong, I am in no way a fan of Beck, and I detest the things he says on his shows. But I also think that he should be allowed to broadcast whatever he wants because I stand by my personal philosophy that given enough rope, extremists like Beck, Rush Limbaugh and the Tea Party will hang themselves with the ridiculous propaganda they spread.

However, the call for violating the First Amendment to censor people like Beck and Lopata's destruction of a monument to free speech suggest that maybe, just maybe, what we want is not freedom of speech, but only freedom of speech we want to hear.

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Get back into habit of pleasure reading

Textbooks, study guides, notes, library books, chapter after chapter. This is how we are steadily running out of gas when it comes to reading.

Yes, it is important to read what one needs to read in order to be a successful student, but the adverse effect is that we are losing our desire and the time to read those books that we would have fallen in love with were we a few years younger.

I find when talking to my peers that many of us have become, as I would describe it, "burned out on pleasure reading." This is something I would encourage us to change as much as we can while still maintaining our commitments to the vast amount of reading that is required for the majority of our classes. It is entirely possible once we realize how much time we waste when we aren't doing work for classes.

That brings me to another relevant point. The college lifestyle and work style are not the biggest factors that are slowing down the world's need to read. Much of our modern technology is to blame for that. Now, that's not to say that recent improvements in technology are not a wonderful thing, but let's face it, the thought of picking up a book for entertainment value is considered almost tedious when we could simply turn on the Xbox, watch a movie or surf the Internet for a few hours.

Reading has become the victim of all these factors combined with the fact that mental laziness is becoming unfortunately rampant, even in the college atmosphere (no offense to all my readers).

People need to be reminded that a good book stimulates the mind and allows us to relax while still delving deeply into the story and exercising the imagination. In fact, studies show that reading dramatically improves not only vocabulary and attention span, but also creativity and self-esteem. These go hand in hand because an individual who reads more becomes better informed and well rounded, which leads to confidence and, often, a greater level of success in general.

Reading also has been shown to improve the ever-elusive attention

Zach Morrison



span, especially in young people such as us. This is particularly relevant because recent psychological analysis, according to a BBC article, "Turning into digital goldfish," has shown that the habits of young people to constantly multi-task as a result of so much new, compact technology is causing the average human attention span to drop to a scary new low. It is also adding to generally increased laziness and an unhealthy desire for the instant gratification that is so accessible these days.

I find that any book worth reading is actually better due to the fact that it causes suspense and keeps the mind occupied.

I recently picked up a book called the "Prisoner of Zenda," not because I wanted to, but rather because it is required reading for my western civilization class. I caught myself actually dreading the idea of having to read every word of a novel, no Spark Notes and no summary.

Soon after, however, it occurred to me that this was the first novel I had actually read in many months, and I was reminded of the benefits and enjoyment to be had from exercising the imagination and the brain's ability to break apart the themes and imagery of a good story. I also noticed quickly that my own attention span had suffered considerably during my absence from reading books.

I would encourage the youth of today to throw off these attitudes and read, slowly at first, probably, but I think you'll find that you have forgotten how great it is to get involved in a good story. Sure, it sounds kind of corny and it is, but put down the controller, the mouse, and the iPod and pick up a good book. I think you'll find that it's well worth the struggle through the first few chapters for the benefits you get in return.

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There is no such thing as 'bad words'

By JUSTIN RASTELLI

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I, like most of you, speak fluent sailor. Words with four letters will often be used to express my feelings on various day-to-day topics. These words add emphasis to my emotions yet some still argue these words are "bad words." As if these four letter words have been in timeout since that first English speaker stubbed his toe. Moms and schoolteachers have cast them away, convincing us as kids that these words would corrupt our souls. Swear words: the original gateway drug. These words are just that, words, and should not be demonized for simply existing.

It is impossible for words to be inherently evil. Only their usage can be judged as moral or immoral. The only bad words are those that are used to demean

and belittle others. Admittedly, swear words can and are used maliciously but so can every word in this column. To pretend like those "bad words" should be exiled for simply being used with a negative meaning is ludicrous.

South Albany High School in Oregon has recently instituted a policy which inflicts harsh punishment upon students who use swear words. Ranging from a warning for just slightly off color language to suspensions for true emotional outbursts. The goal of the policy is to teach students how to behave once they reach the real world.

Imagine, if you would, this policy being instituted at your college campus. Sure there would be less swearing, but the five people left on campus would be really lonely.

Swearing is the spice we add

to conversation. It puts a little bit of "oomph" behind the things we really feel passionate about. But like all spices, too much can ruin a dish. Saying the same thing every other word in a sentence truly shows the world your intelligence level. Swear words, like most other words, should be used sparingly. This practice adds emphasis to your ideas and emotions.

The principal of South Albany High School argues the roll of high school is to prepare kids for future careers. Going on to suggest that most work environments frown upon and waggle a finger at people who let a swear word slip. These students are effectively being taught to hide their emotions to fit into pre-established molds. They are being told to restrict every emotional impulse so as to not upset the current system. Heaven forbid they say something

that offends another person. We should be teaching these kids to embrace their emotions and use that energy creatively, not stifle it and hide it away. There are more important things we should be teaching kids then to walk in line without ever offending anyone.

Swear words can only carry the meaning that is assigned to them. Like all words, they can be used to tear people down. The effort against swearing should be focused more on respecting others rather than the vocabulary of students. Thinking the removal of words will also remove negative feelings is ridiculous. Schools should be trying to instill students with a sense of respect towards their fellow man, as opposed to spinning their wheels on prohibiting swearing. Improving behavior is more important than improving vocabulary.

Paul McCartney death conspiracy theory lives on

By ERICA BARTZ

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Whether you believe in them or not, people love to hear ghost stories. You probably had a pretty boring childhood if you didn't spend at least one sleepover or camping trip trying to tell the best and creepiest horror story or most ridiculous urban legend.

Take for instance the theory that Paul McCartney has been dead for more than 40 years and was replaced by a lookalike. Although one website claims that there are 376 documented clues that Paul died in an accident in late 1966, it seems as if many of these were pulled out of nowhere just to keep the theory, and the fun, alive.

The majority of the clues appear to be taken from song lyrics, reverse playing of the songs themselves, and album covers and pictures; not many are supported by official documentation. For example, supposedly if you play the beginning of "Revolution 9" backwards, you'll hear "turn me on, dead man," and at the end

of "Strawberry Fields Forever," someone says "I buried Paul." Certain lyrics also point to Paul's death, including in "Come Together" ("one and one and one make three") and in "She's Leaving" it states "Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock as the day begins" which is the proposed day and time of Paul's death. On many album cover and pictures, Paul is distinguished from the rest of the group: on "Abbey Road," he's out of step from the others and barefoot (a tradition for burying corpses).

While I don't believe that Paul McCartney is actually dead, there are admittedly a suspicious number of clues. If there is a real conspiracy at all, it's more likely that The Beatles planted some "evidence" to drive people insane and generate more interest in the band. The Beatles were a fun-loving bunch, so it's not impossible to believe they decided to play a prank on their fans. Still, all four Beatles denied planting false evidence, so the most likely conclusion is that people like to look for patterns and signs. If they concoct a theory, they'll find ways to make the facts

fit and not the other way around.

The most fascinating part about conspiracy theories is not the surrounding speculation and rumor mill, but the people taking them so seriously. The creator of Officially Pronounced Dead? - The Great Beatle Death Conspiracy, although he has list upon list of evidence, has several pages disproving the theory, which attests to its true nature - a fun story that probably isn't true.

One minor Internet celebrity, however, has taken it to extremes by posting videos on YouTube with images and audio relating to the dead Paul theory, writing songs that sound like Beatles songs when you play them backwards, and even planting suitcases at various locations around the world with supposed clues.

Of course, no one knows his or her real identity, but the celebrity theorist has implied recently that he or she came upon explosive evidence that once belonged to a long-dead former assistant of McCartney, which may be revealed.

Trouble sleeping may be due in part to your coping technique

By ANTHONY BRYSON
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College is a wonderful time of new experiences and adventures. Late nights of studying during the week often set the tone for a weekend of late night recreation. Combine this with an early class schedule and you find a majority of college students that are sleep deprived.

We have all known people who are more active at different times of the day. There are morning people, who don't need caffeine to get them moving and wear smiles that make a sleepy person want to vomit. There are also night owls, who prefer to avoid the sun and keep morning people up with loud music at 3 a.m. And of course, there is a full-range spectrum of those who fall in-between.

In her 2008 study in Biological Rhythm Research on college students, Dr. Nancy Digidon explored the differences in coping mechanisms for sleepiness between night owls and those who are neither night owls nor morning people.

Dr. Digidon found that night owls tended to use coping methods that

were less conducive to good sleeping patterns. They rated napping and coffee as the top two methods of coping, while the more neutral sleepers rated exercise and spending time outdoors as more effective means of relieving sleepiness.

Even though neutral sleepers had more positive coping techniques, the majority of all students considered caffeine to be a good method of coping with sleepiness.

Looking around the university on a morning walk to class, it would be hard to argue this point. Between Starbucks and various energy drinks, caffeine drinks seem to be the breakfast of choice for most students.

While the occasional all-nighter is a necessary evil of college, a steady diet of caffeine is not the way to handle this situation. Methods like exercise and a normal sleep schedule are much more effective at relieving sleepiness.

If you know you are a night owl and nothing will change it, try implementing a workout routine. Start with 30 minutes of jogging or biking a day. It could mean the difference between a wasted day of grogginess and a productive day, eliminating the stress of work on the weekend. And if all else fails, make sure you don't schedule any early morning classes.

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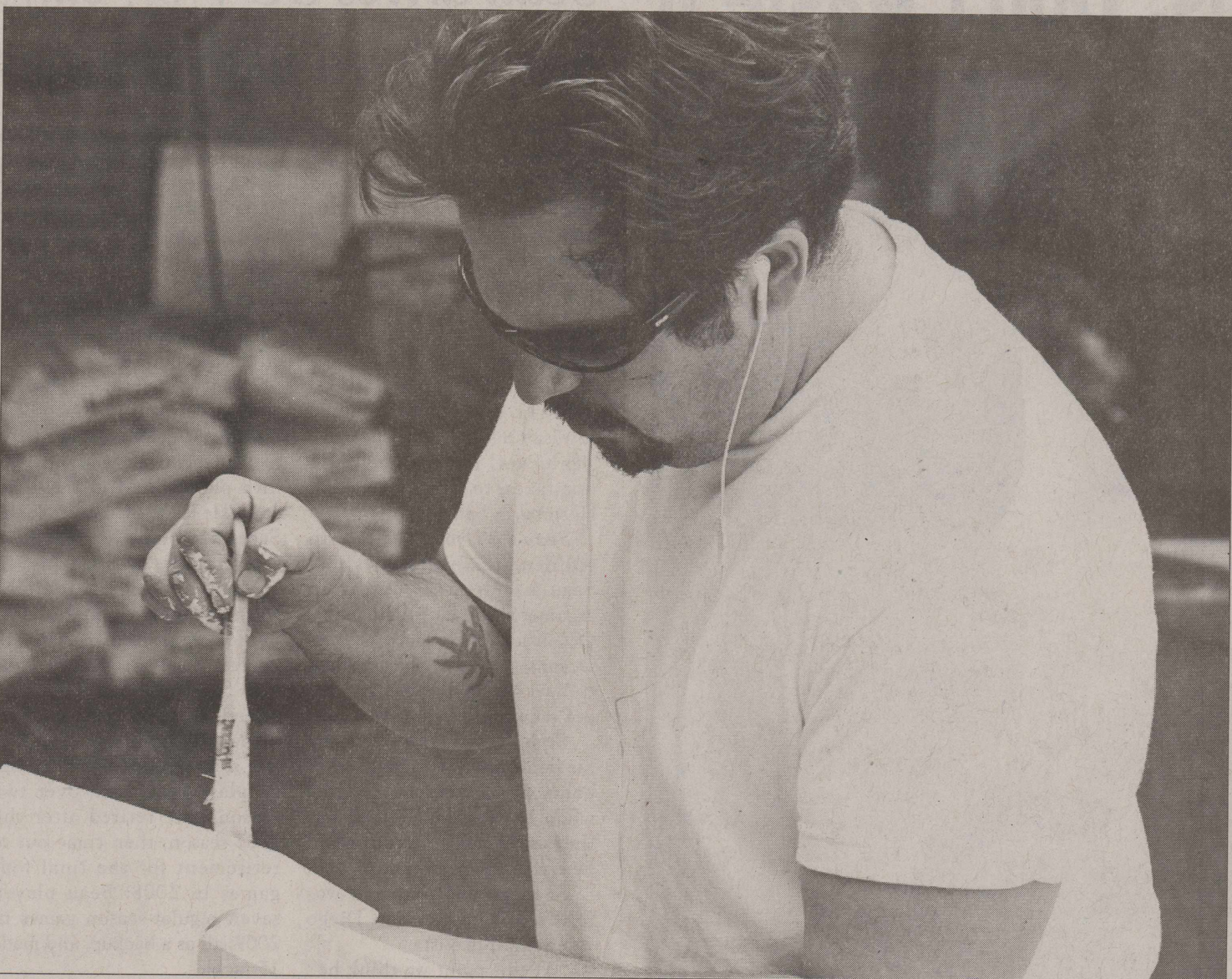


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MARK DOYLE, A junior sculpture major from Fredericksburg, paints a biographical media sculpture titled "54" on Monday outside the Art building.

Common mistakes hinder healthy lifestyle

As if eating right wasn't hard enough, Monopoly comes back to McDonald's. Hash browns are almost impossible to resist when they come with the potential to win a million bucks.

Monopoly or not, I committed to losing the weight I gained this summer and have (so far) successfully avoided frequenting the McDonald's that sits across the street from my house calling my name every evening.

In the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle, I sought out advice on how and what to eat to achieve a better body. I consulted the healthiest person I know, Magen Lee. She looks like she knows what she's doing, but she's more than a hot body. She's currently working toward a master's in nutritional sciences and dietetics and is in the middle of Tech's dietetic internship program to become a registered dietician.

She outlined some common mistakes students make when it comes to eating habits:

1) Breakfast: She said skipping breakfast is common among students because they are running low on time in the morning. This leads people to consume more of

Hannah Boen



their calories later in the day, an ineffective way to maintain a healthy diet. Personally, this is not my problem. I love eating from the time I wake up to the time I go to sleep, so I'm set, right? Well, she added what's on the menu matters, as well. She recommends a lean protein accompanied by complex carbohydrates for every meal, breakfast included. Bummer. I thought a Reese's and a glass of chocolate milk was working out pretty well for me.

2) Alcohol: Another common mistake students make in their diet choices is alcohol consumption. Saving up calories to splurge at night on alcohol is not recommended. "There is absolutely no nutrient value in alcohol," she said. "It's basically just empty calories, and it's a terrible idea."

3) Strictly counting calories is another mistake. If you're attempting to find a healthy bal-

ance, it is more important to be concerned with maintaining balance than tallying every calorie.

"For instance, I'm not one who cares about calories," Lee said. "I put things in my body that my body knows how to metabolize — good, clean foods."

She said by eating unprocessed foods, chemicals don't get in the way of letting your body know when it's hungry and when it's full, a key element to maintaining a healthy weight.

Lee and I agreed that balance is key. Anyone who shares my attitude toward food would find it impossible to tackle all these eating mistakes at once. She encouraged me, and I encourage you, to start small and pay close attention to the positive effects a healthier diet has on your body.

In meeting my goals, I will do my best to follow her lead. I'll start small with tossing an unhealthy habit. For me, that means no more soda. I'll also focus on drinking more water and taking a daily multivitamin, two things she said are paramount and often overlooked.

Nobody wants to waste time losing weight or getting in shape by following outrageous guidelines. I've already tried never eating anything white, only drinking grapefruit juice, and replacing meals with weight loss shakes. I'll spend the next two weeks without soda and add more water and a multivitamin, as well as tweak my fruit and vegetable intake and let you know next time if it's worth a shot.

"In the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle, I sought out advice on how and what to eat to achieve a better body."

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Fox, Cablevision dispute stretches into third day

NEW YORK (AP) — The dispute between Fox and Cablevision that left 3 million cable subscribers in the New York area without Fox programming over the weekend has stretched into its third day.

Fox, owned by News Corp., and Cablevision Systems Corp. said talks Monday morning did not bring a new agreement on how much Cablevision will pay to carry the network.

The dispute has led to the highest-profile blackout over broadcast fees in years, leaving Cablevision subscribers without access to Sunday's New York Giants game. And with the next round of talks planned for Tuesday, fans of "House," the medical drama that's among Fox's highest-rated shows, will likely miss the latest episode Monday night.

This type of fight has become more common. Broadcasters want more money from cable and satellite providers so they don't have to rely as much on advertising, which, as the recession illustrated, can be a volatile source of income.

Cablevision and other subscription TV providers have resisted paying higher fees.

The blackouts that sometimes result have started to draw attention from lawmakers and

consumer advocates. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who chairs the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, pledged to introduce legislation intended to prevent broadcasters from pulling a signal when a retransmission agreement expires without a new one to take its place.

New Jersey's U.S. senators, Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski calling on the FCC to help speed negotiations.

"We are deeply troubled that consumers are repeatedly being used as pawns in these programming disputes," they said.

Fox and Cablevision also traded recriminations.

Cablevision spokesman Charles Schueler again called for binding arbitration to settle the dispute, a step Fox has resisted.

"When broadcasters like News Corp. remove their signals, they hurt viewers in an attempt to gain business leverage," Schueler said in a statement.

Fox accused Cablevision of demanding "preferential treatment" and rejecting "the same fair terms that have been accepted by other providers in the market."

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Laryngitis sidelines Marc Anthony in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Marc Anthony has been sidelined in Puerto Rico by a case of laryngitis.

Anthony was forced to cancel a Sunday night show because of a severe sore throat. Spokeswoman Blanca Lasalle says a doctor ordered him to rest his voice for 48 hours.

He's scheduled to give a rain check performance Tuesday at the Puerto Rico Coliseum.

The New York-born salsa singer performed for a packed house Saturday night at the same venue. His wife, actress Jennifer Lopez, joined him on stage for the final number of the night, a duet of "Preciosa."

TV veteran Ed Asner returning with a sitcom on CMT

NEW YORK (AP) — Television veteran Ed Asner is coming back to series TV with the first scripted sitcom for CMT.

On the new show, "Working Class," Asner will co-star as the crusty but lovable neighbor to the blue-collar single mom played by series star Melissa Peterman.

The network announced Monday that the 12-episode multi-camera comedy will premiere in January on CMT.

Asner, who turns 81 next month, is beloved for his signature role as cranky journalist Lou Grant. His return to TV follows recent successes for two fellow cast-mates from the legendary "Mary Tyler Moore Show": Betty White on TV Land's "Hot in Cleveland" and Cloris Leachman on Fox's "Raising Hope."

Peterman previously appeared on the sitcom "Reba" and hosts CMT's "The Singing Bee."

Rep: Celine Dion hospitalized as precaution

NEW YORK (AP) — Celine Dion has been admitted to a Florida hospital to prevent the early delivery of her twins.

The superstar singer is at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. The hospital said in a statement the admission was recommended to make sure she's near her doctors leading up to

the babies' birth. Her rep said she is due to deliver the twins early next month.

Dion announced earlier this year that she's pregnant with two boys. She had tried for years to have more children. She and her husband, Rene Angelil, are the parents of a 9-year-old son, Rene Charles.

Fans mourn closing of Liberace Museum in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The financially depleted Liberace Museum has closed, with no ceremonial toast or parting words from any museum official.

Hundreds of visitors admired the feathered capes and bejeweled costumes of Liberace during its final hours Sunday, the Las Vegas sun reported.

The move came as its finances decreased to the point that

the attraction was in danger of draining the Liberace Foundation scholarship account.

Outgoing museum director Tanya Combs, a 10-year employee, says closing the museum was like losing a family member.

Among the fans lining up to visit the attraction was Stephen McClelland, who says Liberace represented a fading era of over-the-top showmanship, showgirls and great costumes.

Obama to appear on episode of 'Mythbusters'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will appear on an episode of "Mythbusters," a television show that uses science to determine the truth behind urban legends.

The White House says the episode will air Dec. 8 on the Discovery Channel.

Discovery says the episode considers this question: Did Greek scientist Archimedes set fire to an

invading Roman fleet using only mirrors and the reflected rays of the sun?

Officials say the president's appearance, which has already been taped, is part of a White House push to promote math and science education. On Monday, Obama hosts a White House science fair celebrating students who have won science, technology, engineering and math competitions.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
 1 With 73-Across, where you might find the starts of 20-, 33-, 43- and 59-Across
 6 Skips, as stones
 10 "This doesn't look good"
 14 Sleep problem
 15 Scot queen
 16 Best Musical award, say
 17 Almost fail
 18 "Parlez-vous français?"
 19 Slightly
 20 Guy in a spotlight
 23 Country in which Tetris was created
 26 Work hard
 27 Simpson judge
 28 Droid download, say
 29 Portfolio asset: Abbr.
 31 Antacid named for its elements
 33 Feature of much of Bach's music
 37 Prefix with plasm
 38 Scepter's partner
 39 Inning sextet
 43 Coin for Long John Silver
 48 Spelunking spot
 51 Notable period
 52 Meadow
 53 Bird: Prefix
 54 Senate helper
 57 Activating, as a use
 59 Symbolic but inconsequential act
 62 Numbskull
 63 Euterpe, to musicians
 64 Often unattainable perfection
 68 Pre-Easter period
 69 Blackjack needs
 70 Nabisco's _____
 71 Beat by a whisker
 72 E-mail outbox folder
 73 See 1-Across

DOWN
 1 Help a market cashier
 2 Unblock, poetically
 3 Hill crawler
 4 Chews (out)
 5 Marcel Duchamp, e.g.
 6 Punk/New Wave band since the '70s
 7 Like dirigibles
 8 Demoted planet
 9 Japanese fish dish
 10 The Beehive State
 11 Hushpuppies are often fried in it
 12 Running by itself
 13 Original Oreo competitor
 21 Dogg, Snoop's cousin
 22 Vivacly
 23 10K, for one
 24 Second word of many fairy tales
 25 Tater
 30 McDonald's founder Ray
 32 Yours, in Reims
 34 "Don't think so"

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Brown to Longhorns: Don't waste it

AUSTIN (AP) — Don't waste it. That's Texas coach Mack Brown's message to his players after a big win against Nebraska put the Longhorns back into the Top 25 and righted a season that had gone woefully off course.

The Longhorns (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) play five of their last six games at home, giving them a chance to still make something special out of the season.

"This means absolutely nothing if you don't build on it and grow," Brown said Monday. "We have not shown we are a mature football team yet ... We've shown we can play good."

Brown says he'll treat the next six games like an entirely new season with the goal of going undefeated. First up is Iowa State (3-4, 1-2), a team that has lost 68-27 and 52-0 in its last two games.

Brown acknowledged the pressure that was on him and the program over the last few weeks both on the field and personally. Texas lost consecutive games to UCLA and Oklahoma after having only two losses over the previous two seasons.

The back-to-back losses had knocked the Longhorns out of the rankings for the first time since 1999.

"I just can't stand to lose. Losing stinks. We've won so much around here, I just got used to it," Brown said.

Brown's brother-in-law, David Larson, died Friday and the funeral was Saturday. Brown's wife Sally, a fixture around the program, attended the funeral and Brown said the players wanted to give her the game ball. It was the first game she had missed since they were married.

"(That) was very emotional," Brown said.

Several Longhorns said they heard Brown's message of moving forward and by Monday many had dropped the scowls from the last two weeks.

"Everybody's happier when you win," junior safety Blake Gideon said.

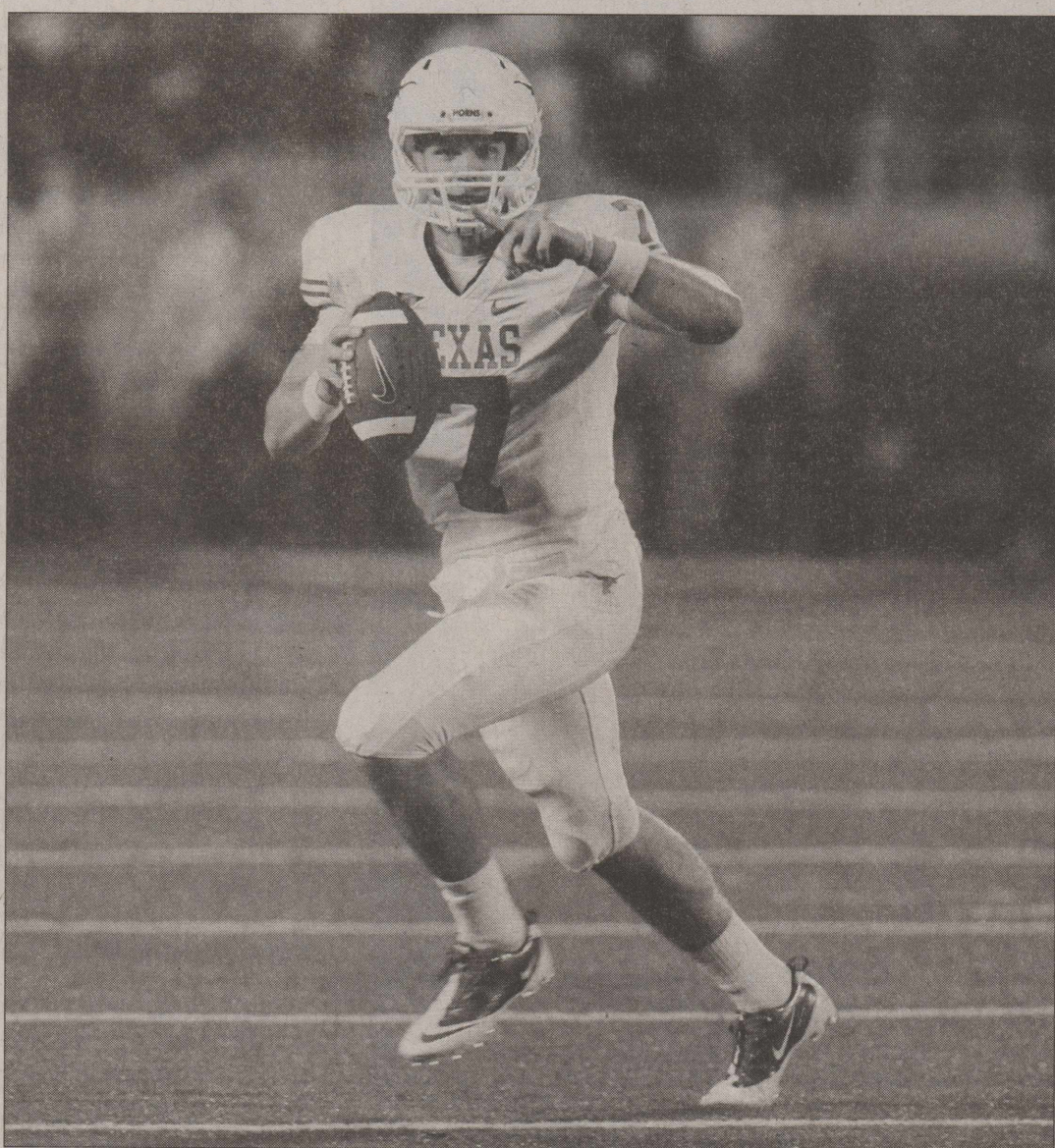


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TEXAS QUARTERBACK GARRETT Gilbert rolls out to make a pass during Texas' 24-14 victory over Texas Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock. Texas reentered the rankings, entering the AP poll at No. 22.

Texas has won at least 10 games for nine consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the nation, second only to the record 14 set by Florida State. Even if Texas wins out, the Longhorns need some help to get back to the Big 12 championship game.

For that to happen, Texas would

need Oklahoma to lose twice. It's happened before. In 2001, Oklahoma beat Texas, then lost twice late in the season to send the Longhorns to the title game.

Senior wide receiver James Kirkendoll said the Longhorns will spend the next few weeks trying to take care

of what they can, knowing that more stumbles end any Big 12 title hopes outright.

"We realized what we're capable of and how important every opportunity is," Kirkendoll said. "We've got to build off this win, to take advantage of what we've done."

Seau drives SUV off cliff, hospitalized with injuries

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Former NFL star linebacker Junior Seau drove off a cliff and was hospitalized with minor injuries Monday, less than nine hours after he was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence.

The 12-time Pro Bowler's white Cadillac SUV was found on the beach about 100 feet below the roadside, said Carlsbad police Lt. Kelly Cain. Cain said it wasn't a sheer cliff, but was a significant, rough slope. Seau was taken to Scripps La Jolla Hospital in San Diego.

Seau's 25-year-old live-in girlfriend told authorities that Seau assaulted her during an argument Sunday night at his Oceanside home, according to Oceanside police. She appeared to have minor injuries and did not require medical treatment.

Seau, 41, was arrested outside his home about two hours after police arrived. He wasn't home when authorities arrived but they asked him to return when he called his girlfriend.

Seau posted bail and was released from the San Diego County jail in Vista.

"At this point we think he's

fine but we really don't have any comment," said Richard Doan, who answered the cell phone of Bette Hoffman, who works for Seau's foundation. "There are no injuries but he seems to be a little shaken up."

Hospital spokeswoman Lisa Ohmstede declined to comment on Seau's condition.

Seau was a star linebacker with the University of Southern California before going to the San Diego Chargers with the fifth pick overall in the 1990 draft. He led the Chargers to the Super Bowl following the 1994 season and remained in San Diego until being traded to the Miami Dolphins in 2003.

He left football briefly in August 2006 after 13 seasons with San Diego and three with Miami. He signed with the New England Patriots four days later and started 14 of the 27 games he played for them over two seasons. He retired after the 2007 season, then came out of retirement for the final four games in 2008. Seau played seven regular-season games in 2009, all as a backup, and made 15 tackles.

Seattle Mariners select Wedge as new manager

SEATTLE (AP) — Eric Wedge is returning to baseball after a year away to face the challenge of another rebuilding project.

This time, it's with the Seattle Mariners.

Wedge was officially announced on Monday as the Mariners' seventh manager since 2003. His charge is rebuilding a franchise a decade removed from its last playoff appearance and coming off a second 101-loss campaign in the past three seasons.

"Eric brings the energy, passion and leadership that we think is important as we move forward and he has a track record of winning at the major league and minor league levels," Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said in a statement.

Wedge, 42, has gone down the road of rebuilding a struggling franchise before. He was asked to do it twice during his seven seasons as manager in Cleveland, where in 2007 he took the Indians to within one victory of the World Series.

But his inability to win the second

time the Indians tried an overhaul eventually cost Wedge his job.

After a year out of baseball, Wedge is ready to jump back in.

"I think this is a terrific opportunity and I am excited to be a part of it," Wedge said. "Seattle is a great city for me and my family. With the fan support, the ballpark, the ownership and management, the Mariners are in a great position to be very successful."

Wedge will be formally introduced at a news conference Tuesday.

He'll be trying to bring stability to a position of flux for nearly 10 years.

Since Lou Piniella ended his 10-year run with the Mariners in 2002, the managerial position in Seattle has become a constant spin cycle. From Bob Melvin, to Mike Hargrove, John McLaren, Jim Riggleman, Don Wakamatsu and Daren Brown — both Riggleman and Brown held interim titles — being the clubhouse leader in Seattle is anything but stable.

Zduriencik believed he had the right choice two years ago when he gave Wakamatsu his first managerial position. And for one season, it worked perfectly. An overachieving Mariners lineup with the feel-good story of Ken Griffey Jr.'s return to his first team captivated the city. Seattle won 85 games in 2009 and after trading for Cliff Lee in the offseason became the popular pick to win the American League West in 2010.

Instead, Seattle collapsed amid rumors, abrupt retirements, dugout spats and above all else, really poor play. Wakamatsu was fired on Aug. 9 with the Mariners 28 games under .500. Brown filled in admirably over the final six weeks, but was never considered a serious candidate for the permanent position.

Zduriencik chose this time to go with experience. His interviews consisted of all former managers, including Bobby Valentine, John Gibbons and Lloyd McClendon.

Ultimately, Zduriencik went with the youngest of the candidates, perhaps a signal of being ready to dig in for what could be a lengthy rebuilding project.

Wedge was just 34 when he was hired by Cleveland after the 2002 season. He went 68-94 that first season with the Indians, but by Year 3, Cleveland was in the AL Central race all the way to the end and finished with 93 wins. After a setback in 2006, Cleveland won the AL Central in 2007 and beat the New York Yankees in the AL division series.

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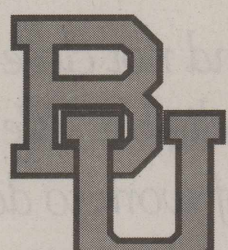
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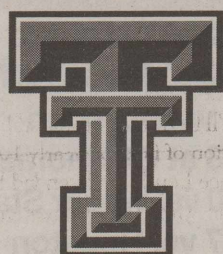
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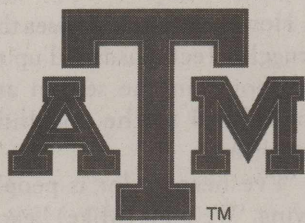
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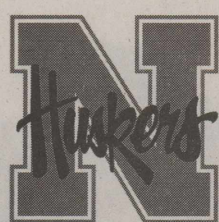
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It's been awhile since we took a look around the Big 12 Conference, so let's bring you up to speed. Conference play is in full swing now, with this past week starting five consecutive weeks of nothing but Big 12 games within the league.

There are three undefeated teams left in the conference: Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Missouri.

The Sooners and Tigers square off this weekend in the Big 12's marquee match. The last time the Sooners were in Columbia was in 2006, when OU got the win and sent the Tigers spiraling on a three-game losing streak.

Both teams romped to easy wins Saturday, with the Tigers getting an easy road win in College Station and Oklahoma pitching a shutout against Iowa State.

Oklahoma is riding high after earning the top spot in the first BCS rankings of the season, while Missouri still sits out of the top 10, ranked 11 in the BCS and all the way down at No. 18 in the AP poll. Needless to say, if they knock off the Sooners, they'll vault up near the top of the rankings.

The third unbeaten, Oklahoma State, came into Lubbock and left with their unblemished mark unthreatened. Now they welcome a Nebraska team that looked like they'd have a chance at a perfect year before their loss to Texas.

Now, the Huskers face back-to-back losses if they can't make sure only one Big 12 team stays undefeated. They pulled phenom quarterback Taylor Martinez, but Coach Bo Pelini second-guessed himself for the decision Monday, according to the Associated Press. Martinez will be back under center during the game against the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State, for their part, played the best game it has played in recent memory in their defeat of Texas Tech, and look like legitimate contenders for the Big 12 South title. Will they still be after this week? That's why they play the games.

Nebraska easily beat K-State the week before last, but this week it was the Wildcats issuing a thorough beating on a nationally televised Thursday night game. Kansas forgot to show up for the "Sunflower Showdown" and lost by 52 points.

This week, K-State heads to Waco, with Baylor coming off a road win over Colorado. The Bears now sit one win away from becoming bowl-eligible for the first time since 1995.

Meanwhile, Kansas hosts Texas A&M. The Aggies are miffed after their dressing down from Missouri, and with Kansas' recent form, it might be best not to let the kids watch this one because it could get ugly.

Finally, Texas, who rebounded from losing two straight with the win over Nebraska, hosts Iowa State. Tech fans know Iowa State is no joke, but the Cyclones got run over by OU last week, while Texas might be finding their stride. It's worth noting, though, that Garrett Gilbert was a dazzling 4 of 16 for 62 yards and no scores. He did run for 71 yards and both Longhorn touchdowns.

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NFL may start suspending players due to violent hits

NEW YORK (AP) — Aiming for the head or leading with the helmet to deliver a blow could soon cost NFL players game time as well as money.

The league is considering suspending players for illegal hits in an effort to help prevent serious injuries, NFL executive vice president of football operations Ray Anderson told The Associated Press on Monday, one day after several scary collisions in games.

"There's strong testimonial for looking readily at evaluating discipline, especially in the areas of egregious and elevated dangerous hits," he said in a phone interview. "Going forward there are certain hits that occurred that will be more susceptible to suspension. There are some that could bring suspensions for what are flagrant and egregious situations."

Anderson, a member of the league's competition committee and one of its loudest voices on the need for enhanced player safety, said the NFL could make changes in its approach immediately, with Commissioner Roger Goodell having the final say. League officials will consult with the players' union, but he didn't expect any opposition.

"Obviously suspensions would be a much bigger deal than fining guys," said Colts center Jeff Saturday, the team's player representative. "But if guys are headhunting out there to knock a guy out of the game, that's the only way to take care of it."

There have been occasional suspensions in recent years, including safety Roy Williams, then with Dallas, for one game in 2007 for three horse-collar tackles during

that season. Tampa Bay corner-back Dante Wesley drew one game suspension for "flagrant violations of player safety rules" by launching himself into an opponent's helmet.

Last season, Carolina defensive back Dante Wesley drew one game suspension for launching himself into a punt returner who had not caught the ball and was in a defenseless position.

On Sunday, the Eagles' DeSean Jackson and the Falcons' Dunta Robinson were knocked out of their game after a frightening collision in which Robinson launched himself head first. Both sustained concussions.

Ravens tight end Todd Heap took a vicious hit from Patriots safety Brandon Meriweather that Heap called "one of those hits that shouldn't happen."

Magic Johnson sells ownership stake in Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson sold his small ownership stake in the Los Angeles Lakers to Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong on Monday, possibly clearing the way for the Hall of Famer to own a bigger portion of another NBA team in the future.

Johnson bought shares representing about 4.5 percent of the Lakers in June 1994 for a reported \$10 million. Johnson said the sale was strictly a "bittersweet business decision," but the five-time league champion has long been interested in taking a larger ownership role in an NBA franchise.

"I thank Dr. (Jerry) Buss from the deepest part of my heart and soul for allowing me such an incredible opportunity," Johnson said in a statement. "I will continue to work alongside

Dr. Buss, Jeanie Buss and (general manager) Mitch Kupchak in their efforts to continually build and maintain the best NBA franchise in the league."

Johnson spent his entire 13-year playing career with Los Angeles, including a 32-game comeback in 1996 nearly five years after his retirement. He has been a successful businessman since leaving the sport, excelling in commercial real estate ventures including movie theaters, restaurants and health clubs.

"The sale of Earvin's share of the team is a business decision which will not change our relationship," Buss said. "Our friendship goes well beyond business. Patrick is a longtime and passionate Lakers fan, and we are delighted to have him as a partner."

Johnson, who also briefly coached

the Lakers, has been a regular presence around the Lakers in recent years when he isn't working as a broadcaster.

"I want to assure all the wonderful and loyal Lakers fans that my decision will in no way affect my dedication and support for the Los Angeles Lakers," Johnson said. "I am and will always be a Laker for life."

Yet Johnson has ambitions that go beyond a 4.5 percent stake in a team, and realizing those ambitions would require him to sell his stake in the Lakers.

The Michigan native expressed interest last month in taking a significant role in a group attempting to buy the Detroit Pistons led by Mike Ilitch, who also owns the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Ilitch's group hasn't publicly made any connection with Johnson.

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Police kill NY football player

THORNWOOD, N.Y. (AP) — A college football player parked in a fire lane outside a bar sped away from police rapping on his car window, hit an officer who clung to the hood as the sedan barreled toward a colleague, and was killed by a burst of police gunfire that pierced his windshield, authorities said.

But the father of a passenger in the car said Monday that the driver headed away because he thought police wanted him to move — and he denied that an officer was struck by the car.

Danroy "D.J." Henry, 20, had just played for Pace University in front of screaming fans during its homecoming football game against Stonehill College of Easton, Mass. — the junior defensive player's hometown. Hours later, hysterical students screamed on the sidewalk outside a strip mall as authorities tried to revive the wounded Henry, who at first had been handcuffed.

The New York State Police joined Monday in an investigation of the events involving three local police officers early Sunday. The victim's family and friends were skeptical of the account of events police gave.

Brandon Cox, a passenger in Henry's car who was grazed by a police bullet, said he and the victim's family "won't rest until we get justice for D.J." He called Henry his best friend.

"In my heart, what went on that night ... it didn't need to

come to that," Cox, who played for Stonehill, said at a news conference outside his family's home in Easton. "Whether we were trying to drive away or not ... there was no need for any of that to happen. I do feel that we were victimized in that my friend's life was taken for no reason."

Cox's father, Thomas Parks, said Henry thought a police officer who knocked on the window of the car wanted them to move so he started driving forward.

He said Henry and Cox then saw an officer climb onto the hood and fire into the car.

The two were not involved in the fight that drew police to the scene, Parks said, and said police have not contacted them.

Mount Pleasant police Chief Louis Alagno said he would not comment on the Cox account.

A disturbance at Finnegan's Grill, wedged between a pizza place and an Asian restaurant in a strip mall in the suburban Westchester County hamlet of Thornwood, spilled into the parking lot, and police from Pleasantville and Mount Pleasant were called.

Henry's Nissan Altima was parked in a fire lane as officers arrived. When an officer knocked on his window, and with a passenger in his car, Henry stepped on the gas, Alagno said.

"For no reason, the vehicle sped away," Alagno said at a news conference. "I can't describe to you why the driver did what he did."

Ryans' injury adds to Houston's concerns

HOUSTON (AP) — Now, the Houston Texans really have some issues on defense. Luckily, they have a bye week to sort them out.

Already the league's worst at stopping the pass, the Texans lost All-Pro middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans to a season-ending injury in Sunday's 35-31 win over Kansas City. Houston was already missing Xavier Adibi (hamstring), Kevin Bentley (knee) and Darryl Sharpton (ankle), and was down to three healthy linebackers in the second half.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Monday that he hopes Adibi, Bentley or Sharpton can recover and learn Ryans' position in time for the Texans' next game, at Indianapolis on Nov. 1. Kubiak and general manager Rick Smith will also consider signing a free-agent linebacker or trade for one leading up to Tuesday's deadline.

"We have to look at everything," Kubiak said. "We have to look at any possible availability out there we think can make us better and help

our team throughout the next 10 weeks. It's an ongoing process."

Ryans ruptured his left Achilles' tendon against the Chiefs and will have surgery this week. He had started 70 consecutive games and is the franchise's leader in solo tackles (435).

Zac Diles moved to Ryans' spot on Sunday, and David Nixon, a second-year linebacker from BYU moved into Diles' spot on the weak side. Brian Cushing handled the strong side in his second game back from a four-game suspension.

Kubiak said the trio was shaky without Ryans' leadership.

"I don't think we played well at the linebacker position," Kubiak said. "We didn't play well in the first half, and then when we lost DeMeco, we end up with Zac trying to run the defense and a new face (Nixon) trying to go on the field who hasn't been with us long. We just kind of got in disarray."

OFF IN THE DISTANCE

Red Raiders at 3-3 still have long way to go before becoming bowl eligible



“We are 3-3 and not close to being bowl eligible. We've got a lot of work to do.”

←← **BARON BATCH**
RUNNING BACK
TEXAS TECH

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football is back in action preparing for a road game against Colorado this Saturday.

But this week's game in Boulder, Colo., is a pivotal one for the Red Raiders and the rest of their season. Tech needs to win at least three more games to make it to a bowl, and Colorado is considered one of the weaker teams remaining on Tech's schedule.

"I think at this point you have to think of that," running back Baron Batch said during Monday's media luncheon. "That's the sense of urgency you think about. We are 3-3 and not close to being bowl eligible. We've got a lot of work to do. There's a lot of good football teams that we have to play still."

"We are a good football team. We have great coaches, and everybody is on board. We have a good senior class. We can get this thing turned around, and we will."

Colorado, also 3-3 on the season, could provide Tech with an opportunity to get closer to bowl eligibility. The Buffaloes are fresh off a 31-25 home loss to Baylor — a team Tech defeated two weeks ago.

But there are some kinks

Tech will need to iron out before traveling up to Boulder to give itself the best chance to win.

Tech lost its last game against No. 17 Oklahoma State 34-17 Saturday — the Red Raiders' only true home game in the month of October.

The Cowboy offense out-gained the Red Raider offense 581 yards to 401 yards and exposed problems on both sides of the ball that need to be corrected before taking on the Buffaloes.

One of the biggest problems being the Cowboys scored the first 21 points of last week's game.

"It all comes down to one thing," head coach Tommy Tuberville said during Monday's media luncheon. "We have got to find a way to get focused and start the game off better. We all know, just looking at the stats, when you give up 32 points a game in your first six games on defense, your offense has to come out of the shoot."

"We are playing better offensively. I think we have improved in a lot of areas, but we just haven't improved enough to not play much and not be

very successful

in the first eight or nine minutes and then start playing."

Allowing 581 yards against Oklahoma State is something the Red Raider defense knows it has to work on.

After Sunday's practice, defensive coordinator James Willis was asked who played well on the defensive side of the ball, contemplated the question and then just smiled.

"Tough question," Willis said Sunday. "It's one of those deals where you saw guys fight to the end. You saw guys give great effort, but you saw some guys doing some things they shouldn't be doing. Those are the things we have to address and fix as coaches."

Willis also said he expects Colorado to try to run the football, and the Tech defense needs to work on defending rushing attacks. Tech allowed 225 yards on the ground, and

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Remaining games

- 10/23 at Colorado
- 10/30 at Texas A&M
- 11/6 vs. Missouri
- 11/13 at Oklahoma
- 11/20 vs. Weber State
- 11/27 vs. Houston

Oklahoma State had almost a 10-minute advantage in time of possession compared to Tech.

However, Batch stresses the struggles Tech has faced up to this point in the season are not related to the coaching transition.

"I've heard a lot is people saying, 'We want (Mike) Leach back,' or 'They made a mistake getting rid of him,'" Batch said. "The players love the coaches we have. The coaches are amazing, amazing coaches, and that's what hurts. The work we put in over the offseason and the stuff that we did to become a good football team, because we are not a 3-3 team, but that's what the record shows, and we can't change that. Everybody is on board and looking forward to getting back to work."

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Even Jones realizes Cowboys may be running out of time

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Miles Austin couldn't stop berating himself Monday, calling his flag-drawing, celebratory leapfrog of teammate Roy Williams "dumb," then "stupid," then "crazy and unexplainable and unexcusable."

And, get this: It wasn't even his fault.

Carl Johnson, the NFL's vice president of officiating, told the Cowboys a little later Monday that even though Austin was announced as being guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and an official

on the sideline told coach Wade Phillips the same thing, the penalty actually was against Sam Hurd for mimicking the "Hook 'em Horns" hand gesture that Williams flashed.

Truth is, any Dallas player celebrating during this quickly dissolving season is doing something wrong.

Penalties and turnovers once again conspired to wipe out an otherwise victory-worthy performance on Sunday, this time against the equally struggling Minnesota Vikings.

The head-slapping part about the celebration penalty was that the Cowboys had one in the fourth quarter of the previous game and it directly contributed to that narrow loss.

This defeat dropped them to 1-4 and was followed by what's becoming their typical Monday routine: guys talking about needing to clean up their mistakes, Phillips pointing out all the things they're doing right and everyone vowing to keep fighting to turn things around.

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