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ALAN DE LA Torre, a bilingual education graduate student from Chiapas, Mexico, promotes the Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Halloween Costume Party dressed up as an ape Wednesday morning outside the Student Union Building.

A day in the sky



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CLAY SMITH, RIGHT, a freshman physics major from Lubbock, flies over Lubbock on Wednesday in a King Air 200 aircraft with Capt. Rick Birt of the Marine Corps Flight Orientation Program. After graduation, Smith plans to attend Marine Corps Officer Candidate School and become a fighter/attack pilot.

Marines Corps allows students to fly King Air 200 airplane

By CARRIE THORNTON
LA VIDA EDITOR

Ten thousand feet in the air in a plane with cabin space not much bigger than a stretch limo, U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Rick Birt smirked as he forced the aircraft into a barrel roll, while his passengers laughed nervously and clung to their seats for dear life.

While staring at the sky flip beneath us and the browns and greens of West Texas playas float above, I realized per-

haps a career as a Marine Corps pilot does not lie in my future, but some of my other smiling comrades felt differently.

"This is so awesome," said a grinning Andrew Hudson, a junior public relations major from Colleyville.

Through the Marine Corps Flight Orientation Program, students from Lubbock and surrounding areas have the opportunity to fly in the King Air 200 with Capt. Birt to get a taste of a pilot's adrenaline rush. At 1 p.m. Wednesday, the captain flew me, a *Daily*

Toreador photographer and three other participants into the clear, crisp sky.

At 10-minute intervals, each one of us wobbled to the cockpit to give steering the plane a try, with the captain's guidance, of course. We averaged an altitude of 10,000 feet and a speed of 300 miles per hour. Just a little faster than my Ford Taurus.

One of Hudson's friends encouraged him to partake in the mile-high adventure in hopes of sparking some interest in the military, and it seems he succeeded.

"It wasn't what I expected, like the barrel rolls," Hudson said with a laugh. "And I've given the military little thought, but this is actually going to

make me look into it more."

After a sharp take-off, I glanced around at my companions, whose heads barely cleared the interior's ceiling at times of turbulence, and wondered if I was the only one with shaking hands.

"It's awesome," "This is great," "I love this," were the universal comments made by the others. Apparently, I was the only shaker in the group. I blame it on the extra caffeine consumed beforehand.

However, riding up front and steering the aircraft distracts from fear because you know what to expect.

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TechWell informs students about healthy lifestyles

Fair presents wide range of health topics from smoking to juggling

By KATHERINE ROWE
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students flooded the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center on Wednesday in hopes of gaining knowledge about student wellness.

TechWell is a health and wellness fair hosted by Recreational Sports, Student Health Services and the Counseling Center, said the associate director of Recreational Sports, Betty Blanton.

"We firmly believe that a well-rounded student is a better student," said Blanton. "These booths are from things that maybe you think about, maybe you don't

think about, but that you probably need to think about."

Booths provided information about diet, exercise, anxiety and smoking.

Austin Hernandez, a freshman pre-nursing major from Austin, said she was in charge of one of the smoking information booths sponsored by Tech Impact.

"We're out here to promote good health," Hernandez said. "I'm working the smoking booth to tell people the price of smoking, the effects of lung cancer and emphysema, and how hurtful smoking is to your body."

Blanton said this event was hosted for six years and attendance



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ANGELA ARIAZ, A nurse with the Health Sciences Center, gives a flu shot to Ben Buehler, a sophomore cellular molecular biology major from Spring Hill Tenn. Wednesday morning during the Tech FitWell event in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

started to drop. She said they took a break from the TechWell fair for a year, and then changed a few

things about the fair last year.

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Alumni spotlight

Orthopedic surgeon played football, graduated from Tech Scovell comes from family of Red Raiders

By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Field Scovell said all orthopedic surgeons have a story of an injury that inspired them to go into the field.

For Scovell, a Texas Tech alumnus and Dallas native, the memorable event took place during a middle school ski trip.

"I hit a tree skiing in seventh grade, and I saw that I thought an orthopedic surgeon would be a really cool job," Scovell said. "That's how I got interested in it. Then, when I got to Tech, I decided to be an orthopedic surgeon."

After graduating from Hillcrest High School in Dallas in 1992, Scovell came to Tech to major in business, he said. He took prerequisites for medical school as electives because of the college hours he earned in high school taking advanced placement courses.

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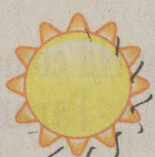
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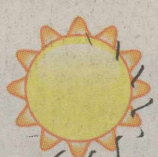
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FRIDAY

4th Annual SPICE Cup

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Matador Room, Student Union Building
So, what is it?
The 4th Annual SPICE Cup is expected to be the highest rated international invitational chess tournament in U.S. history. Come meet the superstars of the chess world.

Retro Laser Night: Pink Floyd's "The Wall"

Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech University
So, what is it?
Come enjoy Pink Floyd's "The Wall" laser light show. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes before show time and are \$1 for students with IDs.

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Fiddler on the Roof

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: City Bank Auditorium
So, what is it?
The famed musical focuses on Tevye, a Jew living in Russia under the czar. He tries to keep his family's religious traditions while his five daughters start drifting away.

The Eagles

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: The United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Second time is a charm! The Eagles had to postpone last time they were scheduled, but now they're set to take the stage in Lubbock.

Alzheimer's study targets effects of the disease in Mexican Americans

By **BRIAN HOWARD**
STAFF WRITER

Researchers at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center are conducting an innovative study that focuses on the effects of Alzheimer's disease among the Mexican-American community.

Dr. Sid O'Bryant, an assistant professor in the HSC Department of Neurology, said the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease is continuing to increase.

"Alzheimer's disease is becoming more and more of an issue because we are living longer," he said. "It is a disease of aging; people over 80 years old have a 50 percent chance of being diagnosed."

Research is currently being conducted to find the disease in its earlier stages, O'Bryant said.

"The most accurate way to diagnose the disease is in a specialty center where blood work and imaging of the brain can be done by a neurologist," he said. "Unfortunately, the reality is that there are just not enough specialists, so many people rely on their primary care physician, who may not

be accurate in diagnosing the disease early on."

According to a news release by the Health Sciences Center, the neurology department is performing research to develop a method other doctors un-specialized in neurological disorders can utilize in order to more accurately diagnose Alzheimer's disease sooner rather than later.

O'Bryant said a simple blood test the research team developed can give non-specialists who often have trouble diagnosing the disease a tool to catch it earlier when its progression can still be slowed.

"Along the lines of the blood test," he said, "we are looking at smaller groups of people with different biological profiles to tailor medication and treatments to each specific group."

One group being specifically

targeted by the study is Mexican Americans, O'Bryant said.

"All my career work is focused on helping underserved populations," he said. "Mexican Americans may develop the disease at a younger age, there may be different forces driving the disease and there are still many questions to be answered."

Mexican Americans are one of the largest and youngest minority groups, which means they are aging faster, O'Bryant said.

"In 20 or 30 years, they will be at high risk for Alzheimer's," he said.

"Through our research, we can personalize medicine and treatment for specific causes, to lower their risk and slow progression of the disease."

Vicki Ramirez, the senior technician at HSC rural and community health, has worked

closely with Dr. O'Bryant as the outreach coordinator for the study being conducted on Alzheimer's.

"We host different events to try and raise awareness about our study and recruit a large number of people to get involved," she said.

Texas is an important area of study on the disease, especially with such a large Mexican-American population, Ramirez said.

"Older generations of Mexican Americans don't know what it is," she said. "People look at the way they are acting and assume they are a crazy old person, but often times their behavior is due to Alzheimer's."

The main goal of the study is to get some type of treatment and ultimately find a cure for the disease, Ramirez said.

"I've seen what people go through, especially elderly Mexican Americans who can only understand Spanish in an English-speaking community," she said. "We can be here for them, make them feel comfortable and hopefully our research will come up with solutions to help them better understand the disease."

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Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the front-page outline for the story "Tech student group bonds in the skies" contained two spelling errors made in the

editorial process. The picture's subject's name is Phil Gilbert, and the jump was made in Tuskegee, Ala. The DT regrets the errors.

Health

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"This is the second year that we've done it with the personal fitness and wellness classes," Blanton said. "So we have an audience. They're basically required to come, but it's all really good stuff that they should think about if they don't."

Andrew Cisneros, a teaching

assistant and graduate student from El Paso, teaches weightlifting and diet and exercise classes at Tech.

"I'm giving my students extra credit, but I also want to encourage them to go," Cisneros said. "This is an opportunity for them, and they should take advantage of it. It's a win-win situation; they get credit, and they hopefully learn something."

Among tips to quit smoking and diet and exercise information, attendees learned to juggle work, school and life by actually juggling. A drum circle was also a part of the fair.

"Not only is it a relaxing thing, but it also draws people together as a group, when you may not even know these other nine people that are in the circle with you," Blanton said.

She said the University Police Department was also in attendance for the event.

"University police are here with the 'beer goggles,' where you have to walk a line with the goggles on that simulates if

you've had too much to drink," she said.

Cisneros said the event this year seemed to be more organized and had more booths with more things for students to see.

Blanton said there were more than 30 booths at the fair.

"We try to present the information in a fun and engaging way instead of just picking up the information, so that maybe today, tomorrow, six months from now, you'll either know some place on campus that you can go to for help or you'll have a resource to help you with a problem," Blanton said.

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

ACROSS

- Fat job?
- Interstate exit
- See 12-Down
- Pararescue gp.
- Organic compound
- Hanker for
- Poet who wrote, about children, "And if they are popular / The phone they monopolize"
- Libertarian slogan?
- Rich sponge cake
- Philly saying
- NFL game foursome
- Finish an ascent?
- Buying outing
- Cones and prisms
- Farm expanse
- Tidy up in a wood shop?
- Grads
- Sandwich request
- Untrusting
- Floor an oppressive boss?
- scripta: written law
- It's often served with lemon
- It can be rolled, pressed or stuffed
- Value one's vision?
- Warrior trained by the centaur Chiron
- It merged with AT&T in 2005
- Be amazed (at)
- Send a star pitcher for an MRI?
- Like pretzels
- D.C. underground highlight
- "Rigoletto"
- Concerning
- Dust crops, e.g.
- Certain NCO
- A library book may be on it

DOWN

- Airway termini
- Stern with a Strad
- Needle topper
- Useful
- Proved false
- "Star Wars" saga nickname
- Code creator
- Fabric fold
- Günter's gripe
- Radio abbr.
- 300-pound president
- With 9-Across, fairy tale ender
- Great American Ball Park team
- Checker's dance
- Flying prefix
- One of 24 in unjour
- Sci-fi writer Frederik
- Sheltered side
- "That's my take"
- Desperate
- Charon's river
- da: pretentious
- Juicer. Abbr.
- Orch. work
- Busybody
- John with Grammys
- Green dispensers
- Wrangler, for one
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- One might be bummed, briefly

By Jascha Smilack 10/28/10

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Organization celebrates Disability Awareness Week with various events

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

In honor of Disability Awareness Week, Texas Tech Student Disability Services has brought a variety of events and activities to campus, including a speaker discussing how he overcame his disability and became a renowned athlete and coach, a breakfast with the dean of students and a visit from the runner-up in the Miss Wheelchair Texas pageant.

David Johnson, unit coordinator and senior counselor at Student Disability Services, said the different events are meant to help students understand they can overcome their disabilities.

"These events are meant to teach students to overcome adversity, no matter what it is," he said. "You can still be successful in life."

Scott Tankersley, known as coach Tank, spoke Monday evening to a group of more than 85 students. Coach Tank is profoundly deaf, which means he is unable to feel vibrations in sound, Johnson explained. Coach Tank taught hearing-impaired high school students whose TAKS test scores were in the upper-level percentile.

"His history class had a 98 percent of students passing the TAKS test," he said. "And 82 percent of those students received commended performance."

Today at 12:30 p.m., Student Disability Services will host a student panel Q-and-A. Students with different disabilities will take questions from the audience on a multitude of topics, including what a typical day is like for a disabled student.

"For the most part, the students will talk about what it is like to be a student living with a disability," Johnson said.

The goal of disability services is to provide programs and services to

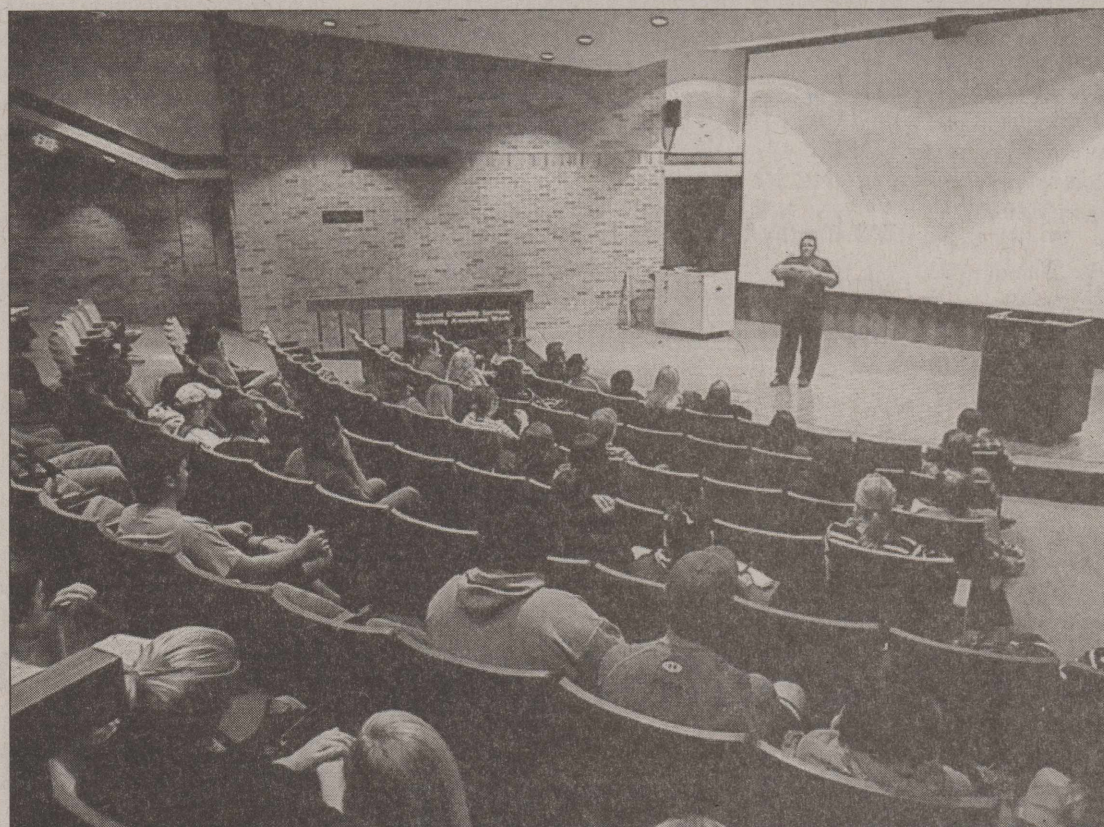


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SCOTT TANKERSLEY, A profoundly deaf high school coach and history teacher, speaks to a group of students about overcoming disabilities Monday in the Human Sciences building.

students with disabilities, as well as educate the Tech community on the challenges handicapped individuals face.

"Every event focuses on educating the general campus," he said. "Each one of these events has a story that can teach a valuable lesson."

Disability services provides services to students throughout the year and aids them in arranging course, classroom and testing accommodations, sign language interpreter services, information on study skills and priority registration. The department also strives to ensure its main priority is the student and the students' privacy.

All information obtained by disability services is strictly confidential and will not be released to a third party without the student's consent.

"Whether it is a visible or learning disability, you get certain accommodations," Johnson said. "It all just depends on the needs of the student."

Disability services will end the week with a presentation by Miss Wheelchair Texas runner-up Emily Neyland. It will also offer a registration preparation workshop today from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 246 of West Hall. This particular workshop will provide tips from mass communications and chemistry advisers. Earlier in the

week, advisers from business administration, human sciences, university college and engineering also provided registration preparation seminars.

Whether it is Disability Awareness Week or just a typical day, Johnson wants to make sure all Tech students know nothing is impossible, no matter the circumstances.

"We really have a passion for students and educating them, not only in the classroom, but also life skills," Johnson said. "Just telling students that they can make it, no matter what, there is always a way to accomplish goals."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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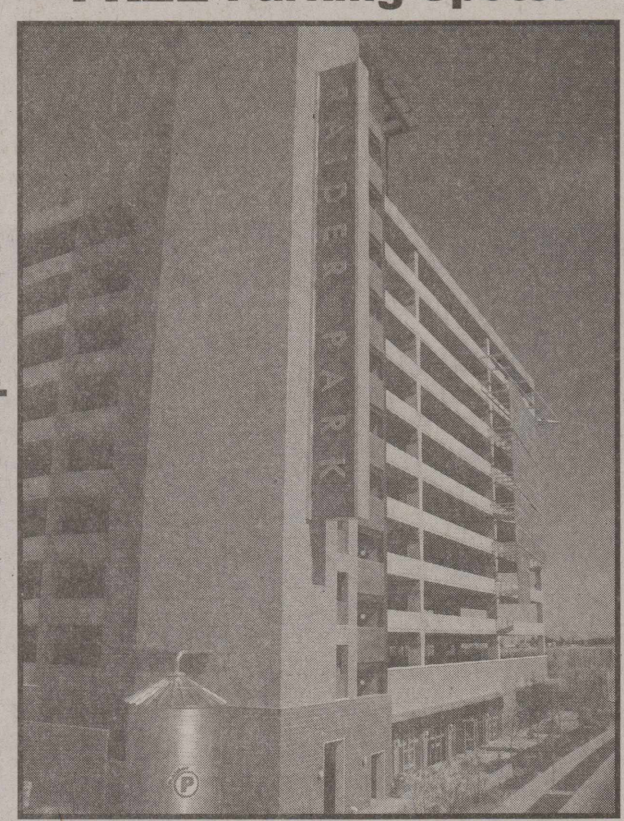
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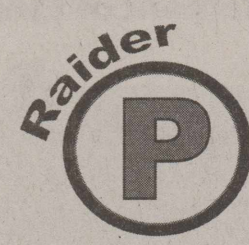
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OPINIONS

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When dating, let skeletons out of closet

Look at the person sitting directly to your left. Who is it? A classmate, your friend, your teacher, your boyfriend or girlfriend?

How well do you know this person? What if they were to look at you right now and tell you their deepest, darkest secrets?

"I used to be addicted to cocaine." "I kissed someone after we started dating." "I've slept with more people than I've told you."

If everyone you meet, including yourself, has a few skeletons in the closet, who obligates us to tell the person we're dating? The ultimate question is: Do we let the past stay the past, or do we let our skeletons stand naked in front of the crowd?

RoAnne Romo



My theory is to put yourself objectively in both pairs of shoes. Say, for example, you're in a fairly new relationship and you really like this person, but through the grapevine you come to find out they have had a sexually transmitted disease but are now clean. Now, you're probably thinking, "Hell yeah, they better tell me," but what if the tables were turned?

A year or two ago, you made a

heat-of-the-moment mistake, suffered the repercussions but chose not to discuss them with the person you just started dating. It's your prerogative to confess or to keep quiet, right?

Where are the boundaries set between our choice to tell and their right to know?

I'll show you mine if you show me yours, right?

The truth of the matter is that there is a time and place for every-

thing. Secrets and communication are the yin and yang of relationships.

The second date is most likely not the best time to mention your webbed toes, but your partner in crime should also inevitably accept you for who you are, secrets and all. Sometimes things really are better left to the imagination.

In the same token, a closed book serves no purpose to its reader. If everyone got butterflies by talking to a wall,

we'd all be doing just that.

On the other hand, life isn't always peachy keen, and some shock and awe is to be expected when we let our skeletons out for dusting. If they're absolutely horrified by your secrets and walk out on the relationship, chances are you're better off without them. Communication is the key to everything, literally: jobs, friends, parents, teachers and especially relationships.

Being able to "open up" verbally and relate to someone who is on the same page is a factor in a relationship that can't be replaced. Good, bad, dirty, clean, secrets or the truth, the communication pathway should be cleared for all topics.

When is hiding skeletons ever a good thing? When it saves someone

potential pain? This may be a temporary solution, but it only burdens you with the responsibility of repressing something else.

Imagine for a minute if you and your girlfriend or boyfriend were at a friend's house playing the risky little game "Never have I ever;" would you be surprised when they put a finger down?

Skeletons left alone in the closet are likely to open the door themselves. I say let them all run free. The one you're dating shouldn't love you any less, and if they do, well, there's your sign.

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"Skeletons left alone in the closet are likely to open the door themselves. I say let them all run free."

Conservative arguments against gays indirectly justify violence, depression

In the aftermath of the recent suicides by young gay people that left this nation breathless, we are all wondering the question: Why?

There really is not a true definitive answer to this question. If there were, we would never see another suicide ever again because we would have figured it out.

The only thing that can be done is try to make our society as loving and accepting as possible, and the continual discrimination of gay

Paul Williamson



people through various policies only harms the chances of our society's love and acceptance of these individuals.

The rhetoric used by the Christian right spreads homophobic fear

and sends the wrong message to young people across the nation.

The arguments against same-sex marriage are that it would destroy the sanctity, or the holiness, of marriage. Gays and lesbians would taint our society and destroy an institution because they are inherently sinners. They are not normal; they go against the natural order of the world.

Our discourse shapes our reality. The way conservatives argue against gay marriage is that it would destroy family values and harm our society. Those arguments create the perception that gay people are bad and only bad.

We have all heard the arguments from Bible thumpers across the country. But what is the impact their arguments are having on our society as a whole?

Children are very impressionable. They pick up on what they hear on TV, radio, from their parents, etc. So, when gay people are singled out as not being allowed to marry, join the military or get the same basic rights as their straight counterparts, it is seen by young people as something that you do not want to be.

There are many different kinds of children out there. There are some children that have a lisp, do not like to play sports and are just different. These children can be seen as "gay" even though they probably are not.

They are open to ridicule and bullying, and the perpetrators of the bullying feel justified because gay people, according to the adults, are not good people, are just evil, bad people who do not deserve the same treatment as others.

Also, when a kid grows up and starts to feel like he or she might be a homosexual, they feel depressed and scared because they know they are not welcome in our society. This should not be the case. They should know they have equal standing in our society and will be loved and accepted, not hated and discriminated against.

Now, yes, kids get bullied (unfortunately) for a multitude of reasons other than being seen as gay. There is bullying based on looks, economic status, smarts, etc.

However, focusing on gay rights is unique because there is not a ban on fat people marriage. Being fat, poor, etc. is not called out as being a sin. Bible thumpers do not call being smart an abomination.

Our government discriminating against gay people is government endorsement of discrimination and hate of gay people.

Allowing equal rights to gay individuals has a really good chance to change the perceptions of gay people. It will be recognition that gay people are not inherently less than straight people. It sends the signal that they should be treated equally, not only in the eyes of the law, but in the eyes of society.

This change will not happen overnight. Reversing bans will not cause all bullying to stop, and we will not hold hands and sing "Kumbaya," and it is naïve to assume this.

But it would be a hell of a start.

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Privatized mail would be more efficient than USPS

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I have a subscription to my hometown newspaper, The Glastonbury Citizen. At least, I'm supposed to. Over half the issues published since school started did not arrive in my mailbox, and the ones that did always arrived weeks late.

It seemed the Citizen was missing up, so I emailed the publisher. His response? "It's the post office.... Once the post office has them, we have no control." He added, "Out-of-town deliveries are a nightmare - sometimes two months late. The bottleneck appears to be in Hartford. We've complained and complained, but the post office doesn't seem to be particularly interested in the problem."

This is evidence that the United States needs to privatize the Postal Service.

What does that mean, exactly? Let's compare the system for snail mail with e-mail. With e-mail, you can use Yahoo Mail, Gmail, Hotmail, AOL, Cox, SNET or, if you're really desperate, HuskyMail. You use whichever one you like best, and if you're disappointed, you can always switch.

Not so with postal mail. Ever since Congress passed the Postal Reorganization Act in 1970, the Postal Service has had an official monopoly on mail delivery. Sure,

there's FedEx and UPS, but they specialize in packages, not routine mail, so they're allowed. In other words, if you don't like the Postal Service, or they do a bad job, there's nothing you can switch to. It's against the law for a competing company to even exist.

Guess which president signed the Postal Reorganization Act into law? Richard Nixon. So it must be good.

But some maintain that the Postal Service should remain a monopoly. As one person argued: "The Postal Service needs increased flexibility to examine how it can be increasingly responsive in serving Americans into the future as circumstances continue to change. A more rigidly defined universal service obligation would unduly restrict the Postal Service and ultimately harm the American public and businesses it serves."

Who wrote that? Postmaster General John Potter, head of the Postal Service. What a surprise. The man wants to keep his job.

Guess how much money the Postal Service made in 2008? Actually, it lost \$2.8 billion. But at least they realized they were underperforming and turned themselves around, right? Nope. In 2009, they lost \$3.794 billion.

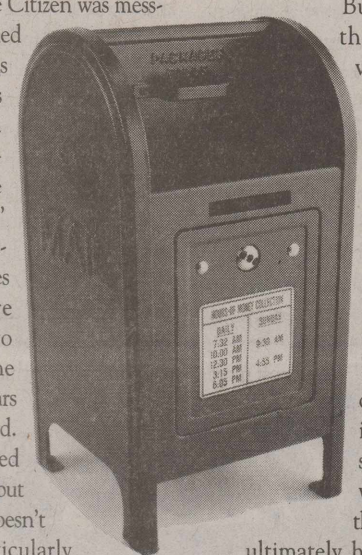
If the Postal Service was privatized, that would mean mail delivery would be run by private companies. It would operate similarly to how companies like Google or Yahoo run e-mail. For proof that this would work better, imagine if government ran e-mail. Good luck trying to send a message on Sundays.

England realizes this. Last week, the U.K. government proposed a bill which, if passed, will privatize its mail service. As The Wall Street Journal reports: "Several governments have backed away from privatizing the postal service in the past, fearing a public backlash, and labor unions are likely to threaten strikes in protest at a time when the government is facing wider union unrest due to public-spending cuts. The government maintains that only privatization will provide new funds to complete the modernization of the service and reduce the burden on the taxpayer."

Does President Obama plan something similar? As The Washington Post reports, "It's just the opposite...the President will help the Postal Service retain their monopoly and weather the current economy. The White House supports the House and Senate measures designed to provide short-term relief to the Postal Service and plans to work with lawmakers on long-term solutions." Great.

All I know is that I have not received half the issues of The Glastonbury Citizen, and the ones I have received came weeks late. It's not the newspaper's fault. It's not UConn's fault. It's the Postal Service's fault.

A few weeks ago, Blockbuster Video declared bankruptcy, because Netflix came along and provided better service. But as long as the Postal Service remains the only organization allowed to deliver mail, they will never change. Why would they? Privatization encourages efficiency in a way that a governmental monopoly does not.



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Scovell walked onto the football team as a quarterback his freshman year at Tech but was moved to wide receiver, where he stayed for the remainder of his college career, he said. He also was a member of Phi Delta Theta and served as a student senator.

"I enjoyed every bit of it," Scovell said. "I think it was the best four and a half years of my life, and I made just so many real, incredible, lasting friendships with folks."

Scovell came from a family of Tech alumni and grew up a Red Raider fan, he said. His father played football in the 1960s. His uncle was the Masked Rider, and his mother was a twirler. His grandmother and aunt also attended Tech. After Scovell played football in the early 1990s, his two younger brothers played in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Scovell looked into many colleges during high school but knew all along he would carry on the family tradition.

"I had been a Tech fan all my life," he said. "I had come to Lubbock for a bunch for football games. I got to know my parents' friends they made at Tech. It was kind of like a no-brainer."

After graduating from Tech in December 1996, Scovell took some time off from school.

"I really thought during that year I was supposed to go to med school; I wanted to go to med school..." Scovell said. "I thought long and hard about being football coach; I thought that might be what I want to do."

Scovell decided to enter medical school at Tech in the fall of 1998 while both of his brothers were also attending

Tech, he said. After medical school, he completed a residency in Dallas at the University of Texas-Southwestern. It was there he chose to go into orthopedic surgery. He then did an extra year of a fellowship at Steadman-Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas.

Now, Scovell works at Lubbock Sports Medicine as an orthopedic surgeon. He also serves as a consulting physician for Tech Athletics and as a physician for area high schools.

Scovell appreciates working as team physician, a profession he looked up to while playing football at Tech. The team physician in the 1990s, Rob Kings, was Scovell's father's football coach at Tech and inspired Scovell to pursue the career. The team physician during the time Scovell's brothers played at Tech, Jack Henry, also influenced Scovell.

Mark "Buzz" Chisum, the athletic trainer for track and field at Tech, has worked as a trainer at the university for 15 years and was the trainer for football when Scovell was on the team.

"He was one of my players when he was at Texas Tech, and as far as his overall mannerism, he's carried that over into his practice of being a physician," Chisum said. "I would definitely recommend him to anybody that has any kind of orthopedic problem. He's a good one."

Chisum, who has known Scovell since 1996 and kept up with him through medical school and his fellowship, said it is great to see a football player he trained go on to be successful.

"You can tell he's a tried and true Red Raider and definitely loves his school, definitely has given back to his school," Chisum said. "We're very lucky and fortunate to have someone of this quality in our area."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. FIELD SCOVELL
DR. FIELD SCOVELL played football at Texas Tech and graduated in 1996. He also went to medical school at Tech and now works as a consulting physician for Tech Athletics in addition to his full-time position at Lubbock Sports Medicine.

The best aspect of the job, Scovell said, is getting to be around the sport he loved to play in college.

"I get to be around the game; I get to be around the team," he said. "It's probably the thing I miss the most from when I was playing, being in locker room and being around the guys. Obviously, it's a little different now that I'm 37; it's a different capacity. But it's fun to be around college athletics, be in that atmosphere."

Scovell and his wife, Lyle, have been married for four years and have a 2-year-old son named John Field Scovell IV.

Lyle describes her husband as passionate about Tech, his family and his work. She said family friends will often call them late at home when a child

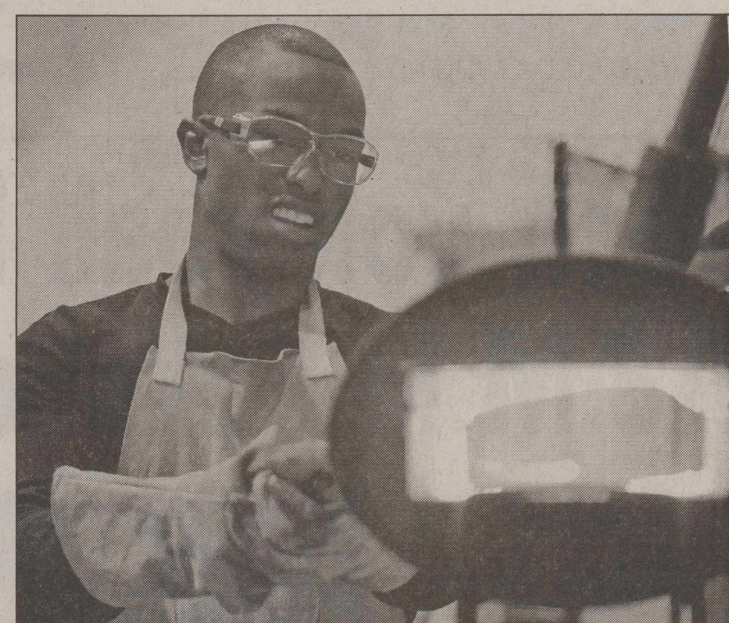
has an injury. Field is very hands-on as a father and a doctor, Lyle said, and has a great relationship with his patients.

"Sometimes you feel like (doctors) never think of you after you leave, or know your name," Lyle said. "But he's not like that. He's not OK until he knows the patient is perfectly OK, especially with kids and sports. I think that's near and dear to him. He knows what its like to miss out on games because you're hurt."

"I think that's a reason he is a doctor. He always makes sure the kids are back on the field or back on the court as soon as possible."

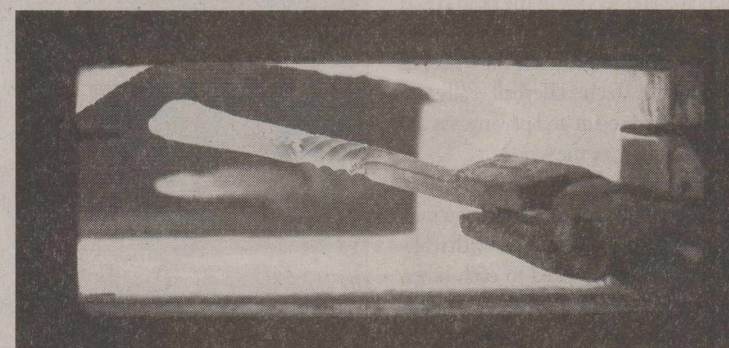
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FIERY FORGING



PHOTOS BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador

ENEKA OGBONAH, A senior mechanical engineering major from Houston, heats up a piece of low carbon steel in a furnace during a manufacturing processes class as part of a hands-on forging operation Wednesday in the Civil Engineering Structures Lab.



A PIECE OF low carbon steel is heated up in a furnace during a manufacturing processes class as part of a hands-on forging operation Wednesday in the Civil Engineering Structures Lab.

Fly ←

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"It was awesome being in control," said Clay Smith, a freshman physics major from Lubbock. "I've always wanted to get behind the stick, and it was fun."

Smith, who has expressed interest in the Marines for a few years, said he has wanted to be a pilot since he was a child.

"I don't know why, but it's always been my dream. My dad's a pilot, which is awesome, and my first word was 'bird,'" he said with a smile.

The program's immersion style seems more powerful than traditional forms of recruiting, Smith said, because people get to experience flying first-hand.

This style of recruiting may cost more but produces much better results, said Officer Selection Officer Capt. Josh Zaffos. Also, the program receives a plethora of positive feedback for its methods.

"It introduces college students to two things, one being the Marine Corps and officer programs because a lot of times

they don't even know they're there, and two, to introduce them to flying to see if it's something they'd be interested in doing," Zaffos said. "A lot of people don't get this chance or ever get to see a cockpit, and they might think, 'Hey I really like this flying gig; could I do this for a living?' And yes, you can."

While it's clear the program is meant to inform, Capt. Birt makes sure everyone has fun. And makes sure he has fun messing with his passengers with plenty of barrel rolls and unexpected turns.

"The main purpose of the flights is to spread word that Marine Corps has an aviation component," Capt. Birt said. "But my main goal is for everyone to have fun."

After I had my turn at steering, I stared questionably at the runway we were supposed to land on, which seemed impossibly far away.

"Think we can make it?" Capt. Birt asks me with a grin.

After more nervous laughter and probably an inaudible response, he jerks the plane into a right-angled spiral to prepare us for landing. I heard laughter and gasps

from behind me, and as we spun toward the fields and farmhouses below, I just repeated to myself my life is in the hands of a professional with eight years of experience.

In case you're wondering, we did land safely, with no emotional or physical damage.

Capt. Birt visits colleges in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado telling students about the program and its benefits. Our de-briefing before departure included a description of such benefits, including guaranteed pilot slots after completion of training, and no commitment required until after graduation.

He also instructed us on how to handle the controls; they are sensitive and don't require much movement to make a change in the plane's position. The key was to be gentle and smooth, and this seemed relatively easy to handle.

Yet, when I found myself staring at the never-ending board of switches, knobs and gauges, I tensed up and couldn't tell if my small movements were significant enough, which means I probably over corrected,

making a very comfortable ride for my new friends.

It also took me a full minute to realize that to hear Capt. Birt speak, I had to place the headset on and speak into the microphone. Life as a pilot may involve too many complexities for me.

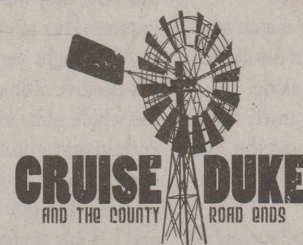
I must add that no one three up during the ride, which was a plus for us all.

In the end, it was a success, and Capt. Zaffos may have attracted a few future Marines.

"It's an awesome experience," said Clay Smith as he reminisced on the brief piloting encounter. "And brings people in who've never thought about the military before."

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Tech volleyball loses to Texas A&M in Falls' coaching debut

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

With the second largest crowd of the season on hand Wednesday night, interim head coach Beth Falls and the Texas Tech volleyball team tipped off a new chapter for the program against rival Texas A&M.

Former coach Trish Knight resigned Monday, after serving as the head coach for a year and a half.

So considering the way the week has gone for the Tech volleyball, Falls said getting on the court and playing was the best resolution for the squad.

"Some of the girls you could tell that the week has worn on them," she said. "But I think they all came out with really good spirits, they talked to each other, they did a great job in that aspect of it. I mean they did a great job supporting each other."

The Red Raiders (3-18, 1-11 in Big 12 Conference play) fell in straight sets to the Aggies (11-11, 5-7) in the United Spirit Arena Wednesday.

The Aggies started the match off on a 4-2 run, but the Red Raiders battled back to bring it to a tie at five apiece.

It was a back and forth match after this point as there were eight ties and six lead changes in the first set alone.

Tech held their own until three consecutive attack errors cost the Red Raiders the lead and forced Falls to burn her first timeout of the set.

The Aggies went on a 4-2 run out of the Tech timeout which extended the Texas A&M lead to 20-16.

After that timeout the Aggies took care of business and clinched the first set with a 5-1 run.

Tech junior setter Karlyn Meyers after the match said the squad came out doing some good things on the court, but it

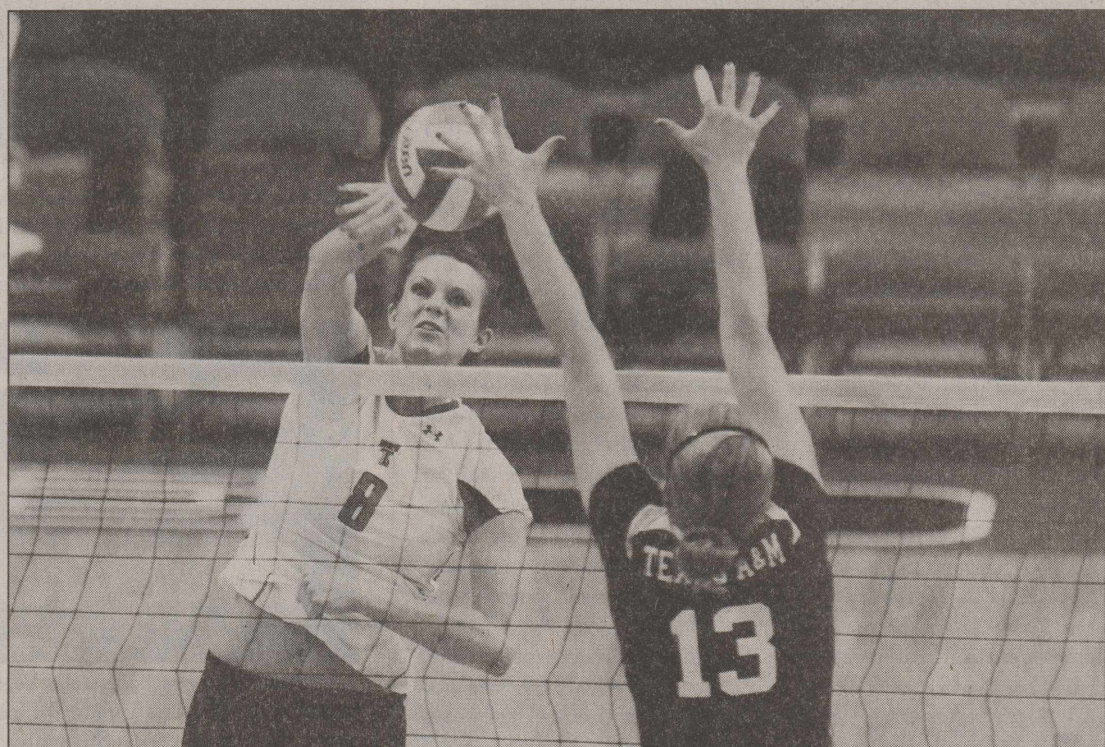


PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Alexxa Roberts spikes the ball past Texas A&M outside hitter Chelsea Ringel, during the Texas Tech volleyball game Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

was what they were doing mentally that impressed her most.

"I thought we came out with a really positive attitude," she said. "I think the whole game we kept pretty positive enthusiastic attitude, and that's what we need to keep doing for the rest of the season. Obviously it's been a trying week and I think we held our composure for the most part."

After the squads switched sides, the beginning of the second set had a similar feel to the opening set as the Aggies went on a 4-2 run, followed by a Tech run which pulled it to a five-all tie.

Texas A&M went on a 3-0 run to take an 8-5, and Tech's errors continued

to haunt them as the Aggies kept rolling, taking a commanding 12-8 lead.

Tech eventually tied the match at 17 after Barbara Conceicao and Meyers combined on a huge block, forcing the Aggies to burn their first timeout of the match.

After some back and forth play the Aggies got on top again with a 23-21 lead that resulted in a Tech timeout. The Red Raiders couldn't regain their composure, losing 25-22 to give Texas A&M a 2-0 advantage going into the third set.

After the intermission the Aggies came out on a 5-1 run and never looked back. The Red Raiders couldn't garner any momentum and lost 25-11, giving Texas A&M the 3-0 win.

The Aggies have Oklahoma next on their schedule, while the Red Raiders travel to the Sunflower State to face Kansas and Kansas State back-to-back matches.

Tech senior middle blocker Alexxa Roberts said the squad just needs to move on, put this week behind them and focus on what they do best.

"We already got the first win out of the way with them, so pressure's off there," she said. "But tomorrow we're just going to work hard and work on the things that we need to and we should be good and confident going into Kansas."

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Red Raiders host Halloween Fright Night following game



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ASHTYN PAIGE, A kindergartner from Roscoe Wilson Elementary, gets candy at Halloween Fright Night, Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena following the Texas Tech volleyball game against Texas A&M.

Everything from Indians, to bumblebees and even Darth Vader were in attendance for the annual Halloween Fright Night on Wednesday.

The first 50 children that arrived at the United Spirit Arena in costume received a Trick or Treat bag for the Safe Treat event that was set to follow the match.

Elvis Moya, Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions for Texas Tech Athletics, said it was a great way to get the community more involved.

"We were really excited about the event," he said. "Because this actually gives the community an opportunity to come in to the United Spirit Arena, support our team, and be able to bring their children into a safe environment for Halloween."

The Safe Treat event that followed the match was hosted on the concourse of the USA, and more than 30 student organizations were in attendance to hand out candy to the children.

Jonathan Jobe, vice president of the Society for the Advancement of Management, was dressed as Captain Hook and received the award for Best Dressed Tech Student at intermission during the game.

Jobe said being involved in an event like this brought back some childhood memories for him.

"Well I remember how much fun it used to be when I was a kid," he said. "And seeing that many faces smile and stuff like that it brings me back to when I was a kid and having a good time like that. It says we're doing something good for the community and it just makes us happy."

Tech junior Amanda Dowdy said the event is a nice tradition.

"I think it's a great event and it's a good way to bring more fans to the game and to have fun with it," she said. "I mean everybody gets to dress up, I think it's an awesome idea and it's a lot of fun."

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It isn't all bad for America's team. In the NFL, you can turn around a bad team in no time. Here is the construction plan to fix the Cowboys.

Stephen McGee and Tashard Choice start when the Cowboys take the field against the Jaguars.

Cody Stoots



Starting those two is not a signal of giving up on the team. Romo is out for at least five games, but contrary to what Roy Williams says, Jon Kitna is not as good as Romo.

Felix Jones and Marion Barber don't look like themselves, so starting Choice gives the Cowboys a new wrinkle in the offense. If Choice proves his worth, he could be traded or supplanted someone regularly.

Some younger players should see the field. Not every young player should start, but offensive lineman Sam Young, along with linebackers Sean Lee, Brandon Williams and Victor Butler, should see significant time in the game. The Cowboys can find out about their younger guys and see which holes will need upgrades in the offseason.

Jerry Jones needs to give his front office

a face lift, too. His new stadium is distracting him. He is more worried about putting together the next big event than he is worried about his football team.

The GM Jones hires must challenge Jones on personnel decisions. He also needs to be free to hire a new coach of his choosing. No, it shouldn't be Bill Parcells.

Wade Phillips and most of the staff need to be shown the door. That includes Jason Garrett, who once was thought to be the heir to the head coaching position.

Two names that instantly come to mind are Jon Gruden and Bill Cowher. But neither looks ready to leave the broadcast booth, and their controlling attitudes would stress the new GM and Jones.

Jim Harbaugh from Stanford is a fun name to throw around, but I don't trust coaches making the transition from college to pro the first time.

I would call Steelers offensive coordinator Bruce Arians. The Steelers have a complimentary offense to the 3-4, and Arians has been successful with Big Ben and Co. Nothing too fancy, but a fresh new face and not a recycled head coach.

The Cowboys do not need to rebuild. The decisions don't need to be drastic, but changes need to be made. The Cowboys have plenty of talent on defense, including one of the best pass rushers in the game in DeMarcus Ware. The secondary needs improvement, likely through free agency, but is not awful. The offensive line is not healthy, but injuries are a part of football, so depth needs to be addressed.

The NFL is set up to cater to teams that make smart moves in the office and with the roster.

The Cowboys roster is made to win now. Now isn't an option right now, but next year is a real possibility. The Cowboys will be back, as long as the status quo is not allowed to continue.

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Tech men's golf earns 7th place at Isleworth Collegiate Invitational

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Despite having one of the best final round scores, the No. 22 Texas Tech men's golf team finished in seventh place at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational in Wilderme, Fla., Tuesday.

The Red Raiders' finish is deceptive, considering they finished only two strokes behind the No. 1-ranked Florida Gators, who finished in third place.

Tech head coach Greg Sands said the team was disappointed they did not finish in first or second place but played a good tournament in order to finish just two strokes out of third place.

In fact, Sands said it was the most impressive performance he's seen his guys put together during the fall.

"Over all, we played our best golf of the season," Sands said. "We played a good round; we just did not take advantage of all of our birdie opportunities."

Leading the Red Raiders throughout the tournament was senior Matt Smith, who finished in 11th place individually, ending the tourney at five-over par.

Sands said Smith's consistency

in the tournament was great, even after Smith sustained an injury to his hand in the early going.

"He almost didn't play the second round, but he fought through the discomfort and played two good, solid rounds," Sands said of Smith's status during play.

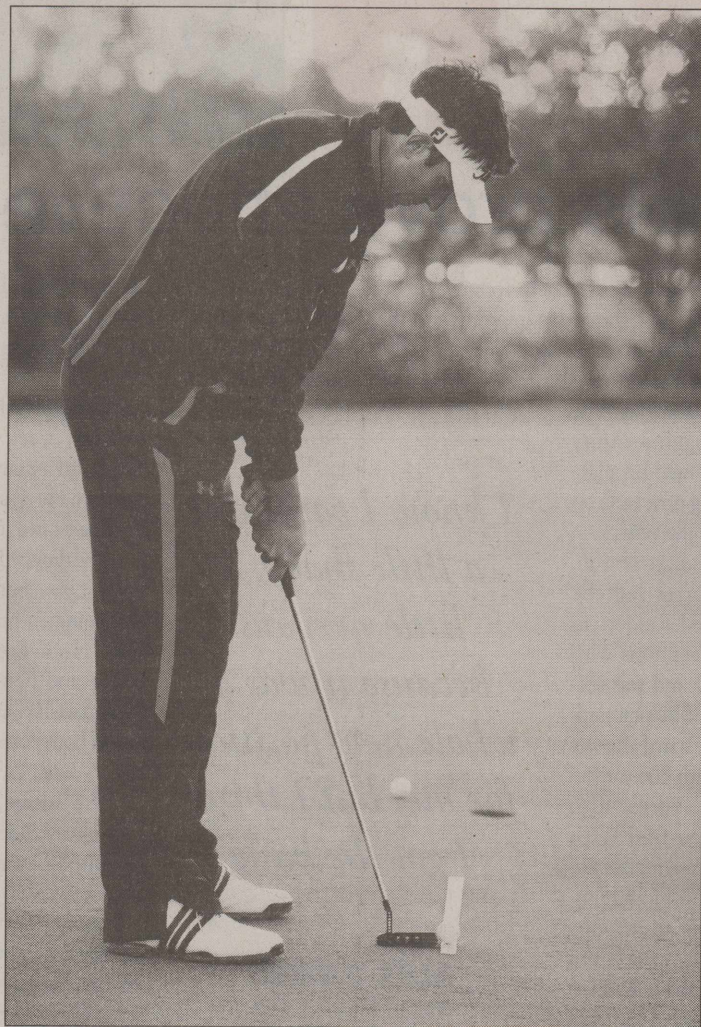
Smith solidified his third top-15 finish with a two-over par 74 in the final round. Senior Will Griffin led the team in the

final day with a one-over par 73, placing him in the top 25. Finishing close behind them was junior Tyler Weworski, who shot a three-over par 75 on his final day.

The Red Raiders finished one stroke behind Big 12 Conference rival Oklahoma State and eight strokes ahead of Texas.

Sands said this was one of their most difficult courses of the season and that the conditions added to the difficulty. Despite that, he said his players did well for the conditions presented but were a bit too sloppy to break in to the top spot for the tournament.

"We're hoping to be a little sharper for the Baylor Intercollegiate," Sands said. "We need to keep ourselves in contention



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S MATT Smith practices his putting at the Rawls Course. Tech finished in 7th place Tuesday at the Isleworth Invitational.

for the top spot on the final day."

Sands said Baylor has a good golf team and will be difficult to play at their home tournament. Sands also said if the team just makes a few more key putts and keeps their emotions in check, they will be able to compete

against the best in their next tournament.

The Red Raiders head to Dallas for the Baylor Intercollegiate Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 in what will be Tech's final tournament of the fall.

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Former Rice DB sues against NCAA on scholarship rules

(AP) — A former Rice University football player is suing the NCAA over its policy to limit athletic scholarships to one-year, renewable awards.

Joseph Agnew played two seasons for the private Houston school before coaches told him in 2007 his scholarship would not be renewed. Agnew was a highly recruited prep player at Southlake Carroll near Fort Worth before a series of injuries his sophomore year.

He appealed the university's decision and received a scholarship his junior year but did not receive any tuition money as a senior. The school's website lists tuition for the 2008-09 academic year at \$33,120, excluding students fees, room and board.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. It seeks class-action status.

Steve Berman, a Seattle attorney handling the case for Agnew, said the NCAA's rules violate federal antitrust laws.

"The restrictions against multiyear scholarships relegate today's student-athletes to modern-day gladiators, but all they're really winning is the chance to fight again for a spot on the team next year," he said Wednesday.

The Indianapolis-based NCAA says its rules are clear, and have been since

four- and five-year scholarships were eliminated in 1973: Athletic scholarships are merit-based awards that require adequate academic achievement as well as meeting "participation expectations" on the playing field.

That approach is more consistent with "the more typical approach taken within higher education for talent-based and academic scholarships," NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said.

In May, the Justice Department's antitrust division initiated an inquiry into the NCAA's scholarship rules. A spokeswoman for the federal agency declined to discuss the status of that probe Wednesday.

Some advocates for college athletes have suggested that coaches on the recruiting trail don't fully explain scholarship limitations, suggesting the one-year renewal rule allows coaches to "run off" players who fail to adequately perform on the playing field, regardless of their academic standing.

The lawsuit said Agnew's playing time diminished after Rice coach Todd Graham, who recruited Agnew, left for Tulsa and was replaced by former Texas quarterback Major Applewhite.

A school spokesman said the school follows NCAA rules and noted that Agnew was no longer enrolled.

TCU insists focus is on UNLV

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU coach Gary Patterson isn't worried about it. Neither are seniors Evan Froesch and Bart Johnson.

After all, the fourth-ranked Horned Frogs have seen too many teams get knocked out of the BCS picture after overlooking an opponent in what becomes a classic trap game. Therefore, there hasn't been any talk about the upcoming road game against eighth-ranked Utah.

Well, that's at least what they said during the weekly media session before TCU (8-0, 4-0 Mountain West) travels to UNLV (1-6, 1-2) for a Saturday night game.

"I haven't heard Utah come

up," Patterson said. "If I'm talking to my coaches, I'm talking to them about a UNLV team that scored 21 points on Wisconsin and 26 points on Nevada. They play a lot better at home than they do on the road. They want to win. They can win the rest of their games and become bowl eligible."

Added Froesch, a tight end: "Watching college football, you see teams with big games the next week end up losing. We know what can happen. And, the thing is, UNLV is a good team. We've got to be ready to play them. Everybody sees Utah next week, but we're all focused on UNLV right now."



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POSITION SWITCH



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Moves for Torres, Lewis prove effective

By MIKE GRAHAM
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One could say Alex Torres hasn't made quite the same impact this year that he had last year, his first as a member of Texas Tech football.

But the sophomore Red Raider had his best game of the season — six receptions for 133 yards and a touchdown — this past Saturday against Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

The Tech coaching staff made

the decision to move Torres to inside receiver and move senior Detron Lewis to the outside.

"I know I came out a little shaky, a little nervous because it was a whole new position for me, but I think I got the hang of it," Torres said after the Colorado win. "I know I've still gotta build on that, and I'm looking forward to keep doing that. It's a different position, but whatever helps the team and whatever gives us the best chance to win, that's what I'm looking to do."

Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said Torres was impressive in the Colorado game, especially since he has been plagued with a bad back all season long. The nagging injury limited his playing time early on in the year.

Last season, Torres led the Red Raiders in receptions with 87 and was second in total yards behind Lewis with 806 yards.

Torres also was tied with Lewis for the second most number of touchdown receptions with six. Lyle Leong led the team with nine touchdown catches.

Torres' numbers probably will not be as impressive as they were last year. Torres currently is on pace for about 600 yards receiving.

"He's just going to be sore all year," Tuberville said of Torres. "When you

have a sore back, it goes and comes. I think he's getting close to as close as he will get to 100 percent until he gets some time off.

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ALEX TORRES
WIDE RECEIVER
TEXAS TECH

"He played well last week. He played a new position. He was nervous, and I think he dropped the first pass, but he's going to be fine. He'll get better and better, and we'll play him at both positions."

The move, however, has benefited Lewis as well.

Lewis, Torres' replacement on the outside, finished the Colorado game second in receiving yards with 84

yards and had a long catch for 32 yards.

The next closest receiver in the Colorado game, Lyle Leong, had 32 yards and a touchdown.



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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Detron Lewis, above, moved from inside receiver to outside receiver for the Colorado game. Alex Torres, below, took over Lewis' old position and posted his best game of the year with six receptions for 133 yards against Colorado.

"I'm loving it," Lewis said of the move to the outside. "I'm loving being able to catch the ball and having some space to make plays rather than me being an inside receiver and having to catch the ball around linebackers and safeties and not being able to do anything after the catch."

Up next for Tech's receivers are the Texas A&M Aggies, whose pass defense ranks seventh among Big 12 teams and allows 235 passing yards per game.

That number may bode well for Tech quarterback Taylor Potts and his

receivers, who combine to average 311 yards of offense through the air.

But the switch remains a work in progress in the meantime.

Arguably the biggest storyline, however, out of the receiver switch is the determination Tuberville has seen in Torres.

"He competes, never complains," Tuberville said. "He spends most of his off time in the training room. He wants to get 100 percent, it's just going to be hard for him."

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