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Perry wins re-election GOP retains West Texas seats



LUBBOCK RESIDENTS CHEER at the announcement of a Republican victory at the Lubbock County Republican Election Night Watch Party on Tuesday at the Tao Development Group.

By BRIAN HOWARD and
BROOKE BELLOMY
THE DAILY T O R E A D O R

The Lubbock County Republican Party and Lubbock County Democratic Party each hosted an election night watch party Tuesday where attendees witnessed the re-election of Governor Rick Perry and voiced their opinions about the midterm elections.

Chris Winn, the chairman of the Lubbock Republican Party, said his first observation of the evening's results was strong republican support being shown at local, statewide and national levels.

Most Republican support is coming from people who are upset with the current economy and want to see a change, Winn said.

"There is a heightened awareness

placed on the voter when the government in Washington plans to spend more money in the future," he said, "and the voter has asked the government to stop."

Currently the No. 1 issue is the economy, Winn said, especially in the area of small business.

"We've got to get the government off the back of small businesses, cut taxes and cut down the size of the government overall," he said. "As the federal government prints more money, the value of the dollar goes down, and everyone ends up getting less than they used to."

Another issue prevalent to this election is the recent Health Care Reform legislation enacted by President Obama, Winn said.

"What you've got to look at is



LOCAL DEMOCRATS CLAP at the end of an interview with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White during the Democratic watch party Tuesday at The Lantern Tavern.

the fact that Nancy Pelosi and Henry Reid promised that the cost of health care would go down," he said, "but this was a bait and switch

as insurance companies have not been constrained."

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Election Day changes national landscape GOP takes control of House Senate sees increased balance

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans seized control of the House and pushed toward historic gains Tuesday, as voters disenchanted with the economy, President Barack Obama and government dealt a strong rebuke to Democrats in every corner of the country.

The GOP ousted Democratic freshman and influential veterans, including some considered safe just weeks ago. Republicans piled up enough

gains — 56 by early Wednesday — to eclipse their so-called "revolution" that retook the House in 1994 for the first time in 40 years. With leads for 10 other Democratic-held seats, they were reaching toward their biggest House gains since they picked up 80 in 1938.

Ascendant Republican leaders quickly pledged to heed the message of angry voters who they acknowledged were rejecting what both parties had to offer.

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By CHARLES BABINGTON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats narrowly held their Senate majority Tuesday but suffered at least six stinging losses, including the Illinois seat once held by President Barack Obama.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada survived a fierce challenge from tea party Republican Sharron Angle but Republicans ousted two Democratic senators and picked up Democratic-held seats in three other states.

Reid's win, plus Democratic victories in California and West Virginia, kept Republicans short of the 10-seat gain they needed for the majority.

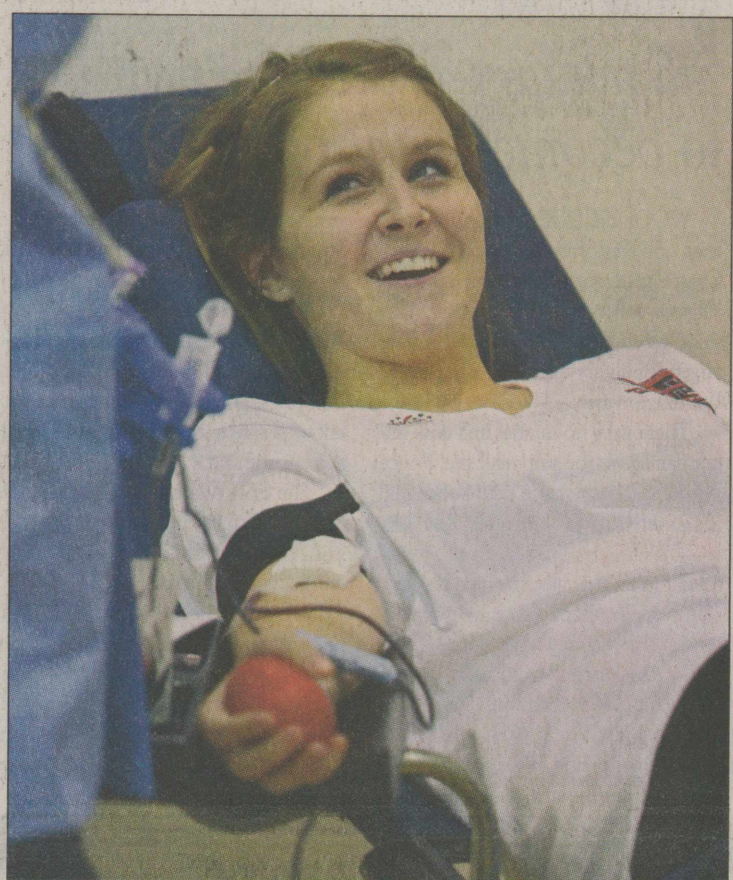
With Republicans taking over the House, Obama will need a Democratic-run Senate to champion his legislative agenda.

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., hailed his party's gains. "Tonight the voters ensured their message was heard loud and clear," he said.

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2010 Homecoming blood drive draws many Red Raiders

United Blood Service plans to return throughout school year



KAYLA CURRY, A freshman public relations major from Flower Mound, donates blood during the Rec Sports Homecoming Blood drive Tuesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

United Blood Services and the Texas Tech Homecoming committee hosted a blood drive at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center racket ball courts.

Lauren Maura, a junior biology major from Houston, has donated blood about 10 times in the past and came to donate Tuesday because of

her interest in the medical field. "Usually, I donate blood as often as possible, once a quarter," she said. "I donated over the summer, so I just recently became able to do it again. I think donating blood is an important part of the medical community, which I hope to be a part of some day. It's a good way to support my future career as well as people in hospitals."

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The Red Raiders can improve their NCAA tournament chances with an opening round win against Oklahoma State. SPORTS, Page 8

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Senior Robbie Duran, a Houston native, gave blood for the second time Tuesday.

"I came out because I heard about it from (Maura) and I thought it was cool," the early childhood education major said. "I haven't done it much, but I feel like it's a good thing and I should be doing it more often than I do."

Something that inspired Duran to give blood was hearing stories on the news about people living solely because of blood donations.

"It will help a lot of people, and it's a good thing to do," he said. "You always hear about people getting saved by that one thing; it's just a way to give back."

Vince Valdez, a senior public relations major, noticed the blood drive while at the rec center working out. He said he has donated about four times in the past, and has not for a while, so he decided he should while it was convenient.

Valdez, from Lubbock, said the reason he donates blood is because the demand for it always exists.

"Every time you hear things on the radio or throughout the media, there's a need for it, and that never goes away," he said. "When you have the opportunity, I think it's important to take advantage of it."

He also said giving blood does not take much time, and usually donors are entered into a raffle of some sort, which is an incentive.

Marcel Desobeau, an animal science major, has given blood at least 10 times in the past, he said. Not only does he think of helping others when donating, he puts himself in their shoes.

"I think it's important because if I was on my death bed, I would like to have some blood, you know?" the sophomore from Plano said. "It could mean a life."

Diane Hamilton, the donor-relations specialist for United Blood Services, said after the first hour and a half of the six-hour event, only six donor appointments were left open. She said the organization always has a good turnout when hosting a drive at Tech, and they plan to come back many more times this year.

Students who did not get a chance to donate can come by the Lubbock location at 48th Street and University, Hamilton said.

For Tech to have a homecoming event that is beneficial to Lubbock and see students participate is neat, Maura said.

"I think it's a cool way that Tech shows that they're supporting the outside community," she said. "They're not just celebrating homecoming for us, but Lubbock."

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5th military-related site near DC to become target of shooting

WOODBRIDGE, Va. (AP) — At least one shot was fired overnight at a Coast Guard recruiting office in northern Virginia, police said Tuesday, the fifth case since last month of unexplained gunfire targeting military-related buildings in the Washington area.

There were no injuries and only minor damage at the strip mall site, Prince William County police said. Police said the gunfire did not shatter the front glass.

The FBI has blamed four previous shootings on a single unknown assailant who they say could be harboring a grievance against the Marine Corps. Three of the five attacks since mid-October hit Marine-related facilities. Nobody was injured.

Outside the Coast Guard office Tuesday, police and FBI agents could be seen searching the area, some crossing the

ground in a line about 10 abreast while others looked through grass on their hands and knees.

Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kim Chinn said it appears the shooting occurred overnight. It seemed similar to other recent shootings, though investigators won't know for sure until evidence is processed at a lab, she said.

The FBI's Washington Field Office is investigating, but the agency said it wasn't clear Tuesday whether this attack is linked to the others.

In four separate incidents starting in mid-October, shots were fired twice at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Va., once at the Pentagon and once at a Marine Corps recruiting station in northern Virginia. No injuries were reported in any of the shootings.

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TODAY

Ralphie May
Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Allen Theatre
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Feminists of Lubbock
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Sugar Brown's Coffee

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So, what is it?

The Feminists of Lubbock is a discussion group aimed at getting feminists within the community talking. The theme is "Love Your Body."

THURSDAY

Techsan Memorial
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Circle
So, what is it?

Tech Activities Board offers

this annual memorial to gather as Techsians and honor the students, faculty, staff and alumni who are no longer with us.

Candyland and Footballs
Time: 11 a.m.

Where: Student Union Building West basement
So, what is it?

Come make your own Sandy Candy and enjoy treats from the chocolate fountains. In support of the football team, decorate your own mini foot-

ball as a souvenir.

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

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

Students pair with St. Judes, help to raise childhood cancer awareness

By **BRIAN HOWARD**
STAFF WRITER

The student-led Up 'til Dawn organization has partnered with the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in an attempt to raise awareness about and raise money for children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Students who are part of the Tech-affiliated Up 'til Dawn organization will be accepting donations at a table set up outside the Student Union Building through Friday.

Mary Alex Smith, a co-director of Up 'til Dawn, said raising awareness is important because many people do not know how much childhood cancer affects families' lives.

"We are out here this week to help raise money for St. Jude to further their effort in supporting children with cancer," she said. "No matter what child, whether they can afford treatment or not, is accepted at St. Jude Children's Hospital."

The Up 'til Dawn group will also be hosting an upcoming event on Nov. 10 in the ballroom of the SUB to supplement their efforts this week in increasing awareness and donations for St. Jude, Smith said.

"There will be food, a live band, a guest speaker who was a cancer sur-

vivor, and a group from Microsoft will be coming to promote their new console, the Xbox Kinect," she said. "The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and is free for anyone who would like to attend."

The all-day event will give participants the opportunity to win a prize in a raffle as well, Smith said.

"Raffle tickets will be \$20," she said, "and towards the end of the night, we will announce the winner, who will receive a Moped."

Those who come to the event will also be asked to give addresses of friends or family members, Smith said.

"We will send out letters to these addresses on behalf of St. Jude childhood cancer education, asking recipients for donations," she said. "The letters will also include information about St. Jude, such as the hospital's achievement of raising childhood cancer survival rates from 4 to 94 percent."

Brittany Crisp, a freshman pre-nursing major from Houston, said she originally joined the Up 'til Dawn organization after learning about it in her hometown.

"I volunteered at a hospital in Houston where they had an Up 'til Dawn organization," she said. "I saw all they did for cancer there, and when I learned Tech had a similar student-led organization, I decided to get involved."



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

KAYLA CURRY, RIGHT, a freshman with no declared major from Flower Mound, signs up for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital's "Up 'til Dawn" letter writing campaign Tuesday outside the Student Union Building. During the overnight campaign, students write letters soliciting donations for the hospital. Recruiting for the event were Malory Scott, a freshman education major from Bedford, left, and Kathryn Killina, center, a freshman early childhood education major from Frisco.

Cancer is a disease that can have a devastating effect on people's lives, Crisp said.

"Raising awareness is really important for me because I have seen its effects on people that are close to me," she said. "My little cousin was diagnosed with cancer, and I have seen what it has done to family and friends."

Brittany Burkhalter, a junior geology

major from Dallas, said after learning about the Up 'til Dawn organization's cause, she decided to help out and join.

"The reason St. Jude's is so important in the fight against childhood cancer is because they never turn people away regardless if they can't pay," she said. "They need as much help and support as possible."

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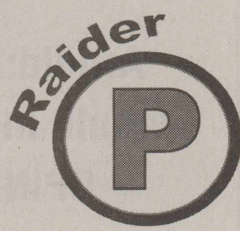
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Tarot card reader awakens school spirit

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Tech Activities Board sponsored another event for this year's homecoming theme, "Let The Games Begin," but in this game, they told students how it would end.

Students lined up in the Student Union Building basement yesterday to have their fortunes told by a tarot card reader.

Emily Barnhart, a freshman pre-engineering major from Dallas and homecoming committee member for TAB, said the organization chose a tarot card reader to be part of this week's events not only because it fits in with Tech's 'Game of Life' theme, but also because it is a unique way to raise school spirit and bring students together, which is the purpose of homecoming.

"Homecoming isn't just about football," Barnhart said. "It's a chance to get students more involved. With the events during homecoming, people get really excited and meet lots of new people, too."

Barnhart said the tarot card reader brought so many students out to participate that there was a constant line of nearly 15 people.

"But it's not just about seeing how many people show up," Barnhart said. "It's what happens while they're here. It's seeing them interact and get involved. And while they're here, they get excited about the football game, too."

Barry Horn, a freshman zoology major from Houston, said homecoming events may raise school spirit, but no matter how hard TAB tries, it cannot replace



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

NOLAN BUDNOVICH, A freshman performing arts major from Austin, gets his fortune told by Kathryn Nordstrom, a tarot card reader from Dallas on Tuesday in the Student Union Building.

the fire students have for a winning football team.

"Because everyone's afraid of losing the football game Saturday, no one wants to set themselves up for disappointment," Horn said. "People just don't get into it as much as they probably would if our football team was doing better."

Horn said college homecoming varies drastically from high school homecoming in that there is no dance in college. Because of that, college students turn every ounce of energy and attention to the football team.

"That kind of sucks because our football team is losing," Horn said. "People would be more excited about homecoming if the football team was better. I know I would dress up and go crazy."

Because of the poor performance on the football field, Horn said he can see a noticeable emphasis on preserving school pride, but it does not

seem to be working due to a losing football team.

"People just don't care as much," Horn said. "They would be a lot more into homecoming and have a lot more pride if we were winning."

Lauren Roblez, a freshman biochemistry major from Midland, said the week's homecoming events stress school spirit and pride, both in the good times and bad.

"In high school, you were more worried about who you were going to go to the dance with," Roblez said. "But here, the focus is all on the football team. It shouldn't matter if they're winning or losing, though. Everyone should still get excited."

Roblez said while she was waiting in line for the tarot card reader, she encountered numerous students excited with the football team's poor performance recently. However, she said it was an opportunity

to talk about all the things they love about Tech and renew their school spirit.

"I came here because tarot card reading really interests me," Roblez said. "But now I see how events like this are a good way to get people together and excited about their school."

Roblez said despite the team's record, the tarot card reader was an exciting event that pumped up students about the game and their school.

"Whether or not the team is winning, I want to support them," Roblez said. "Homecoming, and even things like today with the tarot card reader, are just a good way to get students together and talking about their school. If we're losing, we should still have pride in Tech."

And the No. 1 question students asked the tarot card reader was, "Will the team win on Saturday?"

Prediction - yes.
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Gareth Bain

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 - 9 Unspoken, but implied
 - 14 Pints at the bar
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 - 16 Like merinos
 - 17 Commonly upholstered seat
 - 19 Prolific psalmist
 - 20 Some littermates
 - 21 "To continue ..."
 - 23 Gary's st.
 - 24 Bakery array
 - 26 Smart's ... cocksure and conceited
 - 28 Real scream
 - 33 Rue
 - 34 Pint-size
 - 35 Frenzied
 - 38 Wildly cheering
 - 40 "Finger lickin' good" sloganer, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 41 Honshu port
 - 42 Balkan native
 - 43 Nintendo game console
 - 44 We-alone link
 - 45 Crawl alternative
 - 48 British philosopher who wrote "Language, Truth and Logic"
 - 51 Enjoy the Appalachian Trail
 - 52 Prom rental
 - 53 Maker of tiny combs
 - 55 Like a persistent headache
 - 60 O'Connor's successor
 - 62 '80s fashion fad inspired by dance films
 - 64 The QEZ, e.g.
 - 65 An acre's 43,560 square feet
 - 66 Je t'... Pierre's "I love you"
 - 67 Canada's highest mountain
 - 68 Tramp's love
 - 69 Put in the overhead
- DOWN**
- 1 Aggressive sort
 - 2 Et ... and others
 - 3 Monopoly payment
 - 4 Bilko's mil. rank
 - 5 Believer's antithesis
 - 6 Otter's kin
 - 7 Actor Wallach
 - 8 Word repeated in a Doris Day song
 - 9 More than crawl
 - 10 Palindromic girl's name that ranked among the 10 most popular in each of the past five years
 - 11 Like some pride
 - 12 How contracts are usually signed
 - 13 Garment including a chemise
 - 18 Written code
 - 22 Goller's sunburn spot
 - 25 Swimmer with a blade-like snout
 - 27 Pencil tip
 - 28 Refrain syllables
 - 29 Call to 20-Across
 - 30 Inventor Sikorsky
 - 31 Like takers
 - 32 Ripple near the nipple
 - 36 Hombre's hand
 - 37 "I get it, I get it!"

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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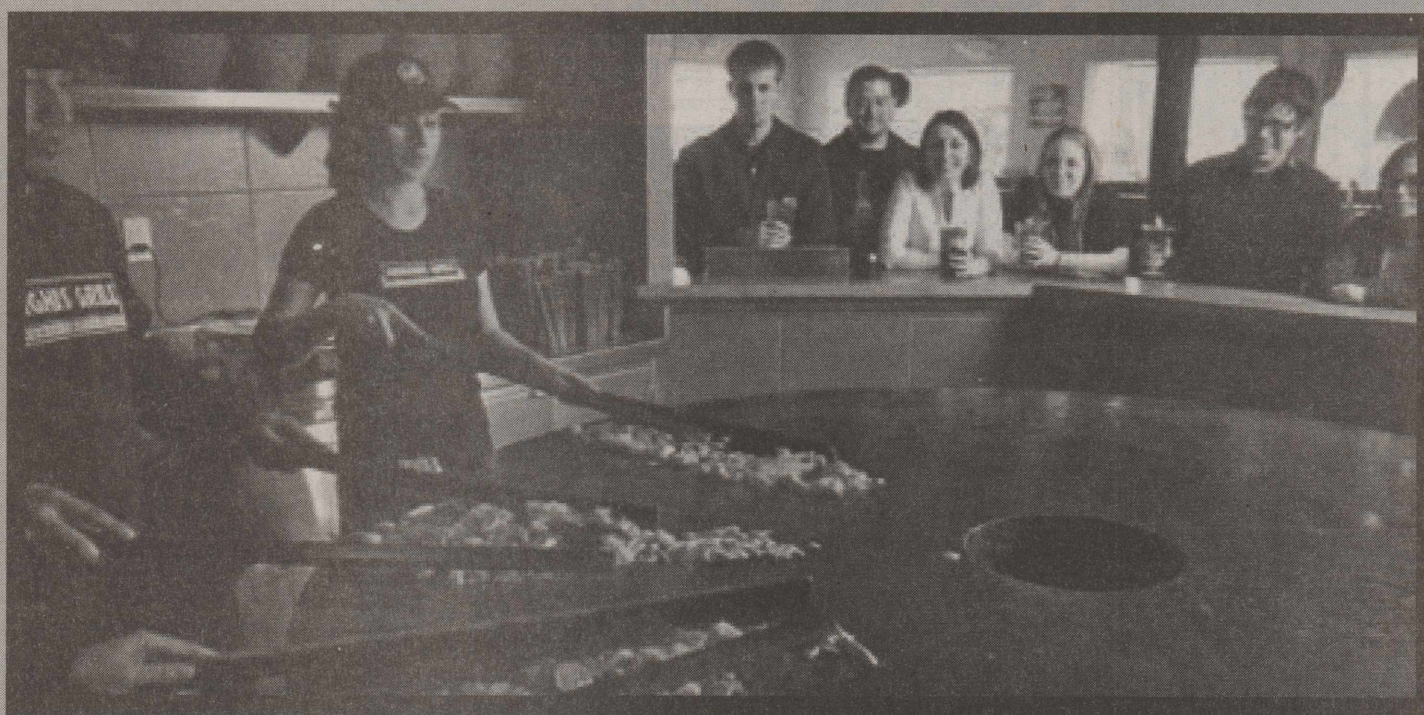
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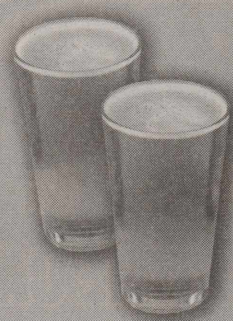
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It's time to look at online voting

After an election, the numbers always come back and show that young people aren't voting.

Maybe we're just lazy or not very interested, but there are some interesting methods our government could implement to make it easier for everyone, not just young people, to make sure their voice is heard.

A few tweaks, thankfully, are already available to voters in Lubbock. First is early voting. There's no requirement to show up on a certain day at a certain time; instead of having a 12-hour voting period, there is a two-week voting period. All that's required is to show up during the time period and make your selections.

On Tuesday, voters were not required to go to a certain place in their precinct to cast their ballots. This makes things a whole lot easier. It allows people to vote on their lunch break or when they're in transit. I was able to walk over to the Student Union Building instead of trying to find some elementary school or another unfamiliar location.

While early voting and letting citizens vote wherever they please

Jon Arnold



is helpful, there remains work to be done to make voting an easy and hassle-free process, which it should be so as many people can vote as possible.

First off, registration is really confusing for college students who are already registered back home. Students who want to keep their residency back home are forced to apply for a ballot by mail and then hope it comes. Then, they have to mail it back. It's not that big of a deal in theory, but

many times, things of that nature are easily forgotten.

How much easier would it be if they could just go to the voting booth on campus and vote back home? It would take a bit of extra legwork to be sure, but on Election Day it would allow students to more easily vote in important elections such as the one on Tuesday.

This idea opens up some other interesting doors. Allowing students to vote at home from Lubbock will rub people the wrong way, and the natural progression is toward allowing citizens to vote online.

The problem with this, of course, is how susceptible the system would be to hackers. It's one thing when a website to share kitten photos gets taken down, but quite another when a hacker misrepresents what the American people want.

Even on a smaller scale, how can we identify that the person behind the screen really is who they say they are? Voting booths do provide a level of intimacy. If an oppressive family member wants you to vote one way, they have no way of knowing exactly who you voted for at the polling station.

But even with these roadblocks, online voting is something that we should be checking into. It would undoubtedly draw a bigger turnout and make things much, much easier for the people to have their say.

Already, social networking is getting involved, with Facebook, Foursquare and Twitter all rolling out special Election Day features, and of course YouTube's series of debates and the Google Maps link to find polling stations.

It must take great caution and be well implemented, but online voting could very well be the thing that brings young people into the elections more than ever before.

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Diploma, not class ring, is what students need

Recently, Texas Tech unveiled a new statue at the Merket Alumni Center of a giant class ring. While I find it a great piece of work, I feel that there could have been a different focus.

The accomplishment of obtaining higher education is not about a class ring. I did not go to college for a class ring; I went to college for a degree.

While I can see how a class ring can be considered a symbol of one's hard work, it is, at the end of the day, a mere status symbol just as an A&M or UT ring is. It can come in gold, silver, with diamonds and with whatever else a student would want. All the while, there's no reason not to be proud of a class ring, but it should not define us.

Yet, it does. It squirms its way into our culture like a sneaky snake, ready to strike at whoever doesn't belong. Now, as much as I and any other girl on campus would love to googly-eye Michelangelo's magnificent statue of David, I don't expect a masterpiece to be placed in front of the newly expanded Merket Alumni Center, either. However, I would like to see something that better relates to academics or success. For example, the fountain by the education building does an excellent job of emphasizing that knowledge comes from the use of letters, words and books.

Am I too picky? Maybe I am. Maybe I am sticking a limb out too far when I talk about class rings. A ring can mean many different things to many different people. As an alumna of Texas Tech, I know how much it means to recognize other alumni just by identifying the class ring on their

Colleen Gartner



right ring finger. It brings a level of comfort that I am mingling with someone who shares a similarity: the college, the professors or even the winters here. It is a form of a bond, however recklessly associated.

However, it still does not define that person. Hard work defines a person. A college diploma is proof of at least three to four years of long, hard work. It seems as though these days, however different these days are from the dog days, a class ring has replaced the diploma in both importance and pride. Furthermore, class rings are still optional purchases, and diplomas come along with graduation regardless.

With that, I say the new statue is not tasteless, but it is catering to the injustice that is better known as stereotyping. I don't wear a ring around, and that doesn't make me any less of a graduate from Texas Tech. But would wearing one around make me more of one?

In my heart, my Tech spirit is just the same. I even wear red and black just as much as any other Tech student and attend every home game. Yet, even after saying that, the prejudice remains in your mind. Think about it. Is this really a good thing?

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"I don't wear a ring around, and that doesn't make me any less of a graduate from Texas Tech."

US must not provide aid to countries with child soldiers

STAFF EDITORIAL
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD U.)

Despite its early remonstrance of perceived human-rights violations ranging from the treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay to Central Intelligence Agency detention centers around the world, the Obama administration took a step backward last week by issuing a waiver that will allow the continuation of military aid to four countries that openly employ child soldiers.

The decision waives, in part, the 2008 Child Soldiers Protections Act, which prohibits the U.S. from giving military aid to countries with child soldiers unless the money will professionalize the armies and directly address the use of child soldiers—two stipulations that will not be followed, given the waiver. Administering aid to these countries was a hypocritical and harmful decision that will only perpetuate a cycle of continued human rights violations and irresponsibility.

The four nations that will continue to receive aid due to the waiver—Yemen, Sudan, Chad, and the Democratic Republic of Congo—all employ child

soldiers; some as young as 14. Although the argument was made in a State Department memorandum that the waiver was in "the national interest" and would lead to stability in the nations, there are limited benefits in this decision for the U.S. In reality, ripping families apart to recruit child soldiers only destabilizes countries further, creating resentment and tearing apart the societal fabric.

All four nations are in undoubtedly treacherous situations right now, but allowing them to go forward and continue to use child soldiers will only render them even more unstable.

In defending the decision, the White House said that the intention was to allow the U.S. to work with these nations for another year before completely cutting off aid. Pushing back the deadline for these nations to comply with human rights regulations for even one year is, at this point, irresponsible.

Furthermore, it is uncertain that the military aid will bring about the intended benefits for the nations. Oftentimes, we assume that aid will help prop up governments and weaken opposition forces, yet the results are not always as expected. It is likely that we are overly optimistic in

our evaluation of the benefits of military aid and the likelihood that countries direct aid exactly where the U.S. intends it to go. In particular, it is unacceptable that even a single U.S. tax dollar might go to funding child soldiers—but it is quite possible.

The Obama administration's decision was quite hypocritical and violates

some of the basic tenets of American values, as well as many of Obama's campaign promises. Although we understand that international affairs are a complicated network of decisions, upholding American values and the law in this situation would be beneficial both to upholding our moral integrity and to producing long-term stability worldwide.

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Turning 21 more about guzzling of alcohol than coming of age

By **THOMAS KYLE-MILWARD**
OREGON DAILY EMERALD (U. OREGON)

In the past, turning 21 was considered a rite of passage, a coming-of-age experience that marks a shift from the innocence of youth to the responsibility of adulthood.

Now, however, that meaning seems to be waning in favor of a wild night of partying and celebration or downright apathy. Is this the first sign of maturity? Or merely the first day of legalized merriment?

Jacob Miskulin, a 20-year-old junior, has personal reservations about the big 2-1.

"It doesn't really mean anything to me. It's not like turning 18, that stage of your life when you leave high school and go to college ... more responsibility, more bills to pay, one more fact of adulthood I'm moving toward. Turning 22 and graduating will probably mean more to me than turning 21 halfway through my junior year."

For all intents and purposes, an individual is legally considered an adult in the U.S. at the age of 18 and immediately gains voting rights, can serve jury duty, get married, join the military, apply for loans and be prosecuted as an adult rather than as a minor.

As Miskulin points out, most 18-year-olds are leaving home for college or an apartment, another

positive sign of growth. Without these important individual steps, the significance of turning 21 is greatly reduced.

The most obvious change caused by turning 21 is, of course, being legally allowed to purchase alcohol and gain access to bars and nightclubs. I'll frequently be at a bar, chatting with friends and exchanging sports small talk with the local clientele, only to have the laid-back atmosphere shattered by the arrival of a rowdy crowd of merrymakers busy celebrating someone's first-ever bar-hop with multiple off-key renditions of "Happy Birthday."

A typical 21st experience consists of hoards of people congregating in run-down apartments to pre-game, consuming a massive intake of cheap beer and vodka, and then moving the party to the nearest bar when the clock strikes midnight to complete the utter inebriation of the birthday boy or girl. Often, the previous night's festivities are reduced to a blur or barely remembered at all the following day.

But what sort of a sign of mental growth and maturity is that? It's more like an example of crazy, thoughtless youth. Additionally, most college students (myself included) have indulged in a cold one or four while being underage, so enjoying an "adult beverage" isn't exactly a novelty. As a result, some people don't put much store in the seemingly obligatory over-celebration.

Traditionally, children reach certain age benchmarks and gain additional privileges as they grow older. Society has arbitrarily attributed the 18th birthday with adulthood, and all the freedoms it entails. Once adulthood is achieved, and you can elect a government official, give your life in service to your country and find ways around those few limitations remaining on you, it seems almost redundant to hold those freedoms in reserve.

In reality, one's 21st birthday has little meaning anymore. When the only real difference separating a 21-year-old and a 20-year-old are the rights to buy and consume alcohol, and the right to own a handgun, you can't really expect it to mean much more than yet another excuse for college students to party.

Election

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However, Winn said there is evidence showing many democratic candidates do not support the Health Care Reform legislation.

"There are no democrats running on the health care ballot," he said. "The government has bankrupted Medicare and Medicaid, and now is taking over the health care system in the country."

Health care is a major issue and it is up to Republicans to repeal the recent legislation, said Aaron Diaz, president of the Tech College Republicans.

"Republicans taking majority in the house will empower the American people," he said, "and hopefully we will see many of Obama's initiatives dropped."

Tuesday's election results are a big boost to the Republican Party and Rick Perry's recent success as governor shows why he was reelected, Diaz said.

"Take a look at his track record; the economy has been in a recession, but the Texas economy has stayed strong," he said. "As a student and as someone who is about to graduate, looking for a job in the next few years will be much easier due to the continued economic growth in Texas."

Christopher Starcher, the treasurer of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said he fears people will not see much change from government because of the election results.

"The change of power in the house may lead to disruption between the parties," he said, "but republican majority may mean that certain legislation will be passed through easier."

Although doubtful of change, Starcher said there are still many things he would like to see the government accomplish.

"I would love to see Perry stand up to the federal government with things such as nullification," he said. "The idea of nullification was originally by Thomas Jefferson, that states have the right to balance the



CHRIS WINN, LUBBOCK County Republican Party Chairman, announces the winner of a set of Coyote Special handguns at the Republican Election Night Watch Party on Tuesday at the Tao Development Group.

power of the federal government."

A current example of utilizing nullification to stand up to the federal government can be seen in California, Starcher said.

"The voting on marijuana laws through Proposition 19 in California is a good example," he said. "Many people think the state's actions are extreme, but if you go back to the original ratification of the constitution, this is not the way many states would look at it."

Supporters of Carol Morgan, Andy Wilson and the Democratic Party made their way to The Lantern Tavern Tuesday night for the Democratic watch party in Lubbock.

Amber E. Hastings, a political science major from Amarillo and secretary of Tech Student Democrats said citizens should vote for the Democratic Party for several reasons.

"If you really care about people and you care about issues and authenticity and clarity in govern-

ment, you should vote Democrat," she said.

Scott MacWatters, a sophomore computer science major from Heidelberg, Germany, attended the democratic watch party and said voting in all elections, not just the presidential election is important.

"If we don't vote, we are letting (politicians) have a free reign to do whatever they want to do," he said.

Having voted for Bill White for governor of Texas, Doug Montgomery, a second-year law student from Plano, said he thought the amount of time Rick Perry has spent in office far surpassed what it should be.

"Fourteen years of Perry," he said. "We shouldn't have a governor for 14 years especially when we can only have a president for eight years."

Wilson, who ran against Republican incumbent Randy Neugabauer for Texas' 19th District, said being elected on the Democratic ticket in this region

is not an easy task.

"Running as a democrat in West Texas is a difficult feat," he said. "It has become even more difficult in the last year as there has been a lot of anti-Washington sentiment."

He said future leadership from the Democratic Party in West Texas and Lubbock will need to have both conservative and democratic values.

"We need to have candidates that have conservative values that also adopt core Democratic ideals of upward mobility," he said.

Although his opponent won, Wilson said he is leaving the potential for another race for office open.

Likewise, Morgan said she is disappointed with the results of her election but will leave the option of future election open. She said she is optimistic and hopeful for the future of the Democratic Party.

"We need to become more cohesive, more organized," she said.

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
DEMOCRATS TALK TO each other while waiting for the gubernatorial election results during the Democratic watch party Tuesday at The Lantern Tavern.

House

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"Across the country right now, we are witnessing a repudiation of Washington, a repudiation of big government, and a repudiation of politicians who refuse to listen to the people," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, in line to become the next speaker.

By early Wednesday, Republicans had captured 225 seats and were leading for 18 more, while Democrats had won 153 and led for 36.

Democrats now control the House by a 255-178 margin, with two vacancies. All 435 seats were on the ballot.

Democrats had only picked up two Republican seats, and had lost some of their most powerful members, including Rep. John Spratt in South Carolina, the 14-term who heads the Budget Committee, and Rep. Ike Skelton in Missouri, the Armed Services Committee chairman.

Republicans defeated more than two dozen Democrats in districts won by Sen. John McCain of Arizona in the 2008 presidential campaign, as voters expressed anxiety about the economy, disillusion with Obama and tea party-fueled distaste for government. GOP gains were particularly pronounced in the Rust Belt, with the party racking up two wins in Indiana, five each in Ohio and Pennsylvania, three in Illinois, and two in Michigan. They

scored key victories from Maryland to Washington and broke House Democrats' monopolies in New England and in New York City — by defeating Rep. Carol Shea Porter in New Hampshire and Rep. Mike McMahon on Staten Island.

Among the victims were Ohio Rep. Steve Driehaus, Reps. Suzanne Kosmas of Florida, Frank Kratovil of Maryland and Tom Perriello of Virginia, first-termers who backed key elements of Obama's agenda — the president even campaigned for Perriello — and were savaged for it by their Republican rivals.

But those who stressed their independence from their party, like Reps. Glenn Nye of Virginia and Travis Childers of Mississippi also went down. Some old bulls also fell, including nine-term Rep. Earl Pomeroy in North Dakota, 13-term Rep. Paul Kanjorski in Pennsylvania and 20-year veteran Rep. Chet Edwards in Texas.

Democrats had few victories to celebrate. In one rare bright spot, John Carney handily beat Republican Glen Urquhart in the race to succeed GOP Rep. Mike Castle in Delaware's only House seat, which Castle left to unsuccessfully pursue a Senate seat. And in New Orleans, Democrat Cedric Richmond beat Rep. Anh "Joseph" Cao, who had campaigned as a friend of Obama.

A handful of Democrats heavily targeted by the GOP pulled through, including Reps. Betty Sutton of Ohio, Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Heath Shuler of North

Carolina and John Yarmuth of Kentucky.

But those successes were eclipsed by the scope of potential Democratic defeats. First-termers were lagging in key races and some of the party's old bulls were struggling to survive, like Rep. Ike Skelton in Missouri.

Voters went to the polls intensely worried about the economy and dissatisfied with the way the federal government is working. An Associated Press analysis of exit poll results found voters saying the economy eclipses any other issue as their top concern. They're also expressing dissatisfaction with Obama and Congress, and they don't have a favorable view of either political party.

It was a remarkable turnaround from 2008, when Obama helped propel Democrats to big gains in their House majority only two years after the 2006 wave that swept them to control. This year, few Democratic incumbents felt safe, least of all the 51 who claimed Republican seats over the last four years.

Senate

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Veteran Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas lost their reelection bids. Republicans took open Democratic-held Senate seats in Illinois, Pennsylvania, North Dakota and Indiana.

In Illinois, GOP Rep. Mark Kirk won a bitter contest against Democratic state treasurer Alexi Giannoulas for Obama's old seat. Giannoulas was dogged by legal woes at his opponent's family-owned bank,

while Kirk had his own problems after exaggerating his military record. Obama made several campaign appearances for Giannoulas, including last Saturday and Sunday.

Tea party champions won high-profile races in Florida and Kentucky, spearheading a likely cadre of libertarian-leaning Republicans who will press party leaders to be more adamant about lower taxes, less spending and smaller government.

Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida rocked the GOP establishment last spring by routing leadership favorites in party primaries. Then they beat back Democrats' ef-

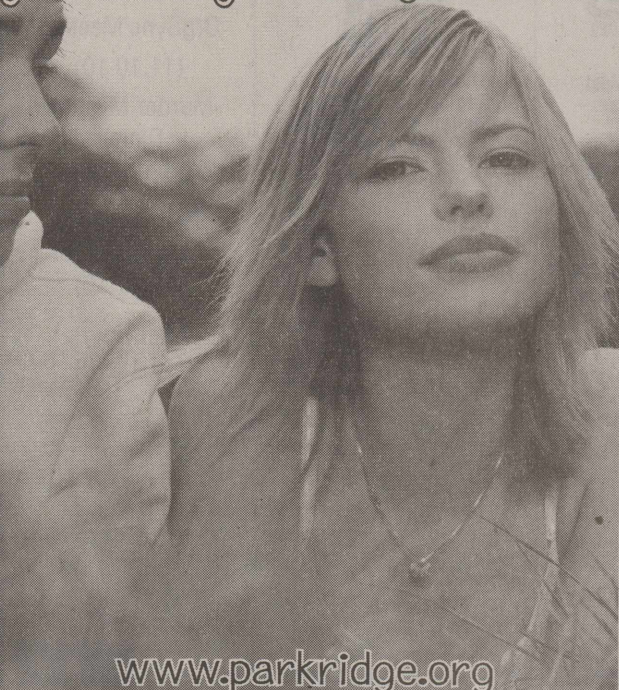
orts to paint them as too extreme, winning comfortably on Tuesday.

In Utah, tea party-backed Mike Lee also won easily after snatching the Republican nomination from Sen. Bob Bennett in March.

"Tonight there's a tea party tidal wave," said an exultant Paul.

Feingold, a three-term Democrat, lost to GOP newcomer Ron Johnson in Wisconsin. Best known for efforts to tighten campaign finance laws, Feingold was the only senator to vote against the so-called Patriot Act passed after the 2001 terrorist attacks, calling it a dangerous infringement on civil liberties.

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The Tech Men's Soccer Club won a bid to Nationals by defeating UL-Lafayette 4-0. They also defeated the University of Kansas and the University of Houston - Downtown.

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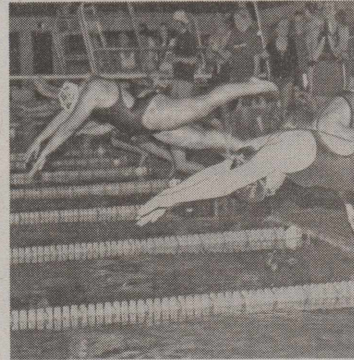
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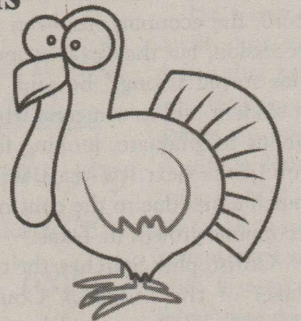
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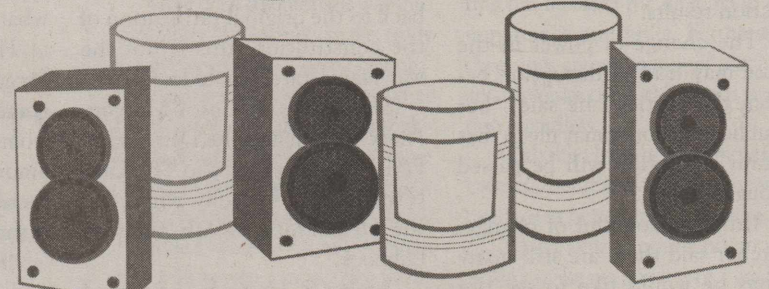


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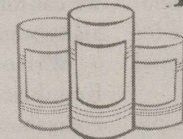
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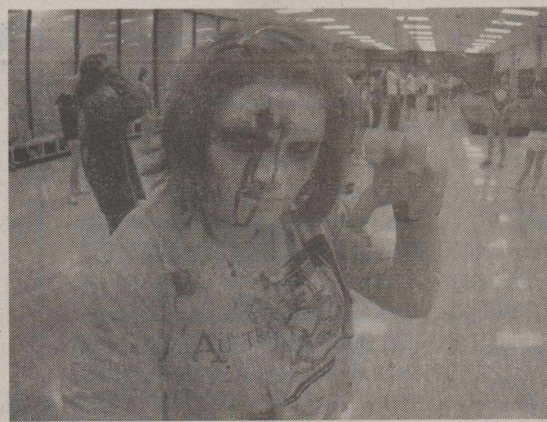
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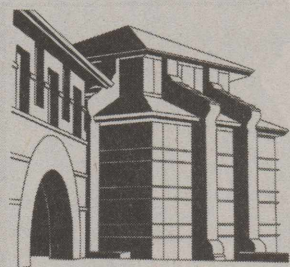
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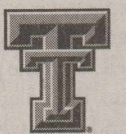


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Matinee - Inception
Student Union Escondido Theatre, 3:00pm

Homecoming Comedy Night with Ralphe May
Student Union Allen Theatre, 8:00pm
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THURSDAY, 11.4.10

Candyland & Footballs
SUB West Basement, 11:00am
Come make your own Sandy Candy and enjoy some treats from the chocolate fountain. Also, in support of your Red Raiders, decorate your own mini footballs as a souvenir. Come early because the event only lasts until supplies run out.

Movie: Inception
Student Union Allen Theatre, 7:30pm

Techsan Memorial Memorial Circle, 5:30pm
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FRIDAY, 11.5.10

Homecoming Rowdy Raider Rally
Student Union North Plaza, 12:00pm
Get pumped for the big game with another special guest speaker! Come get free food and your free Homecoming t-shirt. The Homecoming Court will be announced, so make sure you are there to support your Student Organization representative. Voting for Homecoming King and Queen starts at 1:00pm at www.sga.ttu.edu.

Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire
Rugby Fields, 9:00pm
Gather with other Techs to show your Tech spirit for our Red Raider Football Team! Raider Red and the Masked Rider will be there, and Spirit Squads will perform, as well as the Goin' Band from Raiderland.

SATURDAY, 11.6.10

Homecoming Parade
Tech Campus, 10:00am
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Injuries lead to position shuffling for Tech football

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team had a rough go against Texas A&M this past week, but losing to the Aggies was not the only consequence Saturday.

Sophomore receiver Alex Torres - Tech's third-leading receiver - was injured in the game with a knee injury severe enough to require surgery. Fortunately, head coach Tommy Tuberville said Torres' surgery went well, but the loss will call for new position decisions.

Against Colorado two weeks ago, Torres, formerly an inside receiver, flip-flopped with Detron Lewis who played outside receiver, and the move seemed to pay off for both players - especially Torres, who was the leading receiver against Colorado.

"We're moving Detron around," Tuberville said. "We moved Derrick Mays up, and we're trying to find a way to get two deep (on the depth chart). We're looking at several options. Cornelius Douglas has to play a bigger role. (Tramain) Swindall, we'll have to move him around.

"Most of the guys know each other, so it won't be that much of a changeover, it's just that a guy like Torres can catch the ball (well)."

Receiver Jacoby Franks was injured in the Colorado game with a broken foot, missed the Texas A&M game and will not play against Missouri.

The rest of the offense appears to be in good condition. There are no new injuries along the offensive line or running backs, but a new quarterback could get the start against Missouri this Saturday.

The defense's position changes have been another story during the past weeks, however.

Safety Franklin Mitchem was injured for a second time this season against Texas A&M, and his backup, Terrance Bullitt, played in his first game since undergoing hand surgery.

"Franklin's practicing," Tuberville said. "They built a bigger cast for him, and he'll just be one of our four or five guys out there with clubs on running around. He played hard last week. Hate for that because he got hurt earlier in the year and was starting to play better and got hurt again. We'll just see how he reacts to the club he has to wear."

Cornerback D.J. Johnson left the Texas A&M game with a hamstring injury and did not return. He is listed as questionable in Tech's game notes for the Missouri game.

Brett Dewhurst has played a lot of safety this season, but he was moved to linebacker for last week's game and is slated as the starter at weak side linebacker for the Missouri game.

"At safety, you start to get comfortable with it, and right now it's a little frustrating because right now you put the game plan in and you want to know exactly what to do on every play," Dewhurst said. "It gets a little frustrating sometimes; you just have to be coachable and come in every morning and learn from it every day and just keep on getting better."

Dewhurst said linebackers Julius Howard, Daniel Cobb and Bront Bird are helping him learn the position.

Defensive lineman Chris Perry sustained a hand injury against Oklahoma State three weeks ago and has not played since. Perry's status for this week also is questionable.

Injuries are allowing younger players playing experience. Last week, sophomore nickel Eugene Neboh was tied for second on the Tech roster with nine tackles, including a tackle for a loss.

Defensive lineman Pearlie Graves, a redshirt freshman, has seen a lot of playing time recently



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TEXAS TECH INSIDE receiver Detron Lewis runs the ball during the Texas Tech football game against Texas A&M on Saturday afternoon at Kyle Field.

along the defensive line due to the lack of depth and has made the most of it.

Graves had seven tackles in the Texas A&M game - just the second game he has played in.

Playing Missouri provides Graves with a new opportunity - his family will be able to see him play for the first time. In Graves' first two

games, Tech has been on the road and the games were not televised. The Missouri game is at home, and friends and family outside of Lubbock on Saturday can see the game on ABC in primetime.

"It's going to be great to play in front of my friends, my family," Graves said. "I haven't played (in a game) in a year and a half. I've got

family in Jersey City that's going to tune into the game. My family that lives down here will come to the game; my friends are going to sit in the student section.

"It's going to be a real live game. I've got a feeling that you're going to see a lot of No. 99 painted shirts and painted bodies in the stands."

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Big East will expand football membership

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Big East conference is set to expand its football roster.

Big East presidents unanimously agreed to expand the number of football-playing schools to 10 at Tuesday's board of directors meeting in Philadelphia.

Commissioner John Marinatto said in a statement potential expansion candidates will start to be evaluated. He declined comment to The Associated Press, along with athletic directors and Big East adviser Paul Tagliabue, after the meeting.

The 16-member Big East, where all members play basketball, has eight teams playing football. There was no timetable announced for a decision.

One obvious candidate to join is Villanova.

The conference informed Villanova shortly before Labor Day that it wanted to add the Wildcats to the football roster. Villanova currently plays in the Colonial Athletic Association in FCS. Villanova won a national championship last year and is considering a move up to the

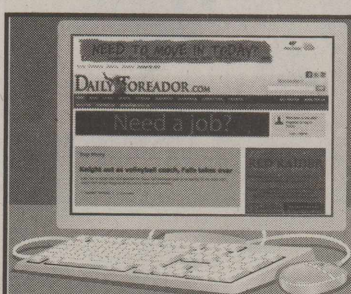
Football Bowl Subdivision. If it does, that will fill one of the Big East's spots.

"Our football evaluation is ongoing," Villanova AD Vince Nicastro said. "We are moving forward as quickly as we can, but not at the expense of being absolutely thorough. We still don't have a specific decision date, but it is likely to be resolved sometime during this academic year."

Villanova, which made the Final Four in 2009, has been part of the Big East basketball conference since 1980.

The Wildcats have played at the second-tier level since 1985 and rejected an earlier offer to join the Big East in 1997. Connecticut accepted an invitation that season to start the process to move up to what was known as Division I-A.

Other potential expansion targets include TCU from the Mountain West Conference, and Central Florida, Houston from Conference USA. While Texas schools seem like an odd fit geographically, it would allow the Big East to tap into huge television markets, as well as fertile recruiting territory.



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NCAA berth at stake for Tech against OSU in Big 12 tourney

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Since the formation of the Big 12 Conference, Texas Tech soccer has never won a conference tournament game.

Today, the Red Raiders have a chance to make history against Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. in San Antonio. Tech is 0-4 all time at the Big 12 championships, with its most recent loss coming in 2008 to the Cowgirls.

Tech (11-7-1, 4-5-1 in Big 12 play) lost to the No. 11 Cowgirls, 2-0, on Sept. 24 in Stillwater, Okla.

However, as much the Red Raiders want to break their conference-tournament losing streak, they know there is more on the line than just a win: an NCAA tournament berth is at stake.

"We have everything to gain," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "Like I said, we're on the edge of the bubble right now, and one of the things that they talk about is how you do in your last eight games."

"So, it'd be great for our eighth game to be a win. Do you have a signature win? That would be it against Oklahoma State."

The Red Raiders are playing as the No. 7 seed, while the Cowgirls are No. 2. In the last six years, the No. 7 seed has upset the No. 2 seed just once.

As critical as this game may be for Tech, Stone said he believes there may be more pressure on Oklahoma State to win than that on the Red Raiders.

The Cowgirls still need to try to

win out in order to secure a home game in the NCAA tournament, but OSU is a shoe-in for an at-large bid, something the Red Raiders are coveting.

The simplest way for the Red Raiders to go the NCAA tournament — a daunting task for most, but midfielder Tiffini Smith said Tech can compete with anyone in the conference on any given day.

Smith said the team is ready for the tournament and is in a position to make a deep run.

"Every year we try to just do better," Smith said. "Do what has never been done before, and that's how we started this season with our shutouts and our consecutive wins, and that's how we're going to finish the season, doing something we've never done before."

The Red Raiders missed out on the tournament last season, so Smith hasn't had a taste of post-season play just yet. But redshirt senior Colleen Pitts has seen her fair share of Tech seasons, and the goalkeeper is playing in her third Big 12 tournament tonight.

Pitts said the team won't be satisfied with just an appearance at the tournament; they want to win.

"I think this group wants something even bigger for the Big 12," Pitts said. "I think it's very exciting for the kids, for the freshmen, who didn't have that opportunity last year."

One of the keys to beating OSU, Stone said, is maintaining possession and winning the 50-50 balls. If the team can do that, they



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
MISSOURI DEFENDER MALLORY Stipetich slides under Texas Tech forward Jessica Fuston trying to get the ball away during a 5-2 loss against Missouri at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

will be in a position to win down the stretch,

"I think our team isn't living in fear about this game at all," Stone said. "I think we're excited about it. You know when you play a familiar foe and they're a top-10; you have a totally different approach

when you're playing someone, and you've never seen them before, and you hear that they're in the top 10.

"We have tremendous respect for Oklahoma State, but we have to get after it. We're not going to lay down for anybody"

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Fuston named Big 12 Rookie of the Year

Freshman forward Jessica Fuston was named the 2010 Big 12 Conference Rookie of the Year, and junior defender Whitney Sharpe, a UCLA transfer, was named second-team All-Big 12 and also to the Big 12 All-Newcomer team on Monday.

Fuston, who also was named to the Big 12 All-Newcomer team, scored 10 goals this season, six coming in conference play. Fuston's six conference goals rank second behind Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year Morgan Marlborough.

"Jess has come in and made the transition to college soccer in a very short amount of time," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "You know, she had the same challenge that every other youth player has, but she adjusted head on, and she's had a remarkable first year."

"Her commitment and her dedication to her craft are as good as I've seen from a freshman. She really wants to get better, she really wants this team to win, and we couldn't be happier that her performances have been recognized."

This is the second consecutive year a freshman has led the Red Raiders in goals.

Sharpe, who plays right outside back, saw action in 15 games this year due to injuries, but still managed to garner recognition from the conference.

The UCLA transfer's attacking style fits perfectly with Tech's, says Stone.



FUSTON

"She can do it all; she's kind of a shutdown corner, like in football, and when she has the ball at her feet, she's like an attacking midfielder, and that's a rare combination in the college game."

"I don't think there's probably a handful of outside backs like Whitney in all of college soccer; she's really changed the way we have been able to play."

While only two Tech players were recognized by the conference, Stone said he believes midfielder Tiffini Smith and defender Casey McCall are amongst the best in the conference and are worthy of recognition.

Additionally, he pointed out freshman midfielder Hayley Haagsma and junior attacking midfielder Taylor Lytle as players hampered by injuries that were also game changers.

On Tuesday, seven Red Raiders also were named to the Academic All-Big 12 Team. Seniors Leanne Mihelich and Colleen Pitts, juniors McCall and Maggie Fete, and sophomores Smith, Haley Fowler and Sarah Ellison were recognized.

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