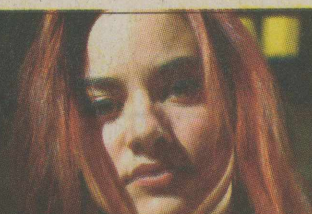




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Soul Searching



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MEMBERS OF DANCERS with Soul, the student hip-hop organization, performs signature poses near the Masked Rider statue Wednesday. They are currently looking for new members to join their organization.

Student hip-hop dance group seeks to expand membership

By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

For Texas Tech student Phillip Wainwright, his love for hip-hop dance was sparked at a middle school dance, where he was clueless.

"We had an eighth grade dance, and I just saw how awkward it was," Wainwright said. "I realized I didn't know how to dance. I went home the next day and recorded as many Usher videos as I could. I started to copy what he was doing, and then Omarion and Chris Brown became

popular dancers after that."

After a year of mimicking his favorite artists, he started to identify himself as a hip-hop dancer, Wainwright said. He took a handful of break-dancing classes during high school and joined the dance program when he came to Texas Tech.

Wainwright is currently the president of Dancers with Soul: A Hip-hop Nation, a student organization for hip-hop dancers that performs at events on campus and is seeking new members.

Hip-hop culture is becoming pervasive in American culture in terms of influencing clothing, music and social values, said Wainwright, a junior psychology major from Austin.

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New businesses make way to city of Lubbock



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LEONARD'S, A STUDENT-ORIENTED grocery store set to open in the Summer of 2011, broke ground Wednesday at the store's future location on Ninth Street and Avenue X.

Businesses find niche in local student market

By BRIAN HOWARD and EDMUND ROSTRAN
THE DAILY TOREADOR

Leonard's, a new grocery store targeted toward fulfilling Texas Tech students' needs, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday at its future location, the intersection of 9th Street and Avenue X.

Kent Moore, the owner and developer of Leonard's, gave a speech at the groundbreaking ceremony to thank those who had helped him along the way and to discuss the store's future.

"This has been a dream of mine for almost two years now," he said, "and I'd like to thank all those who helped to make it a reality."

The recent growth in Lubbock makes it a prime location for a student-oriented grocery store, Moore said.

"I don't think there's been any more development, growth and progress made anywhere else in America that could compare to Lubbock over the past few years," he said.

More specifically than just being located in Lubbock, Moore said, having the location just a block away from the university puts it in a perfect spot for students.

"It's a niche store designed with merchandise specifically targeted towards students," he said. "We will have grab-and-go foods, coffee, breakfast burritos, hot sandwiches and plenty of beer, the best and broadest selection in this city."

Having the title of a grocery store does not mean Leonard's will be similar to United or Wal-Mart, Moore said.

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Mizzou prep, Page 5



The Red Raiders are preparing for the balanced attack of Missouri and standout QB Blaine Gabbert. SPORTS, Page 5

Ralphie May returns to Tech in high demand

Droves of students show for comedian's performance

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The line wrapped around the Allen Theatre and down the hall of the Student Union Building — and that was just for people with tickets. Another line formed to accommodate students who were hoping to get unclaimed seats.

Ralphie May has drawn crowds since his debut on the first season of "Last Comic Standing," but even Tech Activities Board nightlife coordinator Katie Farmer was a little surprised at the number of people who came for the show on Wednesday night. The tickets

had sold out Wednesday afternoon.

"We predicted it to be one of our bigger events," said Farmer, a junior restaurant, hotels and institutional management major from Scurry. "It's really awesome to see how it played out."

Farmer said she had seen May on "Last Comic Standing" and thought he would be great to have at Tech because he was especially relatable to college students and claims Texas as his home.

"He's just so down to earth; he makes everyone feel comfortable," said Corey Metcalf, a freshman musical performance major from Odessa.

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COMEDIAN RALPHIE MAY, famous from his days on "Last Comic Standing," performed at Texas Tech on Wednesday in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

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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 football as a souvenir.

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Joy of Scott Joplin
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Faculty member Mark Morton plays the works of Scott Joplin on piano.

SOIL SEARCHING



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador
KRYSTA LOGAN, A sophomore education major from Austin, tests plant growth in soil and Vermiculite in the biology greenhouse on Wednesday morning.

Dance

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"With the advent of hip-hop music around our nation, the dance style changed," he said. "What people do for fun while listening to music changes. As people become interested in it, the style grows."

Wainwright said other than performing and raising awareness of the interest in hip-hop on campus, Dancers with Soul hopes to receive enough funding this year to create a campus team in addition to the organization. Then, he said, they could bring in renowned artists to teach master classes.

"I'm not talking about bringing in dancers from studios in your hometown," Wainwright said. "I mean, dancers that would be familiar to high school students and college students, like Hok Konishi, better known as Hok from 'So You Think You Can Dance.'"

Rickey Phoumanny, a senior dance major from Fort Worth and member of the organization, said the group hopes to have a few small performances throughout the year, including dancing during halftime at sporting events and putting on a small concert.

Phoumanny, who has been dancing for about three years, considers

himself a contemporary dancer, but enjoys exploring hip-hop with Dancers with Soul.

"For me, it helps me try new things," he said. "It helps me break out of my shell, break out of my element. Sometimes I can use hip-hop for other dances that you normally wouldn't see it in; you can see contemporary modern hip-hop pieces, too."

Angela Curry, a sophomore dance major from Carrollton, said she started taking hip-hop classes in seventh grade and hasn't stopped since.

She joined Dancers with Soul because of her love of the art form and the freedom it gives her.

"I enjoy hip-hop because it allows

you to have fun while dancing," she said. "You can put your own style into it, and you don't have to think about the technical elements as much. I enjoy being part of Dancers with Soul because it's the only place at Tech that I can do what I like. In the dance department, they (have a lot of rules), but with hip-hop, I can add my own input."

Amber Byars, a junior member, has been dancing since she was 13 and also finds hip-hop more enjoyable than other forms of dance that require more technique.

"I enjoy it because that's what I grew up doing," Byars, a nutritional science major from Austin, said. "It's

really all I know. It's what I'm good at. It frees my mind when I'm dancing ... Hip-hop is more like something you really have to put yourself into rather than ballet. In ballet, it's like, 'You have to point your toes in attitude; you have to do this,' but in hip-hop, you have to put yourself into it."

On a campus as large as Tech, a great number of students are bound to be interested in the style of dance, Wainwright said.

"There is likely such a following for hip-hop on our campus, and we need to try to find it," he said. "We need to try to bring it out, especially in an area where traditionally it hasn't been. Texas Tech and Lubbock are re-

ally stereotyped, and we want to show them what we're about. We have a lot of diversity, and we have a lot of different hobbies. We want to show that."

Dancers with Soul is looking for students with a background in hip-hop with a level of creative skill or physical skill who are sociable, committed and punctual, Wainwright said. The audition, which will consist of two short combinations and a slightly longer one performed for the five returning members of the organization, will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Room 114 of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Business

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"Look at a store like United, where they are trying to serve all demographics, with many different sized and priced products aimed to fit a family's needs," he said. "Leonard's will be a much smaller store, making it easier to shop for groceries and more convenient for students."

Leonard's also will have a food service area with prepared meals and ready-to-order items, Moore said.

"Along with the food service area, we will have a coffee bar and smoothie bar," he said. "There will also be a seating area, much like Starbucks, and we'll have Wi-Fi and televisions, as well."

Not only does the university give the store a good customer base, Moore said, the recent increase in student apartments surrounding the campus does, as well.

The timing of the store's opening in the summer of 2011 allows for a soft opening to do some pre-marketing before most of the students return for the fall semester, Moore said.

Eddie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said new stores coming to Lubbock help the local economy in many ways.

"With the new stores that have been opened in town, obviously that creates two opportunities," McBride said. "One is not only jobs, but it is also property tax to be collected by the city."

Allie Hogan, a freshman public

relations major from Lubbock, said it's nice to see a store like Leonard's being built right next to the university.

"It's a more convenient location and place to shop, making things easier on students," she said.

"It definitely makes things easier on people who don't have a vehicle like me," said Alexander Bingham, a senior architecture major from Dripping Springs. "Due to its context and location, it can create a sense of community, almost a sort of social place to go to."

Leonard's is not the only new business making its way to Lubbock. Chipotle Mexican Grill is set to open on Nov. 16 across from the university on Glenna Goodacre.

Katie Reed, marketing consultant for Chipotle, said this will be the first location in Lubbock, and she expects the business to do well, especially being in a college town.

"College students are our customer sweet spot, which, what I mean by that is they fit into our targeted age group and always seem to really appreciate our quality of food, our value and kind of what they get for their money," she said.

The restaurant will feature the store's new design style along with recycled dry wall, low-VOC paint and energy efficient appliances, Reed said.

"It is modeled after our Chelsea West location in New York City, so it is going to look a little different from what students might see at home, like in Dallas, Austin or Houston," she said.

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Romanian native chooses Tech after medical school, excels on rugby team

By **JASMINE BRADFORD**
STAFF WRITER

Not many 19-year-olds can boast finishing medical school in the top 5 percent after graduating high school early and achieving fluency in seven languages as an international student.

Carmen Gogu, a freshman from Bucharest, Romania, is dual majoring in biochemistry and psychology, and also graduated from medical school at Titu Maiorescu University of Bucharest with 60 credits and a 4.0 GPA.

Gogu completed high school as an international student in Austin while living with a host family. After she returned to Bucharest to attend medical school, her temporary American family urged her to return and attend college in the United States, leaving Romania for a better life.

Supported by Geanette Shelby, her Austin mother, Gogu pursued a degree in Texas.

"(Shelby) is basically my legal guardian," Gogu said. "I call her my mother."

In her junior year of high school, Gogu graduated early from Elgin High School in August 2008. She also attended Austin Community College and the University of Texas to finish getting her high school credits but had to leave the United States in July 2009 due to the expiration of her visa.

"I came as an international student," Gogu said. "And I was supposed to receive my acceptance letter to UT, but I never

got it once I returned to Romania because I left Texas, so I never got the visa."

Upon returning to Bucharest, Gogu enrolled in Saint Save National College to obtain her international bachelor's degree. Because students in Romania take their core classes for college in high school, Gogu said she was behind in her college courses and had to work extra hard to graduate on time.

After obtaining her degree, she applied for medical school in Bucharest, achieving a perfect score on the admissions exam and receiving an eight out of 10 for her overall average in medical school.

"I took anatomy, embryology, physiology, biochemistry, biophysics, genetics, and cell and molecular biology all in the first year," Gogu said.

Freshman Keaton Burkhalter, an agricultural economics major from Katy, is Gogu's roommate and is familiar with Gogu's culture, determination and thirst for knowledge. She's even heard Gogu speak to her family members via Skype in one of the seven languages she has learned.

"What I learned from Carmen is to never give up on something," Burkhalter said. "Whenever she starts something, she never gives up until she finds the answer."

After completing medical school, Gogu said, she realized the dwindling economy in Bucharest meant a not so promising future, and she knew she had to make a change. Prompted by her host

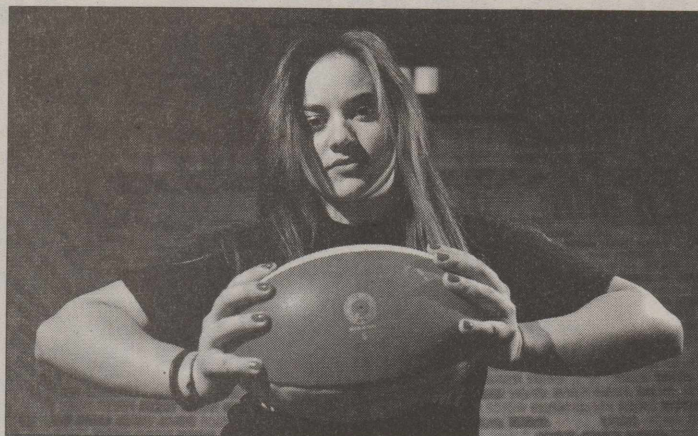


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CARMEN GOGU, A freshman biochemistry psychology dual major from Bucharest, Romania, plays rugby on the Texas Tech women's rugby team.

family, she decided to apply at Tech.

Once accepted, she immediately jumped into the athletic department and joined the school's official rugby team.

"The rugby team here is intense. They train really hard," Gogu said. "And I like the girls a lot. They are tough."

She has participated in many athletic sports, such as power lifting, softball, basketball, hockey, boxing, and winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding.

Freshman Breanna Vasquez, a criminology major from Abilene, met Gogu during orientation and has kept in touch with her ever since.

"She kind of inspires you to want to work out," Vasquez jokingly said. "Every time you see her, she's either jump-roping or lifting."

Gogu also mentioned how she still feels like she's just the "international kid" to everyone else and not just a regular person.

"I still feel like an outsider," Gogu said. "But international students are just normal people coming here to seek their own American dream, too."

After college she plans on continuing to help people and working in the hospital.

"My (favorite) main quote from Albert Einstein is, 'Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile,'" Gogu said. "That's mainly why I chose the (medical) field, because I like to help people, and I want to do this for the rest of my life."

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ELECTION DAY REACTION

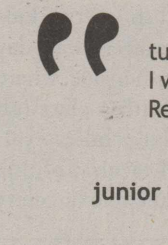
"I'm a Republican, so I enjoy seeing more Republicans in office than we had before, and I just grew up as a Republican."

Alex Williams - junior anthropology major from Austin -



"I didn't vote because I felt that I didn't know enough about all of the candidates to make an educated decision."

- Keegan Dempsey - freshman chemical engineering major from Ft. Worth



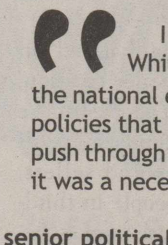
"I'm happy with the way things turned out even though I didn't vote. I was raised Republican, so I'm glad a Republican won."

Kelsey Fields - junior nursing student from Houston -



"I didn't vote because I feel like none of it would have really made much of a difference because I knew how our district was going to do here in Lubbock."

- Aaron Scarpa - freshman animal sciences major from Clovis, N.M.



"I voted, and I would have liked Bill White to win for governor, but as far as the national election, I'm not surprised. A lot of policies that the Obama administration tried to push through were unpopular, but in my opinion, it was a necessary policy change."

Eddie Falcon - senior political science major from Andrews -



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May

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As one of the first to arrive, Metcalf was able to get a front row seat.

"Having May here is unbelievable," Metcalf said. "I didn't think he'd be coming to Tech."

May started his show with a few anecdotes about time spent in West

Texas and the infamous Lubbock weather before launching into a story about being caught with marijuana at customs in Guam on a USO trip.

Metcalf said May's ability to laugh at himself is what makes the comedian stand out.

"He's comfortable with himself, he doesn't care who he makes fun of because he thinks everyone should be comfortable with themselves," said

Lillie Fish.

The sophomore multidisciplinary studies major from Crane said she was really glad Tech would provide this as a free event.

For some students, the deal was even better. Chris Raley, a sophomore computer science major from Fort Worth won TAB's first-ever Twitter contest.

The prize was two front row center

tickets, a meet and greet with May and autographed posters.

Raley said he followed TAB already, and had heard of May, so he retweeted the message and won the contest.

TAB is going to run Twitter contests more in the future, Farmer said. To enter, followers retweet a specific mes-

sage from TAB's account and a random account will be selected for prizes and incentives.

Farmer said that after just this one, TAB's followers increased by 10 percent.

The show was a success, Farmer said, from both the laughter of the packed theater and everything that

went on behind the scenes.

"We had to have a bigger staff for such a big name performer, we had line control, ticket-tearers, inside crowd control, it was really organized," she said. "It's a good contribution to homecoming week."

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Modern media shaping lives for the worse

Random question of the day: Have you seen lately (or ever) a Dawn dishwashing soap ad that had a male as the spokesperson? No? Me either. Why is that?

Is it really just a method of advertising that appeals to its main audience, or is it a catalyst to the way our society runs today?

But what's so wrong with appealing to the gender roles anyway? Why change what works, right?

If people never questioned the way our clock ticks, women would still be labeled as property, lack the right to vote and be defined as outcasts for wanting an education.

I'm not saying men should be on the cover of tampon boxes or

RoAnne Romo



women should boast about Axe deodorant keeping them dry, but the media's biased opinion is wrongly shaping our society. The media today mirror the masses.

A commercial shows two kids getting off the bus after a long day at school. They rush inside, where Mom is waiting with a plate full of greasy, high-fat, cholesterol-building bites — I mean, Totino's pizza rolls. Not an apple or celery

sticks with some peanut butter. Is this a reflection of the obesity epidemic or simply a coincidence?

On the big screen, we all laugh when the nerd gets made fun of, but only because we are not the nerd. But when push comes to shove, we will make fun of someone before they have the chance to make fun of us. Human nature or the subconscious mimic of what the media have deemed socially acceptable?

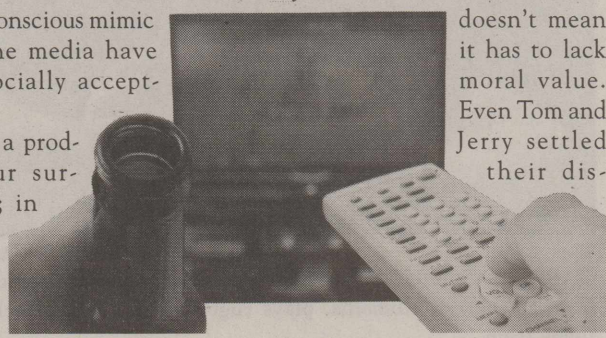
We are a product of our surroundings; in this case, the media.

The media are

the reason for the downward spiral of our society today. The only thing that bothers me is that everyone continues to make excuses for it.

We're all supposed to be mature enough to handle this content, but it's affecting our everyday life.

Just because it's entertainment doesn't mean it has to lack moral value. Even Tom and Jerry settled their dis-



putes after every episode. Our kids are having values instilled at a very young age, but as adults who watch shows like "Jersey Shore" and "Robot Chicken," we might as well be throwing them out of the window.

By rating movies PG-13 and R, we're limiting the audience to a more "mature" age group. But because the people on the big screen aren't censoring their language or acting in a respectable way, we choose to mirror their choices in our own lives, and our kids mirror us. It's a vicious cycle no one cares to do a single thing about.

The kids in the elementary schools don't pull these hate words out of their butts, so where do you think they get them from?

Is the violence in video games really just for mere entertainment, with no direct contribution whatsoever to violence among youth?

Biggie Smalls and 2Pac put their feet in the doorway of our mainstream-obsessed society by rapping about politics and worldly matters, but now all we hear on the radio is sexually explicit content that objectifies women and boasts rappers' gluttony in alcohol and drugs.

The phrase "Take it and run with it" is only appropriate if we're theoretically running in the right direction.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fair trade coffee may not be great

In "Seva gives free fair trade coffee" in the Oct. 28 issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the author promotes "fair trade" coffee as being better than free trade coffee. I would have to disagree with this assessment. Fair trade sounds positive, but it perhaps has unintended consequences.

If I had to pick a name for the program, it would be charity coffee. Fair trade coffee costs more than an average cup of coffee. Fair trade costs more than regular coffee because the program buys from farmers who pay fair wages. As a result, the cost is passed along to the consumer.

People claim that it makes sense to pay a fair wage. The question is, what is a fair wage? A CEO could claim he is being exploited because he is not being paid \$20 million instead of \$10 million. Let's say the fair wage pays \$6 per hour compared to only \$1 per hour. Why not pay \$100 per hour?

If farmers have to pay higher wages, they can't employ as

many people, which decreases the number of people who are able to work. More people will be in poverty because there are fewer jobs.

People are paid based on productivity and value creation, not based on what people believe is fair. The marketplace signals prices to buyers and sellers. A large reason people in third-world countries are poor is because of government corruption. The problems in these countries are because of a lack of property rights, bribery and lack of democracy. Unless countries have these basic ingredients, the people within the countries will continue to suffer.

I am in favor of more choices, though. If people want to buy fair trade coffee, that is fine. Consumers vote with their dollars. However, I think people should consider some of the unintended consequences of fair trade.

Peter Parlapiano is a graduate student from Houston.

There is no substitute for sanity

By **MATT SCARANO**
VANDERBILT HUSTLER (VANDERBILT U.)

Last Saturday, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert held the first-ever "Rally to Restore Sanity/or Fear" on Washington D.C.'s National Mall. Billed as "a rally for those who have been too busy to go to rallies," the demonstration attracted hundreds of thousands of Americans from all over the country. Many more viewers tuned in online and on television.

Although unable to attend in person, this columnist went online to watch the rally. Jon Stewart pointed out early on that, "it does not matter what we say or do today. It matters what is reported about what we said and did today." Hopefully I can do it justice.

On the eve of a polarizing Election Day, it was inspiring to watch the dueling comedic pundits promote reasonableness in the news and the country as a whole. Jon Stewart stayed true to what he posited as his

"motto" leading up to the event, "Take it down a notch, America," while Colbert, appearing in character, provided a humorous counterweight to Stewart's message.

Colbert awarded honorary "Medals of Fear" to news stations who refused to cover the event for fear of appearing politically biased, including ABC, CBS and "especially NPR." The joke was in fact on these stations, as the rally turned out to be more musical than it was political.

The Medal of Fear was accepted, on behalf of the news stations by a 7-year-old girl, who Colbert made a point of saying is far more

courageous than NPR. Medals of Fear were also awarded to "Anderson Cooper's tight black t-shirt" and Mark Zuckerberg. Public figures and media outlets were depicted as the source of unnecessary angst in America, which needs to be countered by citizens.

During his keynote address, Jon Stewart reminded the crowd that all Tea Partiers are not rac-

tists, all Muslims are not terrorists and that, "if everything is amplified, nothing can be heard." America has not had a traditionally radical political atmosphere, and in today's polarizing world it is important to remember that we are all still working

towards the same goals, and that these goals cannot be achieved without compromise.

The pair also reminded their audience to retain sanity in their own daily lives. Jon Stewart awarded "Medals of Reasonableness" to people such as Armando Galarraga, who was robbed of a perfect game last baseball season by a bad call but did not get angry, instead shaking the umpire's hand and explaining that "nobody is perfect." These awards demonstrated that regular Americans can promote sanity in simple ways on a day to day basis.

This is the message that we can most directly apply to our lives here at college. Whether a chemistry test is taking place or the tornado siren is whirring, we can all benefit by remembering Jon Stewart's reasonable words, "we live now in hard times, not end times," and retaining perspective on our lives and surroundings. Perhaps then we will be a little bit closer to sanity, for, after all, there is no substitute for sanity.



WikiLeaks should be hailed as champion of truth

By **STEPHEN BARTHOLOMEW**
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The release of nearly 400,000 confidential Iraq war documents on Oct. 22 by the WikiLeaks website revealed a startling image of the secret history of the war in Iraq.

The documents contain details of events reported by the United States military and provide evidence of systematic torture and rape used as weapons of warfare. Sixty percent of the deaths registered in the documents are civilian.

The documents reveal the use of indiscriminate and disproportionate force used and condoned by the US military. They also raise substantial questions concerning war crimes. This leak has been the largest release of classified military documents in history.

Critics argue the release of this sensitive information will jeopardize US military operations and be used by opposition forces to seek out and kill Iraqi civilian informants working with the US military.

Supporters of the whistleblower website contend the documents contain information the public deserves to know. According to the documents, as many as 15,000 Iraqi civilian deaths were previously unaccounted for.

When President Obama was elected, he promised to conduct his administration with trans-

parency. The amount of secrets revealed within the documents WikiLeaks released flies in the face of such promises. Obama's promise for transparency has gone the way of his promise to close Guantanamo Bay.

To be fair, the files document the Iraq war during a time Obama was not president, but that doesn't excuse him from failing to hold the Bush administration accountable.

Secrets and lies are what paraded the US into the war in Iraq. The WikiLeaks files reveal that secrets and lies have only prolonged that war.

It is difficult to justify a war waged under false pretenses. It is also tough to support a war effort that tolerates torture and civilian murder and gives private contractors free reign.

Julian Assange is the spokesperson and editor in chief for the WikiLeaks website. As would be expected, he is receiving a great deal of flak for releasing the Iraq documents. News organizations are wondering why he isn't dead yet and claiming that the US government should list him as an enemy combatant, which would deprive him of the right to due process.

This doesn't seem right. Shouldn't he be considered a champion of truth and democracy? Don't the people have a right to know about the sort of devastation and destruction that is happen-

ing in their name, with their tax dollars?

The WikiLeaks files are important for the historical record as primary documentation of the many mishandlings of a complicated war. It appears the media is more concerned with attacking Julian Assange than with discussing the issue of human rights the documents raise.

In 1971, Daniel Ellsberg, a former Rand Corporation employee, released Department of Defense documents that detailed the United States political-military involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967. The documents became known as the Pentagon Papers and indicated, among other things, that the Johnson administration had systematically lied to the public and to Congress. The publication of the papers caused a national outcry for government transparency and accountability.

Today, the socio-political landscape is much different. Many major media outlets have expressed their disgust over the release of the WikiLeaks documents.

On the other hand, some media sources commend the website for its courage and goodwill comment of being unsurprised by the lack of government honesty. There is no palpable call to action or demand for accountability. Instead the politically discontent shrug their shoulders and brush off the failure of military responsibility. Wikileaks is trying to pull the

wool out of the eyes of a world that prefers to live in the dark.

An Army whistleblower, Spc. Bradley Manning, is currently in custody. He is suspected for leaking thousands of Iraq war documents to WikiLeaks. The Obama administration has brought as many prosecutions for leaks to the American public as all previous administrations combined. Granted, it is a small number — three — but it is still important to note.

The administration is also threatening to use the Espionage Act to prevent further leaks. If that happens, the American public will know even less about the destruction that is happening in their name.

This past summer, WikiLeaks released over 70,000 documents relating to the Afghanistan war. The same national security concerns were raised at the time. But the Associated Press recently obtained a pentagon letter stating that no US intelligence services or practices were damaged after the release of the documents.

For a democracy to function as a true democracy the governing body must live up to the public's expectation of transparency and accountability. WikiLeaks is providing information the United States government was expected, but failed to provide. The Iraq documents establish firmer ground for dissidents to stand upon in denouncing this despairingly unjust war.

Keep advertisements out of schools

STAFF EDITORIAL
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Advertisements are everywhere, from bus stops to billboards in Times Square. But when this media enters public schools, there is only the incentive of money with a complete disregard for students' education. Schools are cash-strapped and especially in New Jersey, need further funding to operate properly. These institutions are now pushing for ad space on lockers, buses and even permission slips. And while the potential for profit is obvious, ads must stay out of schools.

On the way to "American History" or "Algebra," kids will be engulfed in bright advertisements, which show off better pens or newer notebooks. Lockers plastered with giant ads will in no way benefit them, despite the argument by school officials that money will go straight to the students.

These ads harass students. They are distractions that could potentially bring kids to ask their parents for the newest FIFA video game. Students can't do much about their exposure to these ads — or less than they could do about turning off the TV or walking away from a billboard. There is simply no escaping these ads within the school.

Previously, schools were the last frontier of ad-less space and rightly so. Now with this, the latest tactic in profiting off unsuspecting kids, schools seem to be selling out, and advertisers are once again showing their true colors.

There is also the question of appropriateness. Although parents have a say — or are at least exposed to the ads sent on the backs of permission slips — locker advertisements are uninhibited. In this case, parents do not decide on

what their children are exposed to, but the school takes control over the students with little discretion and a much bigger strive to "make ends meet" in the school.

Businesses sense schools' difficulties and take advantage of that. It is up to schools to reject ads on lockers because this sort of advertising most affects the students. New Jersey, having cut \$812 million from its school budget, will probably take up this financial opportunity, and join other states, which have already approved this, including California, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Concerns are reasonable and as more states approve this, an avalanche of others will follow. Schools must be careful, and parents must pay attention to their kids' schools. It is interesting, where else can businesses find to slap their ads?



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Red Raiders prepping for Missouri, Gabbert

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

In what's been considered a down year for the Big 12 Conference, quarterbacks have defined Big 12 teams' success.

Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert, a junior ranked in the middle of the pack in a variety of Big 12 quarterback statistics including passing yards, efficiency and total offense, has helped lead a balanced Mizzou offensive attack to a 7-1 overall record and 3-1 record in conference play.

Do not be fooled by Gabbert's average numbers, though. The Tigers might not be as balanced when they square off with Texas Tech at 7 p.m. Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium because of their quarterback's ability. That could be troubling because the Red Raiders allowed 449 passing yards en route to give up more than 600 yards on defense to Texas A&M on Saturday.

"(Playing Gabbert) is more like playing (Taylor) Potts that can run," head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "He's a big guy that can run. This guy likes to run; he'll punish you running the ball, and you've got to understand he can throw on the run, too. That's what he really likes to do."

"There's times he leaves to pocket and doesn't really have to, and that means he's got a lot of confidence and can throw the ball on the run."

Gabbert has 2,098 yards through the air, 12 touchdowns and just four interceptions. He also has 210 rushing yards on 63 carries.

Mizzou's quarterback epitomizes the Tiger offense — balanced with a tendency to air it out when it needs to.

The Tigers seem fully comfortable throwing from the five-wide set, which is something the Red Raiders might see a lot of based on how poorly its passing defense performed



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH SAFETY Cody Davis breaks up a pass intended for Oklahoma State receiver Josh Cooper during Oklahoma State's 34-17 victory against Texas Tech on Oct. 16 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

last week. "Big time passing out of this team," defensive end Brian Duncan said. "They're real successful, a great team; they all work together. Especially up front, they get real wide in splits, and they work really well together. We're just going to come with a great scheme."

"We're going to stop the run first of all like we've been doing, and also we have to stop the pass, so we're going to put more guys in coverage and come get a little pass rush."

Duncan added that defending Gabbert is difficult because, in a passing play, if the first read is not open, Gabbert will run begin to run to find an open receiver or carry the ball up field himself.

Gabbert is not the only weapon Mizzou has, however.

The Tigers have four running backs with more than 100 yards. Most

notably, De'Vion Moore and Henry Josey have 349 and 347 yards rushing, respectively.

As a complete offense, Mizzou has outscored opponents 260-123 and had a key 36-27 win against then-ranked No. 3 Oklahoma to propel itself to the No. 7 ranking.

However, Mizzou fell back to Earth with a 31-17 defeat last week at Nebraska.

Tuberville said Mizzou's depth on defense will make it difficult for the Red Raiders to run fast-paced offense and wear out the Tigers.

The Mizzou defense is allowing opponents an average of 353 yards per game compared to Tech's 449 yards allowed per game.

"They've always had a pretty good offense, but their defense is going to give them a chance to get to the (Big 12) Championship game," Tuberville

said. "It really hurt them last week against Nebraska, though."

Tech running back Baron Batch said the key to a Red Raider upset against the Tigers is getting over last week's loss and reexamining what went wrong there.

"After you watch the film and make to corrections, you've got to get over it because we have a good ball club coming in," Batch said. "That's Missouri this week, so we've got to play."

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Texas lets Guerrero go free

NEW YORK (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero became a free agent Wednesday when the AL champion Texas Rangers declined his \$9 million mutual option, and Adrian Beltré hit the market when he turned down his \$10 million player option with the Boston Red Sox.

Teams and players prepared for the start of free-agent negotiations Sunday under the new schedule that shortened the post-World Series "quiet period" from

15 days to five.

"I think there'll be more aggressive behavior," said agent Scott Boras, who represents Beltré and fellow free agent Jayson Werth. "I would say as many as eight to 10 teams are unhappy with what happened to their teams for a variety of reasons. And I believe there are a number of fan bases that expect a great deal more out of their franchises than has been given to date."

"They're real successful, a great team; they all work together. ... We're just going to come with a great scheme."

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Childress on Moss trade: 'It was a poor decision'

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Randy Moss experiment blew up in Brad Childress' face, a spectacular football and public relations failure that has turned up the pressure on the Minnesota Vikings' coach.

Higher than when the Vikings went 6-10 in his first year on the job. Higher than when fans filled the Metrodome with chants of "Fire Childress!" in 2008.

Childress spoke Wednesday, two days after deciding to cut Moss less than a month into his second stint in Minnesota. He declined to answer repeated questions about the specifics of the decision, including the motives behind it and whom he consulted before placing the receiver on waivers.

"It was a poor decision," Childress said, referring to the Oct. 6 deal in which the Vikings sent a third-round draft choice to the Patriots for Moss. "I've got to stand up and I have to make it right. When it's not right, you need to make it right."

Vikings owner Zygi Wilf, who signed off on bringing Moss back to Minnesota and increasing the team payroll by about \$5 million, has declined comment.

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Tech men's golf finishes 6th after final round cancellation

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

After two solid rounds of play at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate, the Texas Tech golf team was only three strokes out of medal contention.

But after a third round cancellation on Tuesday, the Red Raiders finished in sixth for the tournament.

Head coach Greg Sands said the team was disappointed with the cancellation, but with the lightning and rain in the area, it was the right decision.

"You know, they had to make that call," Sands said. "It wasn't one we liked, but it was necessary because teams had flights to catch. There is always hope that we would have moved up, though."

Sands said finishing so close to medal position is good, but the team needs to work on getting better so they can push into those top spots earlier in a tournament.

"We were three shots back from third this tournament, and we were two shots back from third last tournament,"

Sands said "We need to get a little bit better so we stop falling short of the medal position."

Earning the first top-five finish for the Red Raiders this year was senior Matt Smith, who finished tied for fourth with a six-under par tournament score.

Also earning top honors was senior Nils Floren, who shot a three-under for the tournament and earned his third top-15 finish of the season.

Rounding out the Tech team were senior Will Griffin, who shot a three-over par for the tournament, sophomore Finley Ewing IV, who shot a five-over par for the tournament, and junior Brian Scherer, who shot a 14-over par for the tournament.

"Matt and Nils carried us through the first two rounds,"

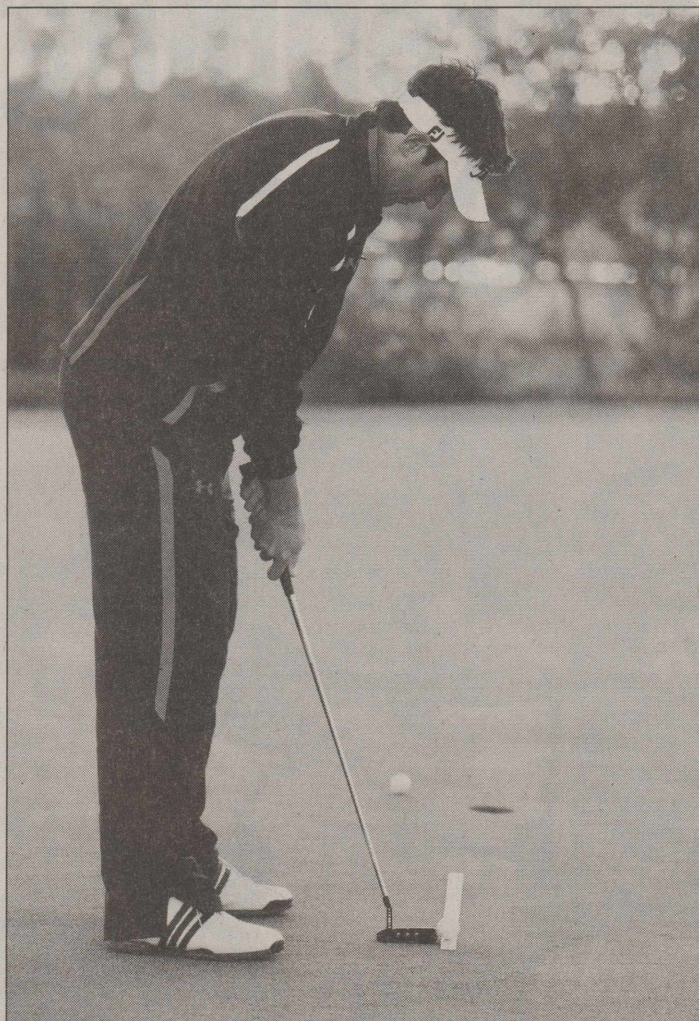
Sands said. "We just had three poor outings from the other guys in the first round, and when you dig yourself in a hole like that, it's hard to get out."

The tournament finishes off the Red Raiders' fall season, a season Coach Sands said was riddled with inconsistency.

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GREG SANDS
HEAD COACH
TEXAS TECH



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SENIOR Matt Smith practices his putting during practice at the Rawls Course. Smith, who finished in a tie for fourth place, helped pace the Red Raiders to a sixth-place finish at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate before the final round was cancelled due to weather.

sixth, eighth, seventh and sixth place, respectively, in their four tournaments this fall.

"We had bright spots," Sands said. "We just need to be more consistent. We need to clean up unforced errors, especially in our putting and chipping game."

Sands said he thought the inconsis-

tencies at the beginning of the season would have worked themselves out by now but believes his players just need to dedicate more time in the offseason toward correcting mistakes.

"This team is a top-25 team right now," Sands said, "but if we clean up our game, this a top-10 team for sure."

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Moss makes Titans dangerous, favorites in AFC South race

The Tennessee Titans claimed wide receiver Randy Moss off waivers Wednesday afternoon from the Minnesota Vikings. The unhappy superstar has five days to report to his third team this year.

With emerging star receiver Kenny Britt sidelined for an indefinite amount of time and dynamic quarterback Vince Young hampered by injury, the Titans had only Chris Johnson as a playmaker on offense. Well, Chris Johnson's job just became a little easier.

The addition of Randy Moss to the Titans makes them the favorite in the AFC South. The Titans still have two games remaining with the Indianapolis Colts and Houston Texans and one game left with the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Houston Texans have the worst pass defense in the league, and the Colts are missing three of their key players in the secondary.

Randy Moss gives Vince Young his first superstar receiver of his career. Moss will stretch defenses, making Chris Johnson much more dangerous. Vince has a fantastic deep threat arm, and Moss' favorite route is the deep route. This move was a no-brainer. However, this all hinges on one thing: Randy Moss has to be happy and want to play football.

There is a reason 21 teams passed on Moss before the Titans claimed him. I still, for the life of me, can't think why the Chicago Bears and the Jaguars didn't put a claim in on Moss, but their coaches aren't exactly best suited to deal with Moss.

Jeff Fisher is an established coach who has no problem with adversity. This is a coach who held his team together when they were 0-8 and helped that team finish 8-8 last year. Fisher will not put up with Moss' act, mainly because I don't think Randy Moss has any reason to not show up and play.

Cody Stoots



Moss should have been inspired against the Patriots this past Sunday. He wasn't. He gave up on passes and only caught one ball for eight yards. It has become clear now Brad Childress was not fond of Moss and vice versa. It has also come to light Moss was not happy with food selections put forth by the Vikings. Last I heard, Tennessee has some decent barbeque, so maybe that'll keep Moss happy.

Moss will be really happy when Kenny Britt gets back. Right now Moss is the only receiving threat on a team that is near the bottom in pass attempts. He will be the key of defensive backs while the rest of the defense worries about Johnson. When Britt returns, the Titans become scary.

Do not think this makes the Titans Super Bowl contenders. The Steelers and Ravens have enough on defense to stop Moss should they see him in the playoffs. The Patriots know Moss' weaknesses, and their defense is coming around.

Tennessee has a by week to become familiar with Moss, and then they travel to Miami to play the Dolphins. It doesn't make them the best - well, maybe in Madden - but Moss makes the Titans better.

Randy, I hope you like country music and pork ribs.

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Rangers in talks with manager Washington about new contract

ARLINGTON (AP) — While there have been no negotiations yet with free-agent ace Cliff Lee, the American League champion Texas Rangers will talk Thursday with manager Ron Washington about a new contract.

Nolan Ryan, the team's president and part-owner, said he expects "no issues" in getting new deals done for Washington, whose contract expires this year, and general manager Jon Daniels, who has one year left on his deal.

As for keeping Lee, that won't be as easy, despite mutual interest on both sides.

"It's hard for me to speculate on that because I don't know where this is going to go," Ryan said Wednesday, two days after the team's first World Series ended. "You read reports that the Yankees are after him and they are determined to sign him. What that means, I don't know. ... I

think it will have a life of its own. It will be on a national level, so it's just hard to say where that's going to go."

Ryan said the Rangers haven't gotten into any negotiations with Lee yet.

Texas made one contract decision Wednesday, declining a \$9 million mutual option on designated hitter Vladimir Guerrero, who will get a \$1 million buyout and could still be back next season.

Guerrero, the 2004 AL MVP, signed a deal last winter with a \$5.5 million salary for 2010. Daniels said there was never any intention on either side to exercise the option.

"We moved a little bit of money into the buyout," Daniels said. "He was outstanding for us on and off the field, and the door is certainly open. I imagine we'll continue that conversation here at some point."

Guerrero hit .300 with 29 homers and 115 RBIs in 152 regular-season games. The 35-year-old slugger batted .220 (13 for 59) with no homers and six RBIs in 15 postseason games, including 1 for 14 in the World Series loss to San Francisco.

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By Allan E. Parrish 11/4/10

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- Fat substitute brand in some potato chips
- Not loaded
- Ambient music pioneer
- Swindler with a scheme named for him
- Hemlock, for one
- Grain disease
- See 50-Down
- Covet
- Battery, bond or baseball club designation
- Belgrade's land
- Libel and slander disputes are part of it
- See 50-Down
- Brit. record co.
- Spanish pronoun
- Restful resort
- Prayer opener
- Old-fashioned get-together
- See 50-Down
- "Beanz meanz Heinz," e.g.
- Truck capacity
- AIDS-fighting drug
- juror examination
- See 50-Down
- Foreign
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- Tart fruit

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- Wander
- Upper, in Ulm
- Spinal column component
- Like some farming
- 30 It started as Standard Oil of Indiana
- Expand
- John McCain's alma mater
- Abbr.
- Revamp
- 6 Minute
- Fresh way to start
- "Help Me" vocalist Mitchell
- Alfred
- Maker of EverPure shampoo
- Former Caltech sr., perhaps
- dye: chemical coloring
- Little thing to pick
- Comptroller
- Basilica section
- Ancient quendom
- Let up
- Customary ceremonies
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Thousands cheer on Giants at San Francisco parade

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tens of thousands of baseball fans flocked downtown Wednesday to toast the San Francisco Giants' World Series championship and see their hometown heroes take a victory lap in a ticker-tape parade reminiscent of the one held when the team moved west from New York 52 years ago.

"This is Christmas, New Year's and your first-born all rolled into one," said Steve Williams, 51, an usher at AT&T Park as he gathered with Giants employees at the start of the parade in the financial district. "I'm on cloud nine."

Fans crowded the sidewalks and flooded Civic Center to salute a team of self-described misfits and castoffs. The die-hards showed up before dawn to stake out spots ahead of the festivity. Many skipped work and pulled their children out of school so they could catch what they said was a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

"I want to see all the hometown heroes and share the smiles of all the fans who've been waiting their entire lives for this," said Teddy Hutcherson, 31.

Under a sunny sky, confetti rained on team members and civic dignitaries as they rode down the parade route in convertibles and cable cars on wheels. Street lamps were festooned with orange and black — the team's colors. Large banners proclaimed the Giants

as this year's World Series champions, as if the crowd needed to be reminded the team had won baseball's highest honor.

City officials did not have a specific estimate of the crowd size. But Tony Winnicker, spokesman for Mayor Gavin Newsom, said officials "believe it is the largest parade and civic event turnout in the city's history."

Marching bands, floats and costumed mascots added to the street party atmosphere as the parade moved from the financial district, then down Market Street to the Civic Center where Mayor Gavin Newsom presented the team a key to the city.

"I've never seen anything like this is my life," center-fielder Andres Torres said as he greeted fans behind a barricade. "The parade has been amazing."

Newsom was giddy as he described growing up a "fanatical Giants fan" and dreaming about playing for the team one day.

"I thought I'd see (a World Series championship) in my lifetime, but never thought I'd see it as mayor," Newsom said. "It's incomprehensible that this happened."

He swept aside talk of politics when asked about his victory in the state's lieutenant governor's race on Tuesday.

"Nobody here cares about that, this puts it all in perspective," he said.

Dowdy, Meyers pace Tech, earn places in record books

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

When first joining a program, one of the last things a player may be thinking of is where they will end up in the school's record books.

Junior Amanda Dowdy, outside hitter and middle blocker, along with junior setter Karlyn Meyers are doing just that; breaking records.

But it may come as of no surprise to those who follow the volleyball program considering the bond the two players share on and off the court.

"Dowdy and I are very close we have a great relationship," Meyers said. "We are very open, we can talk to each other about anything."

Dowdy has a place on the top 10 list in career kills and career attack attempts within sight and will most likely be on both lists by the end of this season.

With five matches remaining in the season, Dowdy needs just 19 more kills until she ties Jennifer Cohn at 957 career kills for 10th all-time.

Dowdy is also only 27 attack attempts away from tying Brande Brown's 2,600 attack attempts for 10th.

Cohn played from 1992-95 and Brown wore the scarlet and black from 1994-97.

When Dowdy arrived at Tech as a freshman in 2008 she said the last thing on her mind was engraving her name in Tech volleyball history.

"No, honestly that didn't even cross my mind, I never even consid-

ered any of that," she said. "So now that I have that opportunity like I said it's a great honor and I'm excited about it."

Tech interim head coach Beth Falls, who recruited Dowdy, said when Dowdy first came in she brought not just the physical talent but something the program had been missing — a strong mentality.

"I'm so proud of Dowdy, and the fact that when she came in as a freshman she was a go to girl," she said. "She played middle, she did a great job. She came in with a confidence that we needed, the confidence to turn this program around."

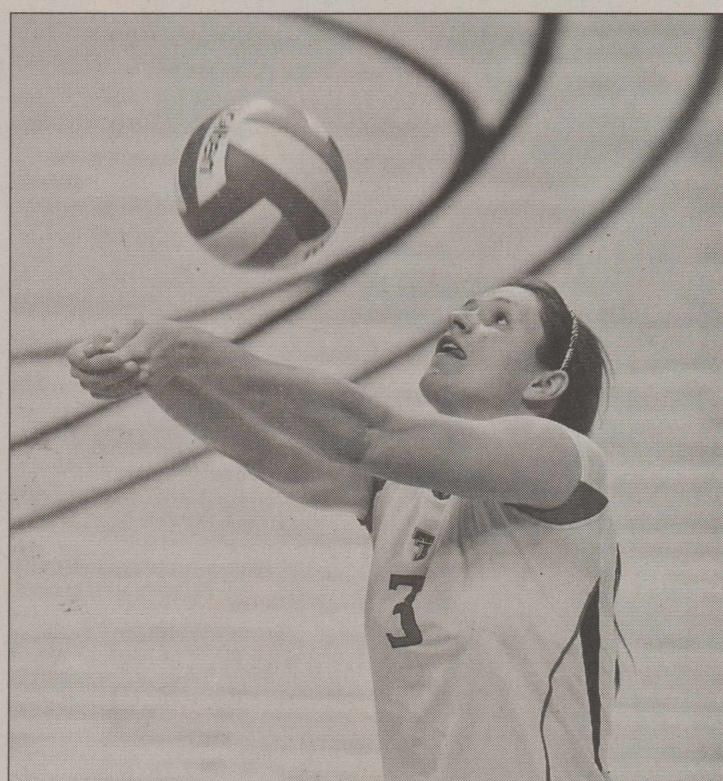
For the hitter to be successful there has to be a good setter and the Red Raiders have one in Meyers, thus the two's close relationship.

Meyers already has broken into the top 10 on the all-time list for career assists — Meyers is ninth right now with 1,630 assists.

Meyers is now 46 assists away from moving into a tie for eighth place with Rochelle Kaa'iai, who compiled 1,676 career assists from 1988-92.

But just like Dowdy, Meyers said she wanted to help the team in many ways without having a focus on breaking various school records.

"No I mean I wanted to come in and help make a difference and turn the program around," she said. "I knew that I could do that in multiple ways, I thought



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR setter Karlyn Meyers is No. 9 on Tech's top 10 all-time assists list.

it'd be mostly by leading. But this is just kind of icing on the cake."

Falls, who also recruited Meyers, said she has taken quite a few steps forward since first joining the Red Raiders.

"It took her a while to figure out the speed of the game," Falls said. "But now she's at a point where she's definitely a leader, and our leader on the court."

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Tech falls to OSU as NCAA hopes dwindle

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
STAFF WRITER

The score line of Texas Tech soccer's 3-1 loss to Oklahoma State doesn't do the Red Raiders justice, Tech coach Tom Stone said.

However, Tech's Big 12 Conference tournament opening-round loss Wednesday night marks the end of the Red Raiders' 2010 campaign, unless they are selected for the NCAA tournament.

"It certainly was way closer than the score might make it appear... the girls played about as well as we could possibly play given the adversity we were given coming into the game," Stone said.

Tech played with four players in unfamiliar positions, Stone said, and lost defender Mallory Yacullo to injury in the 16th minute.

But still, Stone calls this year's team the "best team in years" at Tech.

The Red Raiders finish the season 11-8-1 overall, 4-5-1 in Big 12 play. The 11 wins mark the second highest win total in Tech history and the first winning season since 1996.

Stone said both teams Wednesday night had the same number of clear-cut chances, but Oklahoma State capitalized when Tech couldn't.

Once again this season, Tech was forced to play from an early deficit after conceding a quick goal. Oklahoma State midfielder Elizabeth DeLozier launched a 35-yard screamer in the eighth minute, bouncing once before beating Tech goalkeeper Colleen Pitts.

"The first one was the one that killed us," Stone said. "We had had most of the game up until that moment, so to be on top of them and to let them score was a big thing for Oklahoma State's victory."

Despite the early goal, the Red Raiders played well most of the first



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ERIN WIKELIUS AND the Red Raiders fell to Oklahoma State 3-1 in the opening Round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament late Wednesday. A win would've given the Red Raiders a strong chance for an NCAA Tournament berth, but the loss places them firmly on the bubble.

half. Junior defender Madison Terry launched several services off set pieces that just missed the heads of her teammates.

Tech's offense looked better in the second half, with the game still in question until Kristen Kelley's 64th-minute goal. The Cowgirls added their final goal of the evening in the 74th minute.

Tech scored its only goal in the 85th minute off the head of Big 12 Rookie of the Year, Jessica Fuston.

The freshman scored her 11th goal of the year when the ball was crossed into the box to a waiting Fuston. The Cedar Park native then headed the ball past OSU keeper Adrianna Franch, keeping the Red Raiders' slim hopes of victory alive. Tech managed a few more scoring opportunities after Fuston's late goal, but the OSU defense held.

Stone said his team could have come back if they were only down two, but a three-goal deficit was almost insurmountable.

The Red Raiders' offensive struggles can be attributed to the

OSU defense, ranking first in the Big 12. Playing for the Cowgirls are Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year Melinda Mercado and first-team All-Big 12 goalkeeper Franch. The Cowgirls gave up only six goals during Big 12 play.

Franch showed time and time again why she was an all-conference selection when she calmly caught Tech shots and crosses all night long.

With the loss, Tech's NCAA tournament hopes are now slim, but the Raiders likely will be considered for an at-large bid. The NCAA tournament committee selects the 64-team field Monday.

"You know I don't know," Stone said about his team's at-large chances. "11 wins is good, but I think we had 4 losses to top 10 teams...we think we needed another win here to give ourselves another chance."

The defending Big 12 Champion Cowgirls advance to the semifinals to face Nebraska at 8 p.m. Friday in San Antonio.

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