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## Professor declines comment on drinking during field trip

### Tech student charged with intoxicated manslaughter

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and Lubbock police are investigating whether Tech students consumed alcohol on the way back from a petroleum engineering field trip Oct. 22 following a fatal accident involving one of the students that day.

Jeena Elizabeth Roberts, 21, a petroleum engineering major, was arrested Oct. 22 for intoxicated manslaughter and intoxicated assault, according to a Lubbock Police Department offense report.

According to the report, Linda Smaltz, 54, was killed in the accident at 400 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Sgt. John Hayes of the Lubbock Police Department said Roberts told authorities she had been drinking on a bus on the way back from a class field trip.

Roberts refused to identify the professor who allegedly allowed the drinking when reached by phone

late Wednesday.

A student who was on the field trip said the professor in question is Marshall Watson. Watson is an assistant professor in the petroleum engineering department at Tech.

The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said Roberts was not the only student drinking alcohol on the trip but would not confirm if Watson knew about the drinking.

The field trip was for students in Watson's natural gas engineering class.

E-mails and phone calls made to Watson on Wednesday were not returned. On Thursday, Watson declined to comment when he was spoken to outside of a classroom while he was on his way to his office.

Tech student Jeena Roberts faces charges of intoxicated manslaughter and assault.



He did not deny he was on the field trip or that he allowed alcohol consumption by students.

The alleged drinking that occurred on the bus was not illegal, Hayes said, and it is unlikely the professor on the trip will be charged criminally at this point. However, it is unsure whether the professor will be disciplined by Tech.

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## Tech names Sacco dean of engineering

### Former Columbia astronaut to take post effective Jan. 1

By YACKJAIIRA RUIZ  
STAFF WRITER

Effective Jan. 1, former Columbia astronaut Albert Sacco Jr. will become a member of the Texas Tech faculty as the new dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

Provost Bob Smith said in a news release that Sacco's background will be supportive of his new role and contributions at Tech.

"We will benefit enormously from his dedication, creativity and extraordinary experiences, including service as a U.S. astronaut," he said.

President Guy Bailey said Sacco's leadership will help the university in its journey to obtain tier-one status.

"Sacco is an outstanding teacher and researcher," he said in the re-

lease. "His enthusiasm will further discovery within the Whitacre College of Engineering."

In the news release, Sacco said he is thrilled to join the academic team of outstanding researchers and educators.

"I look forward to supporting the Whitacre College of Engineering's desire to become one of the nation's top-rated engineering colleges," he said.

Jeff Sammons, senior editor of marketing and communications for the college, said Sacco is a great candidate for the job.

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## Raiders remember



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF THE Air Force ROTC create a saber arch for family members of deceased Tech students, faculty and alumni to exit Memorial Circle at the conclusion of the Techsan Memorial on Thursday.

## Techsan Memorial honors Red Raiders who have died

By JASMINE BRADFORD  
STAFF WRITER

As part of Homecoming week, every year Red Raiders and family come together in the Techsan Memorial to honor Texas Tech students, faculty and staff who have died.

The ceremony took place Thursday at Memorial Circle, where many family members, students and faculty members gathered around as President Guy Bailey gave opening remarks. Student organizations

such as the Saddle Tramps, Matador Singers and the Air Force ROTC, as well as the Homecoming court all attended in honor of the deceased.

Chancellor Kent Hance, Student Government Association president Drew Graham and many others contributed to the program by reading the names of the deceased and giving their condolences.

After the ceremony, family members could attend the dinner that followed a part of the program.

Liz Kociolek, a senior German major from Oakland, Calif., is the vice president of recruitment and

retention for the Tech Activities Board. This was her first year to be a part of the memorial as well as assisting the families through an emotional evening at dinner.

"It's an open, relaxed environment for family members to talk about their sons or daughters during this time if they want," Kociolek said.

It was a warm atmosphere that could end the day on a good note, Kociolek said. This was mainly for the families to come together and cherish their loved ones who attended Tech.

The dinner was not filled with much talk like the actual memorial program, which involved numerous speakers, but allowed for parents or siblings of deceased students to relax and talk about their feelings or share memories of their loved ones.

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## HSC nursing school hosts banquet to honor distinguished alumni

### Awards given to 2010 members



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOWARD/The Daily Toreador

FROM LEFT, DEBRA McCullough, Anne Mitchell, Stan Harmon, Janie Garms and Vicky Galle were the five distinguished alumni honored at a banquet Thursday night at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing honored its 2010 distinguished alumni on Thursday at a banquet hosted at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

Janie Garms, the program director of the Medical Center Hospital's Diabetes

Center in Odessa, was honored at the banquet with the community advocacy award.

"At the diabetes center, we do a lot of community outreach, which provides diabetes education to community members," she said. "We are the only diabetes help-managed program in Permian and Odessa."

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# Community Calendar

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### TODAY

**First Friday Art Trail**  
Time: 6 p.m.  
Where: Texas Tech Museum  
So, what is it?  
The third First Friday Art Trail will feature new exhibits, activities, movies, planetarium shows, free food and more. Organized by the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts. Free admission and parking.

**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.

### SATURDAY

**Tech Volleyball vs. Nebraska**  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Where: United Spirit Arena

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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.

**Tech Football vs. Missouri**  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Where: Jones AT&T Stadium  
**Second Annual Christian Music Festival**  
Time: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Where: Buffalo Springs Lake Cantina and Amphitheatre  
So, what is it? Local worship bands and teams are coming together to share God's praise and worship.

### SUNDAY

**Tech Women's Basketball vs. Angelo State**  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Where: United Spirit Arena

**Convergence: Korean Prints Now**  
Time: noon to 4 p.m.  
Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, art building  
So, what is it?  
An exhibition on display including digital prints, photography, installation and video art, as well as traditional printmaking techniques.

## University College inherits degree program from Provost office

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science of University Studies offering moved from the Office of the Provost to the University College on Nov. 1.

"(University College is) really honored to have inherited this successful degree, which has enabled a lot of students to put together a degree plan based on their academic and career interests," said Patrick Hughes, assistant dean at University College.

Several semesters ago, a similar degree, Bachelor of Arts of General Studies, moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to University College, said Abby Tomlinson, unit coordinator of communications and marketing at University College.

The Bachelor of University Studies degree is unique because it allows students to earn a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science by choosing three concentrations rather than a single major or minor, she said. A concentration is similar to a minor.

Likewise, a Bachelor of Arts of General Studies also requires students to choose three concentrations; however, at least two of the concentrations must be in the

College of Arts and Sciences.

Charles Mansour, a senior university studies major from Houston, said he did not know what he wanted to major in until his junior year, when he heard about the university studies degree through an adviser.

"Two years ago, I was an undecided major and didn't know what I wanted to do," he said. "My adviser told me about this brand new major that would let me focus on three areas instead of just one. I get to broaden my horizons and be well rounded. I love it."

Mansour's concentrations are music, psychology and human development. After graduating in May, he will start graduate school to become a music therapist, a career he is excited about, and he credits his degree in university studies for leading him to it.

Mansour and Joncarlos Iyescas, a senior university studies major from Glenn Heights, said they especially like the personalization they can give to their degree plans. "You can customize your degree

plan with a university studies degree," Iyescas said. "A lot of people end up graduating with something they settled on or don't want to do, but I'm graduating with an education and experience in three areas I'm interested in."

Iyescas, who will graduate in December, is concentrating on architecture, business administration and Spanish.

"People have different interests, and university studies allows you pursue them," he said.

This December, 11 students will graduate with a degree in university studies, Tomlinson said.

She said this degree plan is not only appealing to students with diverse interests on Tech's Lubbock campus, but also to nontraditional students who want a Texas Tech education but are unable to relocate due to family or job commitments.

Beginning in Spring 2011, students not available for standard face-to-face courses in Lubbock will have a few other options, Tomlinson said. The degree will be

offered to students at five of Tech's off-campus locations: Abilene, Waco, Junction, Highland Lakes and Fredericksburg, as well as being offered to students online.

"Students are able to get a Texas Tech education without giving up the life they already have in place," she said.

Tomlinson said online students will typically take classes through Blackboard, and students at the off-campus locations can take classes through interactive video conferencing, in which a professor will teach the class at one location and it will be broadcast to the other locations.

"This degree will increase enrollment at Tech," Tomlinson said. "(University College is) always looking for ways to better service our students. University studies gives them more options and will make a more diverse student body at Tech."

University College graduated 26 students in May with a bachelor's in general studies. Five hundred students are enrolled in the general studies program as of this fall, a 105 percent increase from the previous year. Tomlinson said she expects the university studies program to also grow.

Sarah Foley, lead adviser at University College, said students interested in learning more about a degree in university studies should call 806-742-7200 to make an appointment with an adviser. [brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu](mailto:brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu)

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### Charged

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Chris Cook, Tech director of communications, said he could not comment about any facet of the field trip, including potential punishment for any professor who allowed alcohol consumption, because it is the subject of a police investigation.

Jon Strauss, interim dean of

the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, said he could not comment about the situation, either. He did not deny Watson's involvement, but he said, "This is a really serious problem."

Javad Hashemi, interim director of the department of petroleum engineering, said in a prepared statement it would be inappropriate to comment at this time. He did not deny Watson's involvement.

Roberts did not wish to comment further. Intoxicated manslaughter is a second-degree felony with the potential for two to 20 years in prison, and intoxicated assault is a third-degree felony, with a potential penalty of two to 10 years in prison, Hayes said.

Watson received his Ph.D. from Tech in petroleum engineering.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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Not only is diabetes a current problem, Garms said, it is a disease that will affect a greater amount of the population in the future.

"The Center for Diabetes Control (CDC) projects that by the year 2050, one out of every three people will have diabetes," she said. "The CDC estimated in the year 2000 that there would be \$174 million spent on future diabetes problems."

Debra McCullough, a family nurse practitioner with the Andrews Health Department primary care clinic, was also honored as a distinguished alumnus for her efforts in the area of excellence in clinical care.

"We provide service to Andrews County residents with no insurance and an annual income less than 160 percent of poverty," she said. "We also implemented in a physicians' exercise program."

McCullough said being honored at the banquet is very special.

"It means a lot," she said. "It really is an honor. It makes me feel special, and I am very pleased that the university selected me."

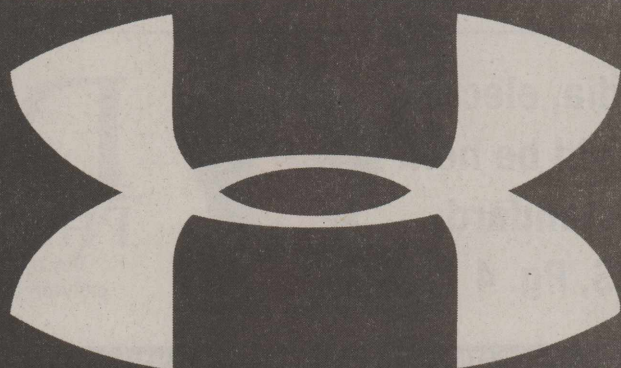
Stan Harmon, the vice president of the Texas Nurse Practitioners Association, was honored at the banquet for his efforts in the area of leadership in health care.

Being invited to the banquet as a distinguished alumnus was a pleasant surprise, Harmon said.

Vicky Galle and Anne Mitchell, both of whom work as nurses at Winkler County Memorial Hospital, were each honored for their outstanding efforts in the area of patient advocacy.

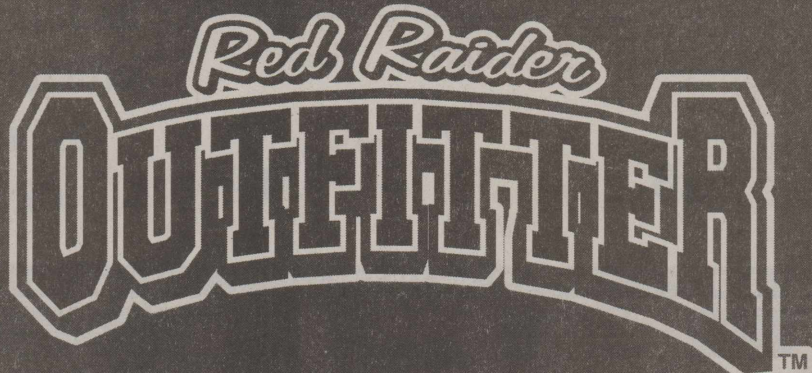
"It's a big honor because Texas Tech has so many students and health professionals," Galle said. "It brings the issue of better patient care to the forefront."

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BRAD ARMSTRONG, LEFT, a junior mathematics major from Sweetwater engages in a lightsaber dual with Billy Jones, a junior chemistry major from Sweetwater, on Wednesday night outside the Engineering Technology Lab.

Dean

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"He has experience in both in the application of engineering and the education and administration," Sammons said. "His administrative experience in engineering and his particular experience were the strongest of all the candidates that applied. He will be a great candidate to lead the college into the future."

Sammons said he feels Sacco will continue to add to the momentum of college.

"Engineering is certainly on the right track," Sammons said. "Increased enrollment, increased research funding, variety of awards for our faculty members, and Dean

Sacco will keep us on that track and bring us to newer heights, particularly as we continue to do more research and educate more students."

Sammons said Sacco is excited to be a part of the Tech engineering family and will be a good fit for the

university.

"He's excited to be here, and he's excited to help Whitacre College of Engineering in becoming an even greater place for students to come and get an education," Sammons said. "One of our top priorities is ensuring the quality of education for the students stays the same

and gets better, even as enrollment increases, and (Sacco) is certainly on board with it."

Madison Rhoden, a senior civil engineering major from Waco, said Sacco seems to have a lot of previous experience.

"The amount of research grants he's gotten is pretty impressive and might be beneficial to the engineering department," Rhoden said.

With Sacco's experience in chemical engineering, Rhoden wishes to see increased emphases on chemical education at Tech.

"You don't hear much about chemical engineers," Rhoden said. "It seems to revolve around civil or mechanical."

Brandon Willis, a senior mechanical engineering major from Jal, N.M., echoed Rhoden's feeling about evolving the engineering college with Sacco's experience.

"Right now, it seems we focus only on civil and mechanical and petroleum and everything else is just sprinkled in," Willis said. "Definitely a different branch or focus on engineering with his experience, especially with his background being chemical and the fact he's been in space will be good. He's definitely adding something that this university hasn't seen."

Reed Chambers, a senior civil engineering major from Palestine, said Sacco seems very qualified and hopes Sacco's position as dean will help the pass rate of the Fundamentals of Engineering.

"It's a required exam to get the professional engineering license, and colleges like UT and A&M have very high pass rates, and Texas Tech doesn't, and it makes it hard for engineering students," Chambers said.

Sacco has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Northeastern University and a doctorate in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977. He served as a faculty member at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and as the chair of the chemical engineering department at Northeastern University.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Memorial

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Matthew Ducatt, managing director of Student Union and Activities, helped along with many others to end the evening with casual dining for the families.

"We try to make them feel like they are a part of Texas Tech, which they are," Ducatt said.

Some family members were still very emotional about the loss of their sibling or child, but even in their fragile state, were grateful for the program.

Dennis Perkins, aunt of the late Tech student William L. Kargl, was very appreciative of how Texas Tech put on the program for mourning families in honor of their loved ones.

"I just think that it's a special honor that you guys go through the trouble to do this for family members," Perkins said. "It means a lot, and I appreciate it."

Family members thanked Tech for the memorial service, especially since the program was in their children's honor as

well as their own. Even with the loss of their Tech family member, Ducatt said, the family is still a part of the Texas Tech family, and that's the main mission of the program - for Tech family members to remain a part of the family through the good and the bad.

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GOP asserts new strength, targets Obama programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victorious at the polls, congressional Republicans asserted their newfound political strength on Thursday, vowing to seek a quick \$100 billion in federal spending cuts and force repeated votes on the repeal of President Barack Obama's prized health care overhaul.

At the White Houses, Obama said his administration was ready to work across party lines in a fresh attempt to "focus on the economy and jobs" as well as attack waste in government. In a show of bipartisanship, he invited top lawmakers to the White House at mid-month, and the nation's newly elected governors two weeks later.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, in line to become the new speaker of the House, brushed aside talk that the No. 1 GOP goal was to make sure Obama is defeated at the polls in 2012. "That's Senator McConnell's statement and his opinion," he told ABC, referring to the party's leader in the Senate and adding that his own goals included cutting spending and creating jobs.

But tentative talk of compromise competed with rhetoric reminiscent of the just-completed campaign.

In a speech at the conservative

Heritage Foundation, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell said the only way to achieve key party legislative goals such as ending government bailouts, cutting spending and repealing the health care law "is to put someone in the White House who won't veto" them.

"There's just no getting around it," he added.

Obama has ruled out accepting repeal of the health care measure, and Senate Democrats responded quickly to McConnell.

"What Sen. McConnell is really saying is, 'Republicans want to let insurance companies go back to denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, let them go back to charging women twice as much for the same coverage as men, and let them push millions of seniors back into the Medicare doughnut hole,'" said Jim Manley, spokesman for Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The maneuvering unfolded two days after elections that swept Democrats out of power in the House and cut deeply into their Senate majority, scripting an uncertain new era of divided government for the final two years of Obama's term.

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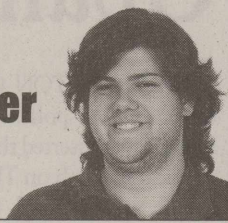
## Media, elected officials should be held to higher standards

As an ideologue, I often have trouble understanding exactly why people who tend to have views opposite mine think the way they do.

I often discuss some issues with buddies of mine who have a different viewpoint from mine to try and understand why they think the way they do, and that often helps me to further understand why I should hold a particular stance on an issue. Since they know I'm not interested in tearing into them over something, they're usually happy to discuss their stances.

While it's apparently easy for a private citizen to discuss these issues, the ones that we have to count on to carry out all the goings on in government, be it local, state or federal, are not interested in giving any sort of ideas as to why they vote or support the measures that they do. Lately, I've noticed more often than not the elected officials I've been interviewing for news are not interested in answering any questions

**Cole Shooter**



when it comes to the issues they're cramming down our throats.

Just recently, I was sent to cover the watch party for the Lubbock ISD bond. This was already awkward since not only are many members of the district administration not fans of my employer because we don't simply ask softball questions, but in addition, I personally have written two columns against the bond in recent weeks for *The Daily Toreador*.

I find myself often getting some form of masochistic enjoyment from being a reporter in a room full of people who hold me in some level of disdain because after being a news anchor and reporter for a talk radio

station that has hosts with a fairly conservative bent, it has become fairly commonplace. Many local elected officials are also not accustomed to questions with substance from most of the local reporters, and they often do not appreciate any deviation from the superficial. Tuesday evening was no different.

After the LISD bond measure barely squeaked by to victory by 693 votes, I had the opportunity to interview some of the administration and school board members.

Not surprisingly, the school board member I talked to kept repeating that a majority had approved it as if it were a mandate, despite the fact that it had

passed by a single percent, and had no interest in explaining why the \$200 million bond was a better choice than other possible options.

They were never interested in answering those questions before the measure was put up to the voters, and it shouldn't be surprising that these elected officials weren't interested in explaining why they are going to use our tax dollars in the fashion that they have chosen now. It is indeed a real shame that accountability for the money of others does not enter into their minds.

I also received a bit of a finger-wagging over my columns from another school board member, who chose to let

me know that my proselytizing against the issue was only based on feelings on the matter rather than facts. Truth is, there were plenty of facts presented which proved the district's use of the new bond as hasty and irresponsible, but rather than search for justification within the boundaries of reality, he chose to dismiss all claims that did not support his own viewpoint.

I guess we can all be guilty of this sometimes, but it's remarkably irresponsible for an elected official to ignore opposing information in this fashion.

Much of this attitude spawned by the lackluster attention paid to local issues by many area news agencies. It seems as though many reporters sent to cover these events and present these issues to the public have little interest or knowledge over the issues, and by and large, it would be absolutely impossible for them to care less.

The younger television reporters want to make sure their hair is in place, their smile is glowing and that they

sound interested while reading the basics off of a notepad, so they can finish up and get to the bar. Luckily, that problem doesn't seem to be as prevalent with those involved in other types of media, often making us less popular with those who push for and approve certain decisions within government.

With these types of behavior working in tandem, it's no wonder that so much of the citizenry is often uninformed on important issues that they'll be voting on. Much of the media is not going to work to get the entire story, and many elected officials are certainly not going to surrender truthful information easily.

If the masses truly want to know what is going on, they either have to find a good news agency that reports hard-hitting information, research the issues themselves, or best of all, do both.

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## Movies don't need sensual content to contain value

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I'm no conservative, but I've found myself fussing over the cinematic (and social) fixation with sex of late. Not just any plain old sex, though. Teen sex.

Sex is everywhere these days. Lately, cinema's naughty infatuation has transcended to an adolescent level. With movies like "Easy A" and "The Virginity Hit" being fired at us left and right, it's kind of hard to ignore.

Don't get me wrong—I'm well aware that movies have featured people "doing it" for ages. But the mainstream film industry has been pandering this once-taboo content to younger and younger demographics each passing decade, and desensitizing youths to the point where sex is presented to them as a casual social hurdle.

Now when I say "youth," I primarily mean people between the ages of 16 and 23. In our culture, sex is unavoidable. Historically, movies containing sexual content have been tailored to a fully grown, swanky, martini-sipping generation who gasped at a hint of thigh.

This definitely is not your grandparents' sexy fanfare.

Teen cinema has been openly acquainted with the quest for sex since the

groovy '70s ("Little Darlings," anyone?). In the '80s it had brat pack fads like "The Breakfast Club," "Weird Science" and "Sixteen Candles," and in the late '90s there came a little film called "American Pie."

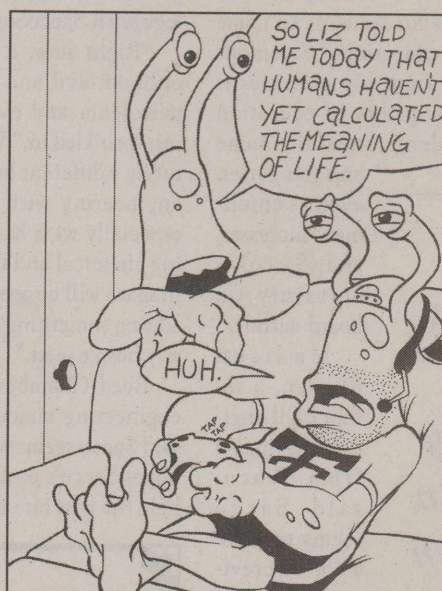
I'm not making any naive or obtuse assumptions here. I know that our generation's not the first to explore sex cinematically, but we're absolutely the first to be bombarded with popular films glorifying sex-based youth struggles ("Superbad" and "The Girl Next Door" ringing any bells?). Not bad films per se, but films that demand sex as a required checkpoint in high school or early college.

Because how dare anyone be a virgin these days? It's, like, so lame. Virginit's a delicate subject, and cultural revolutions have brought this once private matter into public scrutiny. In any case, you're judged for a choice that's nobody's business but your own.

Sex has become an out-in-the-open social disease, a parasite of anxiety and expectation. It's a teenage dilemma, a generational obstacle ... but it's not everything. Or am I just being a giant square?

Well, on behalf of all us nerds out there, I think Hollywood should take a few months off and check itself into rehab.

## WASTOIDS



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## The threat of new airplane attacks should not keep us grounded

By ALEXANDER R. KONRAD  
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If you are anything like me, you can't fly without an instant of doubt about the danger of being in an aircraft.

The "air freight bomb plot" of last week shows that such fears—although highly unfortunate—may still be justified, as on-plane hijackers have been the biggest perceived threat recently.

But it turns out that Al-Qaeda and other organizations may be moving to a different tactic, packaging explosives and shipping them on flights. Logistics giants such as FedEx and UPS have become masters of sending packages quickly around the world, but that

connectivity might have created new difficulties for counter-terrorism.

Quick shipping around the world requires private air fleets that carry only parcels and packages, and it was originally thought that these bombs traveled in the same way from their origin in Yemen. It now appears that one of the packages traveled on a Qatar Airways passenger jet. It's a scary thought that the biggest threat we face may lie in the belly of the plane, out of sight of everyone above from passengers to air marshals. The marshals are trained to stop a hijacking attempt, but they cannot spot concealed and packaged PETN, the explosive favored by Al-Qaeda for such operations.

The pressure is on the carriers and

airports to detect such materials before they travel in the air and put people at risk. In the case of the plot last week, the bombs were found—but after they had been in the air for several legs of travel. The fact that they did not detonate is fortunate but not necessarily reassuring for the future.

We have a new risk to accept and make a variable in our risk assessments of air travel. If anything, the counter-argument to that statement could be that this risk is not even new; we just have not had the danger brought home in such fashion until last week. It's difficult to gauge whether this is the tip of the iceberg, or a stand-alone attempt—but expect security and terrorism experts to be reviewing the tactic.

Apart from the quantifiable aspects of such a risk, there will be at least be a psychological effect. It's similar to any disaster—natural or man-made: We hear about it and think of those in the vicinity or involved, and can't resist asking, "Was I ever at that beach/airport/building? How long ago did I walk/fly/drive by there, and could it have been friends/family/me?"

Personalizing a disaster in this way is not really a bad thing. It helps us empathize and consider the people affected; we also consider our own safety

by wondering how we fit in its context.

My friend and I shared this process just the other day, when a suicide bomber injured 32 people in Taksim Square of Istanbul. We stayed in a hostel near Taksim in June, even walked through a public rally about Israel's attack of the flotilla held in the square. The statue of Mustafa Ataturk seemed oddly juxtaposed then, as people waved Hamas flags and sang songs praising the Palestinian group.

Turkey has experienced bombings in past years, often by Kurdish separatists from the turbulent southeastern region of the country. This attack could have been by a Kurdish group, especially given that a truce was set to end later in the day, but it might have been a group affiliated with Al-Qaeda. Such a group murdered 28 people in a bombing in Istanbul in 2003.

Even as I grieve for those hurt in the recent attack, I would still go back to Istanbul as soon as I could—I loved the city. And in a similar way, I will continue to use air travel whenever it makes sense for me. Such risks never go away. All we can do is file away their knowledge and continue with our daily routines.

I, for one, will accept the variable and continue to fly. I just might not accept any packages from Yemen.

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

**ACROSS**

- Tie
- 5 Travis of country
- 10 Arrange in a tournament
- 14 Eliza's greeting
- 15 2009 Man Booker International Prize Winner Alice
- 16 Poi base
- 17 Favorable time to place an online bid?
- 19 "Almighty": 2007 film
- 20 Sacred scroll
- 21 Silent
- 23 Wellness gp.
- 24 de toilette
- 26 Nobelist Bohr
- 27 Online networking site trainee?
- 31 What odes do
- 34 1987 Costner role
- 35 Hope-Crosby destination
- 36 Pay for periodic use
- 37 Coll. of 12 signs
- 38 Afghanistan's ToRa region
- 39 2007 honor for Hugh Laurie; abbr.
- 40 "Ben Adhem": 42 Warned, in a way
- 44 Detective's job concerning a personal online relationship?
- 47 Bottom bits
- 48 Word before or after pack
- 49 27-Down, e.g.
- 52 Colorful fish
- 55 Kirin beer rival
- 57 Starting stake
- 58 Spinner seen in an online video?
- 60 Bakery buys
- 61 Seaside flock
- 62 Bit of Marx's legacy
- 63 It may number in the thousands
- 64 Ones changing locks
- 65 Aglie

**DOWN**

- 1 Effectiveness
- 2 Tuesdays With Morrie author
- 3 Light smoke
- 4 Milk source
- 5 "I didn't need to know that!"
- 6 Accumulates
- 7 Chinese leader?
- 8 Defeated decisively
- 9 Student resisters, perhaps
- 10 "By Starlight": jazz standard
- 11 Gather information secretly
- 12 Some are named for music genres
- 13 Slips into
- 18 Milk by-products
- 22 Winter mos.
- 25 Suffix with lip
- 27 49-Across from which Buzz Aldrin turned down a full scholarship
- 28 Actress Airmée
- 29 53-Down's homeland
- 30 Fly catcher
- 31 27-Down fig.
- 32 Sitcom whose theme song was sung by its star
- 33 Toastmasters' stock
- 37 Albee play, with "The"
- 38 Buzzer
- 40 Put oneself at risk, in a way
- 41 Messed up a hole, maybe
- 42 "Hey, ewe!"
- 43 Cornerstone abbr.
- 45 He played Marty in "Marty"
- 46 Serious depression
- 49 Prepared to take notice?
- 50 Church area
- 51 Wide-haunched
- 52 Cop stopping traffic?
- 53 Singer born Ethel Patricia Ni Bhraonáin abbr.
- 54 Odd character
- 56 Movies with "II" in their titles; abbr.
- 59 Sub letters

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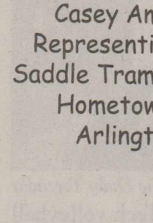
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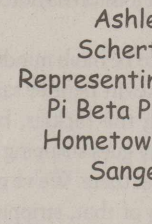
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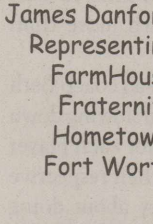
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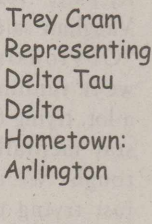
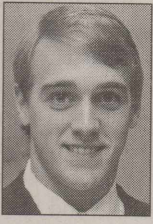
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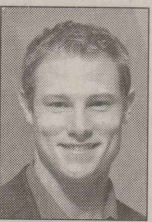
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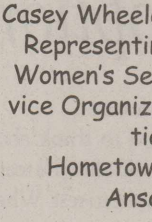
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5:30 p.m. - A Night to Remember Annual Homecoming Dinner and Reception Merket Alumni Cen- ter	6:30 p.m. - Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Ne- braska United Spirit Arena
7 p.m. - 2010 Homecoming Step Show - West Texas Showdown Allen Theatre	7 p.m. - Tech vs. Missouri Jones AT&T Stadium
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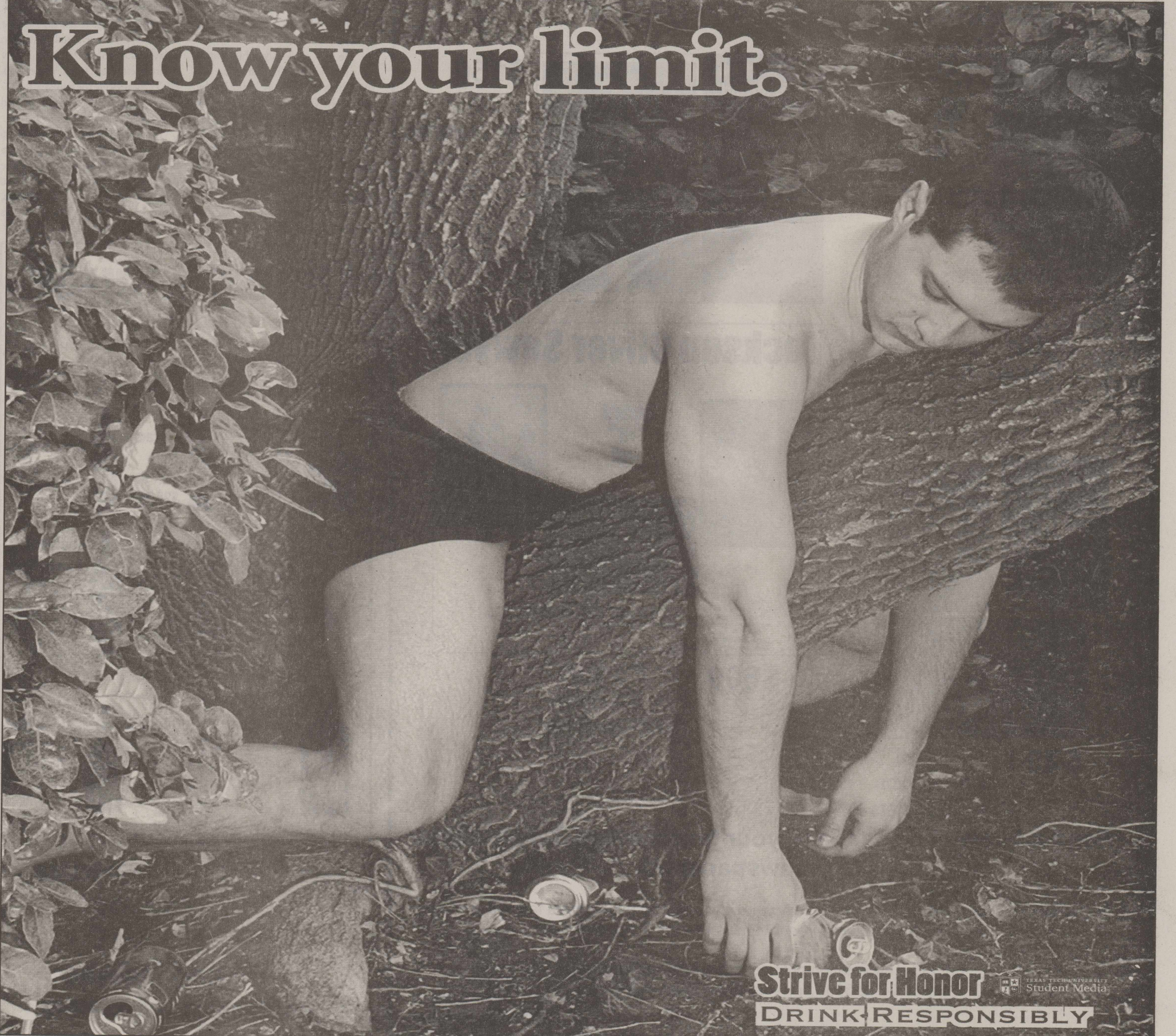
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# Tech looks for upset at home against Nebraska

By **JOSHUA KOCH**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team continued its struggles on the road, dropping to 0-10 on the season in conference matches played away from the United Spirit Arena on Wednesday night after losing to Kansas State.

"In the Kansas State match, we came out really strong and really positive," Tech defensive specialist and libero Candice Neill said. "And once we came up a little short, I think we just kind of slowly went down hill, and didn't really come together as a team as much."

Tech (3-20, 1-13 in Big 12 Conference play) lost to Kansas State (10-15, 4-10) 3-1 on Wednesday in the Ahearn Fieldhouse in Manhattan, Kan.

The Red Raiders return home for their next challenge, which is against a team that has only lost two matches this entire season — No. 5 Nebraska. The Red Raiders take on the Cornhuskers (21-2, 13-1) Saturday at noon in the United Spirit Arena.

The Cornhuskers are coming into this match after handling business against the Kansas Jayhawks on Wednesday, winning that match 3-0.

Both of Nebraska's losses have come on the road and to ranked opponents, including No. 8 Texas.

The Longhorns got the best of the Cornhuskers on Oct. 27, defeating them 3-1 in Austin. This marked the first Big 12 loss of the season, and the only one thus far, for Nebraska. The other loss came to No. 1 Florida during nonconference play.

Since the loss to Texas, the Cornhuskers have gotten back to their winning ways, but in dominating fashion, having posted two

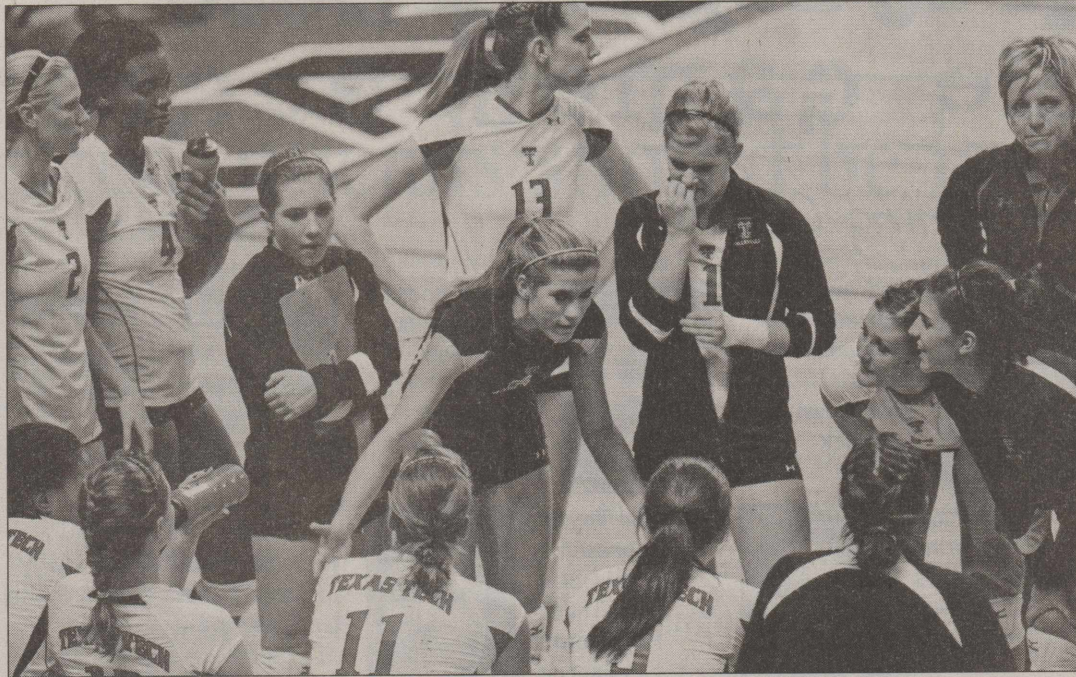


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TEXAS TECH LIBERO Jackie Vincent, talks to her teammate during a timeout in the Texas Tech volleyball game against Texas A&M, on Oct. 27 in the United Spirit Arena.

consecutive shutouts since then. The Red Raiders, on the other hand, are on an eight-match losing streak that is now the worst among Big 12 teams.

During that losing streak, the Red Raiders have not pushed a single match to a fifth set. The last loss, 3-1, ended a five-match streak of shutouts for the Red Raiders. With this unwanted streak in mind, sophomore defensive specialist and libero Tory Vaughan said they simply have to work on the unseen

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**TORY VAUGHAN**  
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST  
AND LIBERO

part of the game. "Well, we know we have the physical ability, so right now we're just working on the mentality part," Tory Vaughan said. "Obviously, we're running a lot, trying to stay mentally tough. We're just trying to keep our head straight, just keep looking forward to the season and try to get a win before the end of it."

The last time these two teams met, the match was a one-sided affair as the Cornhuskers rolled to a 3-0 victory in the

NU Coliseum in Lincoln, Neb.

The Red Raiders did not muster up more than 15 points in any of the three sets. The Cornhuskers had three players in double digits in kills, as well as two players with more than 20 assists each.

Tech interim head coach Beth Falls said the key to slowing down a team like this is for each player to crack down on their respective role and not worry about doing too much.

"I think the thing is, you take care of the ball on your side of the court," Falls said. "They're gonna come at you at every angle with every attack possible. They're going to serve tough, they're going pass well, they're gonna hit every single kind of hit you can hit in volleyball. It has to be on our side; we have

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# Chargers look for repeat performance in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Philip Rivers against the Houston Texans' defense seems like a mismatch.

The San Diego quarterback leads the league with 2,649 yards passing through the first eight games, and is on target to break Dan Marino's single-season record of 5,084 yards in 1984. He also has a touchdown pass in a team-record 21 consecutive games.

The Texans? Their pass defense is ranked last in the NFL, having allowed 16 touchdown passes and seven pass plays covering 40 yards or more. There's been all of four interceptions — and they've come in just two games.

It may look like a big day for Rivers and the Chargers (3-5) when they visit the Texans (4-3) on Sunday, but the way San Diego's season has gone Rivers isn't taking anything for granted.

The Chargers have an AFC-worst 19 turnovers, seven interceptions by Rivers and 12 lost fumbles.

Rivers calls some of the miscues "just crazy." In a loss to New England two weeks ago, rookie receiver Richard Goodman left the ball on the ground after a catch, even though he hadn't been touched by a defender. Fullback Jacob Hester let a backward pass hit the turf in the same game, and the Patriots recovered.

"We've always been a team that

had good ball security," Rivers said. "Obviously, they've crept in this year."

San Diego had only one turnover against Tennessee last week and beat the Titans 33-25. Rivers said the giveaways haven't affected the Chargers' aggressive offensive style.

As long as everyone plays with common sense, he says, San Diego will continue to look for big plays down field.

"You don't want to play careful," he said. "You just want to play smart and make sure you make a little extra effort to squeeze it and hold onto it and make good decisions as a passer."

"We are not going to go turnover-free," Rivers said. "We can overcome them. We just can't have them at the rate we are having them, because they're getting us out of scoring situations too often."

The Texans have struggled to force turnovers this season, and coach Gary Kubiak made that an emphasis in practice this week. Houston has forced only two fumbles.

"We just have to be more mindful of it," linebacker Kevin Bentley said. "Guys are making the tackles, but you don't see many guys stripping at the ball when we get there. We've got to do a better job of that, stripping the ball once the first guy has him wrapped up."

# Giants decline to exercise Renteria's \$9.5M option

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The champion San Francisco Giants declined to exercise their \$9.5 million option on World Series MVP Edgar Renteria on Thursday, instead paying him a \$500,000 buyout.

It's no surprise because the 34-year-old Renteria is considering retirement after an injury-plagued season. Still, the Giants had to make the decision only three days after Renteria's tiebreaking three-run homer off Cliff Lee in the seventh inning Monday night helped San Francisco win the franchise's first title since moving West in 1958.

"He was obviously a big reason we won, not just the last game but the whole playoff run," said Bobby Evans, the Giants' vice president of baseball operations. "Edgar played a huge role, whether in the clubhouse, on the field, or his leadership and his professionalism and his ability to string together some very good games and big hits for us."

The shortstop said Wednesday he will rest for a while before

determining his future.

"It's always hard to think about retiring," Renteria said after the team's victory parade. "I want to rest. Whew, I feel great."

A five-time All-Star, Renteria batted .412 (7 for 17) with two homers and six RBIs in the Series. He had all of three home runs and 22 RBIs during an injury-filled regular season that included three stints on the disabled list.

At the end, he played through a torn biceps muscle. He rarely was pain-free this year when he was on the field.

Renteria's trips to the disabled list were because of a strained right groin (May 6-22 and May 25-June 16) and a strained left biceps (Aug. 11-Sept. 1). His 72 games were the fewest of his 15-year big league career. In fact, he had never been below 106 games before.

Renteria might just decide to go out on top — often something players hope for when leaving the game. He is a career .287 hitter with 135 home runs and 887 RBIs for the Marlins, Cardinals, Red Sox, Braves, Tigers and Giants.

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# Hall of Fame manager Anderson dead at 76

(AP) — Reds fans were taken aback when Sparky Anderson showed up in Cincinnati for his first day as a big league manager, an unknown taker over baseball's first professional team.

Sparky who? Really?

By the time he was done, this man with the shock of white hair and schoolboy nickname would produce a considerable list of achievements that featured three World Series titles — including crowns in each league — and a Hall of Fame entry on his resume.

Anderson, who directed the Big Red Machine to back-to-back championships and won another in Detroit, died Thursday from complications of dementia in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 76. A day earlier, his family said he'd been placed in hospice care.

Anderson was the first manager to win World Series titles in both leagues and the only manager to lead two franchises in career wins.

"Sparky was, by far, the best manager I ever played for," said former Reds star Pete Rose, the game's career hits leader. "He understood people better than anyone I ever met. His players loved him, he loved his players, and he loved the game of baseball. There isn't another person in baseball like Sparky Anderson. He gave his whole life to the game."

Anderson's teams in Cincinnati — featuring Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Rose — won crowns in 1975 and 1976 and rank among the most powerful of all time. Led by Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell, Anderson won with the

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# Texas manager Ron Washington gets new contract

ARLINGTON (AP) — Manager Ron Washington signed a new two-year contract Thursday with the AL champion Texas Rangers, a move that had been expected since before the playoffs began.

"This was a formality as much as anything. There was never a question about our manager going forward," general manager Jon Daniels said. "We're not in the post-season, not in the World Series, without his leadership."

The deal through the 2012 season was completed three days after the end of the Rangers' first World Series.

While there are no additional option years with the new deal, Daniels said he expects the emotional and often excitable Washington to be the Rangers manager "for many years to come."

Washington didn't have a contract past 2010, but team president Nolan Ryan and Daniels had made it clear during the season they wanted him back. They sat down and got it done before the manager planned to go home to New Orleans.

Washington has a 331-317 record over four seasons in his first managerial job, and the Rangers improved their win total each of the past three seasons. After a 75-87 mark in 2007, his first season, Texas followed by winning 79 games, then 87 and 90 this season.

"That's what baseball is about, the bar being set high. I wouldn't expect anything less," Washington said. "I don't feel any pressure. We have good team with a solid foundation, players that believe in the game of baseball and believe in each other. All we can do is get better as we move forward."

The Rangers had never won a postseason series, or even a home playoff game,

before this year. This was only the 17th winning record in 39 seasons since moving to Texas after the franchise started as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961.

"It is no accident we are a very resilient club, a very successful club," Daniels said. "Those are attributes Ron brings with him every day."

When hired to replace the fired Buck Showalter in November 2006, Washington got a two-year contract with two one-year options that were both exercised by the team. But Washington never got an extension.

Late in the 2009 season, Washington thought he had cost himself the job when he admitted to using cocaine once and failed a drug test.

Washington offered to resign, but Ryan and Daniels stuck by their manager then, and again last spring when the story became public and he told his players what happened.

After beating the defending World Series champion New York Yankees in six games in the AL championship series, Texas lost the World Series in five games to the San Francisco Giants. The final game was a 3-1 loss at home Monday night.

Ryan also plans a contract extension for Daniels, who still has a year left on his deal.

As for Washington's coaching staff, Daniels expects the only possible change would be if hitting coach Clint Hurdle leaves to take a managerial job. Hurdle, a former manager, was scheduled to interview with the Pittsburgh Pirates about their opening.

"I'm a big fan of Ron Washington, and I'm just happy that he's starting to get the respect that he deserves, results that he deserves," said Jackie Moore, the Rangers bench coach who just completed his 53rd consecutive year in pro baseball.

"The biggest compliment that a manager can get in baseball is for his team to play hard for him every game," Moore said. "This club really took on his personality and played hard for him and left it all on the field."

Daniels hired Washington exactly a year after he had been named the youngest GM in major league history.

Washington had been an assistant coach for 11 seasons in Oakland, where he had been credited for developing the

organization's top infielders. Third baseman Eric Chavez gave one of his six Gold Gloves to Washington.

When Washington was hired, the Rangers still had the reputation as a slugging high-scoring team with never enough pitching to take advantage of all the runs.

Things have changed under the influence of Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher who is now a part-owner, and Washington. The Rangers can still slug, but they also run, pitch and emphasize strong defense.

"I think we've laid the foundation for what we feel like Ranger baseball should be," Washington said. "Now all we have to do is continue to improve in those areas."

Texas led the majors with a .276 average and while 162 homers were their lowest total since 1992, they had fewer than 1,000 strikeouts for the first time since 2000. The Rangers had an American League-high 53 sacrifice bunts and stole 123 bases. They also had runners advance from first to third on singles 122 times, 22 more than the majors' next best team.

Their pitchers had a combined 3.93 ERA, the lowest since 1990, with a record 1,181 strikeouts.

"Everybody loves to talk about players and write about players, but our manager did an incredible job this year. We really fed off of him," said Michael Young, the longest-tenured Ranger after 10 seasons. "He did a great job. Anything he gets right now is well-deserved."

"This was a formality as much as anything. There was never a question about our manager going forward."

**JON DANIELS**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
TEXAS RANGERS

# End of conference rivalry for BCS busters TCU and Utah

FORT WORTH (AP) — The biggest game of all between BCS-busting rivals TCU and Utah will be their last in the same conference.

Fittingly for the series finale, more than Mountain West supremacy is again on the line. The winner remains in contention for another Bowl Championship Series game and maybe even the national title game.

"This is what we've been working toward, is for people to think this is a big game," TCU coach Gary Patterson said.

A short, intense conference rivalry ends Saturday in the Mountain West's first-ever matchup of Top 10 teams. The third-ranked Horned Frogs (9-0, 5-0 MWC) play at fifth-ranked Utah (8-0, 5-0).

"Obviously, it has national implications," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "We've been in big games before so we are ready to take this on."

Before TCU finally played in a BCS game last season, Utah had already done it twice. The Utes were the original BCS buster six years ago and the first team to do it twice.

Utah is leaving the Mountain West after this season for the new Pac-12, a league with automatic BCS access. For now, the Utes still have to earn their way into one of the five major games.

This is the third consecutive TCU-Utah game that will have a direct impact on the BCS standings.

The AP rankings for TCU and Utah match their spots in the BCS, where

Boise State is between them. There remains a chance that any of those three BCS busters could climb into one of the top two spots and play for the championship.

TCU and Utah have no more games scheduled against each other after this weekend's showdown, so it looks like the end of a rivalry that has been so much fun to watch.

— TCU's first-ever Mountain West game was in 2005 against Utah, which the season before was the first team from a non-automatic qualifying conference to play in a BCS game. The Utes arrived in Fort Worth with an 18-game winning streak. TCU, coming off an upset loss to SMU after a season-opening victory at Oklahoma, beat the Utes 23-20 in overtime to start its own 13-game winning streak.

— After that streak was snapped a week earlier by BYU, the Frogs lost again — 20-7 to Utah in 2006.

— Before any games had even been played in 2007, the Utah-TCU game stood out as one to watch but both suffered two early MWC losses. The Utes held on for a 27-20 win.

— Two years ago, the November matchup essentially became a BCS Buster playoff game. Utah entered undefeated and TCU's only loss then was to Oklahoma. Brian Johnson threw a touchdown pass with 48 seconds left for a 13-10 victory, and the Utes went on to a 13-0 season capped by a Sugar Bowl victory over Alabama.

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## Seniors: Win could change season

### Matchup against No. 14 Mizzou set for Saturday

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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The 2010 season has not gone as well as the seniors on Texas Tech's football roster have hoped for.

Unfortunately, the road is going to get steeper as the Red Raiders take on No. 14 Missouri on Saturday at 7 p.m. at

Jones AT&T Stadium.

That being said, the Red Raiders still believe they can do some big things between the Missouri game and the bowl selection day.

"It's definitely an opportunity," Tech running back Baron Batch said. "My senior year is not going exactly how I planned, but that's kind of how life goes sometimes. Things don't always fall your way, and you've still got to play the cards you're dealt. We've got two big-time football teams coming up, and we have a chance to kind of reverse our season."

The group of seniors on this Tech squad has been around for a lot.

Most notably, Batch, receiver

Detron Lewis, and defensive players Brian Duncan, Bront Bird and Colby Whitlock, among others were part of the Red Raiders' strong 2008 season that resulted in an 11-2 overall record and a Cotton Bowl appearance.

They are also here during the midst of arguably Tech's most difficult season in recent history.

If Tech can pull an upset

win in its final two Big 12 Conference games, a seven-win season bowl game appearance is all but assured with FCS opponent Weber State and Houston from Conference USA on tap to close the season.

Tech is a six-and-a-half-point underdog against Mizzou, and

immediately following this week's game, the Red Raiders will travel to Norman, Okla., for their final Big 12 game this season, against No. 11 Oklahoma.

This week, however, the Red Raiders seem entirely focused on Mizzou and for good reason.

The Tigers enter Saturday's game with a 7-1 overall record and a 3-1 record in Big 12 play after dropping a game to Ne-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S BARON Batch attempts to run over Texas A&M linebacker Garrick Williams during Tech's 45-27 loss against the Aggies in College Station. The Red Raiders host No. 12 Missouri at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. The game will be televised nationally on ABC.

braska last week — the favorite to win the Big 12 North division, at the very least.

Offensively, Tech (4-4, 2-4 in Big 12 play) might have a slight edge, averaging 432 yards per game compared to Mizzou's 414. However, Tech's defense allowed 449 yards through the air last week against Texas A&M, and passing is Mizzou's forte.

Based on havoc Texas A&M imposed on Tech, it is a safe assumption that the Tigers will test the Red Raiders through the air.

One advantage Tech may have against Missouri is the

fact that head coach Tommy Tuberville is playing his starting quarterback decision close to the chest.

Last week against Texas A&M, starting quarterback Taylor Potts was benched for the fourth quarter in favor of backup quarterback Steven Sheffield. The backup proved to be effective against the Aggies, and the move spurred the idea that another quarterback controversy may be underway.

Tuberville denies the advantage of not revealing who the starting quarterback will be until game time and said both Potts

and Sheffield will get an opportunity to play against Mizzou. "It's the same offense," Tuberville said. "It's like last week when we went into that game and it didn't really make any difference. (Texas A&M) ran the same offense with (Ryan) Tannehill that they did with (Jerrold) Johnson. You can't make a lot of changes, but you can put one or two things in."

But an advantage the Red Raiders could have is desire.

Like Batch, Duncan said the Red Raiders are fully capable of turning their season around and leaving the university with a

bang rather than with a lackluster record.

"These last games are key, especially being a senior," Duncan said. "I'm excited; I'm ready to go. The season hasn't been going as we planned, but things happen, and we're looking forward to turning the season around. We just keep working; we're a team that never quits."

"We're going to keep working; we're going to make it right. We're looking for a good ballgame, and we're going to be good. I'm excited and ready to play."

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## QB switch is right move at wrong time

It's a case of déjà vu for Texas Tech fans.

It's a case of déjà vu for Texas Tech fans.

Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville is set to decide who his starting quarterback will be after evaluating both Taylor Potts' and Steven Sheffield's performances in practice.

This sentence was in the papers for months before the season, and now, nine weeks into the season, we're at it again.

Taylor Potts struggled at times during the season's opening games, and after Steven Sheffield's successful cameo in the fourth quarter of Tech's 45-27 loss at Texas A&M on Saturday, the quarterback job once again became an open race.

There's something about Sheffield coming in that energizes the Red Raider offense. In the fourth quarter against the Aggies, he threw for more than half the yards Potts did in the first three quarters, albeit against what amounted to be A&M's second-string defense. Sheffield also tossed two touchdowns and one pick.

Now it looks like he'll at least take a few snaps, if not the majority, against Missouri.

Plenty of fans are salivating about

Jon Arnold



the idea. Like Pavlov's dogs, they're conditioned to crave Sheffield every time a Tech drive stalls.

The change has the potential to help out a Red Raider offense that isn't meeting expectations, but the timing of the quarterback shuffle raises plenty of questions.

The Red Raiders need to win two more games to become bowl eligible, but those wins just aren't going to come in the next two weeks. Both opponents, Missouri and Oklahoma, are top 15 teams. We probably won't be able to gauge the success of this change until after the regular season, due to the strength of this portion of the schedule.

On the off chance Tech steals a win, perhaps led on a game-winning drive with two minutes left by Sheffield, the coaching staff will look pretty silly for rolling with Potts for so long.

If Sheffield can commandeer the Tech offense — minus two key wide

receivers — to victory against a ranked opponent, then he was clearly the right choice for the starting quarterback job from the outset.

But if the numbers hold and Tech takes a loss, it doesn't matter who the quarterback is, it makes them look as though they couldn't take their team to victory.

By changing the signal caller at this stage in the season, you put both quarterbacks in a tough spot. They'll both be looking over their shoulders, waiting to be yanked in favor of their cohort.

A change would have made much more sense after the Oklahoma State game. The loss to the Cowboys was a game in which nothing was going for the offense. Meanwhile, the Red Raiders were set to embark on their two most-winnable conference games with a trip to Colorado and the A&M game back-to-back. They were able to get the split, and we're left to ask, "What if?"

That question of "what if" won't be answered this week, or next week, either, but Tech fans won't be able to help but ask if this is the right move at the wrong time.

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