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LEIGH ANNE TUOHY, right, a designer on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" films a segment for the show Wednesday in Wellman.

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Beginning a Makeover

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has made its way for the first time to West Texas, making its stop at Wellman. Amidst the tumbleweeds and fierce winds in this small town of no more than 300, a team of hundreds of volunteers, contractors, builders and designers begin construction on the Brown family's home. The family returns from New York City on Monday to see their new home. Check out videos of the progress at dailytoreador.com and check Monday's issue for more.



WORKERS MEASURE WOOD at the site of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" on Wednesday in Wellman.

Center shows harmful effects of smoking

Booth encourages people to drop tobacco habit



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ABBY BARNES, LEFT, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from San Antonio, and Lola Coppage, prevention coordinator for the Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders, display two pig lungs to represent the damaging effects smoking has on humans.

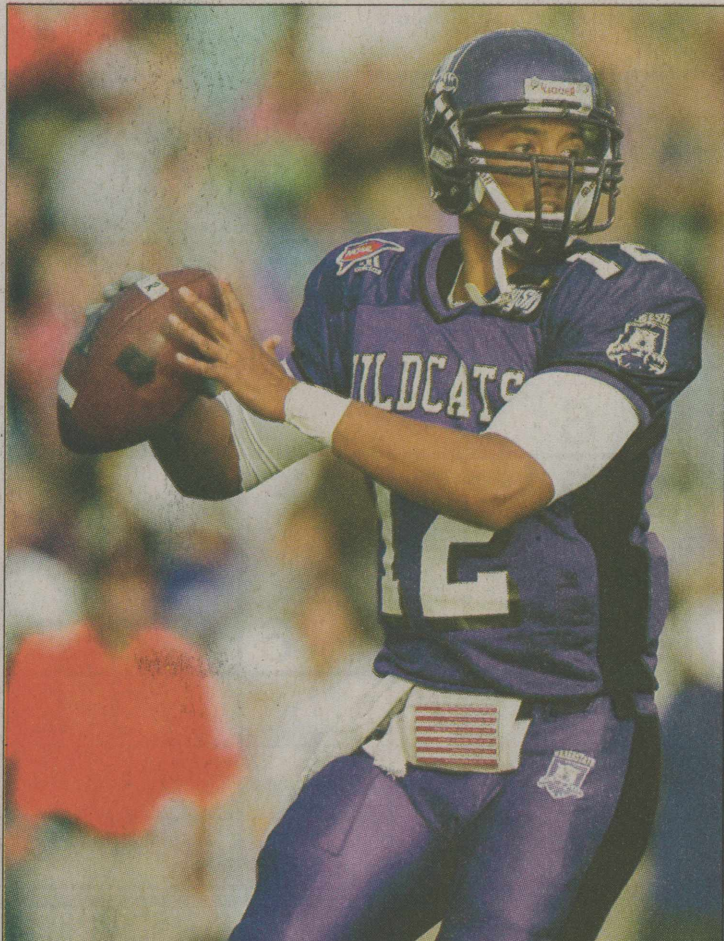
By JORDAN SIGLER
STAFF WRITER

The Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders set up a booth Wednesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to inform students about the dangers of smoking.

The booth featured two pig lungs, one healthy and one that simulated five years of smoking damage on one side and 10 years on the other, said Lola Coppage, prevention coordinator for the center.

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Weber State football encounters must-win game against the Red Raiders. SPORTS, Page 6

Alumni spotlight

Tech alumnus re-opens historic movie house

By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

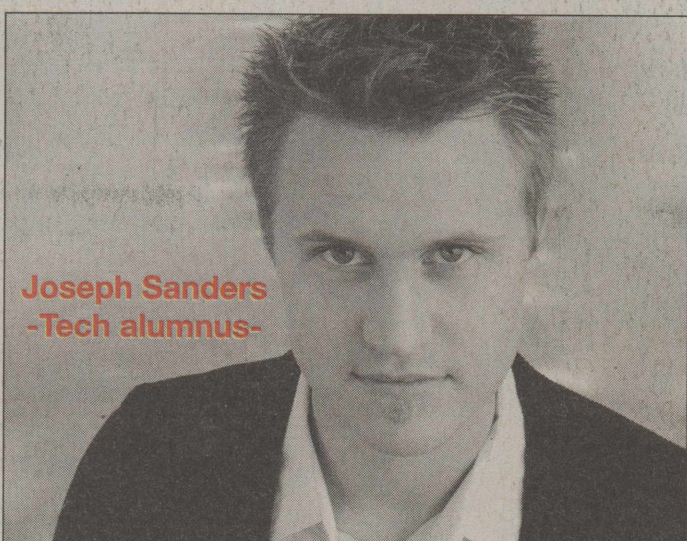
Joseph Sanders had no idea he would go on to manage a behind-the-scenes aspect of the arts when he began his debut in the world of theater at age 8 as a singer.

But now, the Texas Tech alumnus is using his experience and talent to bring back the historic Yam Theatre

for Lubbock residents.

Sanders grew up in a military family that moved him from his birthplace of Guam to Mississippi, Germany, Illinois and California, all before the age of 12, he said. He became accustomed to theater performing alongside his sister as a member of the Sound of Music Singers in Germany.

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Joseph Sanders
-Tech alumnus-

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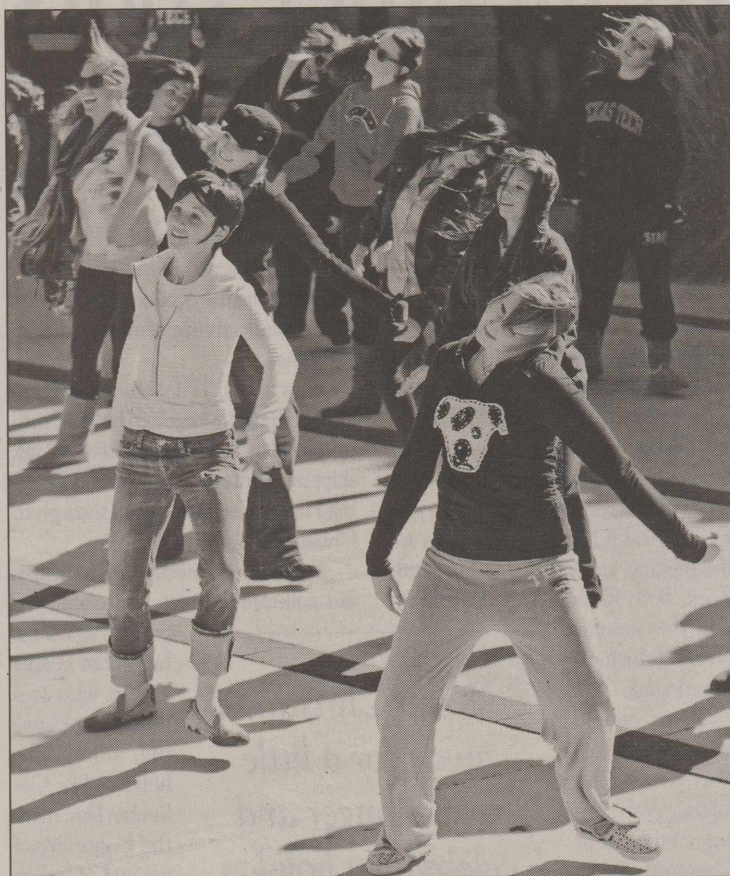


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TECH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in a flash dance to promote the Tech Can Share canned food drive on Monday outside the Student Union Building.

Slaying of publicist Chasen baffles police, Hollywood community

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — It's the latest mystery to grip Hollywood. A prominent publicist and woman-about-town is killed, her body slumped in her Mercedes near Sunset Boulevard.

Was it an attempted carjacking? Or something more sinister. Maybe a hit?

As the tabloid press, mainstream newspapers and websites blared with headlines Wednesday about the shooting of Ronni Chasen, tight-lipped detectives roamed this bastion of the ultra-rich, hunting for

witnesses — and the killer.

Her friends and colleagues wondered how the life of a woman who had spent her career rushing from red carpet to red carpet to charm the connected for her star clientele could have ended in such a violent way.

It was mind-boggling, they said, that anyone would want to see her dead.

"Just because somebody didn't win an Oscar?" asked Chasen's longtime friend, Oscar-nominated singer-songwriter Carol Connors. "I just can't see it being that. It seems so out of the realm."

Native American fraternity seeks to start new chapter at Texas Tech

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Pushing Texas Tech further toward its goal of diversity, the first Native American fraternity created may start a chapter on campus.

Epsilon Chi Nu was established at East Carolina University in 1996, and in an attempt to expand expressed interest in joining the Red Raider community, said Allen Sutton, assistant director of Greek Life.

He is hosting an informational presentation with the fraternity on Friday. The presentation will include information on the organization and its traditions and will also serve as a mini-recruitment. Sutton said this no strings attached event is intended to generate student interest.

"We've gotten requests to do more Native American programming," he said. "Anything that is American Indian specific."

Sutton also thinks the organization would help to bring in more Native American, American Indian and Alaskan Inuit students, especially since Tech currently has no student organization that caters to those students.

"It is a great opportunity to bring in and retain American Indian stu-

dents," he said. "We have nothing else like this on campus."

Should the organization decide to be a part of the Texas Tech community, it will be the first of its kind in the state of Texas, meaning Texas Tech would be the first school in Texas to colonize an American Indian fraternity, something Sutton thinks would be of benefit to the university.

"We are trying to expand Greek Life," he said. "And the university has a goal of 40,000 by 2020, and we think an organization like this would help make that goal a reality."

If colonized, the organization would be a part of the Multicultural Greek Council, one of four councils on campus that deals with Greek Life.

Sutton also said the organization has a sister sorority, which would be geared towards American Indian women.

"The sorority will not be at the event," he said. "But the fraternity will be able to take any questions the women may have about the organization."

In order to inform students about the event, Sutton and his crew took to Facebook, TechAnnounce and even targeted certain students. As

far as expectations for the turnout for the event, Sutton didn't have any.

"You never can tell when working with college students," he said. "It is hard to determine an outcome."

One thing Sutton reiterated was students do not have to be of Native American Indian descent to attend or become a part of the organization.

"This is for anyone who is interested," he said. "We are just hoping students will want to be a part of this."

The event will take place Friday and will have two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. in the Mesa Room in the Student Union Building.

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WSU QB hopes to extend career with win

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football will honor its seniors Saturday, but the Red Raiders could potentially end Weber State quarterback Cameron Higgins's football career.

Higgins hopes that is not the case, however, since the Weber State Wildcats could make the Football Championship Series (formerly NCAA Division I-AA) playoffs with a win against the Red Raiders at 2 p.m. Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Pretty much it's a playoff game for us," Higgins said. "I think it's a must-win kind of game for both teams."

Weber State (6-4) could improve their chances to being invited to a 20-team field that will compete for the Division I FCS Championship with a seventh win, and defeating the Red Raiders in the last game of its season would definitely garner the selection committee's attention.

As a four-year starter, Higgins has helped Weber State to two FCS playoff appearances. If he can throw for 221 yards against the Red Raiders' he also will break the Weber State all-time passing record.

Tech (5-5), a Division I FBS team, needs at least one more win in its two final games to make a bowl game this season. If the Red Raiders top the Wildcats, Tech will be bowl eligible for a 17th consecutive season.

But Weber State hopes to delay the Red Raiders' accomplishment.

"As far as I know, with seven wins we can make the playoffs," junior linebacker Nick Webb said. "(Tech needs) one more and we need one more, so I'm sure it's going to be a really tough game."

Usually, BCS teams like Tech

schedule FCS opponents early in the season to get their players used to playing in a real game atmosphere before taking on more-threatening competition. Due to scheduling issues for Tech, the Red Raiders' game against an FCS opponent was pushed toward the end of the season.

Often times, games like the Red Raiders' against Weber State are termed "cupcake games" because the games are almost always easy wins for the more-talented BCS opponents. The bigger team pays the small FCS opponent to come their stadium and presumably receive a loss.

Don't tell that to the Wildcats though. Weber State believes it has some advantages heading into Saturday's game that could give Tech some trouble.

"Offensively, we know how fast they play," Higgins said. "We know that for us to have a chance in this game we have to keep their offense off the field as much as possible. Defensively, they are aggressive."

"I don't think they've played a team like us all season. They've played a lot of spread teams this season and we're more of a two-back, hard-nosed kind of team. Any given Saturday anything can happen."

The reality is the Tech-Weber State game is off most sports gambling books, meaning it is virtually a no-brainer that the Red Raiders will defeat the Wildcats with Big 12 Conference talent.

Weber State has not helped themselves in that department, losing their season-opener at Boston College 38-20. The Wildcats think they have come a long way since then though.

Another factor that could hamper Weber State's upset bid is Tech's homefield advantage.

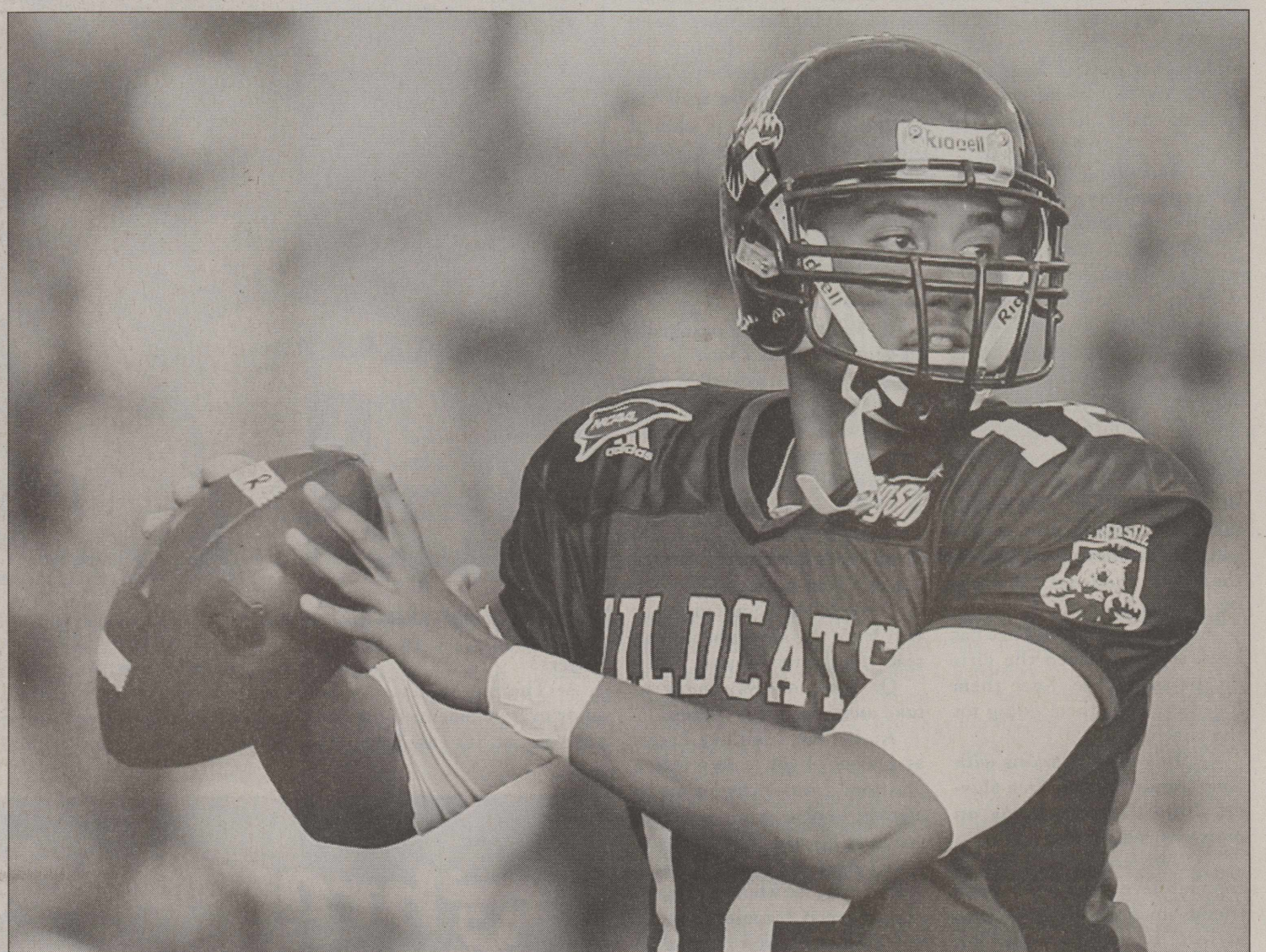


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WEBER STATE QUARTERBACK Cameron Higgins will lead the Wildcats into their final game of the season against Texas Tech with a possible FCS playoff spot on the line for them at 2 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Weber State plays in an 18,000-seat stadium while the Red Raiders could have as many as 60,454 fans in the stands this weekend.

"I've got family from Texas, and I've heard a lot about what football is down there," Webb said. "So we're expecting a loud crowd against us."

Although BCS team almost always defeat their FCS opponents, things have changed in the past few years.

In 2007, Appalachian State shocked Michigan at Michigan Stadium. This season, FCS' Jacksonville State upset Mississippi in overtime and FCS' James Madison

defeated now-ranked No. 14 Virginia Tech.

Those games could be used for inspiration for Higgins who could be playing in his last football game ever.

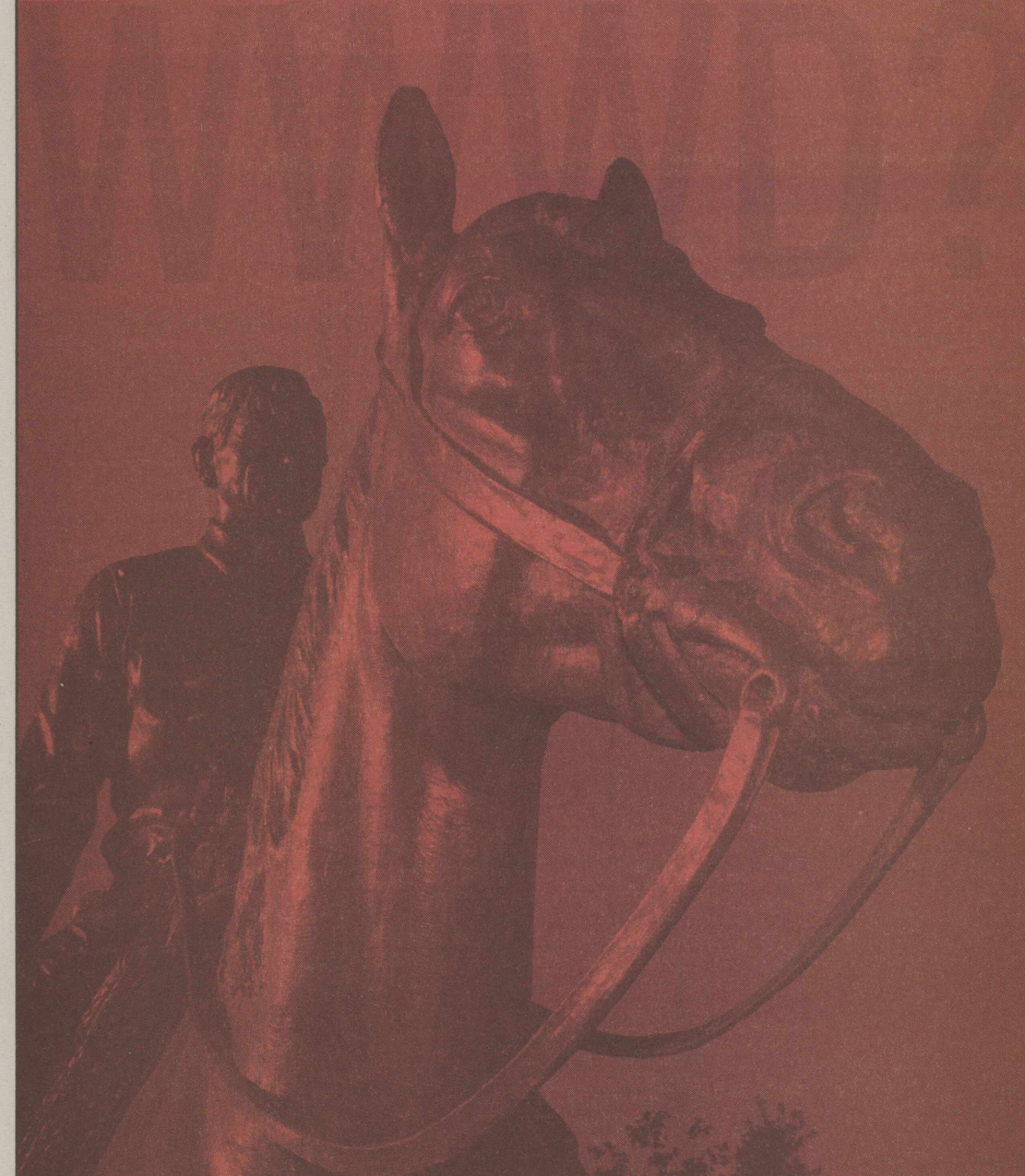
"It's huge," Higgins said. "It never really hits you until your last couple of games and you start to think, 'this could be my last game ever.'"

Then again, Higgins has considered playing football professionally.

"If that happens, that would be very fortunate," he said. "But I've set myself up for success either way. I'm graduating with a business degree Dec. 10 and I'm very excited about that."

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What would Will do?



People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

— Will Rogers



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Miami Heat play like rec team

The Miami Heat suffer from a disease I often see in basketball.

Occasionally, I take my talents to the rec center and play some pick-up hoops. I am not good at basketball. I do know the guy who is good at basketball should get the ball more often than I should, and if I'm not hitting the open shot, then I am not doing my job as a role player.

There is always a time when winning becomes more important. One guy with decent skills on the court will undoubtedly try to pick up the other two or three players who are good. Sometimes they win, but more often than not, they will lose quicker than expected.

The Miami Heat is that team at the rec center. They don't know when to pass to the other superstar. They have no idea who is taking the last shot.

LeBron James and company are not as good as we all thought they would be. One of the main reasons is everyone not named Wade or James. Chris Bosh is not worth his money. Bosh was a great player who played meaningless minutes on a bad team.

I never understood the infatuation with Bosh. Saying his basketball style is finesse is an understatement. Rockets fans

Cody Stoots



seemed to think Bosh was the answer; even with the spot their team is in now, I think they are relieved he isn't a Rocket.

I start with Bosh because he is part of the weakest unit for Miami. James and Wade will learn to complement each other — remember, they haven't played that many games together. They will never be able to mesh enough to stop the liability that is the big men on the team.

The Heat lack a big rebounder and a defender who will push other big guys around under the basket. The Heat present match-up problems with other teams too, though. Few teams have enough defensive talent to guard both James and Wade. This sometimes forces zone defense, which gives Bosh and the other big men breathing room. This is also a recipe for James and

Wade to start slashing to the basket.

It felt like the Heat might go out and just run up and down the court on people. I thought it would happen. I don't envy head coach Erik Spoelstra's job of trying to keep the big men fresh and work around opposing defenses.

Usually during pick-up basketball, when you lose, your team sits and whoever has next game picks up you or your other teammates. That is the downfall of the super team at the rec — they lose once and it may never happen again.

The Miami Heat don't have that problem. This team will start to gel as the season progresses. It will be scary when they do. A few teams still present match-up problems for the Heat, but we all know how NBA trades happen sometimes. Pat Riley needs to keep his eyes open to improve this already good team.

Wade and James will figure out the question marks. The NBA regular season is boring and overrated. The Heat will be fine come playoff time.

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