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Student indicted in drunken driving death

21 year old faces counts of intoxicated manslaughter, intoxicated assault following October traffic accident

By EDMUND ROSTRAN
NEWS EDITOR

Monday who was involved in a fatal car accident that killed 54-year-old Linda Smaltz last month.

on Oct. 22 for intoxicated manslaughter and intoxicated assault after police say she rear-ended Smaltz at 400 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Toreador story, Roberts told authorities she had been drinking on a bus on the way back from a class field trip.

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



slaughter, intoxicated assault and aggravated assault.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Brummett said intoxicated manslaughter is a second-degree felony with a punishment range of two to 20 years in the penitentiary and an additional fine of up to \$10,000.

A Lubbock County Grand Jury indicted a Texas Tech student

Jeena Elizabeth Roberts, a petroleum engineering major, was arrested

According to a previous Daily

Jackie Marley, legal assistant

to the grand jury, said Roberts was indicted for intoxication man-

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A PLACE TO CALL HOME



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THE BROWN FAMILY received a new home from ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," after their daughter died in a car accident caused by texting and driving.



SHOW HOST TY Pennington greets spectators in nearby Wellman where a home was built for the Brown family.



JOHNNIE MAC AND Jeanne Brown and their daughter Katrina wave to friends outside their newly-built home.

'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' wraps up in Wellman with help of Tech faculty, students

By CARRIE THORNTON
LA VIDA EDITOR

As her truck lost control, flipping several times until losing momentum on the side of a dusty country road, Alex Brown's cell phone

screen flickered an in-progress text message. She died shortly after her mother found her crumpled truck on that back road. The same back road her parents told her to steer clear of.

More than a year later, the Brown family,

Johnnie Mac, Jeanne and their daughter Katrina, travels school-to-school sharing Alex's story and promoting BUST, Buckle Up and Stop Texting.

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Authorities prep for increased road traffic during break

Students urged to use caution when traveling

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

more aware of what they're doing as well as their surroundings.

As students prepare to travel home for the holidays, they can take steps toward ensuring a more efficient, safe and well-managed trip.

Cpl. Timothy Seeley with the Lubbock Police Department said that although there is more traffic during the holidays, they don't see a significant difference in traffic violations.

Students can better prepare themselves to avoid traffic violations and extended travel time by being

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Tech dismissing tickets in exchange for toys

Toys for Tickets program donates proceeds to local children in need



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TOY DONATIONS LAY in barrels at the University Parking Services office where parking tickets may be paid for with the donation of a toy to the Toys for Tots campaign on Monday.

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
STAFF WRITER

University Parking Services has found a way to convert parking tickets into happiness this Christmas.

said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Parking Services. "We sent out e-mails to let students know they have citations that qualify to be removed by the program, and they really responded."

In conjunction with Toys for Tots, parking services will dismiss students' parking tickets in exchange for a donation of a toy of equal value to their ticket in their Toys for Tickets program through Dec. 5.

University Parking Services began the program five years ago, and last year alone they raised more than \$3,000 worth of toys.

"This year it's been fantastic,"

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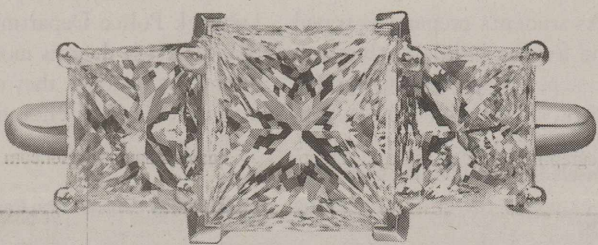
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Boy dies at Staples Center after fall

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The family of a 2-year-old boy was posing for pictures in a luxury suite high inside Staples Center when he managed to scale a clear safety barrier and fell about 30 feet to his death, police said on Monday. Lucas Anthony Tang suffered head injuries Sunday when he landed on rows of seats minutes after the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Golden State Warriors 117-

89, police said. The boy later died at a hospital. "Somehow the child went over the edge of the section," Officer Julie Sohn said. Police were releasing few details about the incident as they tried to determine what happened. Sohn said the boy's family was taking photographs at the time of the fall.

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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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PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND their parents get a campus tour on Monday across from the Business Administration building.

Indict

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"The assault charge is a third-degree felony, punishment range two to 10 years in the pen and also the optional fine of up to 10 grand," he said. "There's also an aggravated assault charge — that is a second-degree felony and has the same punishment range as the intoxicated manslaughter."

Brummett said now that Roberts has been formally indicted she will need to be arraigned before a judge.

"The judge will ask her if she is able to hire an attorney," he said. "My understanding is that she has hired a council; if she obviously was not able to afford it, the court would appoint her council and then the next stage is for them to enter into discussions with the DA's office — see if the case can be resolved outside of trial."

There is not a typical outcome to these types of cases, and many times it depends on the individual's criminal history and the details of the offense, Brummett said.

"Depends on the level of intoxication, a million different things," he said. "That's what makes these cases interesting — there is no standard outcome."

Probation is also available for people that have never been convicted of a felony before,

which Roberts might be eligible for depending on her criminal history, Brummett said.

"Probation is also a possibility, and it is still a correct punishment range because what the judge would say is, like, 'OK, well your sentence is 10 years and you go to the pen,' or the judge could say, 'Your sentence is, you know, just picking a number, 10 years, and I'm probationing that for a number of years.'"

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Traffic

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Although officers keep a look out for any traffic violation in general, they always try to remain aware of any indicator of driving while intoxicated, Seeley said. The number of DWI's during the holidays doesn't seem to fluctuate.

"We may see a little increase in wrecks because of more traffic being on the roadway with the holiday shopping going on," Seeley said. "You just have a lot more people out on the streets."

Seeley said he would not only encourage travelers to take more

caution, slow down and take their time reaching their destinations, but to be aware of the traffic around them as well.

During the holidays, in addition to regular patrolling, officers will be running a program called STEP, which stands for Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program.

"Officers running the STEP program are just out running radar and making stops for speeding violations and other moving violations," Seeley said.

Kenny Evans, deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said if there is an increase in wrecks during the holidays it's because of the increased traffic, causing roads

to become more congested.

Evans recommends that drivers take the interstate to remain close to rest stops and to avoid back roads in case of a break down. Always check vehicle conditions and make sure there is plenty of gas in the car.

He also advises drivers to leave early enough to arrive at their destination on time so they don't need to speed. He said drivers should get a good night's sleep, pay attention to the weather and drive more defensively.

"If you're going home for the holidays, make sure to let your family know when you're leaving, your anticipated arrival time and touch base with them along the way so they

know your whereabouts," Evans said.

Jad McGuire, a junior personal and financial planning major from Pampa, said he does plan to drive home for the break, but because he plans to take the interstate and doesn't expect any bad weather, he is not worried about the drive.

McGuire said he does notice more police officers, but he feels safer to have them there in case of a wreck. He also tries to be more aware of his speed during the holidays because of the increase in traffic.

"I worry about other drivers because you can't control what they do, but you can control what you do," McGuire said.

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Toys

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This year the program already has more than 30 toys, and Medley said she hopes to see students' participation grow further.

"This is definitely a good way for students to give back," Medley said. "We try to make

it as easy and painless as possible. We love to provide that avenue to help students help others."

University Parking Services has made barrels available for students to drop off toys, encouraging them to donate toys even if they do not have a ticket.

"The first year there was a Marine here who had been a recipient of the toys," Medley said. "It was incredible to hear

his story and how much of an impact Toys for Tots had on him. We're so glad to get to be a part of that."

Toys for Tickets is a great way for students to give back while simultaneously dispelling some of those rumors that parking services is just in it to take students' money, Medley said.

Billy Glendenning, a senior restaurant, hotel and institu-

tional management major from Austin, said he has received too many tickets to count, but the worst part is watching his money pay the people who simply write him more tickets.

"The second I saw this on TechAnnounce, I was interested," Glendenning said. "There's no better way to pay tickets than this. This way, my money is going to people in need. Not only people in need, but children — children who wouldn't get any other presents under their tree without this."

According to the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation, the foundation has distributed more than 400 million toys to more than 188 million needy children.

"This is probably one of the most effective ways to get students to help out around Christmas time," Glendenning said. "This time is so hectic because we have finals and projects due and the semester is wrapping up, so we forget that there are people in a much worse situation than us and they need help."

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Their efforts garnered national attention on "The Opera Winfrey Show," which led to their nomination for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," resulting in the show's first visit to West Texas.

On Monday the family returned from a week-long vacation in New York City to find a new house built by the hands of thousands of volunteers, including more than 90 Texas Tech students.

"Knowing the show, and knowing they always pick a family that's deserving was the reason we were so excited to do this in the first place," said Samantha Crowder, a graduate student studying landscape architecture.

The San Antonio native, along with almost one hundred landscape architecture students, worked on the home's scenery led by Alon Kvashny, chair of the landscape architecture department at Tech, who was chosen to design the house's landscape.

"One of the project's partners had taken a course in landscape architecture, so he contacted us and asked if we could help with the design of the property," Kvashny said. "We came here a couple of weeks ago when the family was sent to lunch in Lubbock, so we had a three hour window to actually see what the place looked like."

However, he said the landscape company, Paradise Lawns and Gardens, called the shots in terms of the house's theme, which was the southwest. But Kvashny's input wasn't ignored.

"At one time they had an idea of not providing any grass making it more of a Tuscan-themed house rather than something in West Texas," he said. "And I think over time we convinced them that some grass and some greenery should be there because if you look at the neighborhood, everybody has Bermuda grass and tress, so we didn't want it to be totally out of character."

In terms of his design, Kvashny said he had to keep in mind Wellman's typical weather and chose certain plants

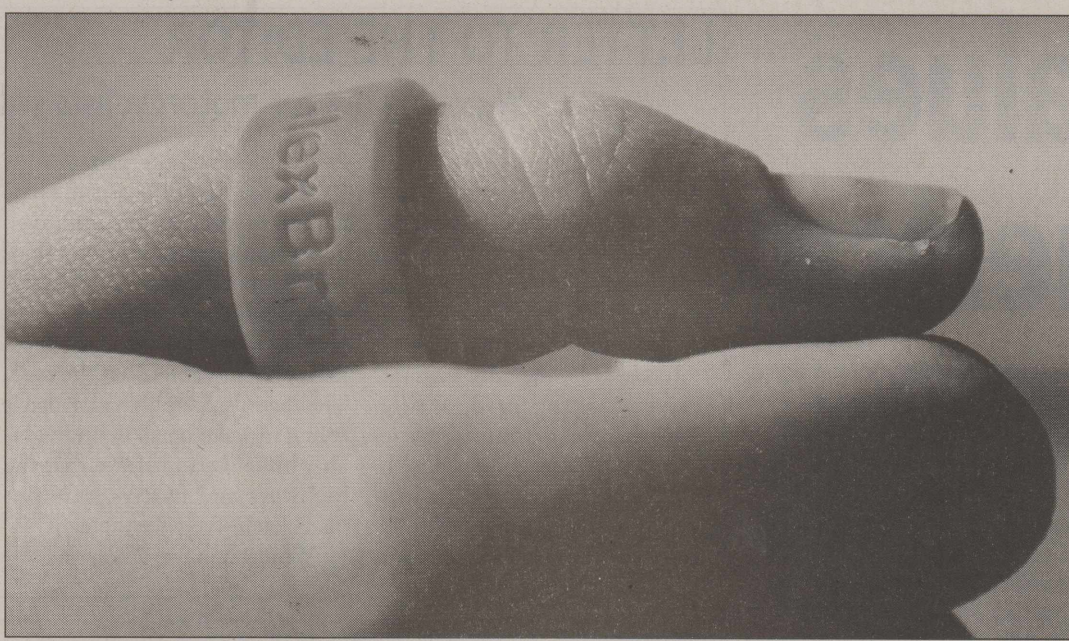


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THUMB RINGS BEARING the words "Remember Alex Brown" remind people of the dangers of texting and driving.

and structures that would work best in the dry environment.

"For one thing we wanted to keep a design that obviously is pleasant for the family to have many places where they can enjoy the garden, and at the same time keep it as low maintenance as possible," he said. "The plants we chose are plants that require very little water, and there is need for grass here because we need to absorb some of the dust and the winds that we have here; the grass has a lot of functional purposes than just aesthetics."

Normally a residential landscape project takes a few weeks to complete, but everything for this project was crammed into a couple of days, which complicated matters but did not stem his excitement to complete the project, Kvashny said.

"The idea that we are helping a family that is really in need of new surroundings, so to speak, was the motivation," he said.

Although the site hosted hundreds of volunteers at any given moment, Crowder said getting work done hasn't been difficult.

"It's been great, and it's gone by really quickly," she said. "It's so easy because everyone comes together and

you have no idea who anyone else is, but they're like, 'Oh, let me get some dirt for you,' or 'Let me help you dig.'"

"It's just nice. There's a lot of people here, but the more hands the better, so it's not bad."

Another landscape architecture graduate student who joined Crowder on the site Saturday morning said students were broken up into shifts, but were encouraged to show up early or stay later.

"We got here at 8 a.m., bright and early," said Tyler Banken, a Cape Girardeau, Mo., native. "We're here until noon today, but we can leave before or stay longer. It's pretty lax. They assign different groups to different shifts and you kind of do whatever you want."

Working on the project was not only gratifying because of the family's story, Banken said, but because the students got hands-on experience in their field of interest.

"I'm doing stuff here I can use in my career," he said. "We spend a lot of time in the classroom designing the project and drawing stuff up, but whenever you actually see it done and can do it, it makes a big difference."

All weekend volunteers worked 24-hours to complete the house, and on Monday they were rewarded for

their hard work.

As the Brown family waited in anticipation, hundreds of spectators shouted, "Move that bus!" and watched as the red-orange bus revealed their new home.

They toured the house, and will host a press conference today answering any of the public's questions.

Besides the Browns, nobody, including immediate family members, is allowed to photograph the inside of the house until the show's air date, which is planned to be sometime in February.

Throughout the week thousands of volunteers and spectators signed pledges to not text and drive, sporting orange thumb rings bearing the words, "Remember Alex Brown."

"Johnnie Mac told Jeanne, 'We've got to put Alex's truck on a trailer and we have to go out and stop this,' and that's what they've been doing ever since Alex's death," said Christi Billings, a close friend of the Brown family. "I'm excited for the Browns, because they've gone through this tragedy but they continue to give. So, emotionally, I was so grateful they got this opportunity."

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Diplomat speaks of US Foreign Service

RONALD K. McMULLEN, U.S. Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, spoke to Texas Tech students about careers in foreign studies and gave information about becoming an American diplomat in the Mass Communications building on Monday.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Though he started his stories with test taking, by the end of his talk, Ronald McMullen had mentioned everything from the invasion of the Dominican Republic to mongoose.

Ambassador McMullen, the Diplomat in Residence at the University of Texas, visited Texas Tech Monday to speak with and recruit students for the U.S. Department of State.

"I'm delighted to get the word out to students who might not have heard of the Foreign Service," McMullen said.

Representing America abroad and getting to travel and experience other cultures were two reasons McMullen said he suggests joining the program.

After 28 years with the state department, McMullen said he has been on seven overseas tours and has traveled, worked or lived in 89 countries.

McMullen began by walking students through the steps of testing, applying and interviewing for the jobs. He said he was hoping students would be interested, especially since he said the Foreign Service is looking for people with more varied backgrounds than is normally expected.

Though he explained the standard demographic of officers as white and up-

per class, he said his goal was to recruit from all walks of life.

After discussing the process and job options, McMullen told stories from his own career.

While in Sri Lanka, he said he led a group in training mongooses to detect heroin in shipping containers.

In Fiji, he said he was in the embassy closest to the International Date Line, making him the first to experience the year 2000. When he was in the office as the clock struck midnight a radio station in Ohio, still in the year 1999 and scared of Y2K, called to see if everything was OK.

"I was the first, and probably only person in history to speak to a live voice in a different millennium," McMullen said.

Another time, McMullen said he was able to rescue a journalist from being held hostage by calling the kidnapper, a well-known rebel in the middle of a coup, on his cell phone.

Now, McMullen works full time at the University of Texas, and he said he covers most of the state of Texas when it comes to Foreign Service outreach and recruiting. This was his first time at Tech.

"The campus has a lot of energy," he said. "I've met so many interesting people, so many are rich in experience and skills; I hope we can recruit some of them."

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Red Raiders look to avenge '09 loss to UH

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football can pay off an old debt when the Houston Cougars take on the Red Raiders at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Last season, then-ranked No. 17 Houston pulled off a mild 29-28 upset against the Red Raiders in Houston after the Red Raiders elected to attempt a game-winning touchdown on fourth and goal midway through the fourth quarter, coming up just short of the goal line.

Led by Houston quarterback Case Keenum, the Cougars marched 99 yards for a touchdown and go-ahead extra point with 49 seconds left in the game. Tech's abridged final drive failed to get the Red Raiders into scoring position, and Houston fans rushed the field in celebration as their ranked Cougars had just knocked off the unranked Red Raiders.

Still, Tech was a Big 12 Conference team that had just lost to Houston of Conference USA, and Red Raider fans might believe that has to irk players from last year's Tech squad.

"A lot of these guys know some players on the other team, and last year they went down and played and felt like they had a chance and it just didn't work out," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said. "When you lose a close game to an in-state team, it brings back old memories. Not that there is a revenge factor here at all; it's just a game last year that had they had a chance and didn't get it done.

"This is one game they want to play better in. Whether we

can win it or not, they want to go out and perform better than they did last year."

Keenum, a senior, won't be a factor in Saturday's game, and the Cougars have been sputtering most of this season because of it.

Then-ranked No. 23 Houston took on UCLA on the road during week three, and Keenum was lost for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament knee injury midway through the second quarter en route to a 31-13 loss.

Since then, it has mostly been true freshman quarterback David Piland's offense to run, and the Cougars have suffered because of it, posting a 5-6 record entering their final regular season game against the Red Raiders.

In fact, if the Red Raiders can defeat the Cougars — once favored to win their conference — on Saturday, then Houston will not be eligible for a bowl game.

Still, Tech quarterback Taylor Potts insists that there will not be much of a revenge factor in Saturday's game.

"I am excited," Potts said. "I think a lot of us are ready to play them. We walked away from that game last year feeling like we should have won that game. A couple of plays here and there and the game would have turned out different, but it didn't. So, we have this year and, we are definitely trying to win this year."

Instead, Tech's senior quarterback looks at the prospect of potentially pulling out an eight-win season amid the turmoil of a coaching change and some bad luck this season.

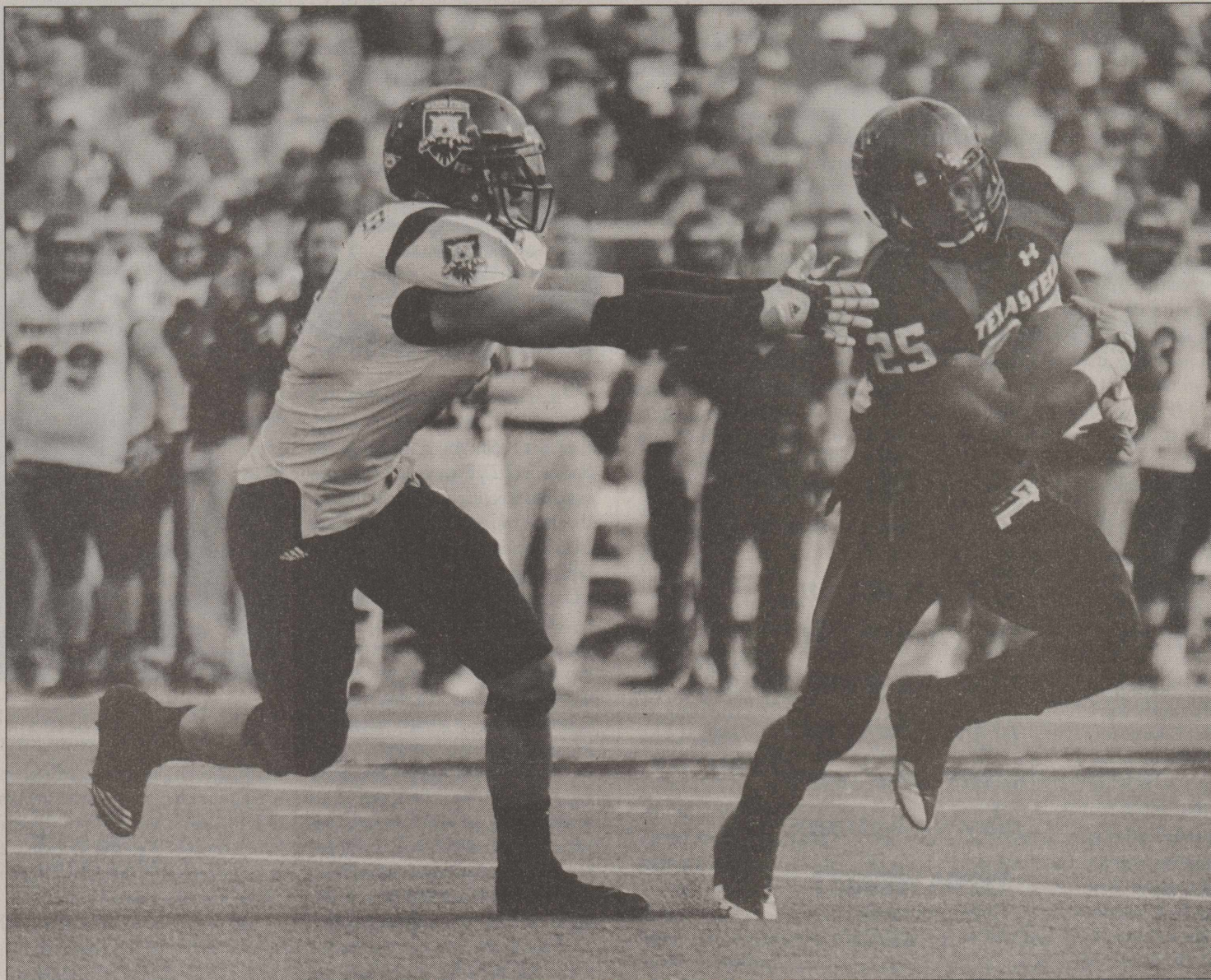


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TEXAS TECH RUNNING Back Baron Batch, runs the ball during the football game against Weber State on Saturday in the Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We want to win," Potts said. "I think if we win this game, it'll put us in a good bowl game, and hopefully we'll win our bowl game. That's an eight-win season; that's pretty good. For whatever one might say about all the new coaches coming in,

like they're going to just hand a victory out to Houston on Saturday.

Also, a Tech win could potentially put the Red Raiders in a more prestigious bowl game than a six-win season would.

"I am sure we will get their

best effort," Tuberville said. "So, we will bring that up to our players all week long, about this is not just another game for them. This is a chance (for Houston) to play for another month and go to a bowl."

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Tech women's cross country finishes 3rd at nationals, put three on All-American team

By **EVAN JANSA**
STAFF WRITER

With the national stage set and the pressure of the NCAA's top competition pitted against them, the Texas Tech women's cross country team accomplished a first for the program by finishing third at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

After advancing to the national meet for the fifth consecutive season, the Lady Raiders proved themselves—and then some.

Tech finished in third place as a team with 165 points, 45 points behind first place Villanova. The point differential is deceiving, though. Tech head coach Jon Murray said his team was leading after the first 4,000 meters of the 6,000-meter race and also had a chance at trumping Florida State for second place.

"We weren't looking back, we

were looking forward," Murray said. "With about half a mile to go, we were still in a very strong second place. We kind of faltered just a little bit there at the end."

It was a team effort for the senior-laden squad that benefited from their previous experience in races of this magnitude. Murray said that he'll miss each of his four senior runners.

"They're a really experienced group," Murray said. "They went into the race with great confidence and performed up to their abilities."

One of those seniors, Winrose Karunde, had perhaps her best race of the year, finishing in 18th place with a time of 20:31.

"She stepped up and beat a lot of girls that have been beating her this year from the conference and the region," Murray said. "That's one of the keys to being successful at the national meet, is having

people step up—and she did that."

Karunde was one of the three Tech runners to be named All-Americans. Junior Rose Tanui finished fifth (20:17.6), and junior Purity Biwott finished 39th (20:52.7) to earn the national honor.

Murray said that Tanui was leading at various points in the race but couldn't hold on in the end.

The Lady Raiders avenged their only previous defeat this year to New Mexico at the Mountain Regional Championships, finishing 62 points ahead of the Lobos.

More importantly, Murray believes the performance sealed his team's place amongst the very best.

"That's pretty outstanding to say you've raced hundreds of teams and you were only beaten by three," Murray said. "They're amongst the elite in the nation, and I think they should be commended for that."

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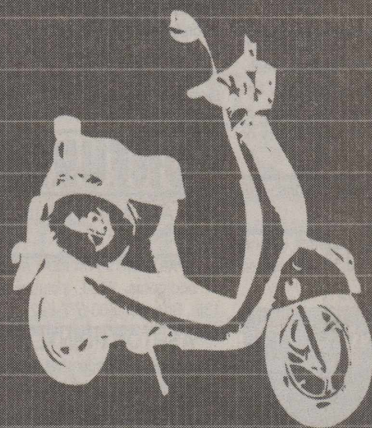
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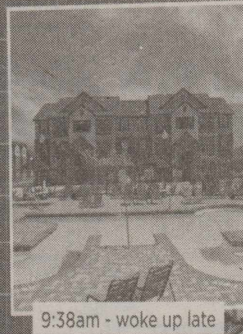


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9:38am - woke up late



9:51am - quick workout

10:46am - to class on time



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