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Council proposes curfew for multiple public facilities

Actions are effort to curb problems with homeless

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 7, the Lubbock City Council passed the first reading of a proposed curfew at four public facilities to prohibit people from the properties between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

If the curfew is passed at its second reading scheduled on Dec. 15, the curfew will go into effect at Mahon Library, Municipal Hall, the Civic Center and the Lubbock Power and Light buildings.

Lubbock's District 1 City Council member Victor Hernandez said Lubbock does not have any general loitering laws but a curfew like the proposed ordinance is already in place at all city parks. He said a violation of the proposed ordinance could result in a fine of up to \$500.

"My understanding from the police chief is that we're not looking to give people tickets or round them up," he said. "(Violators) will be advised of the ordinance and advised to leave the area."

The four buildings affected by the curfew have been a source of shelter for many of Lubbock's homeless

community for several years, but Hernandez said it has recently become an issue meriting action from the city.

"The issues surrounding individuals staying past business hours at public facilities has been around several years," he said. "It has gotten to the point where something needs to be done."

Hernandez said the problems plaguing these buildings connected to the people taking shelter there are trash and food being left out as well as people urinating and defecating around the buildings.

"There have been well-documented instances of the problems," said Jane Clausen, Mahon Library director. "It's a health and safety issue."

Clausen said employees have had to take extra precaution to safely enter the library in the morning due to people sleeping especially close to the staff entrance of the library.

Hernandez said Lubbock's homeless population has several options for shelter away from the buildings affected by the ordinance but that many choose not to take advantage of these shelters.

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Tech tightens employment in response to financial crisis

New committee to review all position requests at university

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

An e-mail was recently sent to all Texas Tech employees that warned, amidst the current financial crisis, the university will be taking a much closer and more involved look at all position requests in preparation of a worse-case economic scenario in Texas.

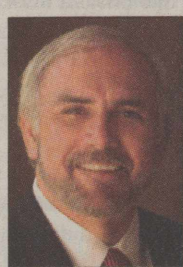
The e-mail, sent by the Tech president's office, specified that the president is taking action early to prepare for a possible economic downfall in Texas by establishing a Critical Needs Hiring Committee composed of Pro-

an upcoming financial shortfall state-wide," he said. "We don't know how deep the financial cuts will be, but I want everyone to know we will keep hiring, while making sure every position is essential."

The plan is to prevent any possible future problems when Texas finally sees the worst of the economic recession, Bailey said.

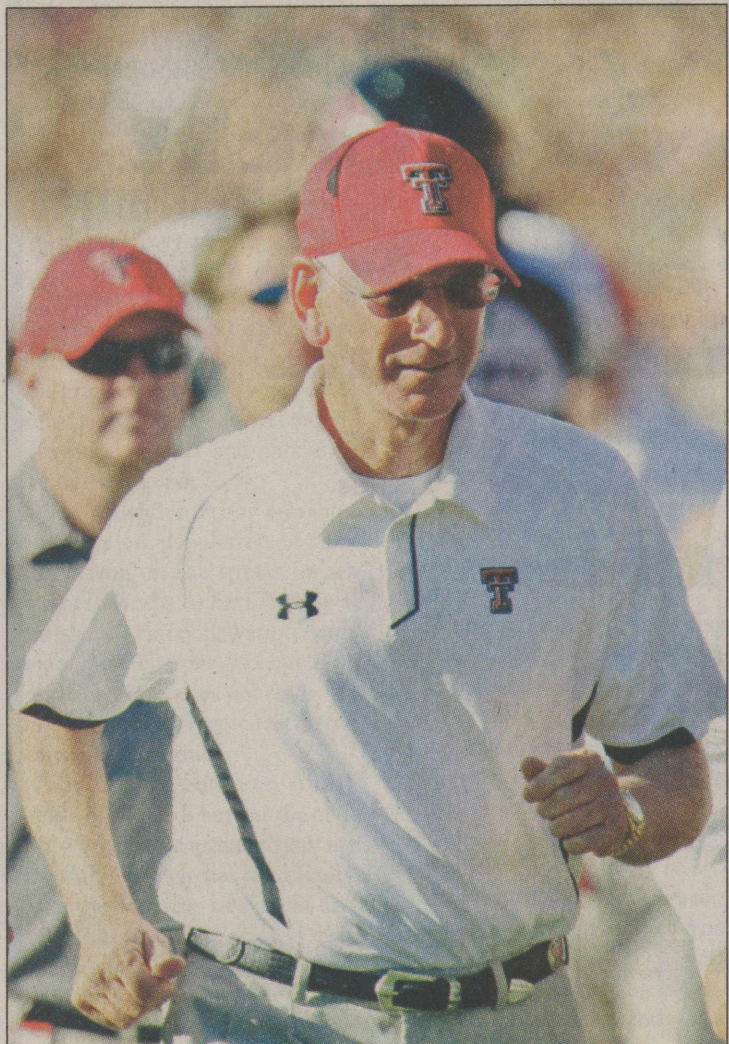
"We could end up in a position where, if we go ahead and hire many people, we would eventually end up having to cut many of them in the future," he said. "We still hire, just maybe not as many people; it's a precautionary measure."

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A new way to Save

Groupon phenomenom makes way to Lubbock, offers local discounts

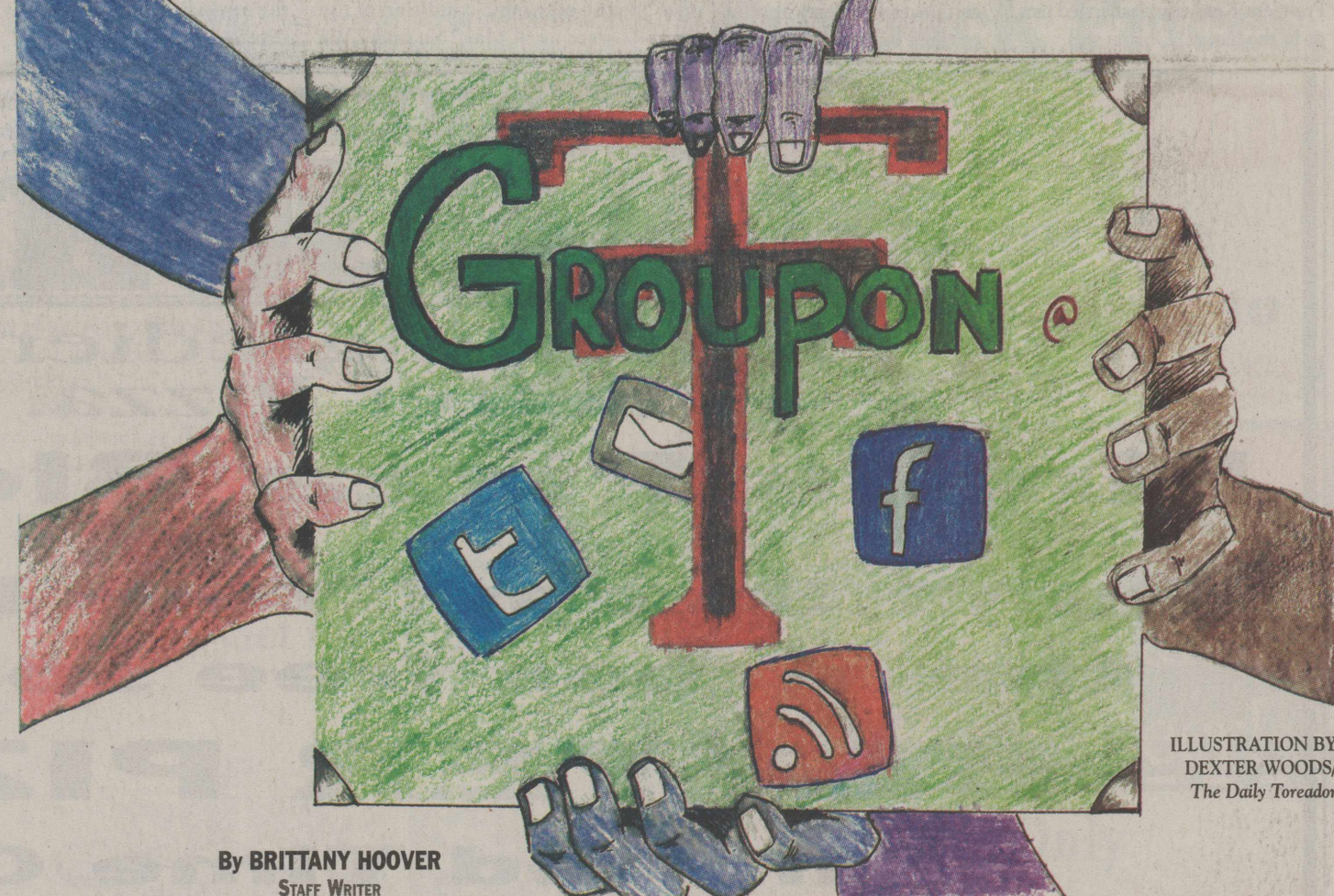


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By BRITTANY HOOVER
STAFF WRITER

After operating for two years, the original social commerce website has waddled Lubbock to its list of cities it serves.

Groupon, a Chicago-based website that pioneered the combination of social media and discounts, started up in the Hub City in November. The site offers daily deals applicable at local vendors such as Thai Thai Restaurant and Racer Car Wash, as well as online deals such as American Apparel.

Users have only 24 hours to purchase the discount and are encouraged to spread the word to friends through Facebook and Twitter. If the minimum number of deals is not purchased, the discount is revoked, according to the website.

Julie Mossler, spokesperson for Groupon, said the site tends to do well in college towns because many students want to go out and do fun things but are also on budgets.

"What we do is we provide things that are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities like skydiving or rock climbing or staying in nice hotels, but also teeth cleaning and visits to local sports medicine doctors," she said. "The idea is that we provide people with daily stuff they need anyways, but also stuff that's cool to do with their friends."

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-Deals have quantity and time limits
- 3) Purchase online
- 4) Use the Groupon

*Users can use e-mail, Facebook or Twitter to receive deal offers

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Where: United Spirit Arena

Matador Singers Christmas
Time: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Legacy Great Hall, 14th Street and Avenue O

So, what is it?
The TTU Matador Singers will sing a concert of traditional Christmas music. Admission is free.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?
Come enjoy the tunes of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Admission is free.

WEDNESDAY

Tech Men's Basketball vs. TCU
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena

Santa Land Opens
Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: East Broadway entrance to Mackenzie Park

So, what is it?
The 54th annual Santa Land will light up Lubbock with Christmas trees, including one 60 feet tall, singing and Santa and Mrs. Claus. It will be open nightly through Dec. 23.

To make a calendar submission e-mail features@dailytoreador.com.

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.

Correction

In the Dec. 2 issue of *The Daily Toreador* in the story "SGA discusses summer duties, increasing fees" the

story should have stated that bill 46.15 did not pass. The DT regrets the error.

Obama warns of future where America could lag other nations

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Warning of a future where America could lag other nations, President Barack Obama called Monday for more spending on education, innovation and infrastructure to ensure that doesn't happen.

Without detailing specific new proposals, the president told community college teachers and students it was time for an American "Sputnik moment" — referring to the 1957 Soviet satellite launch that jolted the U.S. into jump-starting its own space and science programs.

"We need a commitment to innovation we haven't seen since President Kennedy challenged us to go to the moon," Obama said.

The speech was a preview of Obama's State of the Union address early next year and his 2011 agenda as he grapples with a divided Congress over the next two years, aides said.

"Right now the hard truth is this," Obama said. "In the race for the future, America is in danger of falling behind. That's just the truth. And if you hear a politician say it's not, they're just not paying attention."

The president set out a goal that no politician would dispute: for America "to win the future."

The disagreements will come over how to get there, with Republicans certain to be skeptical of any new program that costs tax dollars.

SPEAKING UP



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

KATIE EUBANKS, A sophomore business major from Houston, and Kelsey Molloy, a sophomore education major from Houston, are interviewed to find their opinions about the Tech football team going to Dallas for a bowl game, by Tiffany Felt from KCBNews.

Committee

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Michael Farmer, an associate professor of agricultural and applied economics and the Tech faculty senate secretary, said Texas has yet to see the worst of a state-wide financial downfall.

"We've been concerned about this for over a year now," he said. "Things are more likely to get worse than better."

The state's financial woes are accelerating at a rapid pace, Farmer said, so it is vital that Tech is prepared to face the worst possible scenario.

"Texas is looking more and more like the rest of the country, but we won't know the economic condition of the state until May," he said. "We

are getting prepared for various sets of circumstances that may arise, yet we don't necessarily know what they will look like."

Tech president Bailey agreed that there are some early signs of economic problems showing up.

"Tax receipts have been down, and there is a potential for significant funding cuts," he said. "However, I don't think the recession will be nearly as severe or as large in Texas."

Although financial dilemmas are possible, the president said Tech will be prepared to face any possible situation.

"What makes me really proud is that Texas Tech is better prepared than many other universities around the state."

RICHARD MEEK
PRESIDENT
TECH FACULTY SENATE

"We've been working on this since August and have looked at a wide variety of possible scenarios," Bailey said. "If we have financial cuts, we'll be ready to deal with it."

Richard Meek, the Tech faculty senate president, said the university's budget committee has been looking at numerous

possible scenarios.

"There is a good possibility we could see a 2 or 3 percent budget cut, but truthfully we don't really know for sure," he said. "We've got numerous deans, chairpersons, members of the faculty senate and members of the student senate all working together to see what we can do successfully with any possible budget."

Tech's preparation process for any sort of budget cuts has been a central issue for a very long time now, Meek said, and there has been a significant effort from all departments to cope with any future consequences of lessened funding.

"Everyone has been giving extra effort," he said. "What makes me really proud is that Texas Tech is better prepared than many other universities around the state."

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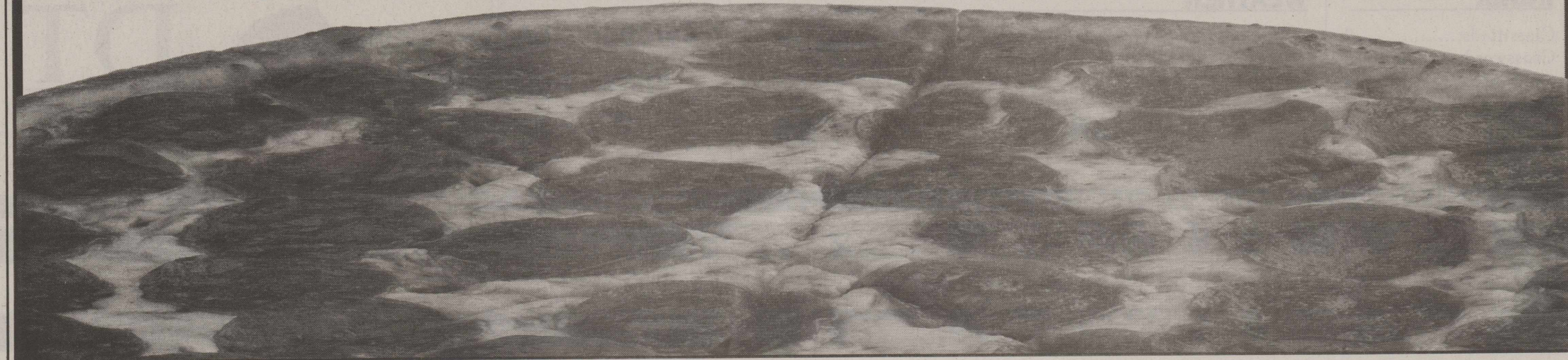
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DYNAMIC DESIGN



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RYAN SCOGGINS, A sophomore landscape architecture major from Austin, designs a site plan for the Lubbock Underwood Center for the Arts on Monday in the Architecture Pavilion.

WikiLeaks founder may surrender to British police

LONDON (AP) — Julian Assange's lawyer was arranging to deliver the WikiLeaks founder to British police for questioning in a sex-crimes investigation of the man who has angered Washington by spilling thousands of government secrets on the Internet.

Lawyer Mark Stephens told reporters in London that the Metropolitan Police had called him to say they had received an arrest warrant from Sweden for Assange. Assange has been staying at an undisclosed location in Britain.

"We are in the process of making arrangements to meet with police by consent," Stephens said Monday, declining to say when Assange's interview with police would take place.

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The 39-year-old Australian is wanted on suspicion of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion in Sweden, and the case could lead to his extradition. Interpol placed Assange on its most-wanted list on Nov. 30 after Sweden issued an arrest warrant. Last week, Sweden's highest court upheld the detention order.

Assange has denied the accusations, which Stephens has said stem

from a "dispute over consensual but unprotected sex." The lawyer has said the Swedish investigation has turned into a "political stunt."

The pressure on WikiLeaks mounted from other quarters Monday: Swiss authorities closed Assange's bank account, depriving him of a key fundraising tool. And WikiLeaks struggled to stay online despite more hacker attacks and resistance from world governments, receiving help from computer-savvy advocates who have set up hundreds of "mirrors" — or carbon-copy websites — around the world.

In one of its most sensitive disclosures yet, WikiLeaks released on Sunday a secret 2009 diplomatic cable listing sites around the world that the U.S. considers critical to its security. The locations include undersea communications lines, mines, food suppliers, manufacturers of weapons components, and vaccine factories.

Pentagon spokesman Col. David Lapan called the disclosure damaging and said it gives valuable information to the nation's enemies.

"This is one of many reasons why we believe WikiLeaks' actions are irresponsible and dangerous," Lapan said.

WikiLeaks has been under intense international scrutiny over its

disclosure of a mountain of classified U.S. cables that have embarrassed Washington and other governments. U.S. officials have been putting pressure on WikiLeaks and those who help it, and is investigating whether Assange can be prosecuted under espionage law.

In what Assange described as a last-ditch deterrent, WikiLeaks has warned that it has distributed a heavily encrypted version of some of its most important documents and that the information could be instantly made public if the staff were arrested.

For days, WikiLeaks has been forced by governments, hackers and companies to move from one website to another. WikiLeaks is now relying on a Swedish host. But WikiLeaks' Swedish servers were crippled after coming under suspected attack again Monday, the latest in a series of such assaults.

It was not clear who was organizing the attacks. WikiLeaks has blamed previous ones on intelligence forces in the U.S. and elsewhere.

WikiLeaks' huge online following of tech-savvy young people has pitched in, setting up more than 500 mirrors.

"There is a whole new generation, digital natives, born with the

Internet, that understands the freedom of communication," said Pascal Gloor, vice president of the Swiss Pirate Party, whose Swiss Web address, wikileaks.ch, has been serving as a mainstay for WikiLeaks traffic.

"It's not a left-right thing anymore. It's a generational thing between the politicians who don't understand that it's too late for them to regulate the Internet and the young who use technology every day."

Meanwhile, the Swiss postal system's financial arm, Postfinance, shut down a bank account set up by Assange to receive donations after the agency determined that he provided false information regarding his place of residence in opening the account. Assange had listed his lawyer's address in Geneva.

"He will get his money back," Postfinance spokesman Alex Josty said. "We just close the account."

Assange's lawyers said the account contained about \$41,000. Over the weekend, the online payment service PayPal cut off WikiLeaks and, according to his Assange's lawyers, froze \$80,000 of the organization's money.

The group is left with only a few options for raising money now — through a Swiss-Icelandic credit card processing center and accounts in Iceland and Germany.

Homeless

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"Lubbock's homeless population is currently being afforded shelter at the Salvation Army as well as other non-profits," he said. "Some people prefer a location that doesn't require adherence to rules and choose to live in the outdoors."

The Salvation Army estimates the homeless population of Lubbock living on the streets for six or more months to be 135 people, said Melody Paton, Salvation Army community relations associate. The Salvation Army does not think the curfew will have a huge effect on the homeless community.

She said the Salvation Army's shelter has 48 beds but has the ability to expand its capacity to any size necessary through the use of cots. Over the last few weekends, the shelter has provided a place to sleep to more than 80 men, women and children at once.

Paton said the Salvation Army believes the curfew is handling a city issue rather than a homelessness issue and that the city's creation of the Homelessness Council is the appropriate avenue for addressing and solving the issue of homelessness.

She said the Salvation Army's director Mike Morton and board member Lynn McClendon will serve on the council.

"(Homeless people) don't have to sleep at the library or other places," she said, "but many are choosing to be there."

She said some choose to live on the streets because of addictions or social issues and others who have had behavior problems at the shelter in the past choose not to return because of their discontent with the Salvation Army's "tough love" policy.

"They feel like we are telling

them what to do too much," she said. "For example, if someone shows up belligerent and is picking fights with our other clients, it becomes a liability and they can't stay. Some people kind of have an issue with consequences or tough love."

Being the city's only emergency shelter, in instances of inclement weather, Paton said the Salvation Army will allow a person who has used alcohol or drugs to stay at the shelter so long as they are not a risk to anyone else.

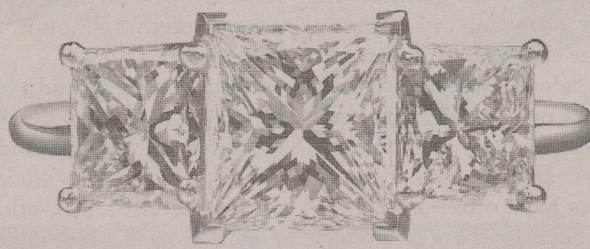
Should the ordinance take effect, Hernandez said the curfew could be expanded to other locations; however, he said he does not see a need for that right now.

Clausen said she has already noticed progress at the Mahon Library though the ordinance is not yet in effect.

"It has started to improve already," she said. "I think word has gotten out to the people that had been staying here that the ordinance might come to fruition. They've apparently found somewhere else to stay."

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US court to look at huge Wal-Mart sex bias lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will consider whether to keep alive the largest job discrimination case in U.S. history, a lawsuit against Wal-Mart that grew from a half-dozen women to a class action that could involve billions of dollars for more than a half million female workers.

Wal-Mart is trying to halt the lawsuit, with the backing of many other big companies concerned about rules for class-action cases — those in which people with similar interests increase their leverage by joining in a single claim. Class actions against discount seller Costco and the tobacco industry are among pending claims that the high court's decision might alter.

The suit against Wal-Mart Stores Inc. contends that women at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores are paid less and promoted less often than men. The case the high court accepted on Monday will not examine whether the claims are true, only

whether they can be tried together.

Estimates of the size of the class range from 500,000 to 1.5 million women who work or once worked for Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart Ark., is appealing a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco that the class-action lawsuit could go to trial.

Tobacco giant Altria Corp., Bank of America Corp., Dole Food Company Inc., General Electric Co., Intel Corp., Pepsico Inc. and United Parcel Service Inc. are among the companies that also called for high court review of the case.

Wal-Mart praised Monday's Supreme Court intervention.

"The current confusion in class action law is harmful for everyone — employers, employees, businesses of all types and sizes, and the civil justice system," Wal-Mart said in a statement. "These are exceedingly important issues that reach far beyond this particular case."

Lawyers representing the women said they are eager to resolve procedural issues that have delayed the trial.

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New SGA resolutions ignore student needs

In Thursday's senate session, there were a few important bits of legislation that were discussed.

In my last column, there was the impeachment of a graduate school senator, and Senate Bill 45.15 (the one where the president can't take an internship during his tenure). As a sports announcer would say, we return to the action in the bottom half of the inning, where common sense is about to get a beating at the hands of politicking.

In this case, this would begin at Senate Bill 46.10. This is the legislation that would enact a \$5 student fee that would go towards a class gift. This fee would, by default, be added to the student's bill, with the ability to opt-out.

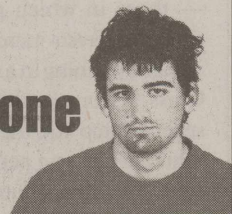
There were several glaring errors in this bill. First of all, this bill was proposed in the mindset that the students cannot afford donations to the alumni association right after graduation, and this \$5 fee would solve that by making it a mass donation.

There are several issues with this. First and foremost, joining the alumni association, while an excellent thing to do, is by no means mandatory. This bill, as several senators noted, is merely a beer or two less per year to "make our campus more beautiful." This, I think, was what really irked me.

Tuition to this school is about \$6,500 per semester depending on courses taken. As I look at my Raider-link now, there is a library fee, a student union fee, a rec center fee, a medical services fee, an ID card fee, an information technology fee, a student athletic fee, an international education fee, a cultural activities fee, a student transport fee, a student business services fee, an energy fee and an advising fee.

On my bill, that totals \$1,373. All

Tony Cardone



this in addition to tuition. You cannot tell me that a \$5 fee is needed to ensure our campus is more beautiful and that somewhere in those fees there isn't \$5 that already goes to grounds beautification. Additionally, if you say our campus is ugly now, then clearly you do need to stop drinking.

The insistence that the students would be more than happy to spend \$5, a popular talking point on this subject, was completely ignorant. If I, as a so-called tax and spend liberal, have objections to this, then I find it hard to believe that 61 percent of the student body would be OK with it, as evidenced by the final tally in the senate.

In case anyone's wondering, giving a class gift via a student fee is not a requirement for tier-one status.

"In case anyone's wondering, giving a class gift via a student fee is not a requirement for tier-one status."

Following these two hotly contested votes, there were three rather ho-hum votes. Priority registration for veterans, which I was shocked to hear we do not already have, passed following a strangely long debate, with 88 percent for. A bill regarding recycling infrastructure passed with 98 percent for.

Senate Resolution 46.23, which supported the revised academic integrity policy, passed following another charade. The resolution wanted the senate support of the revised academic integrity policy, of which nobody was able to say what had been revised. The one senator on the revision committee assured everyone that it was a good bill, but nobody actually saw the changes.

Senate Resolution 46.12, again, had a disgusting feel of politicking in it. The resolution concerned parking in certain campus lots after dark. The bill would allow for citation-free parking after dark if the student had a valid commuter permit.

First, though, the facts and figures: Did you know that University Parking Services has a \$4 million budget each year? And that \$1 million in revenue comes from parking citations? The lot in question generates 6 percent of total revenue, at all times of the day.

On one side, there is the group of people that feel University Parking Services needs that 6 percent. On the other side, there is the group of people that feel that students who need the interior lots after hours, and already pay a large sum of money to park way out in the boonies, should not be given citations.

For the most part, the only people on campus after hours are working on class work, such as having a 7 p.m. chemistry midterm, having a student organization meeting inside the Student Union Building or are studying at the library. Those people who are considering studying in the library at night, but live off campus, currently have to factor in the additional cost of paying to park.

Is this really an issue that our student senate should be debating? They are supposed to be working in the best interests of the students.

University Parking Services already has enough power by virtue of their monopoly over parking on campus. If they feel wronged, they have a recourse: go complain to the administration. If the maintenance department needs more funding, then the head of that department can go to the administration and they can work something out. But it seems that this senate has no qualms about ignoring the students.

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Congress could do much with expired tax cut funds

\$60 billion a year is a lot of money. I don't care who you ask or what they do, \$60 billion is not what I'd call chump change.

Now, I'm not just pulling this amount out of thin air. \$60 billion is the approximate amount that extending the Bush-era tax cuts on income levels above \$250,000 a year would have cost.

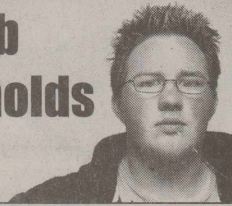
Let's put this particular amount of money into further perspective, just to get a bigger idea as to what this kind of money is worth. According to an online *New York Times* "deficit puzzle," \$60 billion is equal to "as much deficit reduction as the elimination of earmarks, President Obama's proposed federal pay freeze, a 10 percent cut in the federal work force and a 50 percent cut in foreign aid — combined."

I was quite surprised that the Republicans in Congress would allow these tax cuts to expire. After all, one of their staple campaign platforms has always been to "cut taxes."

However, their motives really are not that important to me at this point. Now that they are about to have all this money on their hands, why not explore some options as to what they could do with that money?

\$60 billion a year would triple the current budget for the National Health Institute, whose current annual budget is \$30 billion. The National Health Institute conducts research on every kind of medical condition imaginable, from

Jakob Reynolds



cancer to Parkinson's disease to autism. Who knows how much more progress could be made in the medical field if their funding saw that much of an increase?

But why stop there? After all, healthcare isn't the only national concern that can be greatly affected by large amounts of funding. A Democratic Congressman from Minnesota,

James Oberstar, proposed a national transportation bill that had an estimated price tag of roughly \$35 billion, after existing taxes.

Congress could spend half of the \$60 billion on the transportation infrastructure bill and the other half on doubling the National Health Institute's budget.

Or maybe they could spend the remaining half on upgrading public water systems and other forms of infrastructure. A non-partisan group of scholars from the American Enterprise, Brookings and Breakthrough Institutes recently called for up to \$25 billion annually to be spent on clean-energy research and development.

What about education? After all, a popular stance taken by both major political parties in the U.S. is that the public education system needs a major overhaul. \$60 billion a year would pay for universal pre-school for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Nobel laureate James Heck-

man, a professor at the University of Chicago, claims that early childhood education is crucial to successful development of IQ and personal and social productivity. This, Dr. Heckman states, leads to a more effective work force, and in turn a stronger national economy.

However, primary education is not the only form of education that could greatly benefit from \$60 billion. With \$60 billion, Congress could provide free college to half of all full-time college students in the nation, both at two- and four-year universities.

After tuition, fees, room and board, the average full-time college student at a public four-year university pays an average of \$10,000, and \$7,300 at public two-year colleges. With approximately 4.7 million students enrolled full-time at public four-year universities, 2.1 million enrolled full-time at private four-year universities and 2.5 million enrolled full-time at public two-year universities, the total estimated cost of full-time college students in the U.S. is \$109 billion.

So with \$60 billion a year, Congress could pay for a little more than half of all full-time students in America. These numbers come from a study conducted by collegeboard.com.

With all of these options (and several more) open to Congress, assuming they do not change the tax policy, hopefully they could do something beneficial for the nation in general with the extra money they will have from the expiration of the Bush-era tax cuts. It should be interesting to see what the new, but not necessarily improved, Congress will do with tax policy come January.

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Right on schedule with the end of the semester, the press is full of reports about how much cheating occurs on college campuses. For your professors, these articles are as gripping as those about Kim Kardashian's new boyfriend, who will play in what bowl game and Chilean miners all rolled into one.

We who teach read with horror about how our students are fooling us into thinking they are honestly, and individually, completing the assignments we so carefully prepare and laboriously grade. Are we laughingstocks? Is everyone in on the joke but us?

We are told that this generation has a "culture of cheating" and the exception is the student who hands in his or her own written work and takes tests without outside help. I don't believe it.

Students, not just at Texas Tech, but all over the country, strive for excellence and follow strong moral compasses. We see examples of the honor and dignity of young people every day—young people (many of them Texas Tech alumni) are, as you read these words, risking their lives defending our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. A large number of students at Texas Tech are the first in their family to have graduated from college or graduate school. Students here and all over the country are engaged in service learning proj-

Jennifer S. Bard



ects and donate thousands of hours to community service.

So, what is going on? For one thing, technology has made access to information easy in a way we could not have imagined 20 years ago. While student organizations have always kept files of old exams and term papers donated by their members, today we can find millions of words on every conceivable subject on our phones and computers. Every day, we send each other newspaper articles, YouTube videos and blog postings with a push of a button.

We can download source material in seconds and just as quickly put someone else's words in our own essays, articles and research papers so that they become indistinguishable from words we wrote ourselves. Time is short, and the temptation is high to just "put it in and fill in the citation later."

Ease of access does not, of course, excuse passing off someone else's work as our own. But it does explain how that can happen if you are not unyielding in your commitment to immediately vi-

sually distinguish words and ideas that are not your own from the rest of the paper by highlighting, adding quotation marks and putting in a link to the source — even if you will have to go back and reformat.

What of other cheating? The scare articles often point to the practice of buying or borrowing someone else's prescription medication before an important test. This isn't new either. Stimulants have always been available on college campuses, and exhausted students have often used them — with exactly the same results achieved by the students today: feelings of euphoria and invincibility and a work product far below the quality the same person could produce un-medicated.

Just as you wouldn't expect to see "better" with someone else's glasses, you're not going to perform better on a test with someone else's medication. Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before an exam — that pill you bought is at best a placebo and is much more likely to diminish your performance than enhance it.

School is hard. All of us have found ourselves at one time or another overwhelmed by a class, a test or a paper. If you feel that way, get help. Talk to someone you trust who has been through

this — whether it is a family member, an older friend, a clergyman, a coach or a counselor.

The therapists at the counseling center know what you're going through and they can help. Call them. Getting help when you need it is a sign of strength and evidence of a commitment to honor and excellence.

Just as I do not spend a lot of time worrying about killer bees or collisions with asteroids, I do not worry that my students or anyone else's lack ethical principles or are treating their education casually — let alone with contempt. As we all enter this extremely busy and pressured time at the end of the semester, consider whether, perhaps, you are taking shortcuts that you would not want your loved ones to know about. Check your sources, get the help you need if you're struggling and strive for honor.

These scare headlines may increase the hits on a publication's website, but they do not reflect the culture of the students I know. Good luck on your exams — your professors are, with very good reason, very proud of you.

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Could chocolate milk be the ultimate energy drink?

By **KATHRYN DOENKA**
OSU DAILY BAROMETER (OREGON STATE U.)

Chocolate milk, a beverage commonly consumed by children, is now being used as a sports recovery drink for people of all ages. Karp, Johnston, Tecklenburg, Mickleborough, Fly and Stager (2006) established that it can help to rehydrate the body and rebuild muscles during and after workouts or athletic events. Maybe that is not surprising, because the contents of chocolate milk include carbohydrates, protein, vitamin A, vitamin D and calcium, all of which contribute to rebuilding muscle. Also present are sodium and sugar, which help stabilize and restore the body's electrolyte balance.

By contrast, energy drinks, which are popular among youth and some active people, contain large amounts of caffeine and sugar, along with ingredients such as taurine, guarana, ginseng, green tea and vitamins.

So, which is better for refueling the body after a workout: chocolate milk or energy drinks? Two recent studies have addressed this question.

Thomas, Morris and Stevenson (2009) showed the difference between chocolate milk and two other replacement drinks (fluid and carbohydrate energy drinks) when consumed by nine well-trained male bicyclists before and during low to moderate exercise. In the study, "participants cycled 51 percent and

43 percent longer after ingesting chocolate milk than after ingesting carbohydrate replacement drink and fluid replacement drink, respectively" (p. 81).

Pritchett, Bishop, Pritchett, Green and Katica (2009) compared chocolate milk and a similar carbohydrate replacement beverage among 10 well-trained male bicyclists before and during high intensity exercise. The only significant difference they found was a higher creatine kinase level in the carbohydrate replacement drink from the beginning to end of the trials, while the creatine kinase levels of chocolate milk remained about the same throughout. Creatine kinase is an enzyme present in muscles and the brain that uses adenosine triphosphate or ATP. ATP is the main energy source for cells of the body, while adenosine diphosphate is the main energy source for muscles and the brain. In other words, the consumption of a carbohydrate replacement drink required more energy, which depleted the athletes' muscles more quickly and slightly increased their level of exhaustion.

While the jury is not in entirely, these two small preliminary studies suggest that chocolate milk appears better at refueling the body after workouts compared to energy drinks. Clearly, though, additional studies using more diverse and longer samples are warranted.

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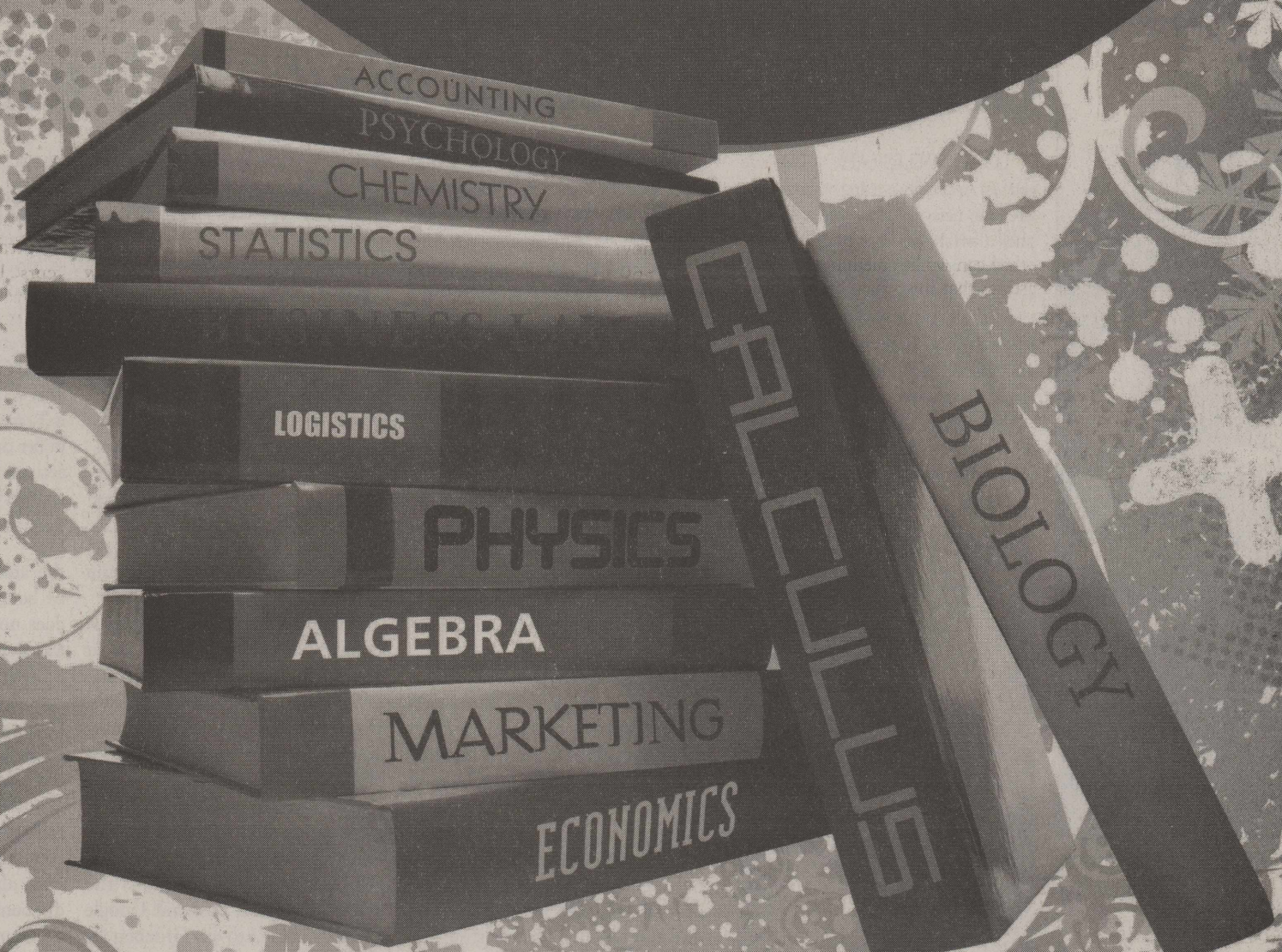
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Protecting information online increasingly important

By **CAROLINE COURTNEY**
STAFF WRITER

No sane person would willingly hand his credit card and information to a stranger. So why do so many people put their information out on the Internet, just waiting for some thief to come along and steal everything they own?

Becky Wilson, managing director of student financial aid, reports

students give away their information and money so easily because they aren't educated about the potential dangers of the Internet.

"It's a combination of a good scam and a generation who grew up using the Internet," Wilson said. "They are unaware of the potential dangers."

Thieves are especially drawn to financial aid scams, where they can easily extract financial information and a fee from hundreds of people, Wilson said.

Wilson presented one recent example in which a thief requested a student to submit an application requiring financial information and a \$59 fee in order to receive finan-

cial assistance regardless of their academic performance or family's income level.

"We have heard that students and parents have paid for aid application in years past when they did not need to," Wilson said. "Scams of this sort have been around for years."

With scam-runners preying on college students, Sam Segran, associate vice president of Information Technology, said there are hundreds of scams, but three popular ones that target students can be avoided.

It's so dangerous to send your information to people you don't know because they can hurt you financially.

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"There are three popular techniques," Segran said. "One is official looking communication, like those from banks, the IRS, etc. Another is the emotional element. For example, pre-

tending to raise funds for cancer patients, flood victims, animal rescue. And then they use trickery, also known as social engineering."

The most dangerous aspect of scams is that police can rarely find the people responsible, especially if the scammers are in other countries or using fake identities, Segran said.

"It's so dangerous to send your information to people you don't know because they can hurt you financially," Segran said. "And more importantly, they can embarrass you or your family and even stalk you."

There are certain precautions students can take to protect their information and identities online. Segran listed the following:

Do not open any unfamiliar e-mails. They could contain pictures that have malicious viruses or worms. Have your e-mail spam and anti-virus filters on and always log off when you're in a public place.

Pop-ups may be very interesting, but do not download anything you are not familiar with, such as pop-ups for screensavers and even pop-ups that say you have trojans and worms on your computer and you have to download the remove right away, unless it is from your actual anti-virus program installed on your computer already.

Stick with popular sites while shopping online. Do not click on flashy advertisements (you're our 999,999,999th winner!); it will usually ask for your personal information.

Keep your anti-spyware, anti-virus software up to date. This ensures you are being protected constantly. It is a good idea to run virus scans weekly to prevent trojans and keyloggers. If you are a Tech student, you can get free Symantec Anti-virus software from the TTU IT Division's eRaider download site at <http://eraider.ttu.edu/>.



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TODAY INTERNET SCAMMERS are more creative than ever, so it's important to actively protect your personal information on the web, proceeding with caution when asked to submit any identifiable details.

Do not give out personal information - phone number, address, Social Security number, credit card or bank accounts unless you know the website and only if absolutely needed. For example, when initiating the online banking transaction with your bank, it is essential. Then, always read the privacy statements

of the website. When choosing a password for a website, do not choose ones that have your personal information, such as the last four digits of your Social Security number, your mother's maiden name or your date of birth. Rather, choose something with letters and numbers combined.

Do not use the university's eRaider password anywhere else for other accounts. Segran said following these steps is a good start to protecting financial information online, but it is ultimately up to each individual to commit to following through. ccourtney@dailytoreador.com

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Getty Museum's statue transfer ends Italy dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The love goddess Aphrodite is going home to Italy after the new year, stronger and more stable than she has been in 2,500 years.

The statue, being returned to Sicily as part of Italy's decade-old campaign to retrieve antiquities it says were illegally brought to California, will be the last of 40 artifacts the J. Paul Getty Museum agreed to turn over.

Sebastiano Missineo, the minister of culture from Sicily, visited the Getty Villa in Malibu on Monday and viewed the statue.

The statue will be on display at the Getty Villa for one more week, acting Getty director David Bomford said at a tea for Missineo Monday.

The Getty has built a seismic wave isolator for Aphrodite that will protect her in the earthquake-prone Sicilian region, he said.

For the trip, the statue will be dismantled and shipped with the isolator to Aidone, Sicily.

"We are organizing the opening day for the last days of March," Missineo said. "We are working on a project for a new

site for this statue at the museum. That site will be ready in a few years. This is a very good occasion not just for Aidone, but Sicily too."

Missineo also viewed the marble Agrigento Youth, a statue loaned to the Getty in exchange for an earthquake base.

Both sides say the discord caused during Italy's antiquities hunt has spawned a new era of cooperation and reciprocity between the Getty and Sicily.

Several collaborative efforts, including object conservation, earthquake protection of collections, exhibitions,

scholarly research and conferences, are planned.

The Getty has always denied knowingly buying illegally obtained objects, and the deal that former Getty Director Michael Brand signed with Italy in 2007 includes no admission of guilt.

Even the 6-year-old case against former Getty antiquities curator Marion True went away in October when a judge in her case had run out. She had been accused of knowingly acquiring looted art from Italy.

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The site, which launched in Chicago in November 2008, now exists in 35 countries and has 35 million subscribers, Mossler said. According to Forbes.com, this makes Groupon the fastest growing company of all time.

Whether subscribers are bargain hunters or college students short on cash, the site gives users large discounts on all of its offers, such as spending \$20 for \$40 worth of merchandise at Red & Black, according to the company's website.

Groupon also has apps for the iPhone and Android, which makes it easy to keep up with discounts and access them quickly when needed.

"It's kind of like turning your phone into a wallet for your Groupons; who cares if it can call people," Mossler said. "It can hold onto them at any moment, and you can purchase on the go. You don't have to be tied to computer or a printer. If you're walking by a restaurant, you can decide to use it on the fly."

Mayukh Dass, assistant professor of marketing at Texas Tech, said he became a member of Groupon when the site first added Lubbock. He said he hopes the mobile phone

applications help increase tourism in Lubbock.

"I travel a lot, driving across country," he said. "It allows me, if I'm driving by Lubbock or Amarillo - if I want to look for deals, that will help me a lot. I'm hoping it will really bring a lot of focus on the city itself."

M-commerce, the practice of conducting financial and promotional activities with the use of a wireless handheld device, is the way of the future, Dass said. Google recently offered to buy Groupon for \$6 billion, more than 10 times the company's worth, because social ads are the future of marketing.

"A recent study shows humor-based websites like Texts From Last Night and those kind of web pages that provide humor and also the kind of web pages that provide information about deals and make the customer more smart, and the whole idea is to give the customer more information about the prices and deals applicable; these websites are really going to be the next big thing."

"What media companies will use to provide to give these things to customers is a test of time."

As an avid coupon user, Dass said, Groupon does have one aspect he does not like.

Some vendors create limits to

the amount of discounts that can be bought, to ensure the company does not lose money on the deals, Mossler said.

"For example, yesterday (the discount) was for the Fortune Cookie," Dass said. "But they had only 10 coupons; you could pay \$5 and get the worth of \$10. But there were 10. Even if I spread the news and tell all my friends or anyone else to go online and try it out, people may have already purchased (all of the discounts)."

Chuck Stephens, general manager of Baker Bros American Deli, said 176 people bought the restaurant's Nov. 15 deal.

"We had a good offer, and people seemed really receptive to it," he said. "When people come in, we always ask if they're first-time customers. The last figures I had were that 62 percent of people that brought them in were new customers. We're really happy about that."

David Hill, general manager of West Crust Artisan Pizza Pies, said on Nov. 24 the restaurant offered a special of \$12 worth of product for \$6. According to Groupon's website, 236 deals were bought.

"We did think it was profitable, and we would probably do it again," Hill said. "We've done several things like it. Groupon is definitely the most well put together that we've found that has come to Lubbock, and they're new to Lubbock. They also have a lot of information for their customers, the restaurants and other places that use them."

West Crust was impressed by the efforts of Groupon to inform vendors of the discount's success with websites and iPhone apps, Hill said.

"I think it's a cool concept in general, mostly because it's beneficial for all three parties," he said. "The customer of course benefits, it brings in business for us, and Groupon gets a cut, too. It's a good deal for all three parties, and it's nice to see a win, win, win."

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STEPHEN GRAHM, A senior sculpture major from Austin, works on the gear of a row-bike kinetics sculpture outside the Art building on Monday.

Palin goes camping with Kate plus 8 Gosselin kids

NEW YORK (AP) — Kate Gosselin is not a happy camper.

On this week's edition of "Sarah Palin's Alaska," she and her brood make a much-anticipated guest appearance. But don't expect it to reveal her inner Daniel Boone.

"How would you like to go camping with Kate and her eight kids — that TV show you watch?" Sarah Palin asks her daughter, Piper, at the start of the episode.

Piper squeals with delight at the idea of hanging with these stars of another TLC series.

As things develop, the camping trip in the Alaskan wilds will be no day at the beach for Kate. But it makes for a hilarious hour of Palin's show, which airs on TLC Sunday at 9 p.m. EST.

Read no further if you don't want spoiler details of Kate's stab at roughing it.

For a few fleeting moments, it seems she will savor her visit with the Palin family. She instantly bonds with Sarah, as they compare notes on the predatory nature of the media.

"There's not a whole lot of people that I run into that can understand the scrutiny (by) the media and beyond," says Kate, whose crumbling marriage to Jon was documented on "Jon & Kate Plus 8" while it spurred a feeding frenzy from the tabloid press.

Now, single mom Kate and her kids just happened to be in Alaska taping one of her "Kate Plus 8" specials, which occasioned their guest spot with the Palins.

The first stop: Sarah takes Kate to a bear safety class to prepare her for their camping expedition.

On the road from Wasilla to the class in Anchorage, Sarah sort-of jokes that, in case of a bear attack, "You need a partner with you who's slower than you."

"Oh, my gosh!" replies Kate, who already was spooked by the bear rug in the Palins' home. "Sacrifice your friends?"

At the rifle range, she looks more

miserable than she used to look with Jon.

And that's only the beginning.

The day of the camping trip, it's — wouldn't you know! — pouring rain.

Out in the middle of nowhere by a stream and surrounded by mountains, Sarah is smiling, chipper and (literally) loaded for bear.

"Rain or shine, Alaskans still camp. We still find a way to have fun," she chirps.

Then Kate and her kids land at the campsite. Quickly, Kate proves to be a bigger pill than a horse tranquilizer.

"I'm not worrying about bears right now," she is soon grousing. "I'm just worried about keeping my toes wiggling 'cause they're freezing."

Sarah, daughters Piper and Willow, husband Todd and other family members seem to be having a blast. So, for that matter, are Kate's youngsters.

"The kids are having fun, so I'm tolerating it, but this is my new home," grumbles Kate, having sullenly planted herself, apart from the rest, beneath a tarp. "I am miserable, but, I mean, somebody's got to be."

Sarah, ever gung-ho, announces to the group, "This is the most luxurious camping spot I've ever seen!"

On a tight budget, students get creative with holiday gifts

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Christmas shopping can be expensive, especially for a college student with a limited budget. With all the hustle and bustle of finals, travels and, of course, trying to figure out the perfect gifts for the special people in your life, the holiday season can seem more dreary than merry.

Some Tech students are now turning to homemade, more thoughtful gifts to give this year.

Amanda Weckman, a chemical engineering major from Coppell, said she was going to give more heartfelt gifts this year.

"I'm making my mom and all my friends painted picture frames," she said. "It's more personal, and I feel like that means more to them."

Lydia Chavarria, a junior journalism major from Colleyville, is also going the more personal route when it comes to gift giving. She said she listened to hints her mom dropped all year and then decided

on what to get her.

"My mom has read this certain series of books for forever," Chavarria said. "She brought the book up a lot, so it was easy to decide what to get her."

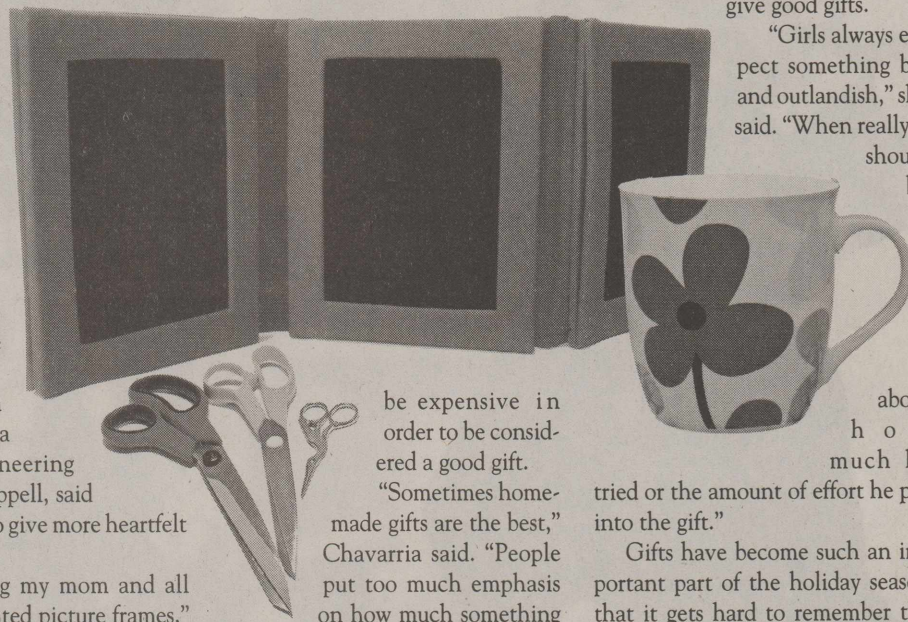
Chavarria also thinks it's crazy when people value their gifts based on price and said gifts do not need to

be stressful because of the pressure to give the perfect gift.

"If you don't give the girlfriend a fantastic gift, then there might not be a girlfriend for much longer," he said. "Also, you don't want to disappoint someone that you care about."

Weckman also thinks girls put a lot of pressure on their boyfriends to give good gifts.

"Girls always expect something big and outlandish," she said. "When really it should be



be expensive in order to be considered a good gift.

"Sometimes homemade gifts are the best," Chavarria said. "People put too much emphasis on how much something costs."

Another stressful factor of gift giving: what to get your significant other. This task seems to be more daunting for males than females. James Passingham, a sophomore nursing major from Chicago, said the reason giving a gift to a girlfriend

is about how much he tried or the amount of effort he put into the gift."

Gifts have become such an important part of the holiday season that it gets hard to remember the true meanings of the season, such as family and friends. Neil Curran, a junior civil engineering major from Plano, said society has forgotten what the holidays are about.

"Christmas has become such a commercial holiday; it's so materialistic now," he said. "It should really

be about spending time with your friends and family; being around your loved ones."

Curran still intends on giving and receiving presents this year, but he doesn't plan on asking for or spending too much.

"I'll give my family and a few friends gifts," he said. "But I try not to buy anything really big; lots of times I make my own gifts to give."

In the end, the gift will not be as important as the thought behind it.

"It sound so cliché, but it really is the thought that counts," Weckman said. "All that matters is that you thought enough of someone to give them something."

There are many sources online with good ideas on economical gift giving this year. Here are a few from www.betterbudgeting.com:

- Gourmet coffee with a personalized cup
- Collage of special photos
- Makeup tote
- Fancy magazines tied together with a pretty ribbon
- Personalized Christmas ornaments
- Movie theater gift certificates
- Food and baked goods
- Personalized tumblers and mugs

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Ex-Cowboys QB, 'Monday Night' announcer dies at 72

DALLAS (AP) — Don Meredith was the happiest, most fun-loving guy wherever he went, whether crooning country tunes in the huddle as quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys or jawing with Howard Cosell in the broadcast booth as analyst on the groundbreaking "Monday Night Football."

His irreverent personality made him one of the most beloved figures in sports and entertainment in the 1970s and 1980s, helping turn the Cowboys and "Monday Night Football" into national sensations.

"Dandy Don" died Sunday after suffering a brain hemorrhage and lapsing into a coma in Santa Fe, N.M., where he lived out of the limelight with his wife, Susan, for the last 25 years. He was 72.

A folksy foil to Cosell's tell-it-like-it-is pomposity, Meredith was at his best with unscripted one-liners — often aimed at his broadcast partners. His trademark, though, came when one team had the game locked up. Meredith would warble, "Turn out the lights, the party's over" — from a song by his pal Willie Nelson.

Meredith played for the Cowboys from 1960-68, taking them from winless expansion team to the brink of a championship. He was only 31 when he retired before training camp in 1969, and a year later wound up alongside Cosell in the broadcast booth for the oddity of a prime-time, weeknight NFL game.

The league pitched the idea to ABC, the lowest-rated network, after CBS and NBC tried occasional games on Monday nights and didn't think it would click. It became a hit largely because of how much viewers enjoyed the contrast of Meredith's Texas flair and Cosell's East Coast braggadocio.

Friends in real life, they took opposite stances to live on broadcasts with their bickering. Meredith usually took the majority opinion, Cosell the minority. Cosell was playing a role, while Meredith was just being himself.

"Watching him on TV was like being in the huddle with Don again," former teammate Dan Reeves said. "He just made the game fun."

Blowouts were their play-

ground. Folks kept watching because of them.

In a 1970 game from Dallas, the Cowboys were headed to a 38-0 loss to St. Louis when fans chanted, "We Want Meredith!" Said Meredith, "No way you're getting me down there."

The Houston Oilers were on their way to a 34-0 loss to the Oakland Raiders in 1972 when a camera zoomed in on a disgruntled fan at the Astrodome. He made a one-finger salute and Meredith quipped, "He thinks they're No. 1."

Meredith was the life of the party in the "Monday Night" booth from 1970 through 1984, except for a three-year stint playing a detective on NBC's "Police Story." He spent 11 of those years teamed with another former star player, Frank Gifford, a friend before they became broadcast partners.

"To say that Don was an instant success would be a gross understatement," Gifford said in a statement.

"For millions of football fans, he would always be the one who topped Howard Cosell with one-liners or a simple 'Come on, Howard.'"

Current "Monday Night" announcer Jon Gruden spoke for many who grew up during Meredith's time in the booth by recalling how he would "sneak downstairs and watch Don and 'Monday Night Football' when I was supposed to be asleep."

Meredith also appeared in more than a dozen made-for-TV movies, specials or dramas. He once filled in for Johnny Carson on the "Tonight Show," and was a popular pitcher for Lipton tea.

During his playing days, Meredith recorded his own country music single. Former teammate Walt Garrison pulled it out Monday and proudly read the names of the songs: "Travelin' Man" on one side, "Them That Ain't Got It Can't Lose" on the other.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Going Bowling



TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Tommy Tuberville runs onto the field before Tech's game against Weber State on Nov. 20 at Jones AT&T Stadium. Tuberville's Red Raiders accepted an invite to the TicketCity Bowl where they will play Northwestern on Jan. 1 in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Tech, Northwestern coaches look ahead to TicketCity Bowl

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Northwestern's and Texas Tech's records are identical, but that isn't the only thing the two programs share.

Both the Wildcats and the Red Raiders, like most programs, aspire to build on their 2010 seasons. Northwestern wants Tech's record of success, while the Red Raiders want to take another step forward.

Northwestern, a college better known for its academics than its football team, started off 5-0 before dropping five games in the thick of Big Ten Conference play. The Wildcats ultimately worked their way to a 7-5 record, 3-5 in the Big Ten, which is rather par for the course for Northwestern in recent history.

The Wildcats want more than this record in the future and look at Tech — their Jan. 1 TicketCity Bowl opponent — for inspiration.

"They're a team that has been so consistent over the years," Northwestern head

coach Pat Fitzgerald said of the Red Raiders. "The number of bowl games they've been to in a row, the success that they have had. I'd like to hope that we can aspire to that kind of success; we can come back here 13 or 14 years from now, and talking about that kind of success would be pretty neat."

Northwestern, a team making its third consecutive bowl appearance and seeking its first bowl win since 1949, opened up as a nine-point underdog to the Red Raiders, though both teams have identical records.

"It'll be entertaining," Fitzgerald said. "I've watched a few of (Tech's) games on tape, and they've got explosive athletes, they're extremely well-coached ... The success they've had at Texas Tech, I think it's their 14th consecutive bowl game. To see that kind of success, this is a program that knows how to win, and it will be a huge challenge for us."

The 2011 TicketCity Bowl invitation actually marks the 11th-consecutive season for the Red Raiders, but with a 7-5 record there is a lot more to be desired for next season.

That's not a fact lost on Red Raider head coach Tommy Tuberville, who said bowl games can be used to both reward the current team and raise the next season's team.

"There's a fine line to what you do in a bowl game," Tuberville said. "You want your players, especially the younger guys, to say, 'You know we want to get one of those because we had a great time.' You don't want to overdo it. But you also want to take the necessary time to make the players better that need to get better for your team next year. Obviously, the seniors, juniors and starters you have on your team, they are going to get their practice time and have had that the past three months."

But Tuberville sees a light at the end of the tunnel — the end of a season that provided some low points, but some rewarding moments as well.

"We did improve as the year went on," he said. "We won some big games, and we lost some games we probably had a chance to win, we just didn't find a way to do it. The thing I liked, though, was they looked for a way to win each week. They had a lot of fun, they enjoyed playing the game, which is very important, and they are looking forward to playing in this game also."

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Upset of Missouri saved Tech's season

There were plenty of ups and downs during the 2010 Texas Tech football regular season.

It was a tumultuous year that at times looked as though it would be the one to finally snap Tech's long-running bowl streak.

Instead, the Red Raiders will head to Dallas and play in the TicketCity Bowl.

So the season ended up being adequate. Decent. OK.

The 7-5 mark won't wow national football writers or earn a spot in the postseason polls, but fans can feel pretty good about the campaign. It wasn't what most on the South Plains expected from the season, myself included. However, Tech fans can take some consolation in the fact that it didn't up being as bad as it could have been.

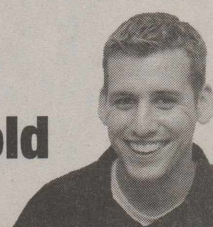
The strong end to the season doesn't guarantee success, but Coach Tommy Tuberville already has hit the recruiting trail with the same fervor he came into town with during the offseason.

A large portion of the positive feeling permeating the campus about the team's future is a result of an upset victory against Missouri when the Tigers came into town in early November. Tech won the last two games of the year just like they were supposed to, but it wasn't supposed to beat the Tigers.

Missouri was ranked No. 14 in the country, and Tech was coming off of a tough loss in which Ryan Tannehill and Texas A&M easily picked up a 45-27 win.

There were plenty of doom and gloom forecasts on the back pages since the next two games would come against ranked squads and would force Tech to win both of their final two games to hit the six-win plateau and end up bowl eligible.

Jon
Arnold



The upset against Missouri made sure Tech only needed to win one of those games, though it ended up taking both, and also gave Tommy Tuberville a signature win for his first season.

Not only that, but the win greatly lifted the mood of the fan base. There was grumbling about with the lackluster start (and there still is about this season, which could net eight wins if the Red Raiders beat Northwestern on Jan. 1). An upset over a top 15 team, however, and much of that was turned into positive feelings.

During that game, the Red Raiders already has hit the recruiting trail with the same fervor he came into town with during the offseason.

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Meanwhile Gabbert's counterpart at Tech, Taylor Potts, was on the mark when he came into the game to spell fan favorite Steven Sheffield. The end to the majority of shouts for Sheffield to start was another positive aspect to come from the game, as the team's leader became apparent.

Had they not won the game that night, the Red Raiders still would be bowling — perhaps in the same bowl — but the win lifted the team's and the fans' spirits and helped to keep the 2010 season from being remembered as a disaster.

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Dez Bryant has surgery on ankle

IRVING (AP) — Dez Bryant has been everything the Dallas Cowboys hoped this rookie season, dazzling as a receiver, dynamic as a kick-

returner. Their only disappointment is that his rookie season is done four games early.

Bryant broke his right ankle returning a kickoff during a victory Sunday in Indianapolis. He had surgery Monday to repair broken bones and ligament damage and will need up to four months of rehabilitation.

"He's going to come back bigger and better than ever," interim coach Jason Garrett said. "He just continues to grow (as a player). You feel badly that he's not going to have these last four games to continue that development, but there's no question that he's made great strides."

Nobody questioned Bryant's talent coming out of Oklahoma State, but questions about his character and lifestyle caused him to slip in the draft.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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1 Prepared for pie, as apples
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55 Ship-down adviser
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57 It follows Wed.
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59 Beach Boys album with bees and flowers on the cover
62 Beyond the fringe
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66 Snake sound
67 Wipe out

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By Mark Bickham 12/7/10

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9 30-day mo.
10 Herb in a bouquet garni
11 Toothpaste comparison word
12 Cried like a raven
13 Like anarchy
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21 Across, in verse
24 "Orange" tea grade
25 A long time
26 130-minute H.S. exam
28 Beach lover's goal
29 Eurasian range
33 Joe of "GoodFellas"
36 Senate contest
37 God with arrows
38 Staff associate?
39 Lake Superior natives
40 Some impressionist paintings
41 Sickness
44 Mexican peninsula
45 Bayer product
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48 Meion exterior
50 Villainous literary alter ego
51 Promise to pay
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57 Goller's pocketful
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61 Govt. hush-hush org.
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Lady Raiders look to rebound from road loss, take on NSU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Raiders may have suffered their first loss on Sunday, a 76-68 defeat against Penn State in University Park, Pa., but Texas Tech forward Jordan Barncastle isn't dwelling on it.

If it wasn't for a slow start — Tech received its first point of the game off of a Casey Morris free throw at the 17:37 mark in the first half — a win could have been more likely to unveil itself for Barncastle and the rest of the Lady Raiders.

"I think it just shows that, one, we're a competitive team and getting down 9-0 — we didn't lay down, and we never gave up," Barncastle said. "If anything, we fought harder and had to play catch-up through the first half. We just take away (positives) from an experience like this and hope to not make some of the same mistakes again. It was a tough road game, but like (Casey Morris) said it, that's how it is a lot of the games and that's how it'll be in the Big 12 (Conference)."

The loss was a part of the new women's basketball Big 10/Big 12 Challenge, pitting Tech (8-1) against the Lady Lions (7-2) in the Bryce Jordan Center on Penn State's campus.

The Lady Raiders never owned a lead in the game and tied the Lady Lions at 40 all just over four minutes into the second half. Penn State's largest lead was 11, which also was achieved in the second half.

Moving forward, Tech encounters its final home game of 2010 as the Lady Raiders take on Northwestern State (3-5) at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

The newfound balance on the offensive side of things has been a topic of talk regarding the Lady Raiders, but looking at the numbers, has also come with some negatives.

Barncastle, who had the highest field goal percentage among regular starters last year, has only made 25 percent of her shots from the field and is 3-of-17 from 3-point range to this point.

Last season, the junior forward made 46 percent of her baskets, a team high,



TEXAS TECH JUNIOR forward Jordan Barncastle puts up a shot during play in the United Spirit Arena earlier this season. The Lady Raiders suffered their first loss on Sunday against Penn State in University Park, Pa. Tech hosts NSU for its final home game of 2010 at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

and made 42 percent of her 3-point attempts, also a team high among regular starters who had attempted a minimum of 15 3-pointers.

Regardless, Tech is winning, and Barncastle believes it's just a matter of time before her shots begin to fall.

"I haven't really been hitting much thus far, and we're 8-0 — we were, coming up to that point (at Penn State). I just think that we have a lot of balance and some of my shots will fall, I'm not worried about it."

Tuesday also provides as a final tune-up for Tech before traveling to Las Vegas, while the Lady Demons of Northwestern State search for a win after losing three of their last four games, including a 93-56 loss to No. 24 DePaul in Chicago.

Additionally, the Lady Demons have already experienced action against a member of the Big 12, No. 21 Texas, losing 112-53 in Austin.

So, Morris and the Lady Raiders know

what to expect tonight and hope to keep their undefeated record at home this season intact before dealing with finals and taking time off for the holidays.

"I think our goal was to stay undefeated throughout the season just like it is going to be every year, but I think to defend our court is real important," Morris said. "To show our fans that we appreciate them is one way we can do that by winning, staying undefeated at home."

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Pat Gillick elected to baseball Hall of Fame

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Pat Gillick is headed to the Hall of Fame after putting together three World Series championship teams in 27 years as a major league general manager. The Hall's doors were shut for George Steinbrenner and Marvin Miller, a pair of far more divisive figures.

Gillick received 13 votes from the 16-man Veterans Committee in totals announced Monday as the winter meetings began. Miller, the union head who revolutionized sports by gaining baseball players free agency and multimillion dollar salaries, got 11 — one shy of the necessary 75 percent.

Steinbrenner, who left an indelible imprint on baseball as the New York Yankees blustery and colorful owner from 1973 until his death in July, received fewer than eight.

"Some people thought it's too early," said Hall of Famer Johnny Bench, a member of the committee.

Miller appeared on the ballot for the

fifth time and came the closest this year. The 93-year-old remains controversial, and the committee included four representatives from management, a side that repeatedly lost to Miller's union as players gained freedom: Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf, an outspoken opponent of the players' association; Kansas City Royals owner David Glass, the former chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., a company that has fought with labor unions; former Phillies owner Bill Giles, whose notes in a collusion case helped players gain a \$280 million settlement; and Orioles President Andy MacPhail, grandson of Hall of Fame executive Larry MacPhail and son of former AL President Lee MacPhail.

"A long time ago, it became apparent that the Hall sought to bury me long before my time, as a metaphor for burying the union and eradicating its real influence," Miller said in a statement.

Miami looking forward to matchup with Notre Dame

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Despite a disappointing season ending with the firing of coach Randy Shannon, the Miami Hurricanes have the opportunity to end on a positive note with a win over longtime rival Notre Dame in the Sun Bowl.

The two heated rivals will meet for the first time since 1990.

"Catholics, convicts, we are familiar with that," senior cornerback Ryan Hill said Monday. "I'm sure in the next 20 days we are going to be reminded heavily through the media. We are excited about it."

Following a 7-5 record in the regular season, Shannon was fired Nov. 27. He went 28-22 in four years at his alma mater.

Shannon's predecessor has not been determined yet. Athletic director Kirby Hocutt is in New York for the National Football Foundation

and College Hall of Fame awards dinner, and he is expected to meet with potential candidates while there.

Offensive line coach Jeff Stoutland was appointed interim coach, with the remaining assistants staying on the staff for the Dec. 31 bowl game.

"I don't know what else you could ask for. A Miami-Notre Dame matchup is pretty neat," Stoutland said. "A lot of history there between the two schools."

Notre Dame leads the series 15-7-1.

"It's not a BCS championship, but when you put Miami and Notre Dame together, we're not going there to lose, point blank, period," Hill said.

The Hurricanes will begin practices in Coral Gables on Dec. 11. They will fly to El Paso, Texas on Dec. 26 for their first appearance in the Sun Bowl.

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Kubiak not the answer for Texans

The Dallas Cowboys may not have had the season they had expected, but at least they knew change was necessary. I can't say the same for the Houston Texans.

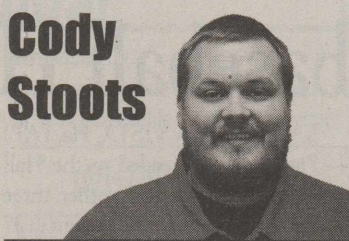
It is my firm belief that with two more wins, the Texans will retain Gary Kubiak as head coach next year. There is no way Frank Bush will come back, but Kubiak will be back.

With a lockout looming, Texans owner Bob McNair will most certainly avoid paying two head coaches. McNair seems to be one of the owners lobbying for more power to the owners in this possible work stoppage. He will be looking to save every penny.

Wholesale changes are needed but will not occur. GM Rick Smith has not drafted effectively. Kubiak has not gotten the most out of what he has. Defensive coordinator Frank Bush has turned out to be an awful hire. Rick Dennison, the offensive coordinator, is plainer than vanilla ice cream. Nothing is working for this team.

I don't need to quote stats to tell you the Texans are bad. No team loses in new heartbreaking ways week after week like the Texans. The ineptitude against a much-depleted Chargers team. There was the Hail Mary against the Jaguars. The terrible plays by the secondary allowing the Jets to drive for a winning touchdown. The 3rd-and-19 play in Philadelphia.

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The team has created a culture of losing.

Is there a solid solution to the Texans? No, there isn't. The NFL is a quick turnaround league, though. The Falcons, Jets, Buccaneers and Rams were all bad but are now competitive. The Texans are competitive, but they aren't built to win.

There is an inability to play a whole game from the offense. The defense is atrocious. Mario Williams is Superman one day and Clark Kent the next. Amobi Okoye hasn't grown anywhere except for his age. Cushing has not been the same player he was last year. Bernard Pollard is a liability in coverage and with penalties.

The players on the roster are molded by Smith. They haven't improved because of Kubiak. If they were showed the door, the Texans should stay away from coordinators and popular names.

Older names that have been to the playoffs need to be considered. Marty Schottenheimer has built teams but has never won in the big time. Well, the Texans haven't

ever been to the big time. One step at a time. If you can wrangle Mike Holmgren out of Cleveland's front office, I am not against that either.

The dream scenario involves a coach currently coaching in league.

If the Titans decide to keep Vince Young and not Jeff Fisher, Fisher's phone should ring seconds after he leaves the Titans facility. No, actually, don't wait that long. Call him while he is still in Titans owner Bud Adams' office. That will really bug Adams.

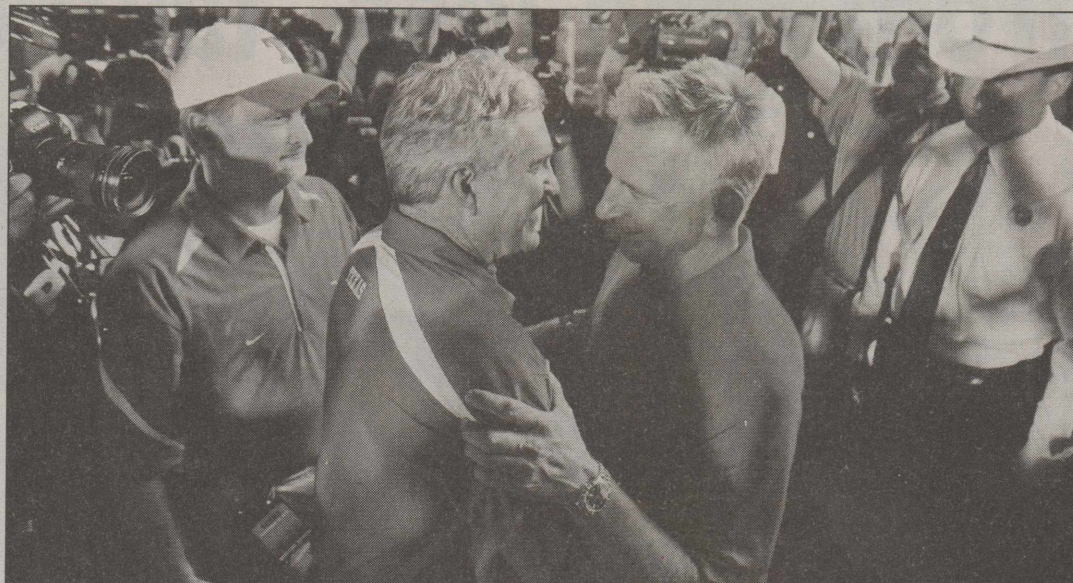
A new fresh start in a familiar place would do wonders for Fisher. The Titans took Vince Young to stick it to the Texans twice a year with a hometown boy. Payback twice a year with their old coach would be wonderful. Fisher is a winner.

A change hinges on the fact that the Texans realize they need one. Losing out would surely do it, but seven wins might save Kubiak's job. If there was any year to take the team to the next level, it was this year.

Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Well, go ahead and get Texans fans some straight jackets, because they will be the ones going crazy if McNair retains Gary Kubiak.

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Longhorns shed staff after finishing last in Big 12 South



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
 TEXAS COACH MACK Brown and Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville meet at midfield after the Longhorns win against the Red Raiders in September. The win would be one of only two conference wins for the Longhorns, so Brown's staff will look different next season.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis has resigned and two other assistant coaches are retiring after the Longhorns' first losing season since 1997.

Davis, who has been with coach Mack Brown for 13 seasons at Texas, had been under fire all season as Texas finished 5-7 and didn't qualify for a bowl. It was Brown's first losing season since 1989. The Longhorns finished last in the Big 12 South and went 2-5 at home, losing four in a row at one point.

Offensive line coach Mac McWhorter and defensive line coach and special teams coordinator Mike Tolleson are retiring.

"These are three special people who have given a lot of themselves and their families to the University of Texas and its football program," Brown said in a statement.

"They are not only great coaches, but men who handled themselves with tremendous integrity, class and dignity on and off the field during their time here. I want to say thank you and

wish them well because they will be missed," Brown said.

Texas spokesman John Bianco said Monday that Brown was not likely to announce replacements until after the bowl season.

Brown and Davis have been a coaching team dating back to the 1980s at Tulane and at North Carolina in the '90s before Brown brought Davis with him to Texas before the 1998 season.

"I've had a great 13 years here and enjoyed every minute of it," Davis said.

Under Davis, the Longhorns had some of the most prolific offenses in program history with a Heisman Trophy winner (Ricky Williams in 1998), two more Heisman finalists (quarterbacks Vince Young and Colt McCoy), two Big 12 championships and the 2005 BCS national championship. Texas also played for the 2009 national championship and won 10 games every year from 2001-2009.

But the Longhorns dropped off dramatically in 2010 and Brown's desire to revamp Texas' spread passing offense to include a power running game never materialized

on the field. Texas ranked No. 59 in total offense and just 87th in scoring at 24 points per game.

Davis also tutored Longhorns quarterbacks, and first-year starter Garrett Gilbert struggled to replace McCoy, whose 45 career victories are the most for a starting quarterback in major college history.

Gilbert, a national player of the year at nearby Lake Travis High School when Davis recruited him, threw only nine touchdowns and his 17 interceptions were two shy of the school record.

McWhorter, who had been at Texas for nine seasons, also held the title of associate head coach. The offensive line struggled badly last season and was hampered by several injuries.

Tolleson has been with Brown and Texas for 13 seasons, but the defensive line and special teams were trouble spots for the Longhorns this season. The defensive line struggled badly against the run in losses to Kansas State, UCLA, Iowa State and Texas A&M and the kicking teams failed to produce the big returns and blocked kicks of seasons past.



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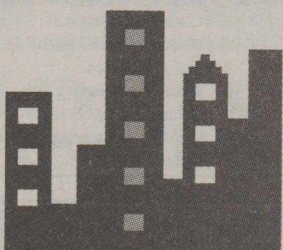
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