

Right: New Masked Rider begins stint

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First SGA meeting sparks heated debate

Senator praises regent for voting against tuition raise

By TYLER MYATT
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association conducted its first meeting of the fall semester last night.

Citibus, open forums for students and tuition rates were among the topics discussed.

“(Steinmetz is) a man of fresh and new outlook, of young and energetic spirit, who finally decided to take our side ...”

Stuart Williams
Student Senator

SGA External Vice President Mike Uryasz said the Board of Regents approved a \$2.9 million budget for Tech buses.

SGA President Tyler Patton said while buses will still run every 30 minutes, he and other members of the SGA are not satisfied.

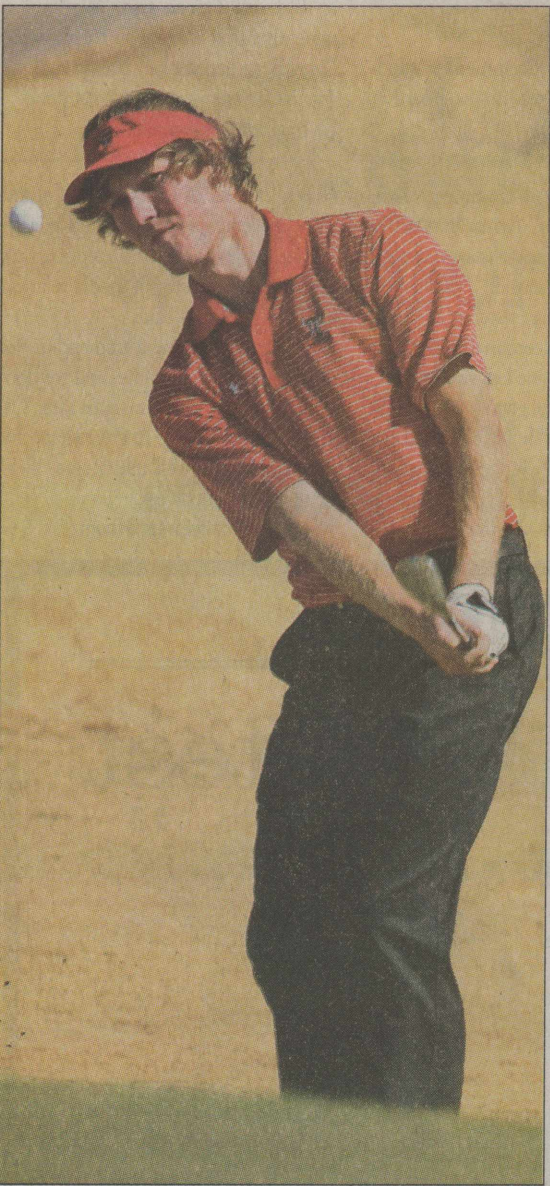
“We’re very concerned about the cost,” Patton said. “You can be sure that since the city didn’t talk to us last time about an important issue, we will be contacting them.”

Patton said the city currently accounts for less than one-tenth of the Citibus budget.

There are currently 17 apartment complexes getting Citibus service in Lubbock, Uryasz said. Of the 17, only 11 were paying for service.

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Tech golf heads to Pebble Beach Golf Club for first fall tournament. SPORTS, Page 9

Bobcats come to town

Tech set for opener as Franchione era begins at Texas State

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

It has been referred to as the “Miracle in Michigan,” a shocker and one of the biggest upsets in American sports.

Sept. 1, 2007, is now known as the day Appalachian State, a Division I FCS program, defeated then-No. 5 Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., in front of the watchful eyes of more than 100,000 attendants, with a final score of 34-32.

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WR Darrin Moore

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SUMMER'S OVER. IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR SOME FOOTBALL

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DC Chad Glasgow

Concessions company promises plenty of water to be at Jones AT&T Stadium

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

In preparation for the first Texas Tech football game Saturday against Texas State, plenty of bottles of water and refreshments from the vendors at Jones AT&T Stadium will keep fans hydrated.

During last year's season opener against SMU, on a hot Sunday

afternoon, some vendors ran out of water, causing multiple complaints and dehydration.

“We actually didn't run out of water,” said Amy Geppi, general manager for Ovations Foods Services, a company contracted to provide concessions at the stadium. “The problem was that it was so hot and sunny that there were a lot of people that came under the

concourse and we couldn't move around and restock because people were passing out.”

Forbes Keim, a senior finance and management major from El Paso, went to every Tech football game last year. The effects of the hot weather during that game still stand out to him clearly.

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County urges tailgaters to heed burn ban rules

Fines as high as \$500 can be assessed to violators

Lubbock County would like to remind Red Raider fans to stay aware while the city is under the burn ban for 79 more days, or they will have to pay the price.

Hugh Archer, Lubbock County sheriff's deputy, said fines can be issued for up to \$500 for violating the burn ban, depending on the preferences of judges and the seriousness of crimes.

They have distributed notices stating there can be no smokers or grills in grass areas within 10 feet of any structure or building. No open flames are allowed.

He does not expect any illegal activity from tailgaters during Saturday's game, Archer said.

“I don't think that's going to be a problem at all,” he said. “It never has been.”

However, Michael Gunn, assistant director of Student Union & Activities, said there will be a fire marshal and Tech campus police to patrol the tailgating area during game day to make sure the law is obeyed.

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TODAY

Texas Tech Volleyball
Time: 2 p.m., 5 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they take on the University of Central Arkansas followed by Northwestern State University.

Annual Art Faculty Exhibit
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art building
So, what is it?
Enjoy the First Friday Art Trail.

ATO GatorFest 2011
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Bash Riprock's
So, what is it?
Enjoy performances by Stoney LaRue and the Arsenals, Brandon Rhyder, Band of Heathens and William Clark Green.

SATURDAY

Lubbock Walk for Lupus Now 2011
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Buddy Holly Recreation Area
So, what is it?
Walk for Lupus in support of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc.

Tech Volleyball vs. Morehead State
Time: 2 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Lady Raiders as they take on Morehead State.

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Tech Football vs. Texas State
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Jones AT&T Stadium
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they take on Texas State in the first game of the season.

SUNDAY

David Schalliol
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Art at the Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy an exhibit from David Schalliol's photography series, "Isolated Building Studies: Revealing Meaning through Recontextualization."
Sunday Night Open Jam
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: The Texas Café and Bar (The Spoon)
So, what is it?
Enjoy original music and perform your own.

MONDAY

Jesse Ballew & John Sprott
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Lone Star Oyster Bar
So, what is it?
Enjoy a band at this local show.
Monday Night Football
Time: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Where: Jack and Dianne's
So, what is it?
Watch the Monday night football game at this venue.

Tech alumnus, engineers develop new eco-friendly building material

By **GLORIA LERMA**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech engineers have partnered with a university alumnus to provide the surrounding community with an eco-friendly construction material.

Zach Rabon, a 1999 Tech graduate, founded Mason Greenstar, an alternative building company producing Greenstar Blox.

According to the Greenstar Blox website, these "Blox" are insulated, resistant to water, termites, fire, and mold and can absorb the force of a speeding bullet.

There are other benefits to this material besides its structural integrity, Rabon said, like how they are made from recyclable and organic materials.

"The 'Blox' is a strong material designed to adjust to all situations. It is environmentally friendly because it adjusts to heat and cold," he said. "Also, it is made from old phonebooks and lottery tickets. Another great thing is that its creation (saves) 30,000 tons of paper waste (each time we make them)."

The accomplishments of Mason Greenstar go beyond the development of this new material. Members of the Lubbock community have already used the "Blox" in their constructions, Rabon said, such as Jeff Jackson Custom Homes, The National Storm Shelter and the Department of Transportation.

"We will use the 'Blox' for the construction of medians in the highways," he



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GREENSTAR BLOX, INVENTED by Tech alumnus Zach Rabon, is a building material that is environmentally safe and energy efficient. Rabon has partnered with Tech engineers to test the "Blox" for wider construction use.

said. "The material has greater absorption of impact. I mean safety is our top priority when developing and using (Greenstar Blox)."

In partnership with Mason Greenstar, the Tech Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Office of Technology Commercialization have become involved in testing the durability, strength and commercialization of the Greenstar Blox, Ryan Reber, the licensing specialist for the Office of Technology Commercialization, said.

"Mason Greenstar approached Tech," he said, "because the company has Tech alumni. They chose Tech for this project. We are also looking to partner up with the business school to put (Greenstar Blox) in the market. It is a great benefit to have the Texas Tech brand."

Civil engineering students, as well as faculty, have taken on the challenge of testing the "Blox," Douglas Smith, the chair of civil engineering, said.

"We just finished the strength-testing and I'm about to begin data analysis," he said. "It is mostly (civil engineering) students performing the tests and one

mechanical engineering student who is testing the thermal characteristics of the 'Blox.' So far, all the tests had positive results."

Tech's involvement does not stop there, Rabon said.

"Tech is like a part-owner," he said. "This will put back more money in to Tech to further research. We have also started several deals in Columbia, Nigeria and Israel. This is certainly changing the U.S. industry and regulations because nothing like this has been done before." glerma@dailytoreador.com

SGA

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The 11 complexes paying contributed about \$162,500 to the SGA and Citibus, Uryasz said, and off-campus busing cost Tech about \$869,000 last year, meaning Tech students paid roughly \$706,000 in fees to make up the difference.

"We re-negotiated our contracts and raised the rates on these apartment complexes," he said. "Of the 11 that were paying before, all but three signed."

The SGA eliminated the stops and

removed the bus signs at the 11 complexes refusing to sign the new contract, Uryasz said.

The complexes that signed the newly negotiated contracts will pay \$329,000 this year, he said, which represents a 101-percent increase in revenues and will allow the SGA to look at lowering transportation fees for the first time in 10 years.

The SGA also hopes to add GPS to the buses transporting students to campus, Uryasz said, as well as expanding the SafeRide program.

He also authorized the building of a \$91,000 bike path in mid-July, Uryasz said. The path will be funded completely by student fees.

A legislative advocacy group is also being formed to address funding for higher education, Uryasz said. The group will be comprised of five senators and five students.

"This last year when we went down to Austin, we realized higher education was in trouble," he said. "We soon found out in late May that \$67 million is going to be cut from our university over the next two years."

Uryasz said he would also like to give his successor a voice in affairs of the City of Lubbock.

"It is also my goal, by the time I get out of office, to have my successor sit on the city council as a non-voting member," he said. "I believe that with 32,000 students and more than a billion-dollar impact on the city's economy, that Texas Tech should be represented on the city council."

Senator Stuart Williams advocated for Senate Resolution 47.05, which he authored. The bill, according to the legislation agenda, would recognize Board of Regents member John Steinmetz for voting against a rise in student tuition due to rising unemployment.

Williams said too much has been piled on a student population that can increasingly not bear the burden of rising tuition and costs.

"This cannot and should not be abided," Williams said, pounding the table in front of him, "particularly by this body of students."

Williams praised Steinmetz for standing up against the rest of the Board of Regents and the state.

"And so it is an altogether more curious thing that the students of this university find suddenly a friend," Williams said. "Steinmetz is a man of fresh and new outlook, of young and energetic spirit, who finally decided to take our side against an increasingly dissuadable behemoth which is the state and the administration."

Senators Colin Davis and Matt Phippen dissented, saying the bill was an attack on the other members of the Board of Regents.

"This is a bill specifically congratulating one person and condemning eight others," Davis said, "and that is why I am against it."

He is not against supporting a call to stop raising tuition and fees for students, Davis said, but this bill would be a sign of disrespect.

"What it really comes down to is this resolution is going to be a slap in the face to the other eight members of our Board of Regents," Phippen said. "We have to remember that we rely on this Board of Regents to accomplish things that we, as a student senate, want to get done." tmyatt@dailytoreador.com

Water

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"Everyone was passing out," he said. "I saw at least two or three people pass out from the heat that had to be carried out."

Others said the little hydration available at the game was highly priced.

"One of the water fountains was out of order by where we were sitting, and I remember having to buy a five-dollar

Gatorade with a lot of ice in it to share with three people," Anna Lorenzi, a senior exercise and sports science major from The Woodlands, said. "That's a little ridiculous when you're parched."

Geppi said she is certain this game day will differ from the one last year.

"We have a lot of good products and training, so I think it should be a good first game," she said. "We're looking forward to a really good year."

The professional vending company's

66,000 bottles of water and 14 stand-alone beverage stations should prevent last year's incident from reoccurring, Blayne Beal, director of media relations for Tech Athletics, said.

"They have done a tremendous job of preparing for the game, and we don't anticipate any problems this year," he said. "I think we'll be in great shape and our fans will be well taken care of. It's going to be a good year." atubbs@dailytoreador.com

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Masked Rider begins stint in Red Raider lore

By DANIELLE KING
STAFF WRITER

Being the 50th Masked Rider may seem intimidating for some, but Bradley Skinner, the current Masked Rider, is taking everything in stride.

It was in April 2011 when the Transfer of the Reins ceremony occurred. Christi Chadwell, Masked Rider from 2010-2011, handed over the reins of Midnight Matador to Skinner.

Skinner, a senior animal and food sciences major from Arvada, Colo., said it was such a prestigious honor to represent Texas Tech University in such a role.

He said he never imagined he would become the Masked Rider. "I didn't think I would get it either, but I did," he said.

Out of all the candidates, Skinner said, he had the most cards stacked against him.

He was a transfer student from Colorado State University, not from Texas, and had no experience in the Masked Rider program. In the end, none of that mattered.

"He has that way of communicating. (He) has shown that through appearances this summer," Bruce Bills, unit coordinator for the Center for Campus Life, said.

Being the Masked Rider is not all fun and games though. It requires traveling and responsibility.

Skinner said from April to September he traveled about 9,000 miles.

The football games students see him riding at are just one aspect to the real responsibilities of the Masked Rider.

Every morning, Skinner must feed Midnight Matador, ride him daily, keep up with his health, wash him for every event and drive the trailer to events himself.

Skinner said one of the hardest parts of becoming the Masked Rider was choosing his two assistants.

After interviewing many candidates, Skinner chose Lisa Grant and Georganne McClain. He did not know either prior to interviewing them.

Skinner currently has had 50 to 60 appearances, including freshmen and transfer orientations, parades, rodeos and recruiting.

So far, the best part of becoming the Masked Rider has been getting to spread the Tech tradition throughout the state, Skinner said.

He also said he has the same challenges as every other student — he must balance his time, social life and school.

Saturday marks the first football game of the season and the first time Skinner will make his grand appearance running on the field.

Behind the Mask



BRADLEY SKINNER IS Texas Tech's 50th Masked Rider.

PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

At Saturday's game, more than half of the former Masked Riders will be in attendance on the field to watch the 50th Masked Rider.

He said he is not nervous about his run.

Skinner said his experience with horses started at 5-years-old, and he has shown horses at all levels. Cutting, reining and working cow-horse are only a few of the equestrian disciplines Skinner knows.

He also said every Masked Rider has his or her own style, and throughout his time as Masked Rider he hopes his style is of the West Texas cowboy tradition.

"(As a transfer student) he has really thrown himself into the position — so knowledgeable," said Stephanie Rhode, supervisor for Tech's Spirit Program.

She said she believes he will do well representing Tech

because he understands he is representing something bigger than himself.

In the future, Skinner hopes to get a career in agriculture and stay in Texas.

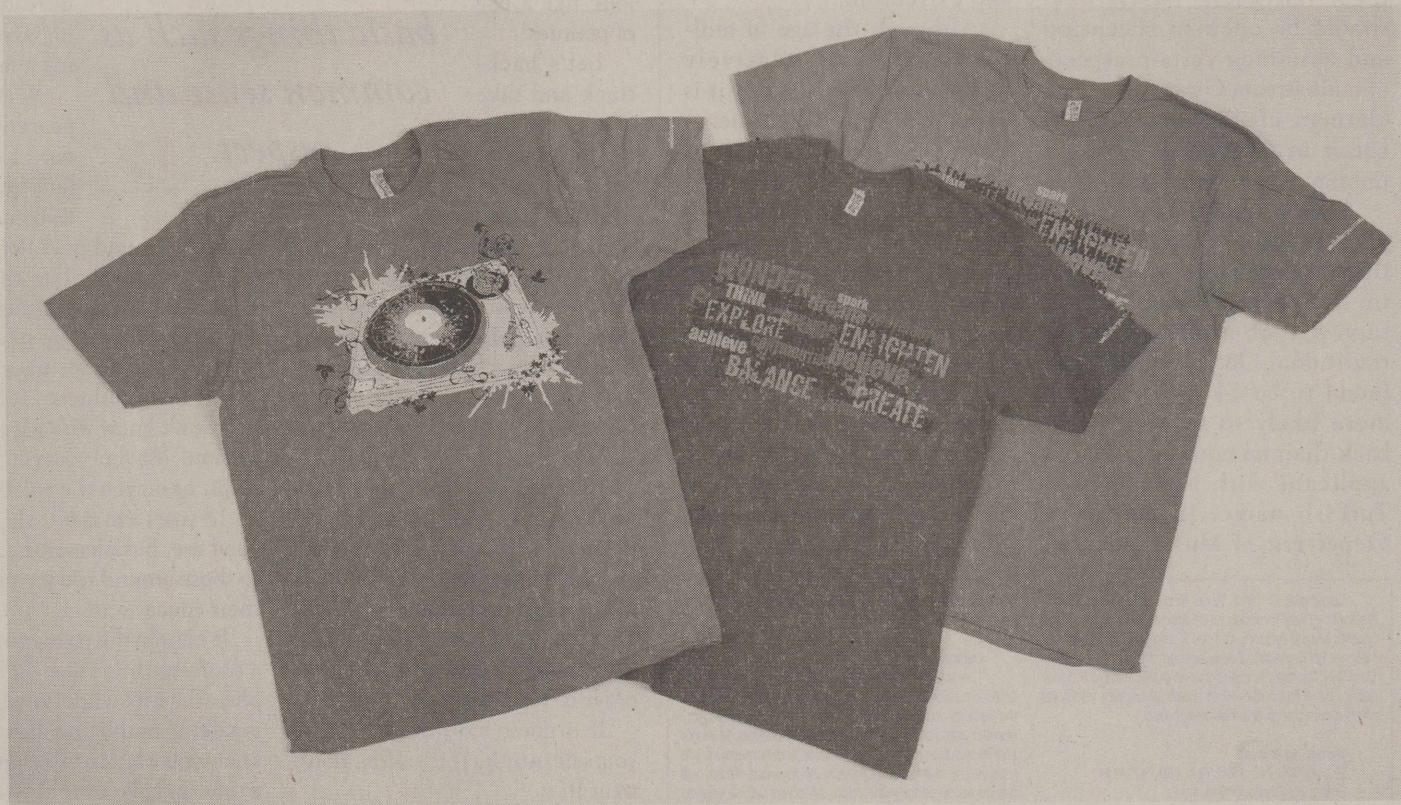
"If you want something, just go for it," he said. "Nobody ever died trying."

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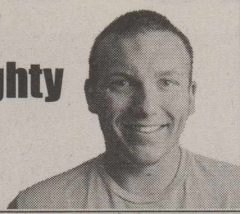
Put school spirit into high gear this year

Hey Tech fans, get your red and black paint ready. Save yourself numerous scrubbing sessions by putting it on once and never taking it off because this season is packed with Tech events.

This weekend marks the season opener for many different organizations. Most notably, Texas Tech football is kicking off against Texas State this weekend. A nice win there surely should get fans in the spirit. I am not forgetting other teams and clubs. Volleyball, soccer and cross-country will compete all semester, allowing plenty of opportunities to support a wide array of Tech teams.

I begin the talk of school spirit with sports because there is nothing like a good, competitive event to get Red Raider blood pumping. Being under those highly illuminating lights

Andy Doughty



packed into the Jones AT&T Stadium with 60,000 of your closest friends is an irreplaceable feeling.

Football is definitely a rallying factor for students, faculty, staff, Lubbock and all of our parents at home. I know my family's house couldn't fit another piece of Tech decor.

Other sports on campus this fall will be just as exciting. Seeing the winning goal of the soccer team and the last dig winning the game for the Lady Raiders volleyball team are definite must-sees this season. I think Tech sports in general can

really get students in the mood to show support for the school.

I also tip my hat to those students who get the crowd pumped up and involved for sporting events. There would be a real deficit of school spirit without the Masked Rider, the spirit squads, the Goin' Band from Raiderland and all others who participate in cheering Tech to victory.

Having a sense of pride for your school is really important, and, with concerted effort, I

think Tech's student body does an awesome job of showing honor and dignity for their school.

However, sporting events aren't the only place school spirit is needed. It would be very interesting to see a tailgate outside the Charles E. Maedgen, Jr. Theatre for the upcoming production "Urinetown." I understand this will probably never happen, but these productions are just as important to the university.

In the past two years, I have attended many different events

at Tech. Some were for entertainment and a lot were against my will. I have been to more dance productions than I care to admit. One semester, I had to attend three dance productions, two theater productions, three book readings and an interpretive poetry reading. I have definitely had my fair share of the arts.

However, even though everything mentioned above was for a grade, I can finally see the importance of going. Showing support to fellow classmates helps boost university morale and increases the understanding of those visual performances. While I may not have wanted to attend initially, I was thoroughly impressed by the time they were finished with the level at which these actors and dancers performed.

It takes all types of majors

and events to make Tech function, but one thing we all have in common is love for our school. Maintaining school spirit is imperative for keeping school traditions and esteem alive.

There are many important events going on this year. Rallying around our fellow Tech classmates shows other schools, our alumni and future Red Raiders how strong we are as a university.

I hope Tech has a winning season in everything we compete in. If not, I still will be proud of where I go to school and show support for the Red Raiders. And expect to see me make an appearance or two supporting other extracurricular events.

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German discrimination creates barrier to entry, threatens social integration

By **JAMIE DAILEY**
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I spent my summer living and working in Germany, specifically in the city of Düsseldorf. It is a city of roughly 600,000, the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia — the most populous German state — and the wealthiest city in Germany. Let me start this off by saying I had an amazing summer. I loved living in Düsseldorf and made great friends there.

This was not my first experience with Germany, either. I spent a considerable portion of my childhood living there and always have had an affinity for all things German. When you love something, whether it be a person, place or culture, you are putting a lot at stake. You want it to succeed and are disappointed when it fails.

I had a particular experience in Germany this summer that I have thought about a great deal since returning. It was my last weekend there, and my friend — also an American — and I planned to go to a club we had

visited several times in the past. She also invited three of her guy friends to come along, who all happened to be Turkish. Keep in mind, my friend and I pretty much fit the German stereotype of white skin and light hair. We also never had an issue getting into this club in the past, but there was a problem that night.

We were about to walk in when an employee signaled to one of our Turkish companions to turn around and leave. He did so without saying anything. I quickly asked what had happened and he said, "He didn't like me." I was about to go up to the employee and complain when one of our other friends said nothing could be done

about it: They were not allowed in because they were Turkish. Our friends told me this happens all the time and they have trouble finding anywhere to go for fun at night because no one lets them in.

This was not my only experience with discrimination in Germany. Several times I heard, "I don't like foreigners" from people who, of course, forgot I was also a foreigner. I also heard on occasion, "I don't like Turkish people." These

are symptoms of a very serious problem in Germany, a nation that has struggled to integrate and include immigrants, especially those of Turkish background.

Today, a third of all children born in Germany are born to immigrant parents. This is a significant development in a nation that once defined itself in terms of a single, German race. Although immigrants should be open to accepting and absorbing certain aspects of mainstream German society, German citizens need to do better in terms of integrating immigrant communities.

A recent survey showed 50 percent of Germans believe there are too many immigrants in the country. In another survey, a job applicant with a traditional German name was found to be 14 to 24 percent more likely to receive a call back than an equally qualified applicant with a traditional Turkish name. In addition, 51 percent of Muslims polled

in Germany felt "many or most Europeans [are] hostile towards them." And these are not just problems of perception. Immigrants also account for 36 percent of the impoverished and 29 percent of the unemployed in Germany.

It is not just Germany that is experiencing trouble with integration. There are major issues throughout the rest of Europe as well. Some say the failure to properly assimilate immigrant communities was a major factor in the recent riots in major English cities. According to Reuters, Anders Behring Breivik, the man behind the recent terrorist attacks in Norway, argued that the reason for his attacks was to "spark a revolution against the multiculturalism that was sapping the heritage of Europe." The 2005 London bus bombings also were carried out by homegrown terrorists and, not too long before I arrived in Düsseldorf, German police busted a homegrown terrorist ring of Islamic extremists. Therefore, not only is tension between immigrants and non-immigrants in Europe leading to discrimination, but it also is providing a basis for violence and extremism.

Although the age of multiculturalism is relatively new to European society, it is imperative that governments work now to institute programs that properly assimilate immigrant communities and enable them to air grievances. Assimilation is not about erasing heritage, but rather allowing immigrants to feel like a legitimate part of their new society. Striving to implement better integration programs will create a stronger and more cohesive Germany, as well as a stronger and more cohesive Europe.

Always show respect to yourself, to student body, society at large

With the ways some people on campus behave, I believe there should be some sort of college etiquette class. Although the law considers you an adult, there is still a long list of people who lack basic things such as common sense and respect.

So, in lieu of this nonexistent etiquette class, here are a few things you should at least consider, even if you don't follow any of the advice given.

I've received recommendations from quite a few people saying I should focus my article on choices of dress, so I figured I would address this matter first.

It's mostly comical — yet still quite embarrassing — when I see someone who has just squeezed their entire life into a pair of spandex pants, thinking they look decent when not only do they not fit, but they also don't look flattering. In fact, they look terrible and make one's backside look like a bag of pennies.

Let's backtrack and take things back to our high school years. For some of you, they were just yesterday. For the rest of you, they could have been years ago. The reason high schools set dress codes for students is because it helps keep schools from looking bad, although most would like to believe it's because their schools are overly strict.

In the end, we learn it's because we don't always choose to dress in the most respectable manner when given the freedom. All of you are worth some sort of value — at least I hope most of you think this way. We should all dress accordingly in order to represent this value.

If it doesn't fit, don't squeeze yourself into it. If it's dirty, don't wear it.

A friend of mine recently informed me some people are influenced by ways musical artists dress. In particular, she mentioned the artist Drake. I don't follow mainstream music much, so I did a Google search on the artist and came across photos of the character "Jimmy" from the Canadian show "Degraasi."

If her theory is true, it only makes me wonder why there are so many people influenced by the lives of celebrities. So many people want to be famous or feel they should be famous. I don't

Mandy Martinez



understand why people feel like being famous is what life is all about.

Sure, it'll pay enough to keep your mental states over money at ease, but the entire concept of fame has always baffled me. I'm open to further understanding for why people feel fame holds so much importance, so I welcome emails from readers on the matter.

Even though the dream of being famous is a nice idea, it's just not realistic. Float back down

to reality, and, when you do, hopefully you'll have gained some sort of self-respect and begin trying your best to represent yourself in a decent manner, instead of walking about looking like a mess.

With appearances now out of the way, let's remember to be respectful to those around us. I don't know how many classes I've sat in with somebody loudly talking about the night before or playing on Facebook, distracting everyone sitting behind them.

I don't know who pays for your tuition. Maybe you get scholarships, or maybe the trust fund set up 18 years ago is clearly going to good use, but please be respectful to those around you trying to earn their educations.

It's annoying trying to listen to a professor in a room full of 300-plus students while someone else is talking and being distracting. I know you want to talk, but there is a time and place for it. Show some decency to fellow classmates. Who knows? Maybe one day the person you annoyed in whatever class you weren't paying attention in will end up being your boss.

So, with that said, I hope this enlightenment will be beneficial and enlightening at least for some. Most importantly, please remember to respect yourself and others.

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"We were about to walk in when an employee signaled to one of our Turkish companions to turn around and leave."

"Although the law considers you an adult, there is still a long list of people who lack basic things such as common sense and respect."

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Expect a surprise at the First Friday Art Trail

By **ROCIO RODRIGUEZ**
STAFF WRITER

The Vernacular Music Center plans to flash mob the First Friday Art Trail today in promotion of musical forms of arts.

"We were thinking about two factors: the fact that there is a large population of people interested in the arts out on the art trail in the first Fridays, and the fact that we've got a lot of activity going on here at the center," Christopher J. Smith, associate professor and director of the Vernacular Music Center at Texas Tech University, said.

"We have a bunch of different VMC ensembles appearing in a bunch of different locations throughout the three hours of the art trail," he said. "We're really excited about it." Smith said the support from the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts and the city was encouraging, and he hopes to create an atmosphere similar to a festival where many activities happen at once.

"It's something we've observed

that's kind of fun," Smith said. "It really makes it feel ... there's an energy that emerges."

The Vernacular Music Center sponsors concerts, classes and research and serves as a venue for a number of musical ensembles at Tech, Smith said.

Some of these ensembles will be participating in the flash mob.

"In this flash mob idea, we're trying to spread knowledge about our distinct dance group and also help create interest and atmosphere for the First Friday Art Trail," Justin Duncan, a music doctoral student from Greenville, said.

Duncan said he is a part of the

Caprock Morris Dancers. Border Morris dancing is an English style incorporating sticks and energetic movements. They will be performing on the trolleys.

"You know,

Austin has the 'Keep Austin Weird' (slogan) and Lubbock has this very interesting thing that is the First Friday Art Trail," Duncan said. "So our attention is to create this atmosphere in the FFAT, especially with the flash mob. You never know

when they're going to show up, so when people go to these anything can happen, and it's a pretty cool experience."

Smith said the Caprock English

Country Dancers will perform in the Legacy Ballroom on 14th Street and Avenue O.

The Tech Irish Set-Dancers will be at Glassy Alley on 1940 Texas Ave.

"I'm more excited than nervous to get our group out to the public so they know who we are," Emily Furillo, a co-instructor for the set dancers, said in an email. "We are also excited about bringing some audience members into the dances and hope to create some interest within the community."

The junior communication design major from Schertz said the Tech Irish Set-Dancers is an official student organization that promotes learning, teaching and sharing of the set dances of Ireland.

"It's rare to find traditional Irish social dances in West Texas, which makes the flash mob more exciting," Furillo said.

The First Friday Art Trail is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., according to its website.

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Prosecutors worried about Jackson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors want to delay disclosure of coroner and fire department records on Michael Jackson's death to parties in a civil suit to prevent information leaks to the media before the trial of his doctor.

In documents filed Wednesday, Deputy District Attorneys David Walgren and Deborah Brazil said media leaks would be inevitable if the reports are released for the civil case, in which Lloyd's of London is suing entertainment giant AEG Live over the insurance policy for the pop star's ill-fated concert series.

The prosecutors asked that materials including Jackson's autopsy photos remain sealed until the conclusion of the involuntary manslaughter trial for Dr. Conrad Murray.

Noting that Murray's case has received "significant, unrelenting media attention," they said any media leaks also would complicate jury selection for that criminal trial, which begins Sept. 8.

Prosecutors predicted that those with access to the evidence would be offered money for any information. They also said some of the material sought in the lawsuit may never be admitted in evidence at the criminal trial.

Jackson, 50, died in June 2009, days before he was to go to London for the "This Is It" concerts.

Lloyd's had insured Jackson for \$17.5 million for the shows. The insurer is challenging payment of the policy, saying they did not know Jackson was taking drugs before he died of an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

'DWTS' producer: Give Chaz Bono a chance to dance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Dancing With the Stars" executive producer Conrad Green says despite controversy over the casting of its first transgender contestant, "Dancing" remains a family show and viewers should check out the new season before passing judgment.

Chaz Bono, who was born female but underwent surgery to become a man, is among the cast of 12 celebrities set to appear on the ABC hit when it premieres later this month — a decision that's drawn ire from some "Dancing" fans and conservative media groups.

Dan Gainer of the Culture and Media Institute calls Bono's casting "a ridiculous, agenda-driven move by 'Dancing With the Stars.'"

"This is the latest example of the networks trying to push a sexual agenda on American families," he said Thursday.

The organization is not calling for a boycott of the show, but online group OneMillionMoms.com is. It says on its website that the casting of Bono and openly-gay reality star Carson Kressley "is completely unacceptable and Christians should not watch the show, no excuses!"

Jones prepares food, water for Saturday

By **PAIGE SKINNER**
STAFF WRITER

Jones AT&T Stadium has been gearing up for Saturday's game by ordering food and water to serve the expected amount of people filling the seats.

Last year, there was a problem with distributing the water among the concession stands and people.

Amy Geppi, general manager of Ovations Food Services, the company managing the concessions at the stadium, said they did not run out of water.

"We did not actually run out of water," she said. "We could not get it around the concourse because the concourse was too crowded."

This year, she said, they are better prepared with more

places to obtain drinks.

"We have 14 stand-alone beverage stations," she said. "We have a professional hawking company that will be in-house hawking to the seats. We have all of our subcontractors. All of our areas have plenty of beverages in-house."

She said Ovations Food Services ordered a lot in planning for the first game.

They have 66,000 water bottles in-house, she said, and estimated they ordered 20,000 hot dogs.

She said there are about 500 people working in concessions, including non-profit groups.

Ken Armes, concessions manager for Texas Tech Athletics, said the stadium is stocked with enough beverages.

"We've got drink stations just about everywhere in the stadium. Every 25 yards, you'll hit one," he

said. "Right now, I've got probably 60,000 20-ounce bottles on hand and I've got 6,000 liter bottles on hand. We've got products running out of our ears, to be honest."

He expects the first game to be busy, he said, because it usually always is.

He said hot dogs always sell well, but they have some relatively new food items, as well.

"Of course, hot dogs are one of our best sellers," he said. "But, with our new products that were introduced last year with the chicken strips and the hamburgers, they also sold extremely well."

Geppi said they would like to average \$6 a person, and they have new "action stations" this year.

"We have two new locations this year that are serving as 'action stations' that folks can come out and try," she said.

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Welcome back, Fran

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

Many things change in nine years; the coaching landscape in college football is no exception.

The last time Texas State Head Coach Dennis Franchione and Texas Tech Head Coach Tommy Tuberville stood on opposing sidelines was 2002.

Franchione was the head man at Alabama, while Tuberville was the front man at Auburn. In the Iron Bowl that season, the Tigers knocked off the Crimson Tide 17-7. It is easy to assume things are drastically different for the two former Southeastern Conference coaches. However, it is closer to the difference between maroon and crimson than night and day.

"We had different teams and different programs, but coaching is still coaching," Franchione said. "I know that Tommy's team will be well-prepared and well-coached. They always are and always have been."

This will be Franchione's first year at Texas State after his stint at Texas A&M ended in 2007. For the former Aggie coach, the career move felt right.

After all, he was the head coach of the Bobcats — then known as Southwest Texas State — in 1990 and 1991. Now, the challenge of transitioning Texas

State from the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) is something he is comfortable with.

"I had a lot of passion for this school then and still do," Franchione said. "My career has been one of rebuilding or building programs. This process of taking one from FCS football to FBS football is kind of one that seemed like something I would be doing."

The first FBS game for the Bobcats will be in 2012 against Houston.

When the hiring was made in January, Darius Bolden said he was excited to have Franchione for his senior season due to the coach's former career stops.

"A lot of Division I experience is always a good thing for a football player to have," Bolden, who has four career touchdowns, said.

The transition to the FBS extends further than the playing field. Franchione said FCS schools are allotted 63 scholarships while FBS schools receive 85. According to Franchione, Texas State will have 72 scholarships this year.

"It's a process and transition to there in that area and in coaching staff and funding and support," Franchione said. "Fortunately, our administration has been very helpful in all of that. Our stadium is being enlarged and (is) under

construction. That's exciting."

Texas State might be pining for the friendly confines of Bobcat Stadium on Saturday night. Not only will they be facing an FBS school in Tech with a streak of 11 bowl games, but Franchione is 0-5 in his career at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"It's as good an atmosphere as there is in the Big 12," Franchione said. "It's a closed-in setting and the fans and student body do a great job there. They love their football and they love their Red Raiders. I think it's one of the tougher places to play in the league."

To prepare for the 6 p.m. tilt with the Red Raiders, the Bobcats have tried to simulate the environment in Lubbock.

"We've worked with crowd noise to try to get used to that as much as we can," Franchione said. "I don't know if you can replicate it completely, but we've tried."

Even with the odds stacked against them, Texas State is aplomb about their season opener.

"The coaches have so much confidence in us and it's rubbing off so much," Bolden said. "Players practicing hard every single day — that just builds confidence. I'd have to say, we're very confident about the game."

The self-assurance of Bolden bodes well for the future of Texas



DENNIS FRANCHIONE, NOW the head coach at Texas State, leads his Bobcats into action against Texas Tech at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. This season is Franchione's first year as a coach since his stint at Texas A&M ended in 2007. Franchione also was the head coach at Alabama in 2001 and 2002.

State football under Franchione, and an upset win Saturday night would be a monumental first step.

"We understand we'll be a big underdog in this game — and rightfully so," Franchione said. "There's always a formula for a team to find a way to win and we'll play to find that formula."

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Texas's Irby returns 3 years after gruesome injury

AUSTIN (AP) — The twitch in Blaine Irby's right foot was so subtle no one else could have seen it. For Irby, it was the moment he had been aching for.

The twitch meant the nerves in his right leg were coming back to life. It meant he might walk normally again.

To him, even if not to anybody else, it meant he might play football again. Nearly three years after a devastating collision dislocated his kneecap and left his leg a mangled mess of shredded ligaments, cartilage and nerves, Irby will return to the field for the Texas Longhorns on Saturday night. He will do it against Rice, the team that almost knocked him out of the game forever.

"I always knew in my heart I would come back," Irby said. "I think it's definitely a miracle ... God had something to do with this."

In September 2008, Irby was Texas' future at tight end. A former high school All-American from Camarillo, Calif., he had great hands with good speed and was set to follow in the footsteps of former Longhorns tight ends Bo Scaife, David Thomas and Jermichael Finley, all of whom were playing in the NFL. Irby scored a touchdown in each of the first two games. Texas was in the third quarter of a 52-10 win over Rice when a defender smashed into his knee just as he was catching a pass.

"I remember turning around and seeing a really white object coming low, and then I flipped over," Irby said. "My next memory is when (athletic trainer) Kenny (Boyd) was on top me telling me to calm down.... I remember screaming a little bit, but I was in shock."

Boyd immediately knew Irby had suffered a devastating injury. The first priority was to check the blood flow inside the knee. If it was compromised, Irby faced the possibility of damage severe enough to force amputation.

Fortunately it wasn't, but the extent of the injury suggested Irby would never play football again. Even after three surgeries to rebuild his shattered knee, the nerve damage was so bad that Irby had a foot drop, a condition where he couldn't flex his ankle to pick up his foot. Irby's doctors gave him a less than 5 percent chance of walking normally again.

Irby heard the prognosis and ignored it, spending hundreds of hours in rehabilitation to bring his leg and foot back to life. Everything started with simply trying to press his foot against his work-out partner's hand.

Jeff Madden, Texas assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning, called those first days "just like teaching a kid how to walk all over again."

For months, Irby wore a brace and walked using crutches. For long distances around campus, he drove a cart. Through it all, Irby swore to anyone who would listen — teammates, coaches

and family — that he would play again. The typical response was a hug and a sympathetic "that's nice."

The foot finally responded in December 2009. Irby, who was still spending time with the team, was in a position meeting preparing for the 2010 national championship game when he felt the twitch.

Irby looked at his foot, telling it to move.

"Then all of a sudden, it just kind of twitched for about maybe half an inch," Irby said.

Wanting to burst with excitement, Irby quietly excused himself and shuffled down the hall to tell Boyd the news. After a round of hugs, Irby went back to his room and spent the night trying to get the foot to move again.

"I did it probably a thousand times that night," Irby said.

The twitch gave Irby new zeal to get back to the field. He pushed himself from walking to jogging to regaining muscle strength. Everyone cheered his effort and positive attitude but few held real hope that Irby would play again.

"There's a long way to go from feeling that twitch and being able to block a defensive end," Boyd said.

Perhaps not quite believing what he was seeing, Boyd finally cleared Irby to join spring practice on a limited basis last February.

"I would say it would be a miracle," Boyd said.

Texas coach Mack Brown didn't want him to come back. Brown suffered bad knee injuries as a running back in college at Vanderbilt and Florida State, and had a knee replacement six years ago. Brown now walks with a noticeable hobble.

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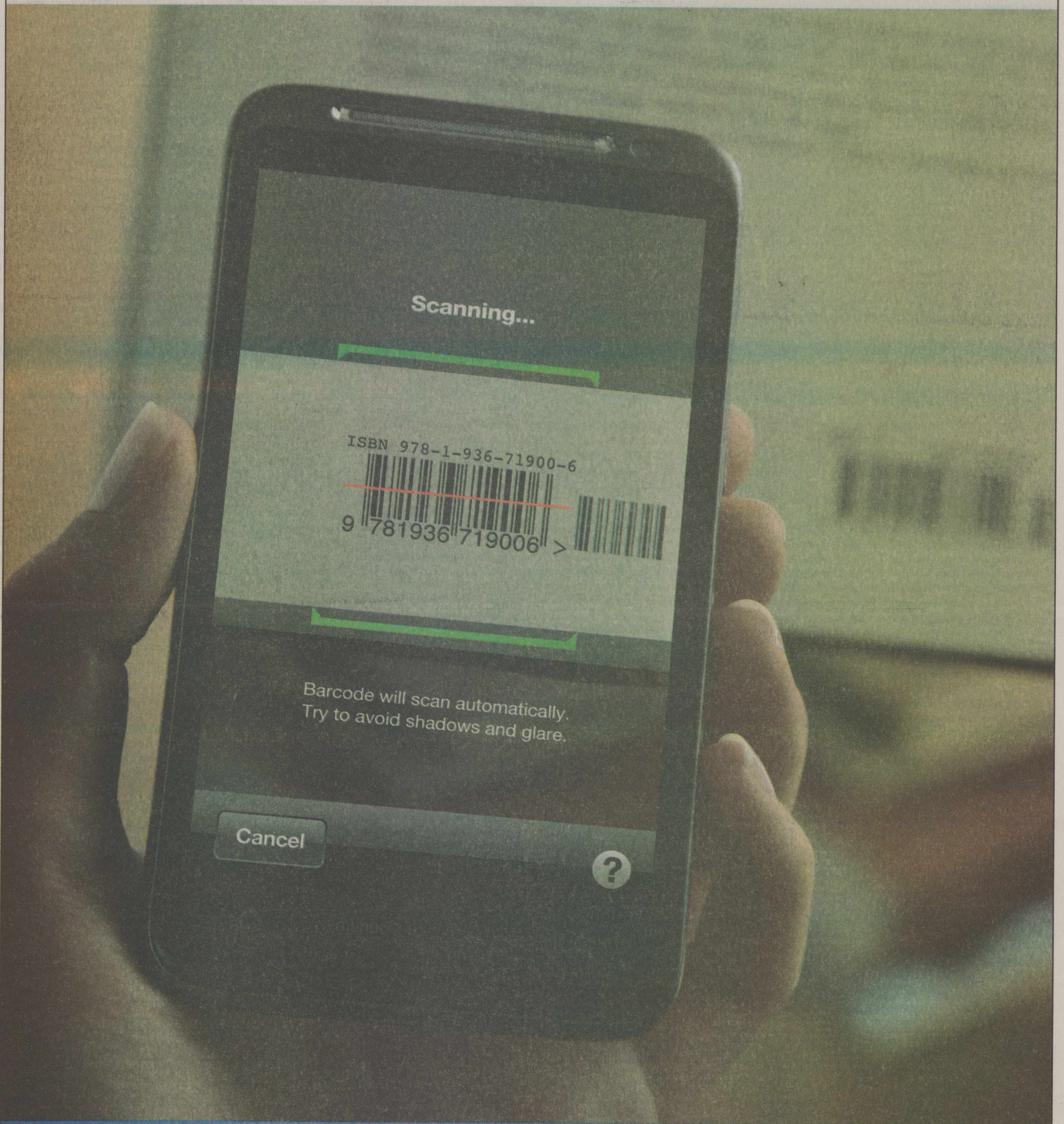
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