

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 who finally decided to take our side ..." **Stuart Williams**

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 energetic spirit, 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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Bobcats come to town

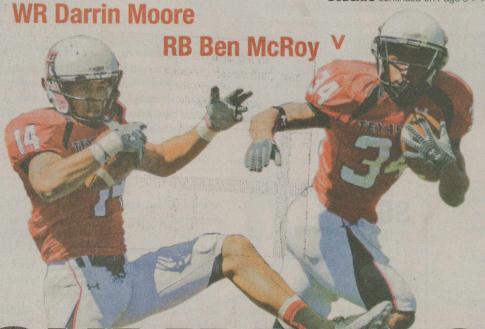
Tech set for opener as Franchione era begins at Texas State

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

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Tech AD Hocutt addresses A&M, Big 12 Conference expansion talks

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

Texas A&M's withdrawal from the Big 12 Conference, which, to many, seems imminent, has left the remaining schools in a position to seek potential replacements or allow the league to deteriorate.

Texas Tech Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt addressed local media Thursday regarding Texas A&M's plan to join another conference and options for what's left of the original Big 12.

Hocutt said his personal focus involving the conference's future plans center on expansion ideas.

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GAMEDAY

Texas Tech vs. Texas State Kickoff: 6 p.m. Location: Jones AT&T Stadium Radio: KTTU-FM 104.3/Sirius 93

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 concourse and we couldn't move 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

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 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, \$500 can be 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 & Activites, 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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Community Calendar

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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.

Tech Football vs. Texas Time: 6 p.m. Where: Jones AT&T Sta-

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.

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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 ecofriendly construction material.

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

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 constructional use.

said. "The material has greater absorption he said, "because the company has Tech of impact. I mean safety is our top priority when developing and using (Greenstar

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,"

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

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

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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, Urvasz 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.

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 Pippen dissented, saying the bill was an attack on the other members of the Board of Regents. "This is a bill specifically congratulat-

ing 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

"What it really comes down to is this "This cannot and should not be resolution is going to be a slap in the face to the other eight members of our Board of Regents," Pippen 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."

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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 avail-

able 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

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Gatorade with a lot of ice in it to share 66,000 bottles of water and 14 standwith 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."

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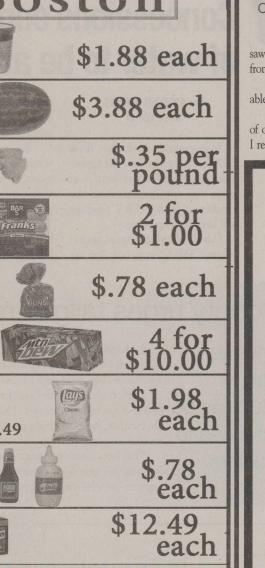
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alone beverage stations should prevent last year's incident from reoccurring, Blayne Beal, director of media relations

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."

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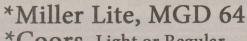
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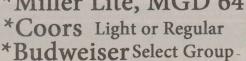
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Masked Rider begins stint in Red Raider lore

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

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



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

T ey 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 think Tech's student body does at Tech. Some were for enterto show support for the school.

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

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never happen, but these productions are just Having a sense of pride for as important to the university. In the past two years, I have

tainment and a lot were against my will. I have been to more dance productions than I care er, sporting to admit. One semester, I had to attend three dance producthe only place tions, two theater productions, school spirit three book readings and an events going on this year. Ralis needed. It 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 lying 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 Always show respect to entry, threatens social integration to yourself, to student

By JAMIE DAILEY CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)

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 about to walk always have had an affinity for all things German. When you employee siglove 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

past. She also invited three of her guy friends to come along, who all happened to be Turkish. Keep in mind, my friend

man 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

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

visited several times in the about it: They were not allowed in Germany felt "many or in because they were Turkish. Our friends told me this happens all the time and they have trouble finding anywhere to go and I pretty much fit the Ger- for fun at night because no one lets them in.

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> ple." These are symptoms of a very serious problem in Germany, a nation that has struggled to integrate and include immigrants, especially those of Turkish back-

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

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 eigners" from riots in major English cities. people who, According to Reuters, Anders of course, for- Behring Breivik, the man got I was also 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.

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ith 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

I've received recommendations om 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 "Degrassi."

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



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

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 dècent manner, instead of walking about looking 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 300plus 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 information will be beneficial and enlightening at least for some. Most importantly, please remember to respect yourself and others.

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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' something we've observed

ally makes it feel ... there's an energy that emerges."

The Vernacular Music Center sponsors con-

certs, 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

that's kind of fun," Smith said. "It re- Caprock Morris Dancers. Border Country Dancers will perform in the Morris dancing is an English style incorporating sticks and energetic movements. They will be performing

on the trolleys.

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

"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

Smith said the Caprock English >>> rrodriguez@dailytoreador.com

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

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

Dan Gainor 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 openlygay reality star Carson Kressley "is completely unacceptable and Christians should not watch the show, no excuses!"

Jones prepares food, water for Saturday

when they're going to show up, so

when people go to these anything

can happen, and it's a pretty cool

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

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

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

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

This year, she said, they

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.

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

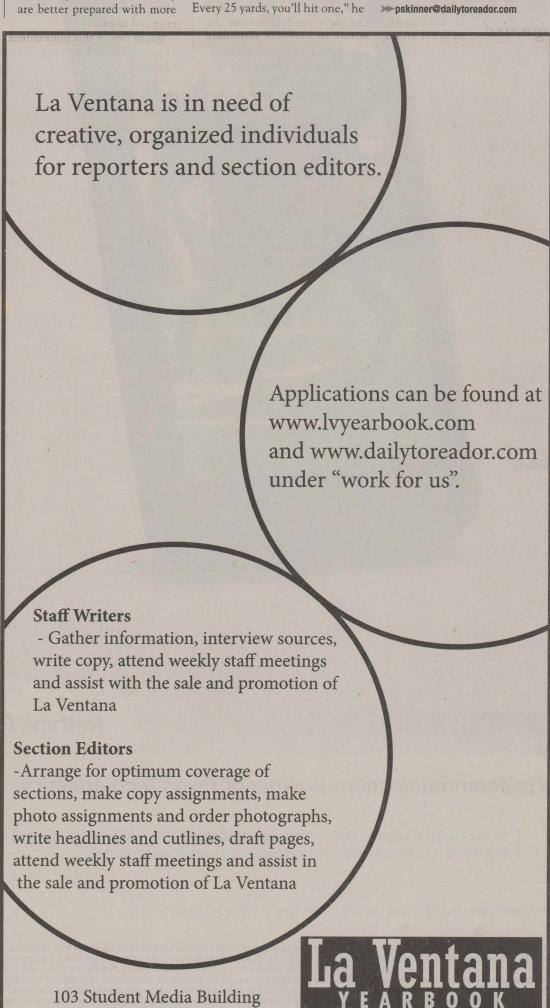
He said hot dogs always sell well, but they have some relatively new food items, as well.

"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."

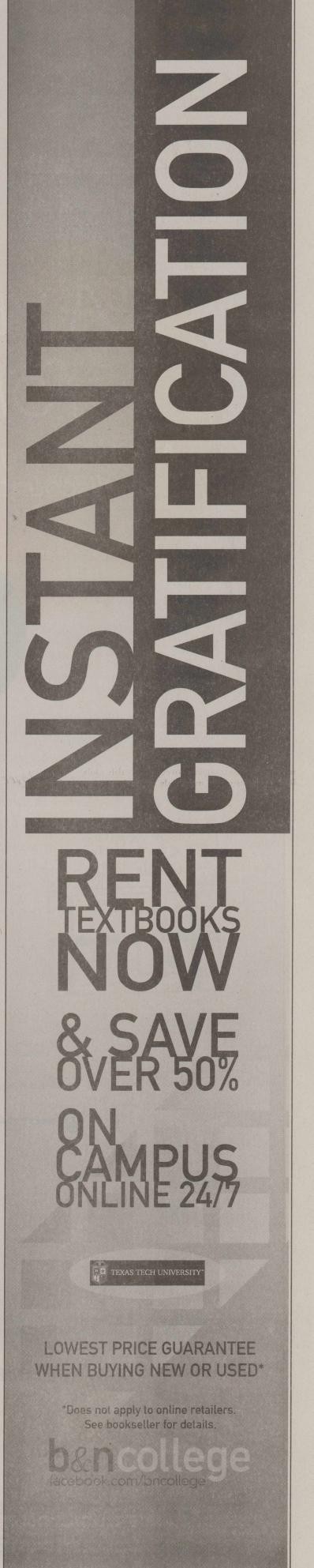
Geppi said they would like to average \$6 a person, and they have new "action stations" this

"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 onship Subdivision (FCS) to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) is something he is comfortable

"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

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

State from the Football Champiconstruction. 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

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 about the game.'

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



AUSTIN HUMPHREYS/The University Star

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 have to say, we're very confident always a formula for a team to find a way to win and we'll play to find that formula."

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Turn her dreams into a

Texas's Irby returns 3 years after gruesome injury

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 ments, 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 workout 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

AUSTIN (AP) — The twitch in 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

Irby looked at his foot, telling it to

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

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.

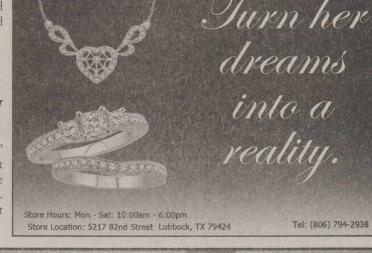
"There's a long way to go from feeling that twitch and being able to block a defensive end," Boyd said.

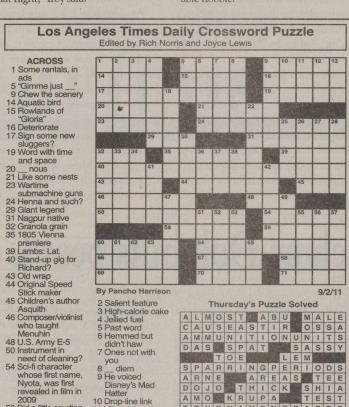
Perhaps not quite believing what he was seeing, Boyd finally cleared Irby to join spring practice on a limited basis last February.

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.

'I told him, 'I would not play," Brown said. "They hoped they could get him to a point where he would be able to play in the backyard with his kids ... I didn't want him walking like I do at 60 years old."





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Defensive end Leon Mackey said there is a chance Texas Tech finds itself in a similar setting when it hosts Texas State at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"I know a game like this is a game that you really got to focus in on because a team like this can kind of beat you," Mackey said Tuesday. "They can kind of take you back to the Appalachian State-Michigan game, so we're doing everything we can to prepare, like more than everything.'

Tech Head Coach Tommy Tuberville has not kept his excitement for Saturday's game in secrecy from anyone.

The game reunites Tuberville with an old friend in Dennis Franchione, Texas State's head coach. The two coached against each other while in the SEC — Tuberville at Auburn and Franchione at Alabama.

Tuberville, despite his familiarity with Franchione's coaching philosophy, remains skeptical about his team's regularseason opener.

"First game of the year always scares me." Tuberville said Wednesday. "I don't care who you play. Whether it's (a) conference game or (the) No. 1 team in the country. I've played teams that were picked to win big and games that were picked to lose and played on the road.

"It's all a mindset about going in, coaches on down, about understanding what you've got to do."

Texas State's first game as a Division I-A program will not occur until next year, when it officially becomes a member of the WAC.

But, there will be no shortage of debuts Saturday.

The Dennis Franchione era at Texas State begins with kickoff, in addition to Chad Glasgow's debut as defensive coordinator for the Red Raiders.

Tuberville expects mistakes considering the unfamiliarity between the two squads, but said his team will be fine if ev-

ery player can execute their objectives.

"Understanding that you can't do everything that you've worked on, but you can do everything hard and fast and play as a team," he said. "That's what you've got to do. You can't go in and think one or two guys are going to win it. Everybody's got to participate and do their job."

Specifically, Tuberville said the defense has more room for error when it comes to executing the game plan.

A key attributing factor to Tuberville's take on his defense may be the fact the defense features just three players with more than one year of playing experience on the two-deep roster.

'We're going to make mistakes right and left," Tuberville said. "The thing about defense is you can make a mistake and still play good just with your athletic ability and speed."

Cody Davis, Tech starting safety and one of the three athletes on the defense's two-deep roster with more than one year of experience, will probably be leaned on for leadership considering his history at Tech.

Fellow starting safety D.J. Johnson also has more than one year of playing

However, Davis said this year's defense is further along than last year's in regards to its grasp on the defensive

"I think we're getting there," Davis said. "The transition process is always there, but I think this year, compared to last year, we're definitely ahead of schedule on that."

Among those who have noticed the defense's progression is Tech starting quarterback Seth Doege.

Doege, entering his third year at Tech and his first as a starter for the Red Raiders, said the defense's improvement will become evident soon enough.

"It's definitely a big change from since I've been here," Doege said Monday. "They're a lot better. I think they're going to be a very big part of this football team.

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Volleyball to host Texas Tech Invitational

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech seniors look to make an impact as the Red Raiders host the Texas Tech Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders look to build from their tournament last weekend, where the team won two of three matches at the TCU Invitational.

Tech senior Amanda Dowdy said the leadership of the upperclassmen is a big factor with such a young team.

"Senior leadership is very important for any team and especially our team because we have a majority of freshmen and sophomores," Dowdy said. "Me and the other fellow seniors, as well as the juniors, are doing a really good job helping the younger players out."

Dowdy led the team in kills at the tournament last weekend and recorded double-doubles in two of the three matches in Fort Worth.

The team is looking forward to playing in Lubbock for the first time this season, Dowdy

"It's a lot of fun to have fans there supporting you," she said. "Having that home court advantage will be great for our newbies to get to experience for the first time."

Tech is slated to play Central Arkansas and Northwestern State on Friday, and face Morehead State on Saturday.

Tech Head Coach Don Flora said the team is growing every day, and he is excited to see

"People who haven't seen the All the teams playing at the team practice in a while or new invitational are solid teams, Flora said, but Central Arkansas people who come in can just feel the vibe, and they can feel the will provide the biggest compeenergy in the gym," Flora said. tition for the Red Raiders. "That's the cool part about see-'Central Arkansas has won ing what is happening, because

their conference. They have a little swagger about them and they know that they come from a winning tradition," he said. "So, the opportunity is good for us because it's a team that we've got to go take something from. They're not just going to give it to us."

One Red Raider who made herself known early in her career is freshman Breeann David.

David said she is pleased with her performance, but she plans to make an impact throughout the season.

"It's an honor to be playing so much as a freshman," David said. "I expect a lot out of myself, and I put the ball down whenever I can and will do whatever my team needs me

She said she is excited to play under the USA's lights for the

"I'm looking forward to just playing again. My family will be here and it is our court, so it should be really fun," she said. >>> cwoodman@dailytoreador.com

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

Lady Raiders will make their home debut this weekend in the Texas Tech Invitational. They will play three games in two days against Central Arkansas, Northwestern State and Morehead State, respectively. what they do this weekend. this weekend."

AFTER PARTICIPATING IN the TCU Invitational Tournament and winning two out of three games, the

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"Texas Tech is obviously disappointed about Texas A&M's conditional plan to leave the Big 12 Conference," Hocutt said. "Texas Tech remains a committed member of the Big 12 Conference. Now our effort — our focus — is on growth and expansion opportunities. We are working hard on that each and every day. Our presidents had developed a plan in the unlikely case that we find ourselves in today, and unfortunately we are here and that plan is in process, and unfortunately it is just going to take some time to play out.

"For me personally, it's the main initiative that I have now.

Assuming Texas A&M is accepted by another conference, the Big 12 would be left with nine schools.

The general consensus is the con-

Today's

ference may not survive as a nineteam league. Hocutt said, based on the remaining teams' commitments to each other, getting back to 10 teams is a priority.

Rumored favorites to join the Big 12 include BYU, an independent football program and West Coast Conference member in all other sports, along with SMU and Houston from Conference USA.

With our commitment, we have got to get back to 10 immediately," Hocutt said. "That is our focus right now. My personal opinion is that conference numbers are going to continue to grow and that we are going to continue to see larger conferences as we go forward. I think, immediately, our initiative is to get to 10 and then we can have strategic discussion about what is best for the Big 12 Conference going forward."

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Ducks and Tigers finally take the field Saturday

(AP) — Come Saturday when LSU faces Oregon on a national stage, the teams finally get to push aside the offseason tumult that has rocked both programs.

The No. 4 Tigers will be without quarterback Jordan Jefferson, who is facing charges connected with a bar fight on Aug. 19, and receiver Russell Shepard will sit out after violating NCAA rules surrounding an ongoing recruiting investigation.

The No. 3 Ducks won't have All-American cornerback Cliff Harris, suspended indefinitely after he was clocked driving a rental car at 118 mph. And, like LSU, Oregon is under investigation by the NCAA.

But even without the controversy, the game would be big: The perennial SEC contender and the Pac-12 upstart with the flashy uniforms open the season at Cowbovs Stadium.

LSU finished 11-2 last season and was ranked No. 8 in the final AP poll after defeating Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. Oregon went 12-1 with the lone loss coming to Auburn in the BCS championship game. The Ducks wrapped up the season ranked No. 3.

While the off-field messes won't go away, the teams hope the start of the season means those concerns are left to just smolder in the back-

scored on a 22-yard touchdown

"I think for everybody outside the Oregon football team and the LSU football team, it's gonna be huge. But for both teams, our focus is football. They're focused on us and we're focused on them," Oregon running back Kenjon Barner said about the peripheral issues.

our athletes are so excited every

day just learning and growing.

It's a good environment right

adds a "seventh man" factor.

Flora said playing at home

"The fans, the sidelines, the

way the gym looks, the lights

- that all bodes well to being

home," Flora said. "We're look-

ing forward to being at home

"We're not letting it worry us one bit," Ducks receiver Josh Huff added. "As a family we stick together. What comes, comes. What goes, goes."

The Tigers are still reeling from last week, when Jefferson and reserve linebacker Josh Johns turned themselves in after police obtained warrants charging them with felony second-degree battery. More players have been implicated in the melee and the investigation is ongoing.

LSU also announced Shepard's suspension for discussing an NCAA inquiry with a teammate who was scheduled to be interviewed about the same matter.

A source familiar with the situation told The Associated Press at the time that the NCAA investigation concerns LSU's relationship with scouting service owner and purported street agent Willie Lyles. The person spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because LSU had not announced what the inquiry entailed.

"There is a heart-filled loss among the Ducks when Harris was pulled the team for losing two teammates. I think with that being said, it is just about going forward and going with a little bit of a different cast of characters," Tigers coach Les Miles said. "There are some things we can control and some things that we can't. Right now there are two that aren't in the huddle. We'll line up and play in their absence."

Lyles' relationship with Oregon is also the subject of an NCAA investigation.

Oregon paid Lyles and Houstonbased Complete Scouting Services \$25,000 early in 2010. Some guestioned the size of the payment, and when Oregon released the information it said Lyles provided, purportedly for potential recruits that year, it was outdated.

At issue was Lyles' relationship with running back Lache Seastrunk, who signed a letter of intent to play for the Ducks just weeks before the payment was made.

Seastrunk was granted his release from Oregon two weeks ago and has since enrolled at Baylor.

Because the NCAA does not comment on investigations, there is no indication when the Oregon and LSU matters might be addressed.

Off-field trouble continued for

over for speeding on a suspended license in June. Oregon coach Chip Kelly immediately suspended the dynamic cornerback because of repeated traffic violations, and Oregon's compliance office was looking into the circumstances surrounding his use of a university employee's

Kelly has said that Harris' reinstatement is dependent on his adherence to program rules.

Ducks linebacker Kiko Alonso has also been serving a suspension after being arrested this spring on an alcohol-related charge. Both Alonso and Harris have been allowed to

While Oregon's players have said all along that they are focused on the upcoming season — and rebounding from the loss to Auburn in the season finale - on Saturday they get a chance to prove it.

Quarterback Darron Thomas said the Ducks would like nothing more than to quiet all the off-field issues.

"Everybody wants to say all this about Oregon and we don't like that," he said. "We've just been working hard getting ready for the season, ready to shut everybody up, ready to come out and play ball and forget

about all these allegations." 4 6 9 5 Starters watch as Dolphins beat Cowboys 17-3

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MIAMI (AP) — Larry Johnson exhibition game for both teams. Reluctant to risk injuries so

run and Matt Moore threw for close to the start of the regular season, the Cowboys designated another score Thursday night to help the Miami Dolphins win a 31 of their 80 players as inactive, battle of backups by beating the while the Dolphins had 21 inactive Dallas Cowboys 17-3 in the final players. Three starters were active

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for each team.

Johnson, a two-time Pro Bowl selection who signed with the Dolphins last week after sitting out most of last season, rushed for 39 yards on 10 carries and scored the game's first points.

Moore, another Miami newcomer, went 9 for 11 for 142 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to third-string tight end Jeron Mastrud.

Dallas third-string quarterback Stephen McGee went 21 for 25 for 233 yards but couldn't get his team into the end zone. The Cowboys' only points came on a 20-yard field goal by David Buehler, who is battling to keep his job.

Running back DeMarco Murray, competing for the backup spot behind Felix Jones, carried 10 times for 32 yards.

The only Dolphins starters active were receiver Brian Hartline, linebacker Koa Misi and safety Chris Clemons. Cowboys active starters were fullback Chris Gronkowski, top draft pick Tyron Smith and rookie guard Bill Nagy.

With roster cuts looming this weekend, about half the play-

ers who saw action will likely be released.

Dallas (2-2) will play its regularseason opener Sept. 11 against the New York Jets. Miami (3-1) opens the following night against New

Moore, slated to back up Chad Henne this season, started the game and led touchdown drives of 79 and 59 yards. His completions included a deep pass to speedy rookie Clyde Gates for a 42-yard gain that set up a TD. Dan Carpenter kicked a 50-yard

field goal for Miami.

On the Cowboys' first play, Murray took a short pass from McGee and turned it into a 48-yard gain. McGee later led Dallas on a 17-play drive that took nearly 9 minutes and ended with Buehler's field goal.

Notes: Miami veteran Will Allen, battling for a roster spot, leaped to break up a pass in the end zone that was intercepted by Tyrone Culver. ... The Dolphins committed only two penalties for 15 yards. ... The small crowd included at least one celebrity: singer Cee Lo Green.

Red Raiders start season at historic Pebble Beach

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 Red Raiders open the golf season at the Carmel Cup at Pebble Beach in Monterrey, Calif. on Friday.

Texas Tech Head Coach Greg Sands said the players are excited to have the opportunity to play at such a historic course.

"Everybody is really, really excited," Sands said. "It's a bucket list type of thing we're getting do."

Pebble Beach is most recently known for being home to the 2010 U.S. Open.

Tech will face Vanderbilt in a head-to-head match play event at the Carmel Cup.

This event will be a good way for some of the new freshmen to get ready for competition, Sands said.

"It's going to be a new era for us because we just graduated four guys, and we have a lot of new faces," he said. "It makes for an exciting time because it's going to be a new challenge and a new

Sands said the course conditions will not be the same as they have been for the U.S. Open in and one from France." the past.

"I don't think Pebble Beach will I don't think Pebble be any more difficult than Beach will be any some of the courses we more difficult than get to play," he said. "It some of the courses won't be in U.S. Open we get to play. conditions like we see on TV where they have a **GREG SANDS**

lot of rough, TEXAS TECH and most of HEAD COACH our guvs are

have played courses that are as difficult as Pebble Beach." Sophomore Finely Ewing IV

and well-played. They certainly

well-traveled

said the team has opportunities to play great courses because of the success of last year's team. "We're really lucky to be able

to play at a place like this. It all comes from the teams that have played before us," Ewing said. "The better the team plays every year, the better fournaments and cooler places we get to go to every year."

Ewing, a Dallas native, said the team will be very young, but still should be successful.

"We definitely don't have the experience that we have in the past, but all five freshmen are re-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador TYLER WEWORSKI HITS the golf ball during practice this spring at Rawl's Golf Course.

ally awesome," he said.

Tech sophomore Chandler Rusk said he's confident the team will be able to do well

"The team looks really awesome," Rusk said. "We have a strong freshman class that includes three foreigners: one from Chile, one from Columbia

The freshman most likely

to make the biggest impact, Rusk said, is Clement Sordet from

Rusk said he is also excited to play at Pebble Beach.

"It's going to be an incredible experience to just kind of take in the atmo-

sphere," he said. "I've never played the course and neither have most of the other guys we've just played it on the 'Tiger Woods' game on Xbox."

Rusk said even as a sophomore he will have to take a role of leadership on the young

"I look forward to competing this season, and I also look forward to being one of the leaders of this team. I'm pretty excited about the future that I have and that our team has," he said. "We have one of the best programs in the Big 12, and I think we'll develop great experience along the way.'

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indicates "Game to Watch"

Texas: Aggies had chance to partner in network

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas A&M could have been a partner with Texas in a lucrative television network but wasn't interested in joining the Longhorns when the idea was hatched, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Thursday.

Dodds told The Associated Press he first met with Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne about the idea of an Aggies-Longhorns network about four years ago but Byrne didn't seem interested. At the time, the Longhorns weren't sure they could carry a network on their own.

Byrne tried to re-open discussions about a year ago, but by then it was eastern Conference.

too late, Dodds said.

Texas had decided it had the national brand, stature and skill to forge

"I said we were too far down the road," Dodds said. "We had figured out how to do it by ourselves."

The Longhorns signed a 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN in January to create the Longhorn Network that launched last week. Byrne has said the Longhorn Network created uncertainty in the Big 12 and cited it in his Wednesday blog as a big reason why the Aggies will leave the Big 12 by July, presumably to join the South-

Byrne wrote that he liked the original joint network idea but assured Texas A&M fans he did not pass up a \$150 million deal for his school.

"Our fans should know me better than that," Byrne wrote. "That never happened.' Byrne's blog posting did not say

why the partnership never materialized. He did not return a message left seeking comment on Thursday.

Dodds acknowledged that no one anticipated the size of the contract the Longhorn Network would get when he first approached Byrne with

Dodds said Texas has been unfairly

cast as greedy for pursuing a network that has been blamed for shaking up the Big 12, which lost Nebraska and Colorado in July. A&M's departure has heightened speculation that the entire league could crumble if the Big 12 can't replace them with at least one attractive program.

"It's not about what we did," Dodds said. "It's about what they didn't do create their own network."

Texas' pursuit of its own network was widely known in 2010 when Nebraska and Colorado decided to leave and the remaining 10 teams all committed to keeping the conference

Rangers active Beltre from DL, make other moves

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) presence," Washington said. "Not Beltre was activated from the disabled list by the Texas Rangers on Thursday, when the AL West leaders also made several other moves.

Andres Blanco was reinstated from the 15-day DL, and Texas added catcher Matt Treanor and left-handed reliever Mike Gonzalez to its active roster after acquiring them in trades a day earlier.

Beltre was in the fifth slot in Ron Washington's starting lineup for Thursday night's series finale against Tampa Bay. The Rangers manager was pleased to have the slugger back, especially with team home run leader Nelson Cruz having gone on the 15-day disabled list earlier this week with a strained left hamstring.

"Wow. It means a lot, just his

All-Star third baseman Adrian that we expect him to come in here and be back in the groove he was in before he got hurt. But his presence,

> Beltre hit .276 with 20 homers and 76 RBIs in 100 games before he strained his left hamstring running the bases against Toronto on July 22.

The primary concern for Beltre will be avoiding another hamstring problem, and to that end the Rangers want him to be careful on the

"We've already told him that if you hit a double, you don't think you can make it, stop at first," Washington said. "If there's a ball hit and you can't go first to third, don't go. If there's a base hit and you're on second and you don't feel like you can score, don't score. You've got to be smart, You know how your legs are

feeling, how fast you're moving, you have an inner clock that can tell you if you can or can't." Beltre is an ultra-competitive

athlete, but he knows he must use caution, especially when he's on "I'm trying to be smart," he said.

"I have to. There's not a choice. I can't afford to injure that leg again." Washington said Beltre would be

back in the cleanup spot soon, but he wanted to take the pressure off Beltre in his first game back. Blanco, a utility infielder, has

been on the DL twice since July because of lower back issues. Texas, which now has 30 players

on its major league roster, also completed its trade for Gonzalez when the Orioles acquired right-hander Pedro Strop on a waiver claim.

In other moves on the day that Rangers this season.

major league rosters could expand to 40 players, the Rangers purchased the contracts of infielder Esteban German and right-hander Merkin Valdez from Triple-A Round Rock. Infielder Omar Quintanilla was outrighted to Round Rock, which opens the Pacific Coast League playoffs next week.

Beltre was 2 for 8 in two games on an injury rehab assignment for Round Rock this week. He was out of the Rangers lineup twice as long as expected after he re-aggravated his injury during a running session

Blanco was placed on the disabled list Aug. 9 with lower back inflammation, and was also on the DL July 7-30 with a stress reaction in his lower back. Blanco batted .206 with two homers in 28 games for the

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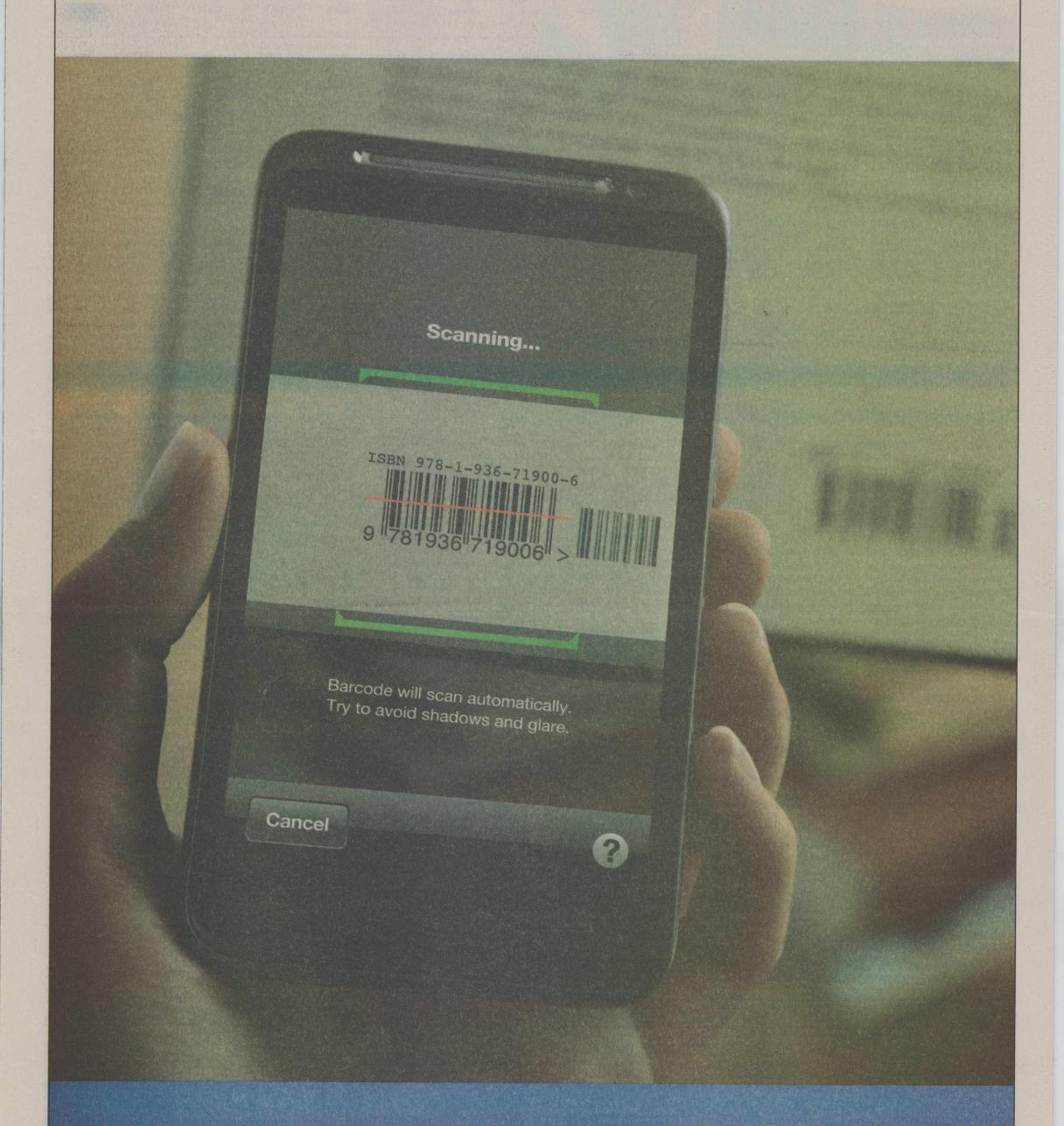
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