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Math building still dealing with damage



Employees work to fix effects from Friday flood

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By GLORIA LERMA
STAFF WRITER

PHYSICAL PLANT EMPLOYEES vacuum water in the study room of the Math building after a pipe leak caused the first floor and basement to flood Friday.

Almost a week has gone by since the flooding caused by a maintenance error occurred in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics building Friday, but Texas Tech employees are still trying to negate the effects.

While fixing a broken toilet in a women's restroom on the first floor, a maintenance worker accidentally hit a pipe, causing water to flood the building.

The first floor is where classrooms, IT center, the mathematics department's office and professors' offices are located. The basement of the building, where some classrooms are located, also suffered damages, officials said.

Although most of the water was cleared on Friday, a private company hired to repair damages Tech's Physical Plant was unable to correct contributed to the cleanup effort over the weekend.

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Library texting program aims to help students with studies

System allows librarians to quickly answer questions

By MORGAN CRUMP
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech library has adopted a new texting program allowing students to ask librarians questions and receive answers directly to their phones.

"I would definitely prefer to text the library rather than struggle to find answers to questions that seem almost impossible."

Brandon Ward
Junior

"When a student texts a question to the library, it comes to us online. We obviously don't have a phone being passed around," Kimberly Vardeman, a reference librarian at the Tech library, said. "The librarians then see the question and it is sent to the person who specializes in that subject. We then respond to the questions from the Text-a-Librarian website and the answer is returned to the student's phone just like a text message."

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New Honors/HSC program combines humanities, medicine

Focus placed on students with health career in mind

By TERRY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Honors College and the Health Sciences Center have come together to establish a new program meant to educate students seeking to apply to medical school.

The Health and Humanities program is a specific track within the Honors College's Arts and Letters degree program. With many paths to choose from, students are now given the option of heading toward more of a medical destination with the Health and Humanities track — something a lot of the college's freshmen are already preparing for.

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Priestly Path

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Grad student aspires to be Catholic priest

Just an average graduate student and teaching assistant, Drew Vierling juggles going to school, teaching speech classes and being a devoted Catholic.

In three years, he plans to apply for seminary to study becoming a priest.

Vierling grew up in Beaumont and attended college at Lamar University, where he studied communications before coming to Texas Tech for his master's degree.

He said he was interested in coming to Lubbock because his godmother grew up here.

"My godmother grew up in Lubbock and she's very wholesome, so I thought Lubbock must be a great place to go and be wholesome," Vierling said. "She did say good things about Lubbock, but her life said more good things than her words. Also, her dad worked here. So, when I told him I wanted to go to Baylor, he told me I should go to Tech instead."

Vierling did not visit Tech before coming here, he said, but had visited "the big city of Lubbock" one time and was "enchanted" by it.

He said his desire of becoming a Catholic priest started at a young age.

Vierling credits his elementary school principal, who was a priest, with inspiring him to become one himself.

"When I was a very little kid, I went to a private Episcopal school and the principal was also an Anglican priest, and I thought he had the coolest job in the world," he said. "Then, I was an atheist for many years, and then I became Christian and decided I should be open to whatever God wants for me," he said.

He said he was an atheist from age 11 to 26.

"I moved from atheism toward Christianity through agnosticism, sort of, in acknowledgement that I can't really know for sure," he said.

Shane Baxter, a priest and Vierling's godfather, said he met Vierling in Beaumont when he began to express interest in the Catholic faith.

Vierling chose his godparents when he was 27 years old, he said.



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DREW VIERLING IS a Texas Tech graduate student, teaching assistant and aspires to become a Catholic priest.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

National Cowboy Symposium
 Time: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
So, what is it?
 Enjoy cook-offs and music in celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the National Cowboy Symposium.

Communicating Your Expectations with Rubrics
 Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center
So, what is it?
 Mary Fehr discusses the importance of making academic expectations clear to students.

Movie Matinee: "The Hangover: Part II"
 Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre
So, what is it?
 Enjoy this matinee presented by TAB.

Grady Spencer and the Griswold's
 Time: 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 Where: La Diosa Cellars
So, what is it?
 Enjoy live music from this local band.

FRIDAY

Laboratory Safety Seminar for Faculty, Staff and Students
 Time: 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

to 5 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Matador Room
So, what is it?
 The seminar, "Taking Ownership of Your Laboratory," will discuss safety issues.

Engineering Kick-Off Event
 Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Engineering Key
So, what is it?
 The fourth annual Engineering Kick-Off Event will showcase the realm of engineering.

Hindi Movie Presentation
 Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Cinemark Movies 16
So, what is it?
 A new Hindi movie will be featured with English subtitles.

Tech Soccer vs. Hofstra
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex
So, what is it?
 Support the Lady Raiders as they take on Hofstra.

Steel Magnolias
 Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Community Theatre
So, what is it?
 Enjoy a performance of Steel Magnolias at this community theatre.

Wade Bowen
 Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Wild West
So, what is it?
 Enjoy original country music from this Tech alumnus.

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Filmmaker chronicles 9/11 cleanup

By TYLER MYATT
 STAFF WRITER

The day held a disaster endlessly scrutinized by countless people over the past decade. Some, then, would think the events surrounding Sept. 11 have been covered from every possible angle.

However, filmmaker Peter Josyph said there is one side of the story people have yet to see: the cleanup of Ground Zero.

Josyph is an artist who created a film about Ground Zero and the neighborhoods around it entitled "Liberty Street: Alive at Ground Zero," which he showed a 30-minute excerpt of to members of Texas Tech's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the Merket Alumni Center Tuesday night.

"It was a remarkable place to be during that time," Josyph said of the Lower Manhattan area. "It was never like that before and it never will be again, and I didn't see anyone else chronicling that."

That was because officials restricted access to Ground Zero, Josyph said, which he believes was the wrong thing to do.

"When I first went down to the site in October, the mayor, Mayor Giuliani, had made a statement that anyone who points a camera at Ground Zero could be arrested," Josyph said. "As it turns

out, I've never seen anything else done on that particular subject, partly because you just couldn't get in there."

Josyph was able to gain access to Ground Zero through a man named Kevin McCrary, he said, who worked in construction and was granted access to the site to aid in the cleanup.

The section of the film Josyph displayed showed much of the cleanup work being done by crews and equipment, along with firsthand testimonials of people living on Liberty Street, where the World Trade Center towers were located.

The film is completely without background music, save for a jazz piece entitled "Que?" by Reynaldo Ochoa, a friend of Josyph. Josyph's voice is also largely absent except for when he is asking subjects questions.

"I decided it might be an interesting challenge to see if I could make a two-hour film and never speak to the viewer," Josyph said, "and you'd get it."

Other than a few scenes of the towers shot by a man out of his apartment window on Liberty Street after they were hit, Josyph said, he filmed this project, which took him about four years to complete, alone.

The film brought back memories for those in attendance, as well as causing them to consider details of the aftermath they had not before.

"It's something that we really haven't seen before," Don Haragan, former president of Tech, said. "Some of the buildings are still not clean. It really scares you."

Haragan's daughter was working in New York City at the time, he said, and while she was not affected, she lived close to the towers.

"You feel so many different things," Haragan said. "You feel sadness. You feel anger."

For others, like Joan McComb, an OLLI member in attendance, the personal impact was far more emotional.

"If I start talking about it too much, I won't be able to, so I'll just say I lost somebody there," McComb said, tearing up.

OLLI director Emma Carrasco said the documentary struck her in several ways.

"The film still reminds me of how emotions flood back," she said, "and the realization of how it happened so quickly and has affected us for eternity."

The cleanup of the aftermath also surprised Carrasco, she said, and showed her a side of the attacks she had not considered.

"Somebody had to clean that up," she said, "despite the emotion of knowing that bodies are crushed in all that rubble."

Ronja Vieth, a doctoral candidate in English, said she wants more people to know about Josyph and the work he

has done.

"I just know how brilliant he is, and he needs to be shared with the world," she said. "People don't know Peter Josyph and I don't know why."

Vieth was teaching English to students in Germany when the attacks happened, she said, but had been in New York City earlier that year.

"It hit those people harder that actually had a connection to America," Vieth said, "and I've always had a connection."

Josyph also wants people to know about the mismanagement of the cleanup by the Environmental Protection Agency, he said, because people are still at risk.

"People who live in Lower Manhattan are breathing contaminated air all the time," Josyph said. "It's a complicated subject, and one about which I feel passionately, and it drove me to be someone else."

What Josyph ultimately tried to do was use what skills he had to have an impact on his neighborhood and his home city, he said.

"There was nothing I could do in terms of working on the site. I don't have enough abilities to have volunteered in the neighborhood," Josyph said. "But I can write a book, (or) make a movie, and I decided that as an artist that was the one thing I could do: become a citizen artist."

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Flood ←

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Currently, officials said, there is no set figure on how much the renovations will cost as the maintenance team is still working on shampooing and restoring destroyed carpets.

Kent Pearce, chair of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, said there were a number of damages caused to parts of the building.

Some of the ceiling tiles on the first floor, in the women's restroom, and in the basement had to be replaced by the Physical Plant, he said. Also, the water affected baseboards and other wall materials behind the baseboards, like sheetrock, which rotted away. Because of this, Pearce said, it is necessary for the building materials to be repaired or replaced.

The IT room computers being pre-

pared for delivery were damaged as well, Pearce said, so they must either be fixed or replaced.

As the flood occurred, professors and IT personnel with offices on the first floor near the soaked area worked hard to protect their equipment any way they could.

"The water was coming from underneath the door and the walls. I had to use paper towels — whatever I could find to prevent more water coming in the room," Edward Allen, a mathematics professor whose office is across the restroom where the flood began, said. "I had to move the things I had on the floor to my desk and anywhere possible to keep them from any damage."

The IT office not only suffered structural damages, but had electrical problems as well.

"My co-worker was the only one in here when the flood first started, and since the floor in the office is at an angle, he

suffered most of the damages," Collin Smith, the systems administrator for the department, said. "The walls surrounding his desk were spouting out water, causing some smoke to come from the power supply. You can even see and feel some of the floor tiles becoming loose."

As far as the damages to the computers go, Smith said, the ones checked thus far do not have any visible damages.

"They might have a shorter lifespan, but that's something we can't tell right now," he said. "I mean, this is pretty good since most of these computers had water pouring out of them."

Many students and employees are still dealing with the shock of having the building flood, Smith said.

"I have worked here since 2007, and I have never experienced something like this before," he said.

The Department of Building Maintenance & Construction refused to release a statement about the extent of the damages or the proposed cost of repairs.

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Library ←

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Vardeman said the Text-a-Librarian program was designed to provide students with a way to text the library and receive answers to any questions they might have when they are unable to come to the building.

Each major has their own personal librarian to assist with questions regarding specific majors, Kaley Daniel, the director of library communications and marketing, said.

The part of the program the library handles is computer-based, but all a user needs is a phone capable of sending and receiving text messages, Ian Barba, a technological and management services librarian, said. He said users just send a text to 66746 with the keyword "TTU-LIB" and their text will then be directed to the library's system.

"As far as questions go, users aren't limited to asking research-based questions. It can be anything from what would be a good resource on wind energy to something simpler like, 'What are your hours today?'" Vardeman said. "A student actually sent in a text and asked where on campus he or she could buy a Red Bull. We will truly answer any question we receive to the best of our ability."

Barba and Vardeman began implementing the program in June as a test run, Vardeman said.

"We saw that a lot of other universities use programs like this and decided that it would be a great system to bring to Texas Tech," he said.

The library plans to have this service until at least next spring, Barba said, to determine whether or not it is successful.

"We are hoping it will become popular and students will find some utility in it," he said. "Other schools' librarians have tried this and had pretty good success with it. Our students are just like theirs, so why shouldn't we?"

In the past, the library offered programs such as library chat, library emails and even face-to-face meetings, Barba said.

"This is just another way the library can connect with its patrons," he said. "You wouldn't even need Internet access to use Text-a-Librarian like you would for our mobile site."

They have yet to launch a marketing campaign for the Text-a-Librarian service, but plan to advertise it in a variety of ways, Daniel said.

Text-a-Librarian is for everyone, Vardeman said, and questions from teachers and staff members are encouraged as well.

"This program is awesome, and I really hope it becomes well-known on our campus," Brandon Ward, a junior mechanical engineering major from The Woodlands, said.

"I know I would use this program because engineering is very difficult, and I often don't have answers to questions that come up in lectures. I would definitely prefer to text the library rather than struggle to find answers to questions that seem almost impossible."

Trina Baker, a pre-nursing major from Katy, said she is excited about what this program has to offer.

"I would definitely use Text-a-Librarian because I constantly have homework that consists of extremely difficult questions," she said. "School can often be overwhelming, and I think this system will be really effective and helpful for people who choose to use it to their advantage."

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Firefighters gain ground against Texas wildfire

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — Firefighters gained ground Wednesday against one of the most destructive wildfires in Texas history even as the state said the number of homes lost reached almost 800, and an elite search team set out to find any victims in the smoking ruins.

Gov. Rick Perry, meanwhile, resumed his presidential campaign after rushing home over the weekend to deal with the crisis, traveling to California to meet his Republican rivals in his first nationally televised debate.

The blaze has left at least two people dead, blackened about 45 square miles around Bastrop and cast a haze over Austin, 25 miles to the west, where the air smelled strongly of pine and cedar.

Firefighters reported that the flames were at least 30 percent contained after burning uncontrolled for three days. They credited an easing of the winds from Tropical Storm Lee that had caused the fire to explode over the weekend. Nevertheless, the number of homes that the Texas Forest Service reported destroyed rose from around 600 the day before.

The wildfire is the most catastrophic of more than 170 blazes that have erupted in the past week across



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Courier
AN ALDINE FIREFIGHTER battles a 300-acre wildfire on FM 1774 near FM 1486 in Magnolia, Texas on Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. Nearly 8,000 residents were evacuated from the area.

the Lone Star State, which is perilously dry because of one of the state's most severe droughts on record. In addition to the two victims in the Bastrop area fire whose bodies were found Tuesday,

the outbreak is blamed for two deaths elsewhere.

One of the two people killed in the Bastrop area fire was identified Wednesday as Michael Troy Farr, 49,

who died at his home in Smithville. Bastrop County officials did not immediately release details about the second victim, who they said was found at a different location.

Health

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"Forty percent of our entering class see themselves as pre-professional health students," Cheryl Carroll, director of admissions at the Honors College, said. "That's quite a substantial number of honors students."

The need was evident within the college, she said, so making sure its students were receiving quality in their education became a driving force for the program.

Ideas for the program began with the arrival of Stephen Fritz, dean of the Honors College. After being hired, Fritz said, he sought after the university's other deans and began collaborating with Steve Berk, dean of the HSC School of Medicine, about an interconnecting program between the two schools.

"We talked about medical school education and preparation for medical school," Fritz said. "He had some clear ideas about preparing students for medical school in a broader-based education."

This "broader" curriculum, he said, could perhaps expand the value of an undergraduate's education and result in a better medical worker.

"I think this is a revamping of the importance of the broadly-educated person who can engage in what I call holistic healing," Fritz said. "What this means is to be able to engage the whole person, to be able to talk to them (and) to be able to understand what their lives are about. I like that approach."

Similarly, Berk said, he finds the appeal of the program in its all-encompassing aspects.

The scope of a healthcare professional, he said, is slowly developing into focusing more about the humanities. A cause of this, Berk said, is the Medical College Admissions Test, or MCAT, which is being revised within the next

five years. Currently a test with a heavy organic emphasis, it will be changed to a less organic assessment.

"It will still have an emphasis on science," he said, "but more on molecular biology and less on organic chemistry. Definitely, there will be issues on humanities."

To reach an acceptable program, Berk and Fritz concentrated on several subjects for the program's classes.

"We thought there was a group of courses that would be particularly worthwhile for someone before they go to medical school," Berk said. "We're interested in things like ethics, the history of medicine, maybe some of the medical legal issues and a bigger emphasis on humanities. So this Health and Humanities track would be an ideal background for somebody that went to medical school."

Some new courses already in session at the HSC, Carroll said, are the "Seminar in Healthcare" course, meant to educate students on the roles and op-

portunities in the healthcare world, and the "Early Clinical Experience" course, which is usually exclusive to first-year medical students.

"(The medical school is) allowing 10 of our undergraduate seniors to actually sit in on that (class)," Carroll said of the clinical experience course. "So, they're getting a chance to really dip their toes in medical school waters by experiencing this class."

Fritz said he believes the program has many attractive features that could bring many students to the Tech campus. These "points of difference," as he calls them, include close interaction with numerous HSC faculty in the classroom, the close proximity between the two schools, study abroad opportunities, early acceptance into the Tech Medical School, a waiver for the MCAT and free-range within 32 departments to conduct research — all with an undergraduate focus.

With the inaugural semester under-

way with 19 enrolled students, Fritz and Carroll said they expect bright things for the Health and Humanities track.

"I think it will raise the appreciation for Texas Tech in what we offer here to our students," Fritz said. "We have great opportunities and we think that we create an extraordinary access to these pre-professional career paths."

The unique nature of the program, Carroll said, is what brings this appreciation Tech's way.

"There are very few programs like this in the state, or even in the country, where you actually combine the requirements of medical schools or pre-professional programs with the humanities," she said. "I think that's one of the reasons why we are all excited. It's a really unique opportunity."

For more information on the Health and Humanities track, Carroll said to contact the Honors College at 806-742-1828 or send an email to honors@ttu.edu.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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BODY BALANCE



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STUDENTS WORK OUT in Upper Cut, a workout class that focuses on the upper body, in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.

Odd couple chairs supercommittee

WASHINGTON (AP) — He's a Texas conservative who chose law school over chicken farming. She's a liberal from Seattle with steel in the toes of her famous tennis shoes. They have almost nothing in common.

Republican Rep. Jeb Hensarling and Democratic Sen. Patty Murray are the Capitol's latest odd couple, two of Congress' most partisan lawmakers co-chairing the new supercommittee that begins work Thursday on a bipartisan deal to slow the nation's mushrooming debt.

They have plenty of reasons to get to "yes." Blowing a Thanksgiving deadline for a plan to shave federal deficits by at least \$1.2 trillion over the next decade would trigger automatic cuts to defense and social programs dear to their respective parties.

Failure also wouldn't do much for Congress' standing in the eyes of jittery investors or the public going into next year's elections. Already, 87 percent of those polled disapprove of the job Congress is doing.

But "no" beckons, too. Hensarling's uncompromising demands for spending cuts, now central to his party's agenda, appeal to a Republican base that party leaders are depending on to defend their House majority.

"There will be a lot of pressure on him to work with her, but there's nothing in Jeb Hensarling's history to suggest he'd be willing to do that," said Cal Jillson, professor of political science at Southern Methodist University.

Murray is Hensarling's ideological opposite, a dogged fighter on behalf of veterans, health and workplace safety programs and regulations.

"There's not a lot there that would indicate that deficit reduction would be a priority for her," said John Wilkerson, a political scientist at the University of Washington.

Neither has to vote for the committee's package in the end. Their role is to make it possible for a majority of the panel to pass it.

Priest

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"He's my godson," Baxter said. "He was an undergraduate student here in Lamar and started coming to the student center with lots of questions about the Catholic faith, and we tried our best to answer those for him. He ended up deciding to become Catholic and attended RCIA classes, which are Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (classes), and, after finishing that, he decided he wanted to become a Catholic and join the church at Easter two years ago."

After being baptized on Easter in 2010 and being confirmed into the church, he said he spends as much time as possible at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, which he attends in Lubbock.

"I spend about two hours a day doing church stuff," he said. "There's something called Liturgy of the Hours that nuns and monks and priests all say, and when I can, I say it in adoration, which is in the presence of Christ."

As well as spending a lot of time at

church, Vierling is in charge of 51 students as a teaching assistant and is taking nine credit hours as a graduate student.

He said being a teaching assistant is "way harder than being an undergraduate student," but doing both fits.

"The head of our graduate studies program actually explains that being a teaching assistant and a graduate student go hand in hand, especially in this department and this program," he said. "I would say it would be harder to be a graduate student without being a teaching assistant because I wouldn't have an office, a building key or the culture of communication studies around me."

This is Vierling's second semester as a teaching assistant and he is learning how to manage his time while being a student, teaching and going to church.

Seth Mclean, a graduate student from Canyon, said Vierling is fun to work with and can relate to him.

"I'm a preacher's kid," he said. "So, I get a lot of jokes that other people don't necessarily get that are biblically related."

He also said Vierling had a hard time adjusting last semester as all the teaching

assistants in the department did.

Baxter said doing multiple things is all a part of growing up.

"I assume he's doing well because he's a very sincere guy and I know he tries," Baxter said. "I know it will be a challenge for him because it's a lot of things to balance, and it's a big change for him to get used to being just a student to also being a teacher. So, he's taking on additional responsibilities and things like that, but that's part of growing up."

Balancing it all has been stressful, Vierling said.

And, even with what limited spare time a graduate student and teaching assistant has, Vierling is spending his at church.

Church time is his "fun" time, Vierling said, so balancing everything has gotten easier.

"It was very stressful last semester," he said. "But, I came to realize that when other people are bar-hopping, I'm at church. I had a girl ask me at the football game when I have fun time. And I said, 'I go to church, like everyday.' So, I guess that's my fun time. It gives me a feeling of transcendent happiness that pervades

my every moment," he said.

In order to apply for seminary, Vierling said, a person must be in good standing with the Catholic Church for three years.

"I'm not allowed to apply for seminary until Easter of 2013," he said. "There's a waiting period to make sure that you're serious, and to give you time to discern God's will for you."

Baxter said he hopes this is what Vierling wants to do.

"As far as going into seminary, I hope he continues to want to go," he said. "By being a convert, he has to be a Catholic for three years before he can apply. I think he will be a fine priest."

People often ask him if he has any reservations about becoming a priest, Vierling said. He said he believes it's all

in God's hands.

"People sometimes ask if I ever have doubts about priesthood," he said. "I do. I love babies and as a Catholic priest would not be able to get married and have children. I also love the priesthood,

want to serve the church and have wanted to become a priest ever since I became Christian and as a little boy. So, it's really something I have to place in His hands."

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SEC votes unanimously to accept A&M

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
MANAGING EDITOR

The Southeastern Conference's acceptance of Texas A&M on Wednesday may become the ripple setting off nationwide conference realignment, changing the landscape of college sports as it stands.

The SEC agreed to accept Texas A&M only if it knew it would not be sued by any other members of the Big 12 Conference.

Texas Tech's fate has yet to be determined and will likely depend on the actions of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas. The conference as a whole, however, remains a mess at the moment.

"We are basically sitting in a traffic jam and going nowhere fast," Tech President Guy Bailey said of talks with Big 12 school officials, according to the Associated Press.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said he has not thought much of the entire situation following his team's practice Wednesday.

Tuberville said he would prefer the Big 12 staying intact, but knows as much about the situation as anybody else.

"I hadn't talked to anybody about it," Tuberville said. "Really, there's nothing to say. Y'all know as much as I do

about it: what y'all read, and what you hear. You just hope everybody comes to their senses right here at the last minute and say, 'To heck with it. We got a great league. Let's stay with it.'"

For the most part, most believe Oklahoma and Oklahoma State will bolt for the stability of the Pac-12, initiating the next big step in developing a "super-conference."

The general consensus is that Tech would likely join the Pac-12 or Pac-16, if Texas decided to head west along with the Sooners and Cowboys.

On Tuesday, though, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said the annual Red River Shootout would not necessarily have to continue if the Longhorns chose not to follow the Sooners out west.

"No one wants to hear that, but life changes," Stoops said during his weekly news conference Tuesday. "If it changes, you have to change with it, to whatever degree."

Tuberville, however, may not be on the same page as Stoops.

Tuberville said the Red River Rivalry is among the best in college athletics with the Big 12 serving as a quality home and the other teams currently onboard.

"That's one of the great rivalries of all time," Tuberville said. "Everybody's

talking ... kind of figure out what's going on. Again, I hope it all stays as is. We got a good conference. Just hopefully, we can keep this thing going. There's a lot of speculation, but that's all it is right now."

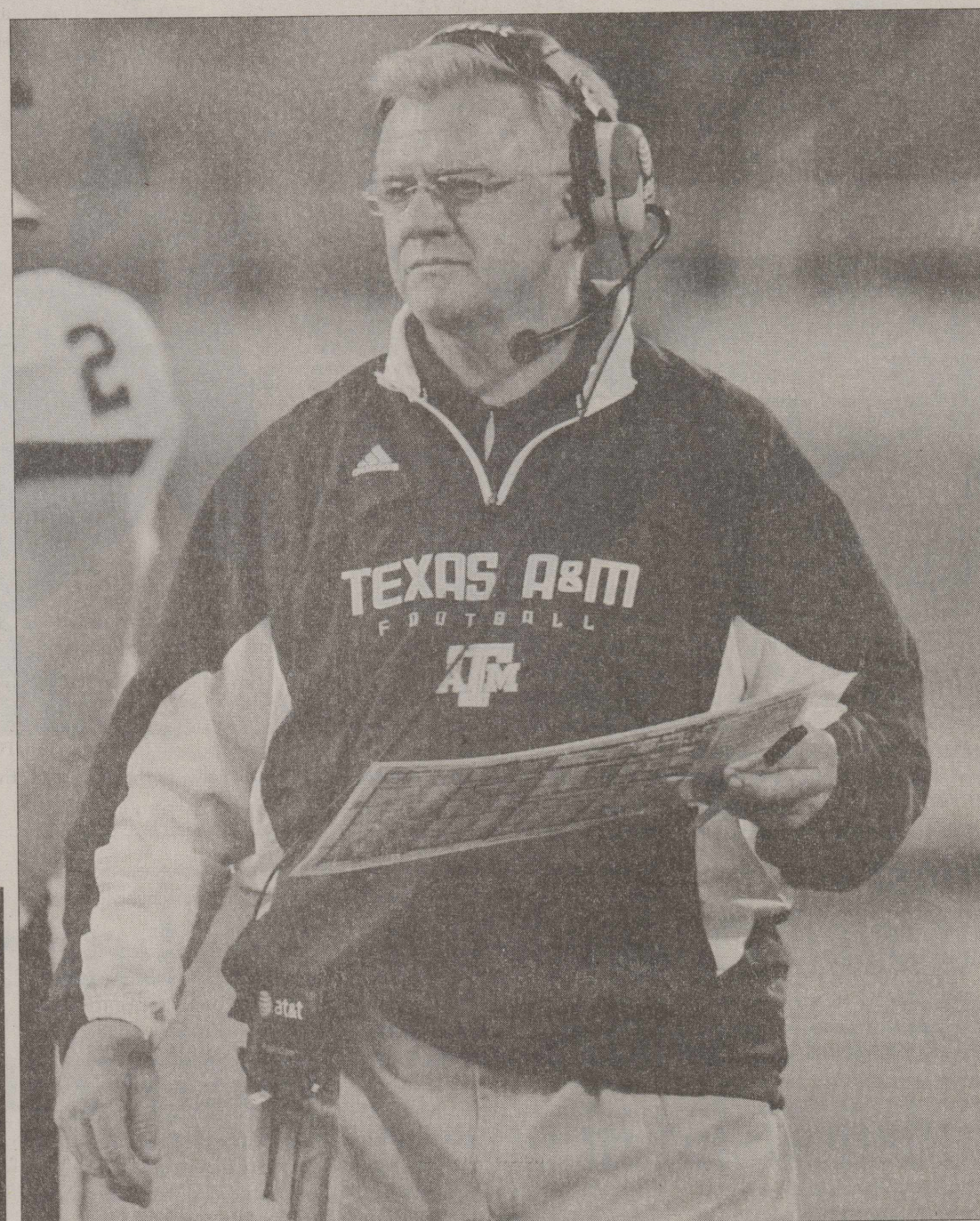
More important, arguably, is the future of the conference and its teams.

Aside from rivalries, recruiting is targeted as a potential area that could experience the most change for some of the Big 12's remaining schools because of their uncertain future and how, if the league were to dissolve, the teams would be affected geographically from the realignment.

Stoops also said playing fewer games in Texas would not drastically affect Oklahoma's recruiting pipeline in the state of Texas, the Pac-12 or any other league, but Tuberville said it is something to be played out and analyzed within the coming weeks.

"It's really not a problem yet," he said. "We just got to see how it shakes out. There's really not anything. Recruits aren't saying anything. Everybody's kind of as is. I'm sure in the next two or three weeks we'll have more to talk about, but right now there's really nothing to say."

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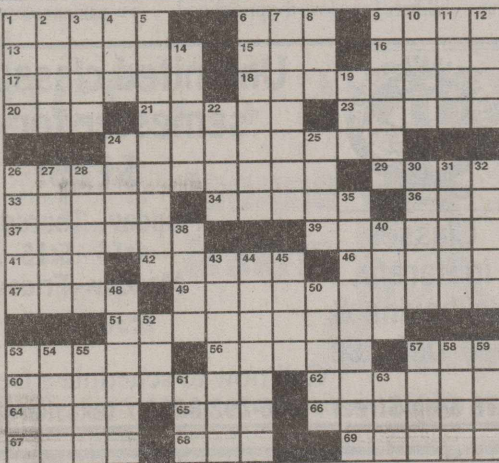
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THE SOUTHEASTER CONFERENCE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY WEDNESDAY TO ACCEPT TEXAS A&M INTO THE CONFERENCE, PUSHING THE LEAGUE'S TOTAL TO 13 TEAMS. MIKE SHERMAN'S AGGIES CURRENTLY ARE RANKED NO. 7 IN THE COUNTRY. THE SEC, HOWEVER, WILL ONLY ACCEPT A&M ON THE CONDITION THAT NONE OF THE REMAINING BIG 12 TEAMS ATTEMPT TO SUE THE AGGIES.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
1 Leader elected by monks
6 Jazz aficionado
9 "Astor," Sargent portrait
13 Rule
15 Maker of Good Grips kitchen tools
16 _ of mystery
17 Former quarterback Peete
18 Portrayer of the Elf maiden Arwen in "The Lord of the Rings"
20 Hank's pride
21 The sun, in Cancun
23 Award for books on tape
24 Torchiere, e.g.
26 Exist like a mob informant, say
28 Miles' counterpart
33 Nut in a couple
34 Words in a market report
36 Equip with firepower
37 Somersaulting dive
39 Executive position
41 Tolkien creature
42 "Pink Shoe Laces" singer Stevens
46 Green shade
47 Tourney ranking
49 Enjoy leisurely
51 1983 Radio Hall of Fame inductee
53 Boss, in Swahili
56 Beatles' title woman who "made a fool of everyone"
57 Bit of work
60 Solon
62 Santa Catalina's only city
64 All. Pref.
65 Wrap up
66 Place for a picture
67 Narc's goal
68 Old IBM PCs
69 It's chopped, in a way, in 18-, 26-, 49- and 60-Across



By Bill Thompson and Anne Thompson Richter 9/8/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

- 3 Briefs not seen in court
4 Sommeiler's prefix
5 Like many a New England street
6 Kid finishing a book, maybe
7 They're under shoullder joints, anatomically
8 "Mazel _"
9 Bucks shots
10 Seasonal song starter
11 Eins und zwei
12 Easy to maneuver, at sea
14 Versatile synthetic
19 Cap with a pom-pom called a loorie
22 Remote hiding place?
24 Frond bearer
25 Stuck, after "in"
26 Old Nigerian capital
27 Words of compassion
28 Walt Disney, vis-à-vis Mickey Mouse
30 Indira's successor
31 Treasure stash
32 Brew hue
35 Unfortunate soul
38 Chewy caramel candy
40 Sneaky maneuver
43 Buck the majority
44 Guts
45 Quaint outburst
48 "Aw, shucks!"
50 "Clair Brain" unveiled in 1946
52 It follows April in Paris
53 Shapeless form
54 U.S.'s largest S&L until its 2008 collapse
55 Botanical bristles
57 Mtn. statistic
58 Where all roads lead?
59 Growl
61 Annoy
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Tech sweeps Texas-Pan American on the road

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team went on the road to Edinburg and defeated Texas Pan-American in straight sets 27-25, 25-11 and 25-21 Tuesday.

The win extends Tech's winning streak to six games.

Tech head coach Don Flora said the team played well after it got off to a slow start.

"We just needed to get our focus after a really slow start in game one," Flora said. "But, we stayed with our plan, and I was proud that we pulled it out in three games."

With the sweep at UTPA, the Red Raiders have now won 17 of their last 18 sets.

The team now heads to Ruston, La., to compete in the Louisiana Tech tournament.

Tech will play against Southeastern Louisiana and Grambling State on Friday and Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

Flora said the host team should be the biggest challenge at the tournament.

"Louisiana Tech has got a coach that's experienced. They've got some international players," he said. "This will be a really good opportunity for us to see if we're continuing to make the progress we need to make."

Flora said he has been stressing defense thus far this season.

"Right now, we're really trying to fine-tune our defensive side of the ball," he said. "We can hit it with most anybody, but we've got to be able to take care of the ball."

Sophomore Aubree Piper has bought in to the defensive scheme of the Red Raiders, as she was named the Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Tuesday. Piper is the first Red Raider to earn a Big 12 weekly honor since 2008.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

KARLYN MEYERS AND Aubree Piper try for a block during Tech's victory over Northwestern on Friday.

"It's a significant honor both for her individually and for the program as a whole," Flora said. "It's just a sign that what we're doing and how we've changed in our growth and development as a program, and, for her personally, how hard she is working as being a middle blocker."

Piper, a middle blocker for the team, said the award was a compliment to the hard work she's put in this year.

"It's a huge honor because blocking is such a huge part of my game," Piper said. "Just to know that all of my hard work is paying off is really special to me."

She said she gets a boost from playing at home because it isn't far from her hometown of Amarillo.

"I love playing at home because a lot of my family and friends can come watch," she said.

Piper said she is always striv-

ing to be better on both sides of the ball, but her defense takes priority.

"Offensively, I always want to get better," she said. "But as a middle blocker, your biggest duty is to block, so that's more important to me."

Tech junior libero Tory Vaughn also takes a defensive mindset heading in to the Louisiana Tech tournament.

"The libero is the defensive captain and leader," Vaughn said, "so I constantly need to help everybody out with defense and just guide everyone where to go." The team is growing in confidence, but there is still a lot of room to grow, Vaughn said.

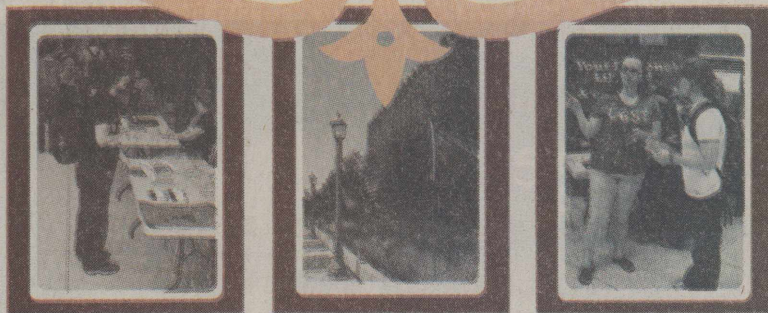
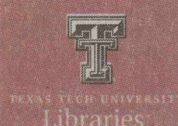
"We have all of the skill that we need," she said. "We just need to build our confidence a little bit more, and hopefully we can do that this weekend."

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