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SEPT. 11 ANNIVERSARY BRINGS WITH IT MANY MEMORIES, SORROWS

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Tech officials recall Sept. 11 memories

By CAITLAN OSBORN
News Editor

The 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 occurs Sunday, bringing with it memories of death, destruction and war, but also of love, strength and hope. For certain members of the Texas Tech community, it is a chance to share with everyone what they learned and lost along the way.

For former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who was a member of George W. Bush's cabinet on Sept. 11, 2001, it was a call to protect the nation.

Gonzales, who is currently a visiting political science professor at Tech, was at Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia when American Airline's Flight 77 took off. It would later be known as the plane that hit the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m.

"My flight was around 7:20 a.m., which was about 15 minutes before American 77 flew out of Dulles," he said. "I often wonder whether or not, that morning, did I cross paths with any of the terrorists or any of the passengers that were killed?"

Unaware of the events that would unfold in the next few hours, Gonzales boarded his plane, which was headed for Norfolk, Va., to give a speech.

When he arrived in Norfolk, Gonzales received a call from the White House that the North Tower of the World Trade Center had been hit.

"By the time I got to the hotel, the White House had called me and said, 'Get to a television set,' and I saw the first images of the north tower," he said. "I really didn't know what to think. Like everyone else, even everyone in the White House, we really didn't have good information and we assumed it was (an accident)."

Gonzales decided to continue giving his speech. Afterward, he was informed the south tower had been attacked as well.

"I knew by that time this was intentional and was a terrorist attack," he said.

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10 years, 21,000 bone fragments, no 9/11 closure

By CRISTIAN SALAZAR
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — His family has his spare firefighter uniform, but not the one he wore on 9/11 — or any other trace of him.

Killed at the World Trade Center, 32-year-old Scott Kopytko's remains were never recovered — a painful legacy of grief for families looking for answers, closure or final confirmation that their loved one was actually a 9/11 victim.

"Very painful and very hurt" is how Russell Mercer, Kopytko's stepfather, describes it. "And mistrusting of everybody."

Numbers tell the story in the decade of search and recovery of the remains of Sept. 11 victims — a massive forensic investigation marked by a Supreme Court appeal of families who wanted a more thorough search, and discoveries years after the attacks of even more remains in manholes and on rooftops around ground zero.

—Tens of millions have been spent, including on the painstaking extraction of DNA from tiny bone fragments, using technology refined from a decade ago.

—Of 21,000 remains that have been recovered, nearly 9,000 are unidentified, because of the degraded condition they were found in. More than 1,100 victims have no identifiable remains.

—And the pace of the process is telling — in five years, only 26 new identifications. Ernest James, a 40-year-old man who worked in the trade center's north tower, was the last identification, in late August.

"I can't give a time frame of when an identification is going to be made, if at all," said Mark Desire, who heads the World Trade Center identification unit for the city medical examiner's office. "But we are working nonstop."



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AP FILE PHOTO/ED BAILEY

IN THIS JUNE 23, 1999 file photo, an aerial view shows the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York.

Community Calendar

TODAY

National Cowboy Symposium
Time: 9 a.m. to 9:30 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.

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 Red Raiders as the 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.

SATURDAY

The Maize at At'l Do Farms
Time: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Shallowater

So, what is it?
Enjoy the new Buddy Holly trib-

ute design of the corn maize. From 4th and Frankford drive seven miles north on Frankford (FM 2528) to FM 1294. Turn left on FM 1294 and continue straight for 3/4 of a mile.

Lubbock Lake Landmark 75th Anniversary Extravaganza
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Lake Landmark

So, what is it?
Join the team at Lubbock Lake National Historic Landmark as they celebrate its 75th anniversary. There will be a presentation titled "The Land Remembers Us: New Mexico Pastores in Texas," and a night hike and stargazing with the South Plains Astronomy Club that will begin at 8 p.m.

Apple Butter Festival and Corn Maize
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: 12206 E. Hwy 62, Idalou

So, what is it?
Pick apples, take hayrides in the orchard, visit the corn maze and participate in other activities at the festival.

SUNDAY

Forever Remember 9/11
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?
Trinity Church will host a service to remember those who lost their lives.

Tech Soccer vs. Toledo
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex

So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they take on the Rockets.

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State continues battling blaze

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — Firefighters rushed Thursday to prepare their biggest weapon for an aerial assault of a massive wildfire that has raged for days, incinerating nearly 1,400 homes and miles of parched land in Central Texas.

Crews made steady progress against the massive Bastrop County fire and surrounded its biggest flames as they finalized plans to deploy a converted DC-10 jetliner Friday capable of dropping 12,000 gallons of retardant on the blaze and smoldering hotspots across some 45 square miles.

Concern lingered, however, about wind sparking flare-ups or fanning flames outside the area that had been surrounded by containment lines.

"I still think we turned a corner, a lot of progress is being made," said Bastrop County Sheriff Terry Pickering.

The DC-10 — nation's biggest firefighting jet — is just one strategy being the community unfamiliar with massive wildfires is employing to finally get control of the blaze. It's been the most catastrophic of nearly 180 wildfires the forest service says erupted across Texas this week in



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Courier

ALDINE FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE A 300-acre wildfire on FM 1774 near FM 1486 in Magnolia, on Monday. Nearly 8,000 residents were evacuated from the area.

an outbreak that's left nearly 1,700 homes statewide in charred ruins, killed four people and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

Federal forest service officials contacted 10 Tanker Air Carrier, LLC, of Victorville, Calif., which leases the DC-10 to the U.S. Forest

Service and states as needed, and asked that the company "ferry it as quickly as possible" to Texas, said CEO Rick Hatton.

Tech researchers meet with delegates to rebuild science programs in Iraq

By MORGAN CRUMP
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech researchers have joined together to help Iraqi government officials improve their scientific and technological research as well as their educational infrastructure.

The Iraqi government officials involved want to improve what they call Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics infrastructure, or STEM, Ron Chesser, director of the Center for Environmental Radiation Studies and biology professor, said.

"The Iraqi delegation that came to us for the first time last fall focused on the concepts of improvement," he said.

"They wanted to know what kind of framework they should be looking at, basic funding used in the United States and how to promote this funding."

Iraqi officials have now put together ideas and developed a general framework in order to resolve problems to be addressed. They now want to know logistical steps of initiating programs to fund scientific research and educate new scientists in Iraq, Chesser said.

"Iraq has a very educated population, but most of the skilled engineers and scientists are getting to be kind of like me: grey on the head," he said. "They really haven't had the opportunity to train new scientists and engineers in the last 20 years and are about a generation behind the rest of the world technologically."

The Tech Center for Environmental Radiation Studies has implemented programs in order to retrain scientists based on peaceful research geared toward benefiting society, Chesser said.

"Now that Iraq is a sovereign country and a new democracy, they have to put together national programs to

improve their science and education infrastructure," he said. "This is vital to becoming a progressive nation."

Last fall, the delegation came to Tech to talk to university researchers about scientific policies in their country and made a proposal to their government, which was accepted, Carl Phillips, a biology professor, said.

The prime minister now has a scientific adviser and advisory committee, meaning advice on scientific, engineering and technological issues go directly to high-level government officials, Phillips said.

"This year, delegates are more focused on what they need to consider in order to implement their plan," he said. "When I spoke with them (Thursday) morning, I explained how important it is for them to level international relationships, collaborate and share research projects with other countries."

Because Iraq is technologically behind by more than a decade, they need to form scientific regulations providing researchers with a set of specific rights, Phillips said. A dictator ran their country for more than 30 years, which resulted in becoming out of touch with the rest of the world.

"In the beginning of the 1980s, scientists in Iraq focused on what we call MIC, Military Industrial Commission," Chesser said. "They now know their scientific development and research needs go beyond building a military and should instead support programs that benefit the population and contribute to the financial well-being of the nation."

"A big contributor to the shortage in scientists and young investigators in Iraq is the lack of (electric) power," Brenda Rodgers, an assistant professor in human genetics, said. "One delegate said that they may have power for only four hours a day, so that is going to limit what you do even if you've got computers and technology."

Rodgers said lack of power is a problem American researchers face when working with Iraqi scientists in laboratories. She said a lot of the instruments they have and want to use require consistent power flow, which is a big problem for them.

"Security and stability are things we take for granted here at Texas Tech," she said. "We go to the library and automatically expect the lights to be on and the computers to be working. You can imagine what that climate is like for scientists and investigators."

Phillips said violence was also a major setback for the country's advances in technology.

"This country is so handicapped, and the security problem alone is really difficult," he said. "Imagine what it would be like to leave for work in the morning and not know if you're going to make it there alive. I have had friends who were killed there and it really is a chilling effect."

Phillips took a yearlong leave of absence from Tech in 2003 to become a fellow of the Department of State, he said. He received requests asking if he would take responsibility for weapons and nuclear science and attempted to help rebuild the Iraqi community.

"There was a lot more to it than I bargained for," he said. "I never guessed I'd be doing this eight years later, and I've now been to Iraq close to 20 times."

He and Rodgers have been to Iraq to help improve engineering, technological and educational development as well, Chesser said.

"They know us and they know we're trying to conduct worthwhile scientific programs in Iraq," he said. "When they started coming to the United States, they recognized that Texas Tech University was a place they could come to for help. They knew we would be familiar with many problems and issues they will face while trying to rebuild scientific programs."

Before 2008, the group of Tech researchers was frustrated because they were struggling to make progress, Phillips said.

"I would say 2008 was the turning point," he said. "Making friendships with Iraqi government officials and being persistent opened a door for us, and things changed drastically. Since then, we have experienced a sense of continuous progress and it is very encouraging for all of us who are involved."

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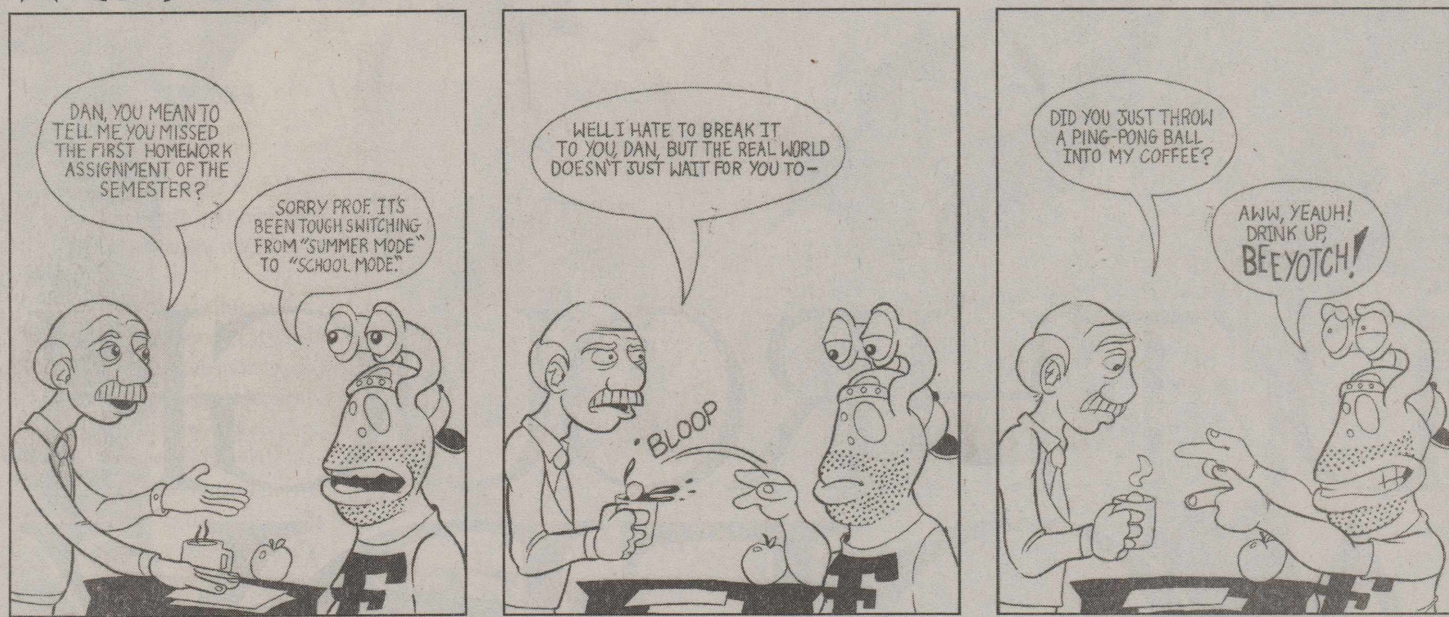
"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

~Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl.

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WASTFOLDS



Weighing in on current trends: more fashion on campus, less Kardashian

Excuse the Twitter reference. For all you non-tweeters, "trending" is a term for certain keywords reappearing throughout updates on social networking sites. For instance, Prince William and Kate Middleton getting married was a trending topic for weeks. My mom is still calling me to give me updates on members of the Royal Family as though I was related to them.

So many things trend in our world these days and so many seem irrelevant that it's hard to keep track. So, I've decided to put together my own trending topics of the week and give my own opinions.

Mother Nature has been trending hardcore this week. If I see one more status update or hear one more person talking about the weather, I might just go into hibernation until it's over.

Run to the nearest Starbucks and grab your pumpkin-spice lattes before they sell out because everyone else seems to be doing so, according to Facebook. Fall is definitely my favorite time of year, but I am not going to hit up every social networking site to broadcast it.

Many people have iPhones giving them play-by-plays of what the weather is doing every minute of the day. However, Mother Nature has also had her fair share of negative publicity this week.

Different parts of the country are being affected by different events, most notably the wildfires in Central Texas. My prayers go out to those affected by the fires and, hopefully, we'll all band together to help those in need.

On a lighter note, fall television is trending all over the United States. This season is going to be action-packed with so many different shows your DVR could possibly falter under the pressure.

We have new shows airing, seasons being concluded and old shows, such as "Charlie's Angels," being revamped. Overall, it's going to be an exciting fall

Andy Doughty



season for TV, not to mention all the drama unraveling with college football as Texas A&M pulls out of the Big 12. Can you say, "Drama queens?"

This year promises to be one for the record books in television. I'm thinking I may need to drop a few classes to keep up.

While on the topic of TV, I'd like to say Kim Kardashian and her wedding should never have been a trending topic. I want to officially announce I am over Kim Kardashian and, until she can show

me she has some actual talent, I am boycotting her.

So many things trend on a weekly basis it's hard to keep up, but what would the topic of trending be if fashion weren't thrown into the mix?

I would just like to say I personally don't care what you wear. School is tough and time-consuming. Half of the time, I don't even have a chance to look at what I am wearing before I walk out the door. However, I applaud the trendsetters on campus. If you have time to make a statement for the "greater good," then I have time to comment on it.

For example, on my first day of school a guy came into my Middle English class sporting a kilt. I was excited about Middle English literature, too, and wanted to wear my kilt, but sadly it was at the cleaner's.

In all seriousness, I appreciate him being different and just going for it in the style department. That being said, dressing in a nice shirt, shorts or pants and presentable shoes goes a long way. Accessories need reevaluation.

Visors are for middle-aged football coaches, long socks are for my grandpa and carrying

a purse and a backpack is just redundant. Surely I am not the only one who thinks this. Accessories are great. I'd have no identity if I didn't have my Ray-Bans. However, use them with discretion. If it's not imperative to have, just leave it at home next to your other pajamas and superfluous gear.

I am ready for some new trends to hit this campus. I have started seeing them circumnavigating other campuses, and I hope we can catch up with the times. Until then, I guess I'll just grab my polo, khakis and North Face backpack and head back to class.

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9/11: decade of reflection

This Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Everyone in our generation surely has a crystal-clear image burned into their minds of what they were doing early Tuesday morning when first hearing a plane had struck the North Tower.

I was in 6th grade, standing outside of my middle school waiting for the building to open. My birthday is on Sept. 12th. So, like any 11-year-old, I started my day off ecstatic with anticipation. However, this excitement quickly morphed into a naive mixture of confusion and astonishment as the events that morning were slowly revealed.

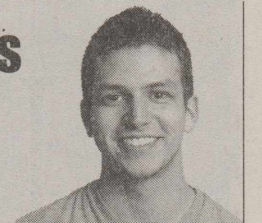
You couldn't help but be struck with an eerie feeling of helplessness. The one question that lingered in my mind all day was, "What happens next?"

It's almost surreal to consider these events happened a decade ago. Yet, in that time this country has become a very different place.

In 2001, the first "Harry Potter" movie was released, "Gladiator" had won five Academy Awards and the Baltimore Ravens defeated the New York Giants to win Super Bowl XXXV. We were fresh off the heels of one of the largest economic expansions in American history, we had recently seen the contentious Supreme Court decision that made George W. Bush president and April brought the bursting of the Tech bubble and ensuing recession. Unemployment was at 4.8 percent and our federal debt was a mere \$5.8 trillion.

Enter 2011. Our unemployment rate almost double, our federal debt nearly triple, we're mired in yet another looming recession and we still had "Harry Potter" films coming out.

Chris Leal



But we are a much different America than we were in 2001. Some of the luster with which our country has long donned has been lost, stemming primarily from the anxiety-driven overreaction the United States has engaged in since.

If the United States were a person, it would likely be on anti-depressants. We went from near-invincibility in the 1990s to the sudden shock of the terrorist attacks of 2001.

Since then, we've seen multiple recessions, poorly executed wars, unemployment and debt soar alongside the economic boom of countries such as China.

All of these events have put our country into sort of a macro-societal panic attack. Racial tensions and class warfare arise while our political parties are in a stalemate. It's as if everybody is pointing the finger at everybody else trying to figure out what went wrong.

I'm not here to bum you out. I'm a long-term optimist and I always will be. Every generation has its challenges, and every generation has risen to victory over them.

I hope maybe the 10th anniversary of one of America's darkest moments can help brighten the psychology of our nation as we begin to put these times behind us and move forward into the future. Our best days are truly ahead of us.

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MEMBERS OF THE American Legion fire off a 21-gun salute at Memorial Circle for the 9/11 Remembrance on Thursday.



UNITED THROUGH TRAGEDY

A LOOK BACK AT SEPT. 11 AFTER 10 YEARS

Tech Chancellor Hance remembers 9/11

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Almost everyone remembers where he or she was when it happened. When the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 occurred, it was an uncertain time for everyone in the country and many elsewhere.

Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance was in the country of Malta when he heard news of the attacks.

"I was in Malta, north of Libya in the Mediterranean," he said. "A friend of mine, an ambassador, Anthony Gioia, had been appointed ambassador to Malta by President Bush and had just taken office. And my wife, Susie and I, were their first guests."

He said it was not a good feeling when they learned what was going on.

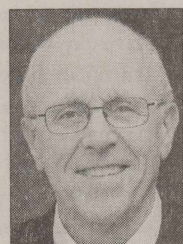
"Being right north of Libya was not a warm and fuzzy feeling when we found out what was happening," he said.

He explained when he, his wife and

the ambassador's residence and there were Maltese troops there with machine guns and all kinds of weapons, and I thought, 'Wonder what's going on here?'"

"We pulled up to the ambassador's residence and there were Maltese troops there with machine guns and all kinds of weapons, and I thought, 'Wonder what's going on here?'"

"And they said, 'Get in the house. America's under attack,'" he said. "And I thought, 'What? What do they mean?' And I thought maybe the embassy had been bombed or something. We got inside, and they started explaining what had happened and we immediately started watching television. They closed the shut-



HANCE

ters at the house so no one could see in." Hance said they were "sequestered" inside the house from Tuesday until Friday, and officials of Malta held a special service for those involved in the terrorist attacks.

"Friday, the President and Prime Minister of Malta held a ceremony in memory of the victims in support of the United States," he said.

He said he and his wife were able to get in contact with their children on the phone that day. He said they were all at work, with one working for a U.S. senator in Chicago.

"We got a hold of our kids that day," he said. "One was working for a U.S. senator in his office in Chicago and they got them out of the building immediately. The others were all at their work or on their way home, and we got a hold of them pretty quick. They were all fine."

He said in such a "scary" time, he wanted to tell his children he loved them. "Well, you know, you always tell them

that you love them," he said. "In a time of stress and something like that, you want to know that they're OK and what's happening back home."

Hance said he knew people at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, but none of them were victims.

He said he also knew whom Osama bin Laden was and how America was not prepared for the attacks.

"Well, you start wondering, 'What group?'" he said. "I was familiar with whom Osama bin Laden was, that he had been thought of as a terrorist that would certainly try to take advantage, and it was a pretty well-planned attack. And so you knew that was a very sophisticated group. And I think they had a lot of luck also, and our people were not prepared. It's one of those things where so many things went wrong that should have been stopped — should have been caught — but they weren't."

Hance and his wife stayed in Malta

for an additional week, he said.

He explained how nervous they were and how he could only watch TV, talk on the phone or read the newspaper.

"We watched TV and talked on the phone, and each morning we would get all the newspapers from throughout Europe that gave more in-depth details," he said.

"It was a frightening time, and we had good security at the ambassador's residence."

He said everyone with him was worried, and when he got back to Dallas things were different.

"I think the thing is the public worldwide didn't know if there was something else coming," he said, "wondering, 'Is that it for right now?' We stayed another week in Malta and flew back, and when we landed in Dallas, the airport was just vacant. People just weren't flying then. They were stunned. It was a very serious time. All of us knew where we were and what we were doing."

Hance knows former President George W. Bush personally, but said he did not get a chance to talk to him about the attacks.

He said he talked with the former president before the attacks.

"I had visited with him in early August, just by myself in the Oval Office for about 30 minutes, and talked about a lot of issues and different things," he said. "Also, he mentioned that Ambassador Gioia should be on his post within a month or so, and he really got to know Ambassador Gioia through us."

Hance remembered the time well and explained it all as "odd."

"Unusual times," he said. "I guess the thing that concerns me the most is the span of attention of the public. It seems like for three to four months everybody was pretty united, but the politics, as usual, fell back into place in a short period of time."

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After that, Gonzales said he knew he had to board a plane and get to the White House.

"I remember running down the terminal and it was very quiet," he said, "because everyone was standing at television sets looking at the images from that morning. By the time I got to the gate, they said, 'I'm sorry, your flight is grounded.' I didn't know what to do. I was stranded. I wanted desperately to get back to the White House."

Unsure of what to do, Gonzales found some Navy pilots also at the Norfolk airport. He boarded a special helicopter that landed at Andrews Air Force Base and then traveled to Washington, D.C.

"As we drove by the capital, I remember, again, it was very quiet," he said. "There was little traffic and a lot of soldiers with machine guns."

Once he made it to the White House, he and other officials planned with the president on how to go about protecting the country.

No one could have expected the effect 9/11 had on the United States and the rest of the world, Gonzales said, and it is a day he will always remember.

"To work in the White House on the day when 3,000 of your fellow citizens were killed," he said, "that's something you don't forget, and you want to respond to that and make sure that it doesn't happen again."

"It's a very important day in the history of our country, and it transformed the Bush presidency. It transformed what I did as a lawyer in the White House. It transformed the way that we live here in America. It's a much different world today than it was before Sept. 11."

Tibor Nagy

For Tibor Nagy, a former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia, it was a time to strengthen foreign ties.

Nagy, now vice provost of international affairs at Tech, said he left

the United States for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Sept. 9, 2001.

"It just so happened that Ethiopian Airlines, which flies from Washington, (D.C.) ... its first stop is in New York," he said. "I looked over and I saw the World Trade Center towers right there. And I was thinking, 'Well, it'll be a while before I see that 'scape again,' and that turned out to be true."

Sept. 11 is Ethiopia's New Year's Day, Nagy said, so he was at home when his deputy called and told him about the first plane crash.

"I just thought it was some (inexperienced) pilot (who) made a mistake or something," he said. "So, I turned on CNN just in time to see a plane hit the second tower, and at that point I knew this was not a coincidence."

Shortly after, Nagy began receiving calls from embassy representatives across the world wanting to express their condolences.

"My phone just started ringing," he said. "There are 132 embassies in Addis Ababa because (it) is (the) headquarters of the African Union. And out of those 132 embassies, I received calls from 130 to just express their solidarity and how sorry they were and how they felt at one with the American people."

"The only two who did not call were the North Koreans and the Iranians. Even the Libyans called. So, that was just unbelievable."

Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest countries, Nagy said, and the average Ethiopian lives on 35 cents a day. So, it surprised him when the Ethiopian community reached out to the American Embassy during its time of need.

"On Sept. 12, we opened up the embassy and, every day, Ethiopians started showing up at the gate with flowers," he said. "We received so many flowers that, by the second day, the mountain of flowers was a third of the way up our flagpole. You're talking about people who live on 35 cents a day going out and spending their money to buy flowers. It was one gesture after another, after another,

after another that I was just so touched. It's one thing when you have government leaders who call. It's something else when the people themselves reached out."

After Sept. 11, Nagy said, he worked with Ethiopian officials on counterterrorism methods because there were fears that members of al-Qaida were hiding out in Somalia at the time. At one point, Nagy was asked by the Secretary of State to extend his personal thanks to Ethiopia for joining the U.S. in its global fight against terrorism.

"(I extended the thanks to) Prime Minister Meles (Zenawi of Ethiopia), and he said, 'What you consider to be a note of appreciation is in fact somewhat of an insult because we don't look at it as the United States joining in against the fight against terrorism. We look at it as the United States finally realizing just what a danger terrorism is in the world because we Ethiopians, along with thousands and thousands of other people, have been victimized by terrorism for decades. Until it happens to you Americans, you don't think it's real.'"

"It was definitely one of those 'aha' moments in my life."

Lou Ortiz

For Lou Ortiz, a former member of the U.S. Air Force, it was a time to be thankful.

Ortiz, now the assistant vice president for research at Tech, moved his family from Lubbock to Washington, D.C., a week before Sept. 11, he said, and vividly remembers that morning before he went to work.

"It was an absolutely beautiful, clear morning as our government bus crossed the Potomac," Ortiz said. "I felt very lucky to be alive and to have the good fortune of serving in our nation's capital."

Ortiz was scheduled to have a newcomer's orientation that morning on the fifth floor's "C-ring" of the Pentagon. During a break, they saw a CNN briefing of an airplane crashing into one of the World Trade Center towers.

Not long after, Ortiz said, "A loud explosion literally rocked the building and our seats."

Thinking it was a gas explosion in a nearby room, Ortiz followed over 24,000 other Pentagon personnel as they evacuated the building.

"As I left the building and looked to the right, an enormous billowing cloud of black smoke immediately caught my attention. The air was thick with the burning smell of an electrical fire and jet fuel."

Ortiz said he attempted to get a closer look at the damaged side of the building, but federal agents were screaming at the crowd to get away from the wreckage, believing another plane would hit.

"Across the south parking lot was a sea of uniforms from every branch of service ... by the thousands, with sirens and lights from emergency vehicles coming from every direction trying to make their way through."

Leaving the scene, Ortiz had discovered all public transportation was at a standstill and cell phone service was cut. He walked to a mall and spent the next several hours watching the events of the day on a TV screen.

"It was shattering — about as low as you can get in terms of your worldview and perspective. As a career military officer, it was surreal and incomprehensible that the top military headquarters in the heart of the most powerful nation in the world had been attacked."

"It was a dark day for all Americans, but certainly for the people in uniform on that day. It was more saddening than anything."

Realizing his family had no idea if he was alive or dead, Ortiz made his way home.

"(My wife) did not hear from me until I walked in the door that evening, and it was a very emotional reunion with her and my son and daughter. (We were) embracing each other tightly and openly sobbing. We were all very thankful to be together again. We all knew that our nation and the world had changed forever."

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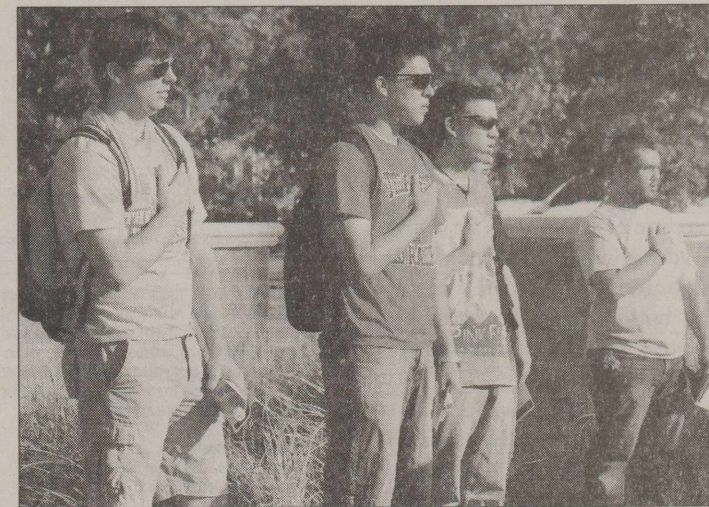


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STUDENTS PLACE THEIR hands over their heart and say the Pledge of Allegiance at the 9/11 Remembrance on Thursday in Memorial Circle.

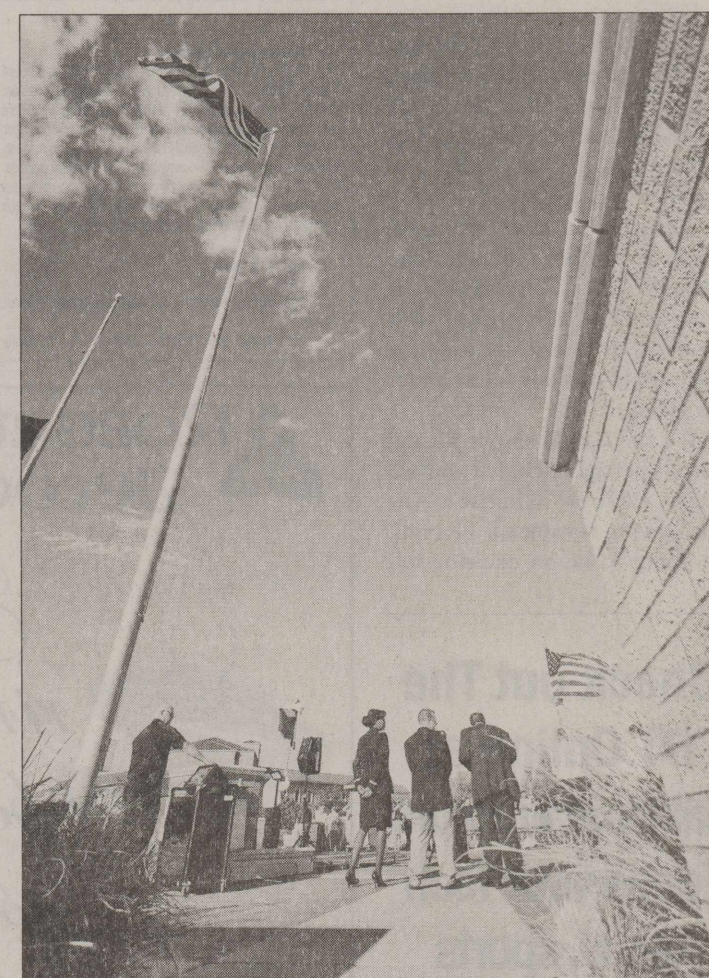


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A CROWD GATHERS before the start of the 9/11 Remembrance at Memorial Circle on Thursday.

Tech veterans reflect on 9/11

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Buchanan and his eighth-grade classmates didn't know quite what to think when he saw the terrorist attacks on TV on Sept. 11.

What he did know is his country needed him, and soon enough, it would be his turn to serve in the military.

Many students walking the streets of Texas Tech's campus were only children at the time, some watching with horror — too young to fully understand the events conspiring — as the twin towers collapsed before their eyes live on TV.

Others, though, were old enough to understand their country needed support and took a stand to serve.

"Growing up, I always wanted to be in the military," said Buchanan, a freshman animal sciences major from Hereford. "But the terrorist attacks gave me more of a push to go. I knew I needed to do my part and go and be a part of it."

Buchanan said he was in his school's cafeteria when he watched the attacks on TV with classmates.

"Everyone really didn't know what to think at the time," he said. "At first, we didn't know if it was terrorists or not, or whether it was an accident. We just knew something crazy happened and couldn't believe it."

Years later, he served in the Marine Corps from January 2007 to February 2011 in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's just like any other job. You're going to hate it and you're going to love it," Buchanan said. "Being around all my fellow marines made us become a big, happy family. We went through hardships together, and good times."

Another student encouraged to join the military because of the terrorist attacks is Chad Gongaware, a freshman business major from Lubbock. He served from July 10, 2005 to July 10, 2011.

"Being in the military was a good experience," Gongaware said. "I got to see the world and learn about different cultures and religions. There were a lot of scary times, but it built a lot of character."

Robert Bradford, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Rector, Ark., was out for a few months from serving in the Navy when Sept. 11 transpired.

"I just got off work that morning at four, and when it happened, my grandmother called me and told me to turn on the TV," Bradford said. "So, I did and I thought I was watching some movie. I asked her what it was and at that time the second plane hit."

"I went to work that night and it was still going on. Even many miles from New York, the world was still in chaos and I was quite pissed that someone even considered doing that."

Bradford said he thought terrorism would spread. So he joined the Army in July 2002.

"I got to Fort Campbell, Ky., and they told me not to unpack my bags — that I'm going to Iraq," he said. "They knew the orders were coming. I loved serving, though. I would go back in if I could, but I was medically discharged in March 2005, so they won't let me back in."



COURTESY OF RYAN BUCHANAN

RYAN BUCHANAN, A freshman animal sciences major from Hereford, served in the Marine Corps from January 2007 to February 2011 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Air Force ROTC instructor April Ducote was serving as part of the 33rd Information Operations Squadron stationed in San Antonio during the events of Sept. 11. She discovered the news while driving to work.

"I worked shift work at the time, so I woke up a little later in the morning and got ready, and the attacks had already happened," she said. "I didn't realize what was going on until I couldn't get any of my favorite radio stations to play, so I stopped and listened to what was being said and then rushed into work to see what was happening. That's when I saw the TV report of the planes crashing into the building. At that time, we were shocked and we knew we were going to be called to do something."

Ducote said she felt "helpless," especially not knowing who the enemy was.

"I knew I was capable and trained, and my job is to support my country, but we were nowhere near that point," she said. "You kind of need to know who your target is to get to those networks and computer attack. It wasn't until a few months later that we had a real feel for not only who caused this to happen, but how we were going to be a part of retribution."

She said she immediately experienced a drastic change in her workplace. Her base was on lockdown and everyone was searched before entering, causing traffic pile-ups.

"The biggest change in our lives were the high states of emergency," she said. "Eighteen-hour shifts, highways full of cars and people's cars were overheating. People were calling in later for work and needed water. Then, our concern was that we were in the terrorist attacks. Highways were targets because they were backed up for miles with military people. It was a little scary."

The lives lost on the historical day are still remembered and honored today. In fact, Bradford is still inspired by a hero who died.

"A regular civilian was on one of those planes and called his wife to tell her he loved her right before he took down the terrorist," Bradford said. "He was just a regular civilian, not trained in the military, who fought back with love for our country. People have forgotten about that man, but I haven't."

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SMOKE BILLOWS FROM the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, in this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in a deadly series of blows that brought down the twin 110-story towers. Sunday will mark the 10th anniversary of the attacks.

21-gun salute at Tech honors 9/11

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The sounds of shots being fired echoed through Memorial Circle yesterday evening as the American Legion Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute at a ceremony hosted by Texas Tech in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001.

"From Pearl Harbor, to the assassination of President Kennedy to 9/11, every generation has witnessed an event that has transformed the nation," Ryan Van Dussen, assistant director of the Military and Veterans Program, said in his opening speech.

For the majority of students in attendance, Sept. 11 was the event to define an era.

"Because of 9/11, I am a very patriotic person, so I wanted to come out and show my support," Brittany

Bynum, a junior early childhood education major from Alpine, said.

Lt. Col. Michelle Holliday, a decorated veteran of the Korean War and Operation Iraqi Freedom, vividly recalled that day in her speech, "Passion Within a Nation."

Holliday was teaching a trigonometry class when a voice from the hallway frantically instructed her to turn on the television. She was immediately lost in feelings of skepticism and was then consumed by fear at the thought of her family in New York City.

"Twenty pairs of eyes stared at the TV in disbelief," Holliday

said, "then we all pulled out our cell phones to check on our loved ones."

Holliday described the sensation of unity emerging from that day in an interview following the ceremony.

"That day was overpowering, but there was a feeling of togetherness in the nation," Holliday said. "Ten years later, a lot has changed, but those same feelings remain."

The fall of the World Trade Center affected every citizen, but for Heather Moore, a senior biology major from Midland, the war that evolved from it touches a little closer to home.

"I have lots of friends and family who have or are serving in the military," Moore said. "I'm here to show my respect and support for them."

Jon Mark Bernal, associate

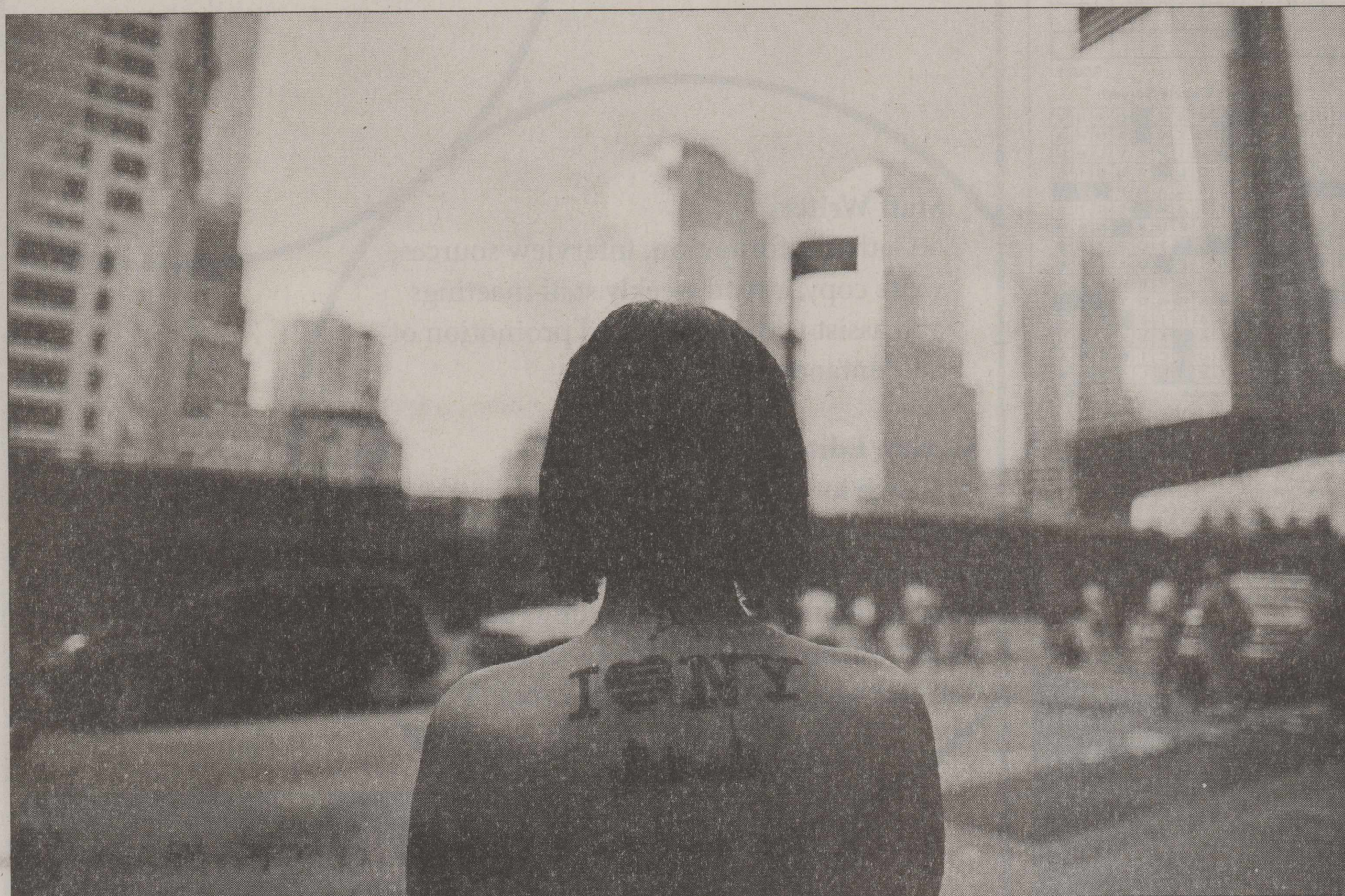
director of Student Union and Activities, reminded the audience of the Senate's request for all citizens to take a moment at noon on Sunday to remember those who lost their lives.

Bernal said the event was a collaborative effort between the Military and Veterans Program and the Tech Activities Board.

"I'm new here," Holliday said, "but I knew the people at the Military and Veterans Program, so when they asked me to speak, I immediately said yes. I didn't have to give it a second thought."

TAB will be giving out commemorative pins at the showing of the documentary "In Memoriam: New York City 9/11/01" at 3:00pm today, and will start collecting phones for "Cell Phones for Soldiers" at the beginning of next week.

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A TOURIST LOOKS over the ground zero construction site in New York, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. Sept. 11, 2011 will mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the United States.



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RESCUE WORKERS LOOK over damage at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Tech soccer ready for Red Raider Classic

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

There is a simple solution for the Texas Tech soccer team's scoring woes.

After not finding the net in last Friday's 3-0 loss to No. 9 Florida, Tech head coach Tom Stone is preparing to unveil the new offensive scheme for the Red Raiders (3-2).

"We have a really unique plan this weekend," Stone said tongue-in-cheek. "We are going to score."

Tech was not without scoring opportunities in the match, posting four shots on goal against the Gators (4-1).

"We belonged in that game," Stone said. "It should have been 1-1 at half because Taylor Lytle beat the keeper and hit an open net and their defender knocked it off the line."

The Red Raiders will get a chance to convert those chances at 7:30 p.m. tonight against Hofstra (2-1) in the Red Raider Classic. Tech will then take on Toledo at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Hofstra Pride carry a two-game shutout streak to the John B. Walker Soccer Complex, having outscored their previous two opponents 7-0.

Hofstra qualified for the NCAA Tournament last year before falling 3-1 in the second round to Boston College. The desire for the Red Raiders to play more tournament-tested teams in 2011 was something Stone said addressed in the offseason.

"In scheduling, we specifically said we need more NCAA Tournament teams on our schedule," Stone said. "Hofstra

comes in here having made the tournament last year. These are games that we need to have."

In the Pride's most recent game against Albany, Laura Greene netted three goals in the 5-0 victory. Freshman Jaelene Hinkle knows both Hofstra and Toledo (2-2-1) are talented.

"We're expecting some really good teams to come out and play," Hinkle said. "They're obviously going to challenge (us) and we're hoping to get those wins to get further in the tournament."

The Denver, Colo., native is one of six freshmen who have already seen the field in the young season for Tech. Stone said his first-year players were "fantastic" in the game at Gainesville, Fla.

"The thing we were so excited about was watching our freshmen go toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the nation — a team that could win the national championship," Stone said. "So, we got a lot out of it."

Since arriving in Lubbock, Hinkle said she and her freshmen teammates are just excited to be playing.

"Coming to Texas Tech, we all wanted to be in that starting lineup," Hinkle said. "I think we've definitely shown that we want to play and help the team get far in our careers."

Against the Rockets on Sunday, Stone said Tech will honor first responders along with others involved in the 9/11 attack.

"We certainly don't want (that) day to ever come and go without paying homage and honoring those that were af-



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CONNER WILLIAMS AND Saint Mary's Alli Beard struggle to gain possession of the ball during Tech's 2-0 victory over the Gaels on Aug. 28.

fect and those that responded and were certainly affected forever," Stone said.

Because some of his players were as young as eight

when the attacks happened in 2001, Stone said he and his staff have been educating the team about the attacks and what they meant to the

United States. "Obviously, (there's) big lessons to learn," Stone said. "Not all of them need to be taught by the soccer coach, but we

do want our girls to remember what happened so they have an idea of what history occurred that day."

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BYU on alert for Texas' trickery

PROVO, Utah (AP)—BYU head coach Bronco Mendenhall doesn't want to play in the Big 12 to know all about the grand tradition that is Texas football.

What concerns him more is the Texas trickery new offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin brought with him from Boise State and the Mountain West Conference.

Right now, Mendenhall can only guess what's coming Saturday against the 24th-ranked Longhorns, especially after hearing the head-scratching TCU coach Gary Patterson endured while gearing up for consecutive bowl games against Harsin and the Broncos.

"They had prepared for trick plays in each game and the ones they saw in the game were not the ones they had prepared for," Mendenhall said this week. "At one point they had a file of 50 trick plays — none of which were the same ones."

"You do your best to play sound defense. But to predict which (plays) we're going to see and when is hard to say."

Texas fans have groaned for years about the "predictability" of former Longhorns coordinator Greg Davis and his playlist of sideline passes and delayed handoffs.

Harsin definitely shook things up in the first game.

The Longhorns scored on a reverse pass in which three freshmen handled the ball: backup quarterback David Ash and wide receivers John Harris and Jaxon Shipley.

Ash handed off to Fozzy Whittaker, who tossed the ball to Harris. The former prep QB then found Shipley in the end zone.

"It's smart football players," Harsin said. "I think it's the talent you have, and then when you've got that, I think there are some things in there you can do with those guys creatively and have a little bit of fun."

Maybe that's why Harsin, who used a fake punt to beat TCU in the 2010 Fiesta Bowl, prefers to call them "funk" plays.

Whatever they're called, Texas coach Mack Brown acknowledged he rarely used many when he was offensive coordinator.

"We usually carried one, and it was one that we worked on all week and we'd had it for the year," Brown said. "But we didn't take four into the game, and Bryan always has four in his

pocket. Like I said, they're more fun when they work."

The Longhorns also ran a double-reverse and unveiled a new wildcat formation that kept Rice off guard in Saturday's 34-9 season-opening win.

"When you see them put up all those points and all those trick plays, you know they've got them up their sleeve," BYU linebacker Jordan Pendleton said. "We

gotta prepare for it ... but not be tricked by all the motion they do."

That certainly is part of Texas' strategy, to keep defenses guessing even if all the shuffling of players is just a decoy for another off-tackle run.

Regardless, BYU expects Texas will be a step up from Ole Miss, which the Cougars held to 64 yards rushing and 208 total yards.

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A&M to SEC held up by legal threat

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Texas A&M and the Southeastern Conference have a roadblock standing in the way of their anticipated union: Baylor.

After SEC presidents and chancellors unanimously embraced adding the Aggies to the 12-member league, it turns out there was no such unanimity in the embattled Big 12 conference.

Baylor is considering suing if Texas A&M leaves and Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said in an e-mail obtained by The Associated Press that the SEC must get waivers from each institution in his conference.

The SEC doesn't want any part of a court battle over the Aggies.

The legal infighting "has derailed SEC expansion for the moment," said LSU Chancellor Mike Martin

"Clearly there is instability and a bit of chaos within the Big 12, which we hope will be resolved for the sake of Texas A&M and, indeed, for all of college sports," Martin said.

Beebe said he "regrets" the confusion, but he's also fighting to keep the Big 12 from unraveling.

He said it is unprecedented for a school and rival conference to ask for a waiver preventing suit for damages sustained because of realignment.

And though the Big 12 Board of Directors agreed on Sept. 2 to waive any legal action from the league or its members if Texas A&M leaves, Beebe said Wednesday that "the waiver did not and could not bind the individual member institutions' governing boards to waive institutional rights."

"If the departure of Texas A&M results in significant changes in the Big 12 membership, several institutions may be severely affected after counting on revenue streams from contracts that were approved unanimously by our members, including Texas A&M," Beebe said in a statement. "In some cases, members reasonably relied on such approval to embark on obligations that will cost millions of dollars."

Jets' Burress expecting an emotional return Sunday

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Elijah Burress wakes up every morning, finds his football-playing father and asks him the same question.

"He wants to know, 'Is it Sunday yet?'" Plaxico Burress said smiling, thinking of his excited 4-year-old son.

"No," Burress tells him. "Today is just Thursday."

The New York Jets wide receiver has mastered being patient, especially since he has waited for this moment for a few years. He will step on a football field for a regular-season game for the first time in nearly three years when New York takes on Dallas on Sunday night, the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"I know that my emotions will be high come Sunday," Burress said.

His journey has taken him from the top of the game as a Super Bowl star with the Giants to a 20-month prison sentence after he accidentally shot himself in a Manhattan nightclub. The Jets gave him a second chance at his NFL career in July, and he insists he'll make the most of it and return as one of the league's top wide receivers.

The long wait will finally come to an end when he walks through the tunnel at MetLife Stadium a few minutes before the season opener and looks up into the crowd and finds his family.

"My son is through the roof right

now," Burress said. "He's running around in his Jets hat, his Jets jersey. When I come home, he has a mouth-piece in, running up and down the hallway. I mean, he's fired up. He's ready to go."

And, so is Burress. There have been lots of questions since he got out of prison if when he returned, he would be the same player he once was. He dealt with a sprained ankle early in training camp, but recovered in time to have a terrific performance in an exhibition game in which he caught three passes, including a pretty over-the-shoulder touchdown reception.

That was just the dress rehearsal, though. The real thing starts Sunday night. Burress says his ankle is "fine, man," and his emotions are in check. For now.

"Tomorrow is Friday, the last preparation day physically for myself and for everybody else to go out and be as sharp as we can and just understanding the calls," he said. "Getting to the line of scrimmage where you don't have to think, just go out and play. I'm getting to that point as far as learning the offense where I can just go out and play without thinking and just kind of let your natural ability take over. I feel it as each day goes by that it's slowly coming upon me and I'm excited along with everybody else."

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Colts QB Manning out after another neck surgery, no timetable on return

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Another neck surgery has put Peyton Manning back in rehab and left his status for the 2011 season in jeopardy.

Manning underwent surgery for the third time in 19 months Thursday, a procedure that is likely to keep the four-time MVP out significantly longer than just Sunday's season opener at Houston -- the first game he will miss in 14 NFL seasons.

Team officials called Thursday's surgery "uneventful."

"The procedure is performed regularly throughout the country on persons of all walks of life, including professional football players," the team said in a statement. "Rehabilitation from such surgery is typically an involved process. Therefore, there will be no estimation of a return date at this time. We will keep Peyton on the active roster until we have a clear picture of his recovery process."

The Colts statement came just hours after team owner Jim Irsay wrote on Twitter that Manning would be out "a while" and coach Jim Caldwell promised to provide more clarity soon. They could have put Manning on injured reserve to open up a roster spot, but that would have meant he would not play at all in a season that will end with in February with the Super Bowl played at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis.

Shortly after ESPN first reported the surgery, team officials confirmed

that Manning had an anterior fusion procedure to treat the nerve problem that was continuing to give him trouble.

"Peyton will immediately begin the rehabilitation regimen mapped out by the surgeon," the team said.

For Manning, one of the league's true ironmen, it was a continuation of the most frustrating offseason of his career.

He already has dealt with a 4½-month lockout that prevented him from working out with team trainers after his May 23 surgery to repair a nerve. He also couldn't negotiate a new contract with the Colts during the lockout. Then he started training camp on the physically unable to perform list, which prevented him from working out with teammates until Aug. 29.

After one week of practice, left Manning with a sore back. And now surgery just one day after the Colts ruled him out of Sunday's game, ending a streak of 227 consecutive starts including the playoffs that was second only to Brett Favre among NFL quarterbacks.

The 35-year-old Manning, who signed a five-year, \$90 million contract in July, also had neck surgery in February 2010.

With Manning, the Colts have been a perennial Super Bowl contender. Without him, the most dominant team in the AFC South since its creation faces a daunting challenge -- trying to become the first team to play

a Super Bowl in its home stadium without having Manning behind center for what could be a significant portion of the season.

Speculation over another surgical procedure ramped up earlier this week and team owner Jim Irsay created even more buzz Thursday morning when he gave fans the latest update on Manning's condition via Twitter.

"We had a good practice yesterday and r guys r fired up 4 the season. (hash)18's out for awhile, but compete, we will/BELIEVE," Irsay tweeted.

The biggest question is when he will be back.

The Colts thought Manning would return within 6-8 weeks after surgery, but the rehab has taken far longer than anyone expected. On Monday, the team issued a statement saying his progression slowed last week, too.

"In terms of the timeframe we're talking about, I think he (Irsay) is also stating we don't know what kind of a

timeframe. None of us know," Caldwell said before the surgery was announced.

"It is a little bit in flux at this point." If he does come back, Manning also will be playing behind an offensive line that has three new starters and a fourth, Ryan Diem, who is moving from right tackle to right guard.

The player who can empathize most with Manning is running back Joseph Addai, who injured a nerve in his left shoulder Oct. 17 against Washington, then missed the next eight games.

There were times, Addai recalled, that he would wake up during the night with sudden pain. There were other times that he couldn't hold up a microphone or the ball would drop out of his hands with a slight bump.

Addai figured the ensuing bye week would give him enough time to heal, but it took him more than two months to get back into a game and he still didn't feel 100 percent until this season.

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