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University sets enrollment record for 3rd straight year 32,372 total for fall

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

Since 2005, Texas Tech's undergraduate enrollment has increased by almost 10,000 students and reached a record-breaking total of 32,327 students this fall, according to Education Portal, a website designed to present original articles and videos to assist students in researching universities.

2011 VS. 2010

• Undergraduate

Fall 2011: 26,063

Fall 2010: 25,462

• Graduate

Fall 2011: 5,566

Fall 2010: 5,505

• Law

Fall 2011: 698

Fall 2010: 670

• Total

Fall 2011: 32,327

Fall 2010: 31,637

Source: Texas Tech Dept. of Institutional Research

26,063 students as the graduate program reached an all-time high at 5,566 students and the law school gained 698 students — the highest enrollment number for the school since 2006.

"More and more students want to go to school here," said Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing. "The programs we offer, combined with the leadership, high-quality faculty and overall student experience, makes Tech attractive to students."

The enrollment figure at Tech has increased by 690 students alone since fall of last year, Cook said, and the number has been substantially increasing for the past three years.

Undergraduate enrollment for first-time freshmen and transfer students set a record with

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Missing Tech student found in California Student last seen Aug.

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Missing Texas Tech student Eric Scheller was found by his family in Santa Monica, Calif., on Tuesday.

According to Missing Persons of America, 24-year-old Scheller was last seen in August by his roommates, and his family had not seen him since June.

Police towed Scheller's car in Santa Monica on Sept. 4 because it carried an expired registration sticker. When it was never picked up, police officers notified his family.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart of the Lubbock Police Department said the agency received a missing person's report filed by the family Sept. 14.

Authorities reported Scheller took his laptop computer, PlayStation 3 and a handgun from his Lubbock apartment.

Roommates told police Scheller was struggling to pay the bills for their apartment, and his roommates were planning to take legal action before Scheller's disappearance.

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Ball burglary



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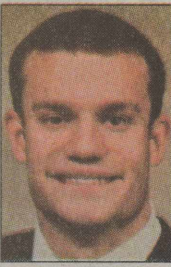
FROM RIGHT, BEAU Trigsted, a sophomore sociology major from Dallas, and Brandon Colquitt, a junior construction engineering major from Flower Mound, try to strip the ball away from Aaron Canson, a junior nursing major from Houston, during a pickup game inside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center on Wednesday.

Roommate says PD has not contacted her about death

Friend 'really upset'

By IOANNA MAKRIS and APRIL CUNNINGHAM
THE DAILY TOREADOR

The death of Texas Tech student Mason Vanstory continues to be an ongoing investigation, and according to one of his roommates, the Lubbock Police Department has yet to contact them or visit the apartment they shared with Vanstory.



VANSTORY

"I understand that they know more information than we do," Courtney Phifer, one of Vanstory's three roommates, said, "but I would imagine that they need us to rule out some things."

Vanstory was found on the west side of Raider Park parking garage, located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway, around 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Phifer said she and Vanstory were very close and she is surprised the police have not asked her questions or been to the apartment.

"I am really upset they are not talking to his roommates about it first," said Phifer, a junior elementary education major from Amarillo.

"You would think if something like that happened, we would be the first people they contact because obviously everyone has secrets

and stuff, and we knew everything about him. We told each other everything. We were very open and trusting with each other."

Vanstory was a sophomore from Dallas enrolled in the College of Mass Communications and was an active member of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta.

Phifer said she last saw Vanstory around 11:30 p.m. Saturday night when he was getting ready to leave the apartment and go hang out with other friends.

She said Vanstory was very calm and carefree.

"I asked if he got his wallet, phone and keys," Phifer said, "and then I said, 'All right, Mase. Love you. Bye.'"

Phifer said she did not know whom Vanstory went out with Saturday night, but said he was looking forward to having a good night.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart of the Lubbock Police Department did not return phone calls Wednesday, and the Medical Examiner's office was unavailable for comment.

Vanessa Bell, a records clerk with the Lubbock Police Department, said she is unable to release the 911-dispatch call and video from the scene of the incident.

"Until it is a closed case, we can't release anything," she said.

For students looking to speak to professional counselors, the Tech counseling center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Wellness Center.

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Hub City BBQ Time: 5 p.m. Where: Broadway Avenue and Avenue O So, what is it? Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2011 Hub City BBQ...

Where: Civic Center Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy this musical presented by Lubbock Moonlight Musicals. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Dominic Lippillo and Mark Schoon: Anti-Local Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Arts SRO Photo Gallery So, what is it? Enjoy an exhibit of the collaborative works of these two New York artists.

2011 Haragan Lecture Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Where: College of Human Sciences, Room 169 So, what is it? Enjoy the lecture, "Global Public-Private Partnerships: Collaboration to Traverse Funding Gaps and Maximize Social Impact..."

Laser Battle Evolution Time: 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Where: Rugby Fields So, what is it? Enjoy this event presented by Tech Activities Board.

Forever Plaid Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightmare on 19th Street Time: 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Where: Lone Star Event Center So, what is it? Enjoy the "City of the Lost" Halloween theme park

Bring Me the Horizon Time: 8 p.m. Where: The Pavilion So, what is it? Enjoy a live performance from this metal band.

Keegan McInroe Time: 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Where: La Diosa Cellars So, what is it? Enjoy a live performance from this folks and blues artist.

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Cantaloupe outbreak is deadliest in decades

WASHINGTON (AP)—Health officials say as many as 16 people have died from possible listeria illnesses traced to Colorado cantaloupes, the deadliest food outbreak in more than a decade.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday that 72 illnesses, including 13 deaths, are linked to the tainted fruit. State and local officials say they are investigating three additional deaths that may be connected.

The death toll released by the CDC Tuesday — including newly confirmed deaths in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas — surpassed the number of deaths linked to an outbreak of salmonella in peanuts almost three years ago. Nine people died in that outbreak.

The CDC said Tuesday that they have confirmed two deaths in Texas and one death each in in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Last week the CDC reported two deaths in Colorado, four deaths in New Mexico, one in Oklahoma and one in Maryland.

New Mexico officials said Tuesday they are investigating a fifth death, while health authorities in Kansas and Wyoming said they too are investigating additional deaths possibly linked to the tainted fruit.

Listeria is more deadly than well-known pathogens like salmonella and E. coli, though those outbreaks generally cause many more illnesses.

Twenty-one people died in an outbreak of listeria poisoning in 1998 traced to contaminated hot dogs and possibly deli meats made by Bil Mar Foods, a subsidiary of Sara Lee Corp. Another large listeria outbreak in 1985 killed 52 people and was linked to Mexican-style soft cheese.

Listeria generally only sickens the elderly, pregnant women and others with compromised immune systems. The CDC said the median age of those sickened is 78 and that one in five who contract the disease can die.

Dr. Robert Tauxe of the CDC says the number of illnesses and deaths will probably grow in coming weeks because the symptoms of listeria don't always show up right away. It can take four weeks or more for a person to fall ill after eating food contaminated with listeria.

"That long incubation period is a real problem," Tauxe said. "People who ate a contaminated food two weeks ago or even a week ago could still be falling sick weeks later."

CDC reported the 72 illnesses and deaths in 18 states. Cases of listeria were reported in California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The most illnesses were reported in Colorado, which has seen 15 sickened. Fourteen illnesses were reported

Alabama town strikes deal with BP over lost revenue

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. (AP) — The city of Orange Beach has reached a settlement with BP PLC over lost revenues stemming from last year's Gulf oil spill, with the oil giant agreeing to pay \$1.27 million for lodging and retail revenues the coastal town didn't collect because tourists stopped visiting.

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Kennon said the city would continue to fight for other forms of lost money using "whatever legal avenues we have to go through to go after that revenue."

The city's finance director, Clara Myers, said the settlement

does not include lost franchise taxes, sewer fees, business licenses and building permits, particularly for multimillion-dollar projects that could have come to fruition but did not because of the oil spill.

"It takes some time to figure out what hasn't come to town," Myers said.

Officials in nearby Gulf Shores agreed to a \$1.8 million settlement for 2010 lost revenue late last year.

BP has acknowledged working with the Pleasure Island towns on settlements, but the company has declined to discuss the deals.

Kennon said the Orange Beach agreement brings the city to a roughly 10 percent increase in lodging and retail revenue over 2009 figures.

"We used this summer as validation for our claim that we could have been up 15 (percent) to 20 percent in 2010, had it not been for the oil spill," he said. "But the bottom line is we knew what was fair and we just stood by that number."

PIPE PROJECT

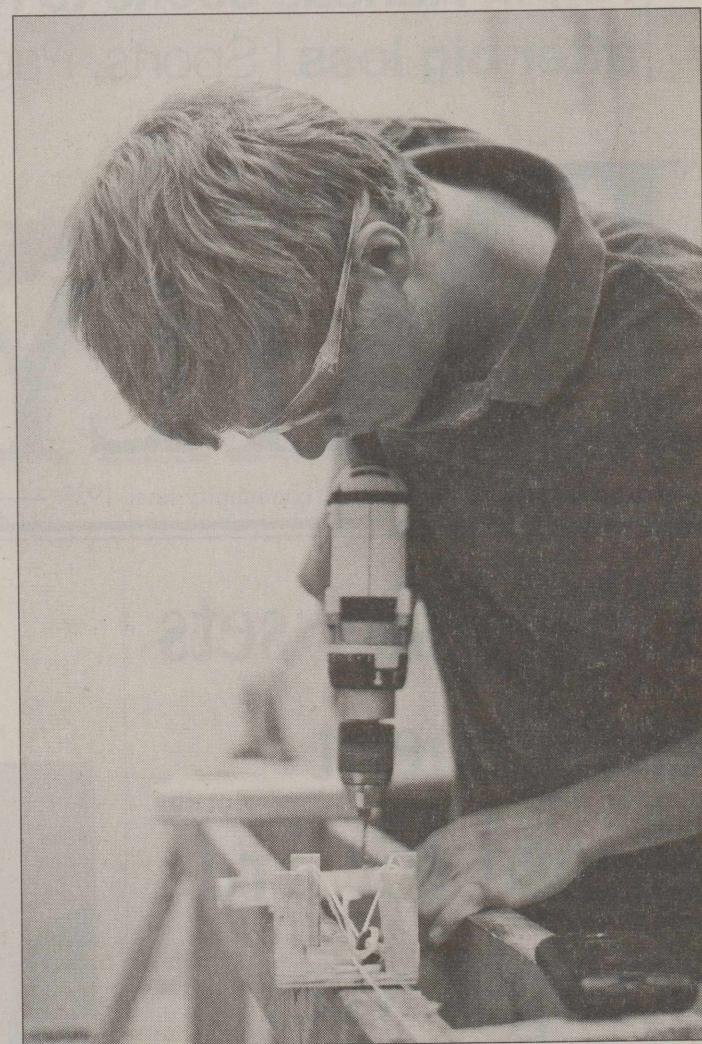


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IAN ROBERTS, A sophomore civil engineering major from New Braunfels, drills a hole in a PVC pipe to add to his Rube Goldberg project in the Civil Engineering building Wednesday.

Enroll

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"As evidenced in recent years, Texas Tech University has become an attractive destination for high school students," Tech President Guy Bailey said in a news release. "We offer one of the best educational experiences in the country, and our consistent annual growth reflects the opportunities we offer."

The university has made reaching 40,000 students by 2020 an institutional goal, Bailey said. Currently, he said, the student-to-teacher ratio is 23-to-1.

Increasing enrollment is vital to Texas Tech University's continued leadership in higher education," Chancellor Kent Hance said in a news release. "We have placed a strong emphasis on this strategic priority and have seen significant growth in the past few years thanks to our dedicated administration, staff and faculty, who truly make Texas Tech one of the best institutions in this country."

Tech is committed to growing

a diverse student population, Bailey said, as seen in the increase in minority enrollment, which includes 5,305 Hispanic and 1,696 African-American students, reflecting increases of 574 and 279, respectively. Both are record totals.

"What we are doing here at Texas Tech is creating the expectation that diversity and excellence are not exclusive," said Juan Munoz, the vice provost for Undergraduate Education and vice president for Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, in a video discussing the increase in minority enrollment.

"You can have a representative population of students that are among the highest achieving in the country."

As enrollment rates have improved, the Tech admissions department has enhanced recruiting techniques. These efforts have

yielded increases in average scores and overall freshman class rank. The average SAT score is 1107, up three points from last year, while ACT averages rose half a point.

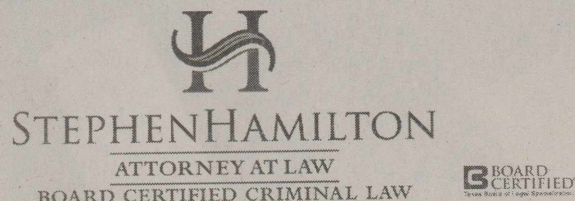
More than 22 percent of the freshman class ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class, an increase of nearly a percentage point from 2010. The percentage of the incoming class ranked between the top 11 to 25 percent is 34.1 percent, up nearly four points.

"We enhanced our admissions process to bring in high-quality students and many students who ranked at the top of their classes," Cook said, "which, in return, has increased our test scores."

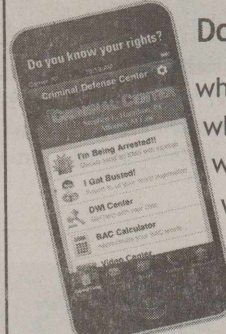
In the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings, Tech ranked sixth overall in students graduating with the least amount of debt, and in 2010 The Wall Street Journal named Tech one of the top 25 producers of college graduates.

"Students know that they are going to get a quality education, graduate with little to no debt and be able to get jobs," Cook said. "Our graduates are being employed at a very high rate."

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\$152 million in ag losses to Texas wildfires

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Enough fencing to cross Texas from east to west nearly seven times, more than 1,500 head of livestock and swaths of pasture nearly twice the area of Delaware have burned in Texas wildfires this year.

As if the state's crippling drought hadn't banged up Texas agriculture enough, experts with Texas AgriLife Extension Service said Wednesday the wildfires continue to burn through the dried remains on a daily basis.

David Anderson, an economist with the service, estimated Texas agriculture lost \$152.1 million through Sept. 19. The bulk of that total comes from the 5,965 miles of fences and other infrastructure that burned. Second are the nearly three million acres of scorched pasture.

That all comes on top of the estimated \$5.2 billion lost to crops and livestock from the drought in Texas. It has been the worst single-year drought on record and more than four-fifths of Texas is in exceptional drought.

Since wildfire season started on Nov. 15, 2010, officials say firefighters have responded to 23,519 fires. And there doesn't appear to be an end in sight.

The Texas Forest Service said this week that the wildfire danger would continue through fall and possibly into winter. Below average moisture and above average temperatures are predicted through the end of the year.

Timber losses have also been huge in East Texas where more than 200,000 acres or \$97 million of timber have burned since the start of wildfire season last November.

Student

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Stewart said the case is officially closed now that Scheller has been found and the incident is not an unusual one for police to come across.

"This happens all the time where someone just wants to drop off the map, break off contact with people and go somewhere new," he said. "It's something that happens fairly often."

Rich Lewis of the Santa Monica Police Department said to his knowledge, Scheller told his family he has no interest in returning to Texas.

"To my knowledge, he told his family he wanted to remain in California," Lewis said. "He is an adult capable of making his own decisions and living his own life. He's healthy and has no psychological problems. He wanted to be free of his former life and now he is."

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TEMPORARY TAT



ANDREA VILLARREAL, A junior special education major from Washington D.C., gets a henna tattoo from Michelle Feigenbaum, with Kirkland Productions, at the Tech Activities Board event in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

Texas mom to plead guilty in death of son in NH

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A Texas woman accused of killing her 6-year-old son in New Hampshire and disposing of his body in rural Maine will plead guilty to killing him, court officials said.

Forty-two-year-old Julianne McCrery will plead guilty to second-degree murder in the death of her son, Camden Hughes.

Her lawyers did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press. McCrery pleaded not guilty in

May and has since waived all other court appearances.

A Rockingham Superior Court clerk confirmed McCrery has filed a notice of intent to plead guilty and will be sentenced to 45 years to life in prison. No date has been set for her to formally enter her plea.

The discovery of Camden's body under a blanket on a dirt road in South Berwick, Maine, on May 14 launched a nationwide effort to identify him. Even as that effort was under way, McCrery

called his Irving, Texas, elementary school daily to report him absent.

Camden died of asphyxiation, according to a medical examiner. He and his mother had stayed in a New Hampshire motel the weekend his body was discovered.

Texas public records show that McCrery was arrested at least twice on prostitution charges and once for possession with intent to distribute drugs. In 2009, she was sentenced to one year in prison for a misdemeanor

conviction of prostitution. In 2004, she was sentenced to three years of probation for a felony conviction of possession of a controlled substance.

Law enforcement authorities and friends have portrayed McCrery as a loving but troubled mother whose mood swings often prompted her to take lengthy road trips. It was on one of those trips, New Hampshire prosecutors say, that McCrery killed her son at a Hampton, N.H., motel. His body was found just over the border in Maine.

Power utility sued after massive Texas wildfire

FORT WORTH (AP) — A utility knew about wildfire dangers amid Texas' severe drought but failed to remove dead trees and branches near power lines that sparked the most destructive wildfire in state history, an attorney said Tuesday after filing a lawsuit for some families who lost their homes.

A Texas Forest Service investigation into the Sept. 4 Bastrop fire near Austin determined that the blaze started after wind gusts caused limbs and a dead tree to topple onto power lines. However, the report did not blame Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for the blaze that destroyed more than 1,500 Central Texas homes and

left two people dead.

Bluebonnet CEO Mark Rose released a statement Monday saying the fire was a "terrible incident" brought on by high winds, hot temperatures and historic drought in heavily wooded

areas — but those conditions were beyond anyone's control. He also said the trees that first caught fire were on private property and outside the utility's rights-of-way.

But attorney William Rossick, who

filed a lawsuit Monday on behalf of three residents, said Bluebonnet had the right — and the responsibility — to remove dead trees and trim branches on private property, and both of these areas were close to easements.

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Marsha Sharp not appreciated enough at Tech

When I first came to Texas Tech in the fall of 2009, I noticed Lubbock's new freeway was named after a woman with whom I was not familiar. I often wondered to myself, "Who is Marsha Sharp?"

After a while, I finally decided to Google her name and find out who she is and why she had a freeway named after her. It was then I found out what an icon she truly is to those of us in Raiderland.

For those of you who are unaware, Marsha Sharp was the Tech women's basketball coach from 1982 to 2006. She won 572 games during her 24-year tenure, including eight conference championships. Her teams advanced to the NCAA tournament 18 times, including 11 Sweet 16 appearances.

Sharp received eight conference coach of the year awards and was named the 1994 National Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. She also coached the qualifying team for the USA World Championship for Young Women in 2002, leading the team to a gold medal.

Above all, Sharp led the 1993 Lady Raiders to Tech's only Division I national championship in any sport. She was also inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003 and consistently maintained high graduation rates in her program. Her success is unparalleled in Lubbock.

With this incredible legacy, I had to wonder why I had never heard of her. The only places on Tech's campus where her name shows up are on the banners hanging inside United Spirit Arena and at the Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes, which bears her name because of her \$100,000 donation to its establishment.

Maybe I'm wrong, but I feel like not enough has been done to honor Sharp and her legacy at Tech. Someone with as much success as she had and as much good character as she has exhibited should be the face of the entire athletics program.

This question brings up an interesting point made by former Tech football coach Mike Leach in his new book, "Swing Your Sword." Leach claims that Sharp's retirement in 2006 was at least partially brought on by

Andrew Gleinser



frustration with Tech's administration, involving issues such as her budget being cut, her support of then-chancellor David Smith and the fact she was being pushed aside to make the cancerous men's basketball coach Bob Knight the face of Tech's athletics.

If Leach's account is true, then it certainly would explain why Sharp seems underappreciated. The same regime that ousted Leach and pushed Sharp into retirement is still in power and therefore might not support a movement to further honor the

iconic coach.

But such a movement is exactly what needs to happen. The fact is United Spirit Arena could very realistically be called "The House that Sharp Built."

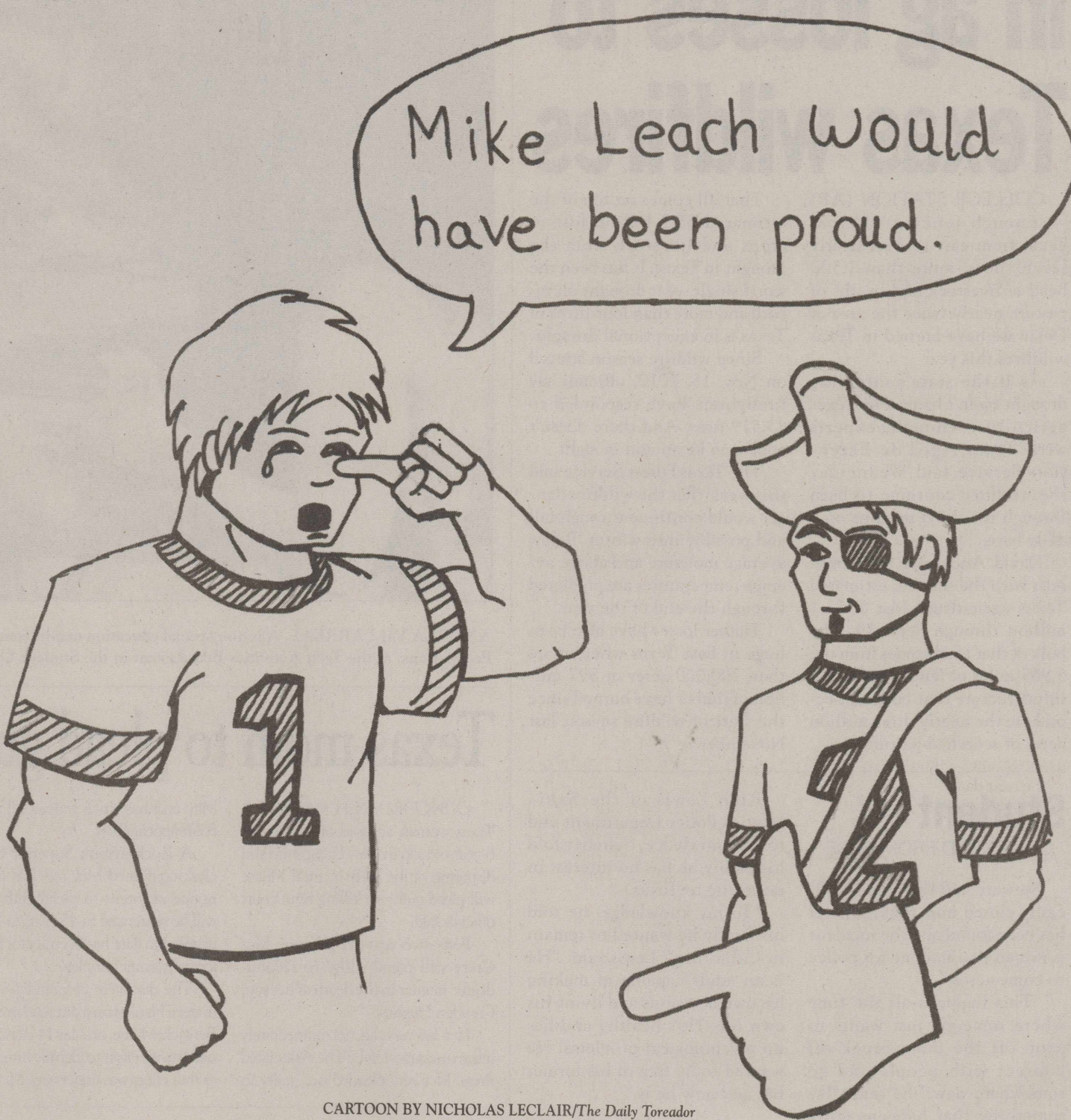
Her teams often had higher attendance figures than the men's team throughout her tenure. Sharp made the Lady Raiders a nationally prominent team on an annual ba-

sis as her players achieved excellence both on the court and in the classroom.

It would be very fitting to have a statue of Sharp outside the arena. An image of the coach leading her team on the sideline or cutting down the nets after winning the national championship would look great in bronze. Nothing would be more appropriate for fans to see when entering the arena than an image of an iconic coach who led Tech to the greatest athletic heights it has ever seen.

It's imperative something like this be done not only to honor Sharp, but also to ensure no one who attends Tech is unaware of her legacy. She has set a fantastic example with her leadership, community service and success. In spite of the fact some may not feel the need to pay tribute to her, we cannot allow coach Marsha Sharp to be forgotten by the Red Raider faithful.

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Remaining positive is best policy

I discovered, through a philosophy class I took last year, that I am a hard determinist. That is, I believe every single thing that happens in our lives is set to happen regardless of what we want. To resist having certain things happen is futile.

At the same time, I feel we have to make our own luck.

For instance, I don't wear seatbelts. Why? Because I'm pretty sure if God wants to blow up my car and take my life in a fiery blaze, he's going to whether or not I have a flimsy piece of fabric cutting into my neck. However, I'm not going to tempt fate and run into trees to see if I can survive.

This may be a little morbid, but that's how I think.

While my opinions about fate are a little harsh, I also think every crappy thing set to happen does so in order for something great to eventually come. From a death in the family to a friendship or relationship dissolving, fate controls everything.

But, as I sit here attempting to pack up my apartment and try to start my semester over again, I wonder what it is I'm supposed to do when there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

This time last week, I was dealing with the loss of a friendship that, at one point, I cared very much about: I'm not going to say I felt like my life had fallen apart, but let me put it this way: My opinions piece from last week in The Daily Toreador, "Fighting Fair," wasn't totally random.

Everyone goes through times

Sydney Holmes



when they feel alone, scared, forsaken and whatever other melancholy emotions you can think of. But, in those times, instead of pouting and feeling sorry for yourself, you've got to try and look forward.

This isn't easy. It would have been much easier for me to lie in bed, cry and eat Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia ice cream until I was blue in the face. And, of course, I did do this for a time.

Then, I thought about my hard deterministic stance.

The train wrecks we experience are going to happen regardless of what we do to prevent them, but that doesn't mean we can't better ourselves from them.

If we constantly sit around moping about the unfortunate things going on in our lives, chances are we're missing out on other potentially amazing things. Whether it's new friends, boyfriends or girlfriends, job opportunities or anything else that can improve your life, you'll never realize it if your

thoughts are clouded with what could have been.

My best friend told me in order to create a beautiful mosaic, you have to break some plates. In other words, shit happens. Now, while my friends said it in a more tasteful way, the message is the same.

Pick up the pieces and move on.

There is no reason one bad thing should define who you are or the way you live.

There is no reason anyone should walk around playing the victim all the time.

Every-

one has something they're dealing with, and it's just as hard to them as what you're going through is to you. You wouldn't be who you are today without all the teasing you endured in middle school for your bucked teeth, chubby cheeks or weird hair.

So, whatever it is you're dealing with, understand that while it may seem like the end of the world now, it's not. And every second spent watching yourself cry in the mirror is another second you could be learning something.

Life is hard but, at the same time, it can be truly stunning given the opportunity. After all, if we didn't go through hard times, the view from the top would be a lot less impressive.

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Guard describes scene where he found Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The last days of Michael Jackson's life were filled with the adulation of fans, a rehearsal performance onlookers described as amazing and intense preparations for his big comeback in London.

In good spirits, Jackson chatted with well-wishers outside his home and at the Staples Center where he practiced songs and dance routines before he returned home. Then, things took a tragic turn, according to Michael Amir Williams, who testified Wednesday in the trial of the doctor charged with involuntary manslaughter in the superstar's death.

Williams, who had gone with him to the rehearsal and had dropped Jackson at home, said he got a frantic call the next day from Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray. "He said, 'Get here right away. Mr. Jackson had a bad reaction.' He said, 'Get someone up here right away,'" Williams told the jury.

A security guard, Faheem Muhammad, testified that he arrived at Jackson's bedroom to find Murray sweating and nervous, leaning over Jackson and trying to revive him.

He said that Jackson's two older children, Paris and Prince, were in shock, and that Paris fell to the ground, curled up and weeping.

Moments later, Muhammad said, he heard Murray ask if anyone knew CPR.

The testimony on the second day of the trial helped shed light on what Murray did and didn't do after he found Jackson unconscious in June 2009. Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison and would have to relinquish his medical license.

On June 24, 2009, the day before Jackson's death, Murray was in negotiations to join Jackson on his tour as his personal physician, testified lawyer Kathy Jorrie of concert giant AEG Live. She said she was gathering information for an insurance company to make sure Jackson was in good health and could be insured.

"Dr. Murray told me repeatedly that Michael Jackson was perfectly healthy, in excellent condition. Don't worry about it. He's great," she recalled.

Community leaders weigh in on women in leadership positions

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The inaugural Lubbock and West Texas Women in Leadership Symposium was hosted Wednesday in the Merket Alumni Center.

This year's theme was "Women in Leadership: Rising above the Ordinary."

Adrienne Cozart, vice president of human resources for the University Medical Center Health System and a speaker at the event, advised women to come to events like the symposium to meet other leaders and find ways other than books to improve their leadership qualities.

Five women from the area with experience in business and service organization leadership spoke at the panel on topics ranging from "Being Your Best Advocate" to "Breaking Through to Middle Management."

The speakers included: Cozart; Irasema Velasquez, chairwoman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce; Linda Gaither, a real estate agent for Westmark Realtors; Stephanie Massengale, co-owner and vice president of Advanced Graphix; and Esther Peña, vice president of American State Bank.

During the panel, the speakers answered questions from the audience covering issues relating to women.

Cozart, a leader who pursued building relationships with college

students, answered a question about why she thought it was important for community leaders to work with college students.

"They are definitely our future," she said. "When they come through my door looking for a job, they are naive to what the real world is about, and I'd like to take them under my wing."

Velasquez said she would like to have her family tree filled with college graduates, and she welcomes the opportunity to give back to the younger generations.

An important topic of discussion for the panel was "women helping women." Massengale advocated setting up a personal network of mentors who could provide experience and coach an employee to success.

"I just try to share as much experience and knowledge that I have," Peña said. "Whenever there is a teaching moment, I try to take advantage of that."

Recalling one interview with a potential employee, Peña told the story of a recent college graduate. The graduate had no working experience apart from a few months of waitressing, but believed she was entitled to a high-paying position at the bank because of her degree.

"You have to get there eventually," Peña said. "It doesn't come right away."

The panelists encouraged college students not to get caught in the

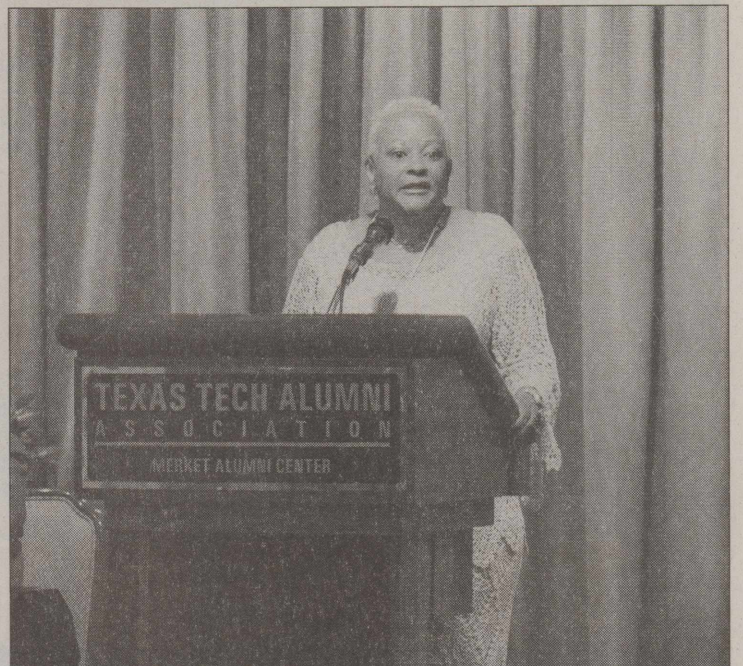


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ADRIENNE COZART TALKS about her career as vice president of human resources for the University Medical Center Health System at the Women in Leadership Symposium at the Merket Alumni Center on Wednesday.

weight of school and work.

Cozart advised students to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities available to them while they're in college.

"So many are missing the mark by having senses of entitlement," Velasquez said. "They're trying to hurry up and start their lives."

The panelists also gave some final advice on career advancement.

Massengale told attendees to think outside the box and figure out what an employee specifically contributes. Peña counseled that the right perspective did a lot for getting promotions.

"When I say, 'Smile,' smile," Cozart said. "When I say, 'Hold your head up,' do it. You never know who is watching you."

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Elton John starts 3-year Las Vegas run at Caesars

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Elton John is returning to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

The five-time Grammy winner was set to perform Wednesday night for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October, the first performances of a new show titled "The Million Dollar Piano."

The remainder of the shows during the three-year run have not yet been announced.

John says it's named for the instrument he'll play during the show — a piano that took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build.

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," John said of the instrument earlier this year as the show was announced.

"This isn't like the old days," John said of the new show. "It's going to be certainly different from anything you've seen from me before, as was 'The Red Piano,' his previous show at Caesars.

His return comes more than two years after that five-year stint that ended in 2009. The run was originally planned for three years but was extended because of demand.

"The Red Piano" included risqué imagery — with high-tech videos and large, inflatable props — plus the hits John has become known for during a career that spanned more than 40 years.

John Gastwirth, senior vice president of entertainment for casino owner Caesars Entertainment Corp., believes John's run could be extended again.

"I think it's very possible, both on duration and number of shows," Gastwirth said. "There's been such a large appetite by his fans to come see the show."

John is one of music's most decorated stars, known for songs including "Candle in the Wind," "Rocker Man" and "Benie and the Jets." He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999 and honored by the Kennedy Center in 2004 for his lifetime contributions to performing arts.

John won an Academy Award in 1994 for his original song, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," from Disney's "The Lion King."

With NY teen's suicide come spotlight, caution

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Taunted since grade school for hanging out with girls, 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer told his parents things were finally getting better since high school started. Meanwhile, on a blog his parents didn't know about, he posted increasingly desperate notes ruminating on suicide, bullying, homophobia and pop singer Lady Gaga.

A few days later, he hanged himself outside his home in suburban Buffalo, quickly gaining a fame like that described in one of his idol's songs. Activists, journalists and Gaga herself seized on the suicide, decrying the loss of another promising life to

bullying. His cherubic school picture pervaded the Internet and television, as well as a video he had posted earlier about his experience.

But what the incomplete and conflicting portrait of Rodemeyer's life did not convey were the complexities of the teenage mind and the reality that bullying is rarely the sole factor at work. It also highlighted the risk of creating an icon at the price of glamorizing suicide as an option for other bullied or attention-seeking teens.

"If we portray it as something that is admirable and very sympathetic, vulnerable youth may hear that as, 'Look at the attention this case is get-

ting and everyone is feeling sorry and praising this individual,' and it can form a narrative that can be compelling," said Ann Haas, senior project specialist at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Like in other prominent teenage deaths linked to bullying or intimidation — notably Phoebe Prince, an Irish immigrant in Massachusetts taunted by classmates after she dated a popular boy, and Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University freshman whose roommate is accused of spying on his same-sex encounter via webcam — police are investigating to see whether any bullying constituted a crime.

Tracy Rodemeyer said her son was hurt deeply by words from the time he was very young. Boys started picking on him in elementary school, she said. "People would say, 'Oh my god, you're such a girl. What are you, gay? That kind of stuff,'" she told The Associated Press in an interview last week.

By middle school, the bullying was overwhelming, she said. His friends would report the abuse, and school officials would pull the boy and the alleged bullies into the office. Rodemeyer also regularly saw a school social worker, who would call his mother after meetings.

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Next week, the bye weeks start. If you didn't prepare ahead of time for the bye week, you may be in trouble, especially if your league has a pickup limit. Don't panic. If you drafted a good backup, now is his time to shine. If you realize ahead of time that the bye week is on its way, you can grab a player off the waiver wire and stash him before other people think about it.

Trading block

Trades usually start to pick up this time of year. The winless teams get desperate. The undefeated teams are looking to widen the talent gap and fill any holes they might have. There is only one thing to remember when you are doing trades: Don't get tricked.

More often than not, if someone proposes a trade to you, it is fair for him or her and not fair for you. Never take a trade on the first round of negotiation. Always make sure you get value for your players. Don't let anyone or anything except you determine the value of your players. Always send a little note saying why you think it is fair in order to hold sway over the person you are trading with.

Trade block players

Chris Johnson

He has been a huge under-achiever this year so far as he held out and missed what little pre-season activities there were. He looks rusty, too. That being said, the rust should be shaking off any time now. I know Johnson has been a huge disappointment, but try to trade for him if you lack running back depth. The team just lost star wide receiver Kenny Britt, so Johnson will be a target in the passing game. Make sure to mention to the current owner how he has had such a bad year and that they need help now. If you own him, make sure you ask for plenty if you intend to trade him.

Rob Gronkowski

I know he has been a great steal so far this year, but think about dealing the scoring tight end. His stock is very high, and you could easily ask for a top player at another position. The hot streak should fade, and the Patriots eventually will need to run the ball. Aaron Hernandez will also be back soon, which will

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limit Gronkowski's catches and touchdown receptions. If you can get a top-tier running back for "The Gronk," think about pulling the trigger.

Players who can probably be acquired for a low price

DeSean Jackson, Arian Foster and Antonio Gates.

Trade these guys now while the stock is high

Darren McFadden, Fred Jackson and Matthew Stafford.

Match-ups I love

Eli Manning and Hakeem Nicks

They play the Arizona Cardinals this week, which should lead to the Giants performing well on offense. Eli had a great game last week, and I think he can ride the hot streak into this week. I know Victor Cruz had a big game and Nicks didn't, but I think Nicks will eventually grab the top spot and Eli's favor.

Josh Freeman

It is now or never for Josh Freeman to break out and have the year people wanted him to have. The Colts took the Steelers to the wire and almost won, so we know they aren't just laying down for people. This is the test to see if Freeman can be a true fantasy contributor and break out.

Match-ups I hate

The Cowboys

There is no Cowboys player who is a good play this week. The Cowboys looked mediocre on "Monday Night Football," and this week they get the Lions. The Lions have been rolling on offense and defense. The Dallas defense might get torched by Stafford and Calvin Johnson. The Cowboys offensive line looked shaky, and I don't trust Romo's health when he has Ndamukong Suh staring at him from the other side.

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Kansas

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Last week, Tech quarterback Seth Doege proved Stephens is not the only running threat. The junior surprised the Wolf Pack defense with 83 yards on the ground. His newfound deftness on the ground, along with his 11 touchdowns and completion rate of 77 percent make him difficult to defend if given the time to make a play.

"I think he's at his best when he starts getting into a rhythm," Oporum said. "He's real difficult. Obviously, with his numbers, he's really difficult to stop. If we can get him off pace and kind of confuse him a bit, I think great pressure will allow us to disrupt his rhythm."

The Jayhawks will have a full two weeks off before the 11 a.m. kickoff Saturday. There has been plenty of time to digest the Georgia Tech thumping, but a quick start could change the complexion of the season for Kansas.

"Offensively and defensively, if we can come out



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JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER D.J. Beshears tries to escape a potential McNeese State tackler during a 42-24 victory Sept. 3. The Jayhawks will host Tech on Saturday in both teams Big 12 Conference openers.

on offense and score quick, or if we can get a quick three-and-out, that will do a lot for our confidence," Oporum said.

"That will show guys we're still here to compete. We're 2-1 right now. We don't want guys to panic and think all of

the sudden we're not a good team because we believe we're a good team."

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Rangers win 6th straight, right to stay home

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Napoli broke a tie in the ninth inning with his fourth homer in two games, and the Texas Rangers finally clinched home-field advantage in the AL division series with a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

Napoli, the longtime Angels catcher, also homered in the second inning as the Rangers set a franchise record with their 96th victory — including six straight heading into the postseason.

With 14 wins in their final 16 games, the Rangers (96-66) held off Detroit (95-67) for the right host the wild-card winner at Rangers Ballpark on Friday.

Gil Velasquez drove in the only run for the Angels, who were in playoff contention until Monday. Los Angeles (86-76) lost six of its last seven.

With 10 wins in their last 11 regular-season games, the Rangers broke the 1999 club's mark for victories, improving their record for the fourth straight season under manager Ron Washington.

The Rangers collected their luggage in a loose pile in the center of their locker room at Angel Stadium before the game even though they still didn't know where they would spend the weekend. C.J. Wilson will start Friday's division series opener in Arlington, and Washington said Derek Holland will start Game 2.

Seven innings after Napoli homered over the ficus trees in deepest center field, he connected in the ninth off Angels rookie closer Jordan Walden (5-5), capping his career year with another huge game at the park he once called home.

Mike Adams (2-3) pitched the eighth, and Neftali Feliz picked up his 32nd save.

Texas left-hander Matt Harrison yielded five hits and a run in six innings during a strong tuneup for the postseason, while Garrett Richards pitched five innings of two-hit ball in his third career start for the Angels.

Napoli hit six homers this season at Angel Stadium — three more than Bobby Abreu, who struck out to end

the game for Los Angeles. Napoli went deep four times in his final 14 innings against the Angels, who traded him in a package for Vernon Wells last winter.

Napoli finished with career-highs of 30 homers and 75 RBIs in Texas, while Wells finished a dismal season by going 1 for 4 — and the three catchers who replaced Napoli have all been offensive disasters.

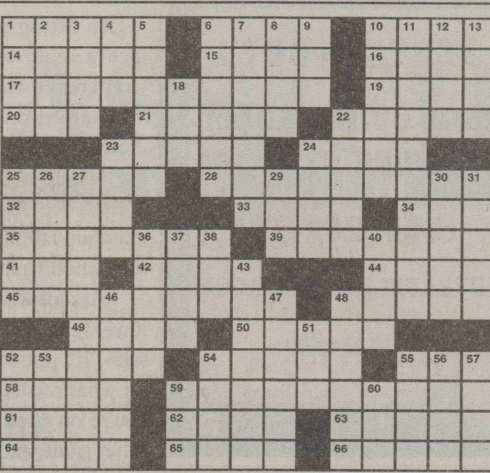
The Angels wrapped up their 50th anniversary season by missing the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time since 2000-01, manager Mike Scioscia's first two years in charge. Los Angeles still had the AL's sixth-best record, winning at least 80 games for the eighth straight season — easily the best stretch in franchise history.

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Lions' dynamic duo: Stafford to Johnson

K-State defense to get test against Bears

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Calvin Johnson and Matthew Stafford are clicking so well that a lot of things simply go unsaid.

"We do have ways to communicate out there, real subtle things," Johnson says. "I'm not going to tell you how."

And even if he did, teams would still have trouble against Detroit's dynamic duo.

The 6-foot-5, 236-pound Johnson has emerged as one of the top receivers in the NFL, a highlight reel of a player with the speed of a sprinter, the hops of a high-jumper and soft hands.

"They call him 'Megatron' for a reason," Minnesota cornerback Chris Cook said.

And now Johnson has Stafford consistently throwing him the ball, too. The Lions quarterback, injured so much in the past, is back with a strong arm and a ton of confidence, threading passes into tiny windows for Johnson to snare or heaving them far downfield for his big receiver to go up and get.

Johnson is the first NFL player to catch two touchdown passes in each of the first three games of a season and Stafford has thrown for three other scores as the Lions (3-0) head into

Sunday's game at Dallas (2-1).

"Those two guys are really a couple marquee players," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "They were drafted high for a reason because they're awfully good, they're awfully talented. They're getting better and better. You can really see those guys develop as players and maybe more importantly as a combination."

Johnson been nagged by injuries, including one to his left ankle that held him out of Wednesday's practice, since Matt Millen drafted him No. 2 overall in 2007. He has still been very productive — 33 TD catches in his first four years — but it wasn't until last season that he became a Pro Bowl player.

Stafford has been limited to playing just 16 games since being taken No. 1 overall in 2009 because of banged-up shoulders and an injured right knee. He had shown flashes of brilliance, but questions about his ability to stay healthy stunted expectations.

They're both rolling now, creating a buzz about the Motor City's favorite team that has people raving about the Lions from coast to coast. Detroit is 3-0 for the first time since 1980 in part because Johnson and Stafford have been sensational.

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Nothing like proving your worth as a defense with a game-winning goal line stand during a road game against a nationally recognized opponent. Now, Kansas State returns home to face a Heisman Trophy candidate and one of the best offenses in the country.

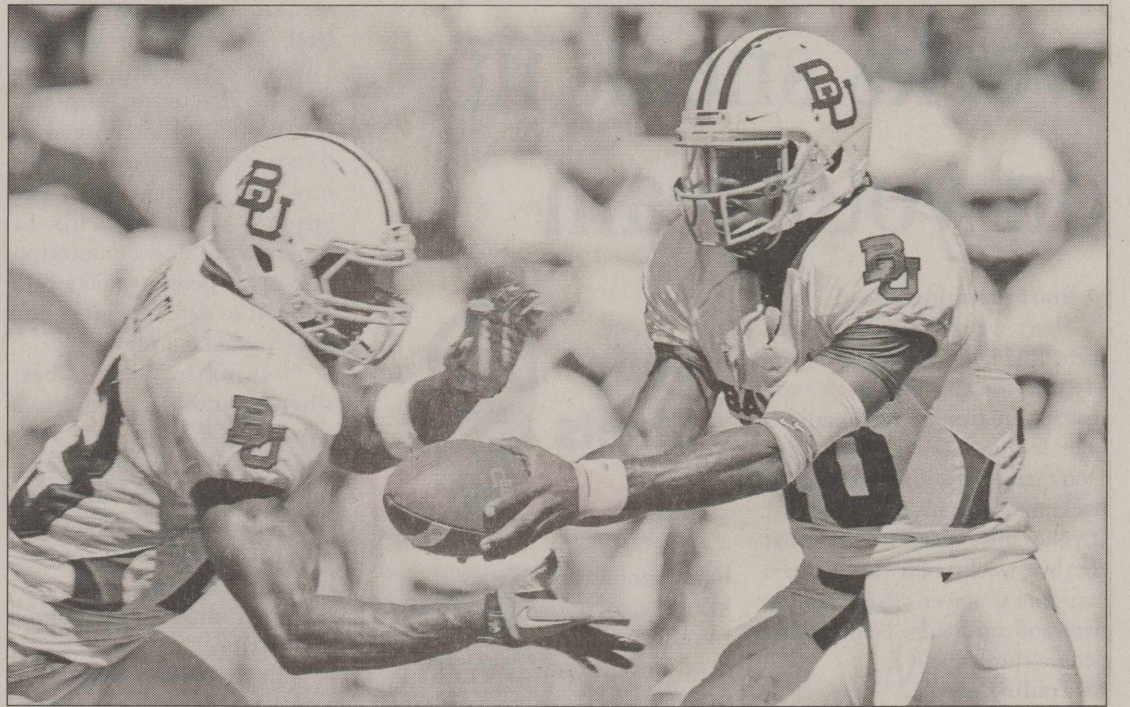
Life doesn't get any easier for the Wildcats against No. 15 Baylor on Saturday.

While holding Eastern Kentucky to 129 yards of offense and Kent State to 199 in its first two games, didn't elicit much national praise, Kansas State's 28-24 upset at Miami last Saturday certainly turned some heads.

"There was that doubt across the nation because we'd stopped some offenses, but we hadn't stopped any notable offenses," defensive end Jordan Voelker said. "It was just still a question mark in that aspect. We looked like a changed defense, but there were no facts on the board for it, really."

There was much ado about the speed of Miami's offense going into last week's game, especially after the Hurricanes knocked off nationally ranked Ohio State. But coach Bill Snyder said this week that he thought the Wildcats played every bit as fast as their opponent.

"We can't match up on the clock, but the reason was, we played hard, we played smart," he said. "Our guys knew what they were going to do and how to go about doing it, and they



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

BAYLOR QUARTERBACK ROBERT Griffin III hands the ball off to running back Jay Finley during a 45-38 loss to Tech last season at the Cotton Bowl. The Bears will look to improve their record to 4-0 as they travel to Manhattan, Kan., to take on the Kansas State Wildcats on Saturday.

were assignment-sound and correct most of the time, and that allowed them to play as fast as they're capable of playing. Because of that, the speed issue wasn't a factor."

Besides playing fast, the Wildcats held their ground when it counted, keeping the Hurricanes out of the end zone in the waning seconds despite giving up 21 points after halftime. It was the second time in as many games Kansas State has made a goal-line stand — they also did so

against Kent State, which resulted in their first shutout since 2006.

"We don't want to be there," safety Tysyn Hartman said. "Unfortunately, they got down there, but we found a way to get a stop. We had all 11 guys on the ball, playing their hearts out. Nobody wanted them across that line. You can tell from seeing the film. Really, that attitude is what the coaches were excited about the most."

Despite all the positives in their

latest performance, there are some things the Wildcats would rather avoid. Lamar Miller's 59-yard TD run proved there is still big-play potential against them.

"It happened because we had an individual, one single individual, lined up incorrectly and therefore out of position," Snyder said, "and most offenses will find that if you allow it to happen. It was a moment to reflect on and learn from with our players."

Tannehill wants to help Aggies forget loss

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Ryan Tannehill had a perfect Big 12 record as a starting quarterback, right up until last weekend.

The senior will have to get back on track personally while helping his teammates forget about the second-half collapse against No. 5 Oklahoma State as the Aggies prepare for Saturday's game against No. 18 Arkansas in Dallas.

"We are looking to rebound from last week," Tannehill said. "We know we didn't finish like we needed to in the second half. We are excited to get on that field and prove that we can finish."

The 14th-ranked Aggies had a 17-point halftime lead before numerous penalties and four second half turnovers, including three in-

terceptions by Tannehill, helped the Cowboys rally for a 30-29 win in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

It was a sour loss in particular for Tannehill, who came off the bench to help A&M to a win over Kansas last year that broke a three-game losing streak. He led the Aggies to six straight wins after taking over as starter.

One of the reasons Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman benched Jerrod Johnson in favor of Tannehill last season was because of Johnson's excessive turnovers. The three interceptions Tannehill had Saturday equaled the number he threw in all his regular-season games combined last season.

Sherman isn't concerned about Tannehill in that area.

"We had three interceptions, and the one where he got hit while throwing is only one I'll put on him," Sherman said. "The other two we didn't run the route. We weren't

where we were supposed to be when we were supposed to be there, and Ryan is a precision quarterback. I'm not worried about Ryan he's a great competitor and will be ready to lead the team in this ball game."

Receiver Jeff Fuller, who was the target on two of the three interceptions and who slipped on one of them, seemed to take the loss harder than anyone on the team.

"I was there for the picks and both of them I take the blame for," Fuller said. "Slipping is uncalled for. I'm a senior. It didn't happen last year and it shouldn't happen this year. It's just rough to be such a huge part of what happened."

Part of Tannehill's task is making sure Fuller, a fellow senior, shakes off the loss so the younger players follow his lead.

"We talked and he told me everybody's going to be looking around and we've got to be upbeat and ready to work ... and forget about last week," Fuller said.

Johnson was still the quarterback when the Aggies played the Razorbacks last season. He was intercepted in the end zone, one of four Texas A&M turnovers that day, and Arkansas won 24-17.

Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino can see a difference in Texas A&M with Tannehill in charge.

"He's brought a real calming, confident effect to their offense," Petrino said. "When we played them a year ago, they were a little out of sync and I think their quarterback was frustrated and he threw the ball away a lot against us ... since Tannehill's been in there, they've been very calm. He operates the offense, he can make plays running the ball which is a concern."

Tannehill was unhappy that the Aggies had just 15 yards rushing in the second half against Oklahoma State and knows they have to run the ball better for the offense to do well this week.

"We want to be a balanced offense," he said. "We have good running backs and a good offensive line. We want to get those guys their carries and establish the run game."

It's fitting that the Aggies will face a team in the Southeastern Conference this week after it was announced on Sunday that Texas A&M will leave the Big 12 to join the league next season. Tannehill doesn't see any significance in the matchup falling in the same week as the announcement.

"Arkansas is on our schedule even if we were staying in the Big 12," he said. "It's just a game, it doesn't matter what conference you're in. Once you're on the field it's just like any other game in the nation."



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Kansas not haunted by 66-24 beating

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Georgia Tech did not just beat Kansas. They also made T-shirts commemorating their historic 66-24 victory. The Yellow Jackets racked up 604 rushing yards and averaged 12.1 yards per carry.

Even though the Sept. 17 loss has been immortalized on navy T-shirts in central Georgia, it will not serve as an epitaph for the Jayhawks' season.

"We put it behind us, and the bye week definitely helped us get our confidence back," defensive end Toben Oporum said.

The tilt Saturday with Texas Tech (3-0) also provides Kansas the opportunity to erase the memory of the trouncing in Atlanta by winning their first Big 12 Conference game of the season.

"It's homecoming and it's a big game for us, but we're not going to hype it up too much," quarterback Jordan Webb said. "We're ready to put the past behind us after Georgia Tech and come out here and try to get a win (versus Texas Tech)."

The sophomore threw for 148 yards on 11 completions, none of which found the end zone. After seeing significant time in 2010 as a freshman, Webb has the confidence of his coaches and teammates.

"That's our quarterback," wide receiver D.J. Beshears said. "We have all the faith and trust in him. That's our guy, and we know that he's going to get the job done. He's our leader and we're going to stick by him."

Beshears has been one of the targets for the Union, Mo., na-

tive, who has improved between his first and second seasons by putting in extra work with his offensive weapons.

"I give credit to those guys because they did a great job in the offseason to get their timing down, and I think that has shown," Gill said. "(Jordan) has matured like we hoped he would, so I feel very good about where he's at and what he's doing."

The improvement by the signal-caller has given Kansas (2-1) an opportunity to exploit defenses in a variety of ways, although they have not settled on a set attack.

"We're figuring out our personnel and what our guys can do," Gill said. "I'm big in saying we can run any kind of defense or offense we want, but we're really trying to fit our schemes to what our personnel can execute best."

Exploiting a Tech defense depleted by injuries is not a concern for the Jayhawks. Last week, safety Cody Davis and cornerback Tre' Porter were kept out of the Nevada game.

"It doesn't really matter who is out there," Beshears said.

"We're just going to be doing our jobs as receivers, being physical blocking and making plays on the field."

At this point, the junior has 12 receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns through the air, although that is not the only thing he brings to the table. The Denton native knifed his way through kickoff coverage teams for 387 yards.

"It's always good to have good field position set up for your offense," Beshears said. "I just want to continue to have success

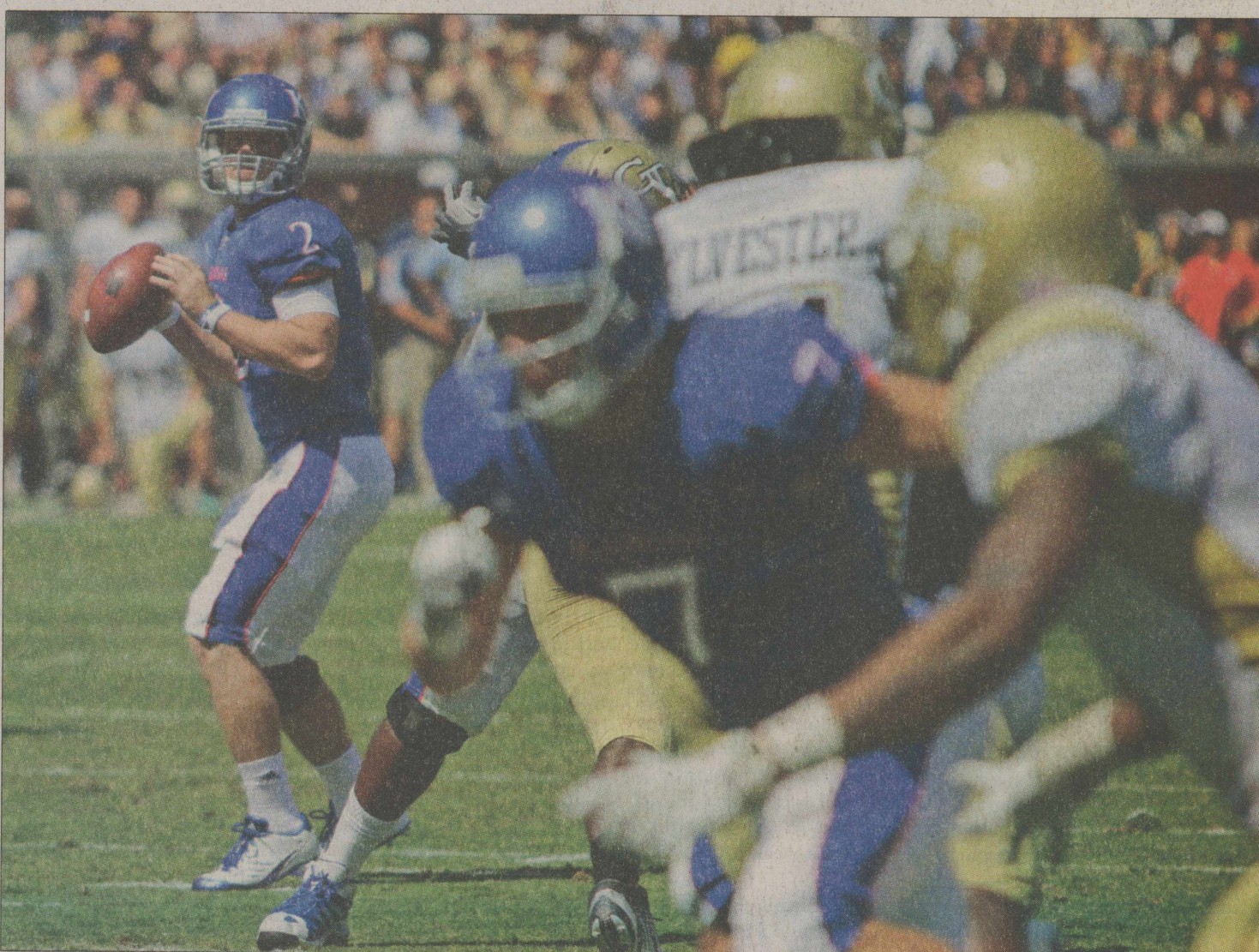


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SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACK JORDAN Webb prepares to pass the ball down the field during the first half of a Sept. 17 loss to Georgia Tech. The Jayhawks will take on the Red Raiders on Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

with my returns."

Beshears knows Tech kick return specialist Ben McRoy was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of The Week, but hopes to be the first of the two to find pay dirt.

"I just have to come out this Saturday and do my job and make big plays, and hopefully I

can bust out for one and score a touchdown," Beshears said.

In the first three games, Beshears had plenty of chances to return kicks because Kansas has given up 143 points thus far. After being gashed by the Georgia Tech triple-option, the Jayhawks will face the task of slowing down Red Raider run-

ning back Eric Stephens, who has eclipsed 100 yards in each game this season.

Oporum went to high school in Richardson, not too far from Mansfield where Stephens went to high school. The junior said he even followed Stephens when both were playing prep football. Stopping him three years later

will not be any easier.

"We just have to apply a 'bend and don't break' type of defense," Oporum said. "He's going to get his couple yards a carry, but we can't allow him to have a big play. That would really give them the momentum."

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