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Tech Experts: Haboob not likely to recur for many years



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CARS BACK UP along the Broadway entrance to campus after a haboob blew down a tree branch blocking a lane of traffic Monday.

Similar storms common during 1930s Dust Bowl

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The dust storm that swept across the South Plains on Monday is not likely to happen again for at least another decade, according to Texas Tech researchers.

"This was a widespread event associated with a 'cold front,'" said Eric Bruning, an assistant professor of atmospheric science. "The low pressure center to the southeast intensified rapidly and made conditions favorable for this (haboob). It is really quite unique."

Monday's dust storm is known as a "haboob" in meteorological terms, which is an Arabic term for a giant cloud of dust. Dirt and debris towered more than 8,000 feet over Lubbock, Bruning said.

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Webinar provides CSB details of 2010 explosion

University must follow new safety regulations

By GLORIA LERMA
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board presented a case study in a webinar Wednesday regarding a Jan. 7, 2010, explosion that occurred at Tech and implemented new safety measures and regulations the university is required to follow.

JUMP: See what extra measures Tech is taking. **News, Page 2**

The webinar was nationally broadcasted from Washington, D.C. representatives of the research departments of over 10 universities across the United States and Canada listened via the Internet as CSB officials revealed their findings.

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University, others investigating explosion in chemistry building

Bailey: University has 'much more to work on' for lab safety

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Office of Environmental Health and Safety and outside experts are investigating an explosion that occurred on 5:30 p.m. Friday in the Chemistry building.

The laboratory in question was being used solely by employees of an organic chemical production company, according to a university press release.

SEE BELOW: Results from investigation into 2010 chemistry explosion at Tech.

ment of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The laboratory hood where the explosion occurred was being used for the crystallization of an organic compound, but it appears this reaction had no role

in the explosion.

Taylor Eighmy, vice president of research at Tech, said less than a quart of dilute nitric acid sprayed over the laboratory's floor after the explosion. The experiment being conducted in the laboratory involved synthesizing organic chemicals, he said.

No one was hurt and the laboratory was empty at the time of the explosion. The building was evacuated afterward as members of the Lubbock



EIGHMY

Fire Department and its Haz-Mat team responded. The team cleaned the acid on the laboratory's floor and the building was reopened two hours later.

Tech president Guy Bailey said the university has made strides in safety measures since an explosion on Jan. 7, 2010, injured a graduate student, but the current accident shows more needs to be done.



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ELIZABETH VANSKIKE, A senior public relations major and public relations chair of Project H2O, and Alyssa Ingram, a senior special education major, are raising money to build a well in Africa.

Well & Good

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

In a dirty stream in an African village, there are tires, floating trash and children bathing themselves.

Alyssa Ingram, a senior special education major, stood in the dirty water as part of a mission trip in June.

When Ingram asked two girls in the village what their water source was, they indicated it was this very stream.

"They said they had a well, but it had been broken for two years," Ingram said. "They said they tried to heat the water before drinking it. It was unfathomable."

This is one reason that inspired Ingram to begin an event called The 10 Days, which Living Water International, a faith-based non-profit organization for safe drinking water, created. Tech's Project H2O will host the

event from midnight Tuesday through 5:30 a.m. Nov. 3.

During this span, participants will drink only water for 10 days and donate the money not spent on other drinks — like soft drinks, teas, coffees and so forth — to Project H2O. Its donation goal is \$5,000 to finance the building of a well to provide clean and safe drinking water to an African village for 20 years.

"There is a great need for this well and we have the resources to make it a reality," said Ingram, who is also the president of Project H2O. "When you're spending \$3 twice a day, it adds up. By the end of the 10 days, you're donating quite a lot of money. More than anything else, we really want to get the word out there and get hearts stirred to give even quarters and dimes."

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Students lead campaign to raise money for water source in Africa

HOW TO HELP

Event: The 10 Days
Host: Tech's Project H2O
When: Midnight Tuesday-5:30 a.m. Nov. 3

How to participate: Drink only water for the duration and donate what would've been spent on other drinks. Email alyssa.ingrum@ttu.edu for more.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive

Time: All day
Where: Drop off locations are in the Student Union Building, Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and the Child Development Research Center.

So, what is it?
Donate old coats and warm clothing to TAB's Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive.

Third Annual Pumpkin Trail

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Arboretum

So, what is it?
Enjoy a walk along a lighted trail of carved jack-o-lanterns in Clapp Park.

Gabriel Iglesias

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: City Bank Auditorium
So, what is it?
Enjoy a stand-up performance from Iglesias' Stand-Up Revolution tour.

Symphonic Band Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmler Recital Hall

So, what is it?
Enjoy a live performance from the symphonic band.

Urinetown the Musical

Time: 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Where: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre

So, what is it?
The Department of Theatre and Dance presents Urinetown, a contemporary musical, which provides a comedic outlook when the citizens of a "Gotham-like" city experience a devastating drought. The play will continue into Sunday.

Nightmare on 19th Street

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

FRIDAY

Game Show Mania

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre
So, what is it?
During Game Show Mania students can play three different game shows like "Min it to Win it," "Are you smarter than a Freshman" and "College Feud." Food will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the winners and to every contestant. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

March of Dimes 13th Annual Signature Chefs Auction

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Banquet Hall
So, what is it?
This event will pay tribute to local chefs and caterers while helping raise money for the March of Dimes.

University Choir Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmler Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy the University Choir concert host by the School of Music.

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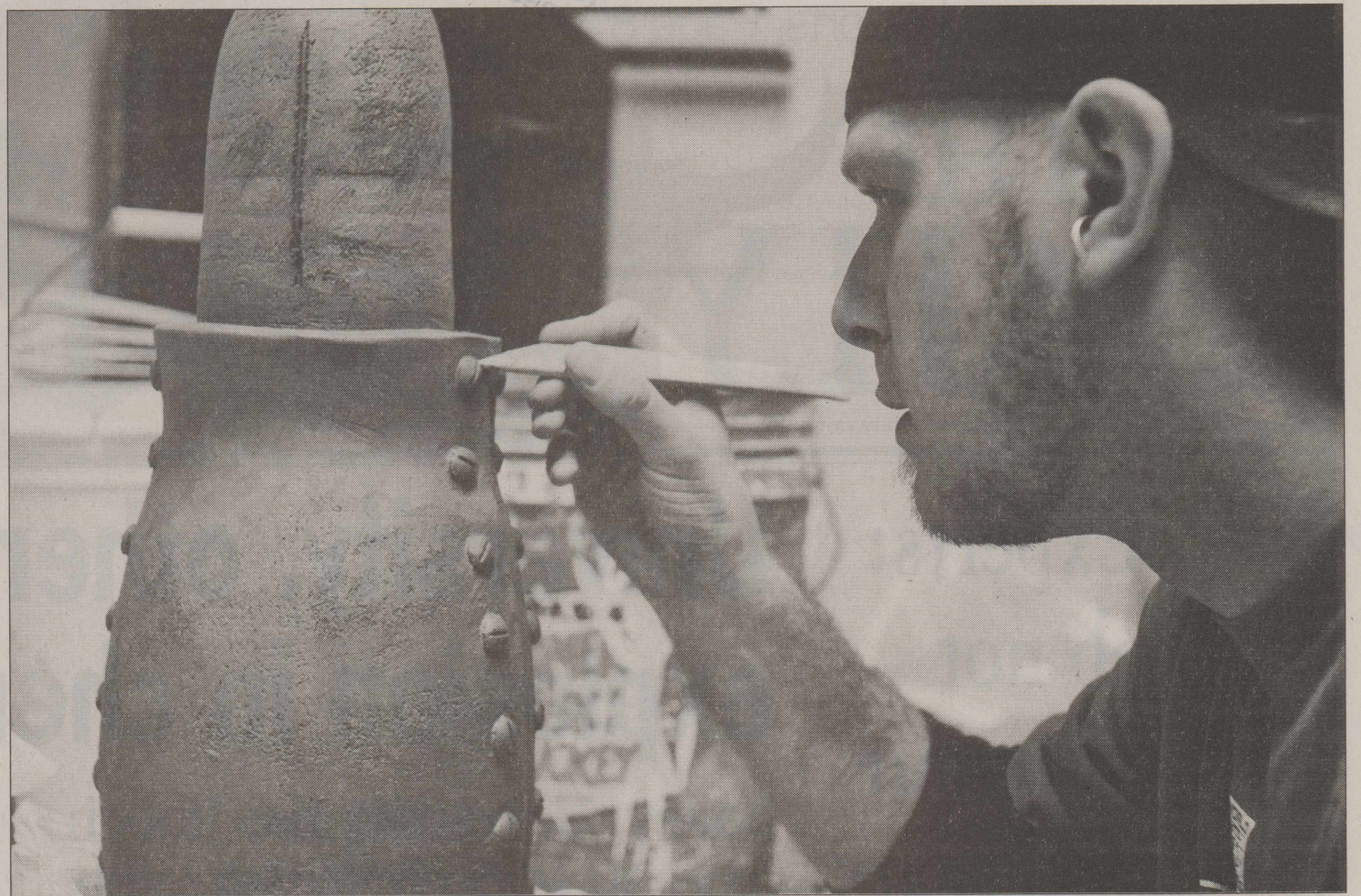


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ON WEDNESDAY IN the 3D Art Annex, Bruce Alves, a third year Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics student from St. Louis Mo., works on some details of a piece he may use in his thesis exhibition in the spring.

TECH ADDS SAFETY MEASURES

Tech president Guy Bailey is imposing a series of recommendations to complement those being suggested by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

- Adapt elements of physical risk into Tech's chemical hygiene plan.
- Require Tech to become an exemplary institution in the culture of safety.
- Tech will report annually to the CSHIB about the progress made toward improving the culture of laboratory safety.
- Establish a Faculty Chemical Safety Committee to help firmly establish the culture of laboratory safety.
- Develop an online chemical inventory system.
- Require the provost and vice president of research to make laboratory safety an element of their annual evaluations.
- Other regulations will be implemented as the Faculty Chemical Safety Committee examines the CSHIB report.

**A detailed version of the recommendations and information regarding the CSHIB investigation can be found at: <http://www.csbresponse.ttu.edu>.

Webinar

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"If there is not enough knowledge and skills, negative decisions can be made. If the principal investigator is not aware or present during investigations, if the university does not practice proper policies, if set rules or requirements are not followed, if grant-funding bodies are not supervising and if the school does not oversee and have regulations and practices for physical safety while using chemicals, all of these factors can line up and create an incident like this," said Mary Beth Mulcahy, a CSB investigator.

On Jan. 7, 2010, Preston Brown, a fourth-year graduate student at Tech, was working on an investigation of the Awareness and Localization of Explosives-Related Threats project, which is funded by the Department of Homeland Security, when the chemical compound he was working with exploded in his hands.

Tech's Office of Environment Health and Safety conducted a follow-up investigation. The report stated Louisa J. Hope-Weeks, the chemistry professor assigned to the project, had instructed both Brown and another graduate student to not mix more than 100 mg of the energetic material. Brown later said he used 10 g.

According to Chemical and Engineering News Online, Brown said he thought he had finished working and took off his protective safety goggles. He then decided to give the chemical compound one more stir.

The energetic compound exploded immediately, causing Brown to lose three fingers on his left hand. He also had burns on his right hand, lost his left eye, scratched his right eye and was cut on uncovered parts of his body.

Immediately after the incident, the CSHIB chose to continue investigating Tech's laboratory safety to determine if the accident could have been prevented.

"Tech's participation with the CSB wasn't voluntary," Eighmy said. "They are a federal agency that have a right to all the documents they need for their investigation. They can come in at any time."

The investigation of Tech took more than one year and 10 months to complete due to the CSB focusing on its investigation of the British Petroleum oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in May 2010.

Mulcahy also mentioned two previous incidents that exposed Tech's lack of physical safety when working with chemicals.

"Incident one was an excess production of nitrogen. The local fire department handled the situation. This near-miss went unreported. The second incident was a student who used the wrong measuring unit, causing a fire. Again, no formal tracking of either incidents was reported," she said. "Only advancements in their investigations were reported. The near-miss incidents were not discussed."

CSB concluded the webinar by presenting safety recommendations for Tech to follow in laboratories.

Tech should expand in their chemical hygiene plan, develop a near-miss accident report system and improve its communication of the events occurring during investigations, said Cheryl MacKenzie, CSB team leader.

Concluding the case study, Tech president Guy Bailey released an official statement in response to the study.

"We are not perfect. We still have much work to do," he said. "We will be implementing a university-wide Faculty Chemical Safety Committee that will oversee all safety requirements."

In response to the case study, Tech has launched an official website to expose and explain all of the incidents affecting the Tech community at <http://www.csbresponse.ttu.edu>, which was launched at 11:30 a.m. as soon as the webinar began.

"I think this is great. It was an accident that could have been prevented, and I'm glad that Tech is now making these improvements," said Haoyu Zhao, a fourth-year chemical engineering graduate student.

Eighmy also participated in a national press conference immediately following the webinar. He said Tech has to report annually to the CSB in order to ensure that physical safety procedures are being followed.

"After the investigation, we discovered over 16,000 possible accidents. After the new regulations, we have narrowed the number down to 25," Eighmy said. "We will serve as an example for other institutions to follow. The buck stops with me."

According to the new site, Tech conducted an internal investigation into the Jan. 7, 2010, accident and found that more than 20 internal protocols and procedures had been violated. Since the accident, many changes have taken place, including the formation of a new chemical safety committee, moving the Office of Environmental Health and Safety into the Office of the Vice President for Research and adding EHS laboratory inspectors.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

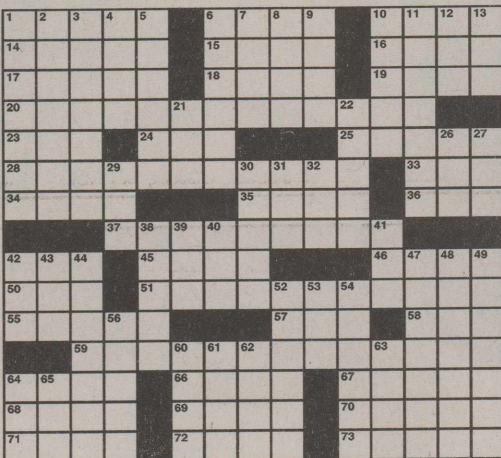
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ACROSS

- 1 Black Panthers co-founder
- 6 Sprightly dances
- 10 What race winners break
- 14 Flip chart stand
- 15 "Typee" continuation
- 16 Fancy molding
- 17 First name in British sports cars
- 18 Freshness
- 19 River to the Caspian
- 20 Add-on for a large party's tab
- 23 Disposed Amin
- 24 Siesta
- 25 In the lead
- 28 Even thieves have one, it's said
- 33 No-win situation
- 34 Banjo's place
- 35 Age-old stories
- 36 Sphere
- 37 Largest city in California's wine country
- 42 Classic Capek play
- 45 In fighting trim
- 46 Chachi's mother-in-law, to Fonzie
- 50 Outback runner
- 51 Nickname seen on a Northeast license plate
- 55 Fruity soda brand
- 57 King at Versailles
- 58 Down-for-the-count count
- 59 Long-running game show, and a hint to the starts of 20-, 28-, 37- and 51-

DOWN

- 1 Wishing one hadn't rocked the boat?



By Jack McInturf

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

2 Entered carefully, as a highway
3 With a leg on each side of
4 Pope of 903
5 Periodic weather disruption
6 Crèche figure
7 Apple for the teacher?
8 Mild oath
9 Wrigley slugger
10 "Not my problem"
11 Go along with
12 Whistle bead
13 Fish lacking pelvic fins
21 Half... coffee order
22 Some steak orders
26 Go public with
27 New girl in gown?
29 Some Caltech grads
30 ...of Our Birth: Isle of Man national anthem
31 Negative conjunction
32 Some Spanish escudos were made of it
38 Pond accumulation

39 PBS benefactor
40 Blacktop material
41 Tbsp. or tsp.
42 Yellow-flag carrier
43 Emma's portrait in "The Avengers"
44 Chance upon
47 Wearing grind
48 Joe Greene or Lynn Swann, notably
49 Focal points
52 Wiped clean
53 Calculator figs.
54 Crayola's "burnt" color
56 Soap box?
60 Chug-a-lug
61 Platte River tribe
62 Grand Ole Opry st.
63 Put a roof on
64 Key below the slide
65 Diciembre ends it

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FDA cites dirty equipment in deadly Listeria outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pools of water on the floor and old, hard-to-clean equipment at a Colorado farm's cantaloupe-packing facility were probably to blame for the deadliest outbreak of foodborne illness in 25 years, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

Government investigators found positive samples of listeria bacteria on equipment in the Jensen Farms packing facility and on fruit that had been held there.

In a six-page assessment of the conditions at the farm based on investigators' visits in September, the FDA said Jensen Farms had recently purchased used equipment that was corroded, dirty and hard to clean. The packing facility floors were also constructed so they were hard to clean, so pools of water potentially harboring the bacteria formed close to the packing equipment.

The dirty equipment — purchased in July, the same month the

outbreak started — was previously used to wash and dry potatoes, the agency said, and the listeria "could have been introduced as a result of past use of the equipment," according to the report.

FDA officials said that they are not concerned about similar listeria contamination in the potatoes that were previously processed on the equipment because those vegetables are rarely eaten raw. Cooking can kill the bacteria.

A warning letter from the agency to Jensen Farms said that a third of 39 swabs taken throughout the facility tested positive for listeria.

"This significant percentage of swabs that tested positive for outbreak strains of (listeria) demonstrates widespread contamination throughout your facility and indicates poor sanitary practices in the facility," the letter said.

Haboob

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The extraordinary event brought visibility nearly to zero, with winds gusting up to 74 mph. Residents and businesses across town reported widespread power outages and property damage.

Dust storms caused by down-drafts from thunderstorms are pretty common in the South Plains, Bruning said, but the haboob on Monday was unique because a cold front moving in from the north caused it.

According to "The Jet Stream" by Rachele Oblack, when masses of warm air in the south meet masses of cool air from the north, they create temperature and air pressure gradients that form a jet stream. The jet stream can dip lower and bring cold air in from the Polar Regions. Although the height of the jet stream is typically 20,000 feet or more, the influences on weather patterns can be substantial as well.

High wind speeds can drive and direct storms, creating devastating droughts or floods. A shift in the

jet stream is one of the suspected causes of the Dust Bowl.

"This sort of thing was pretty common during the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, and it was associated with cold fronts back then, but that was after an extended period of drought," Bruning said. "This is not likely to happen again for a decade or more."

There were multiple factors leading to the formation of the haboob, but, ultimately, the combination of a more severe drought and an incoming cold front is what caused the dust storm, said Ron Roberts, chief meteorologist at the KAMC-TV 28 Weather Lab.

"This is something that our generations have never seen," Roberts said. "It is comparable to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. These kinds of dust storms are rare. That is why they make record books, and this one is the direct result of the drought of 2011. Unfortunately, the drought will continue into 2012. We should expect dust storms next year, but not necessarily to the extent of this one."

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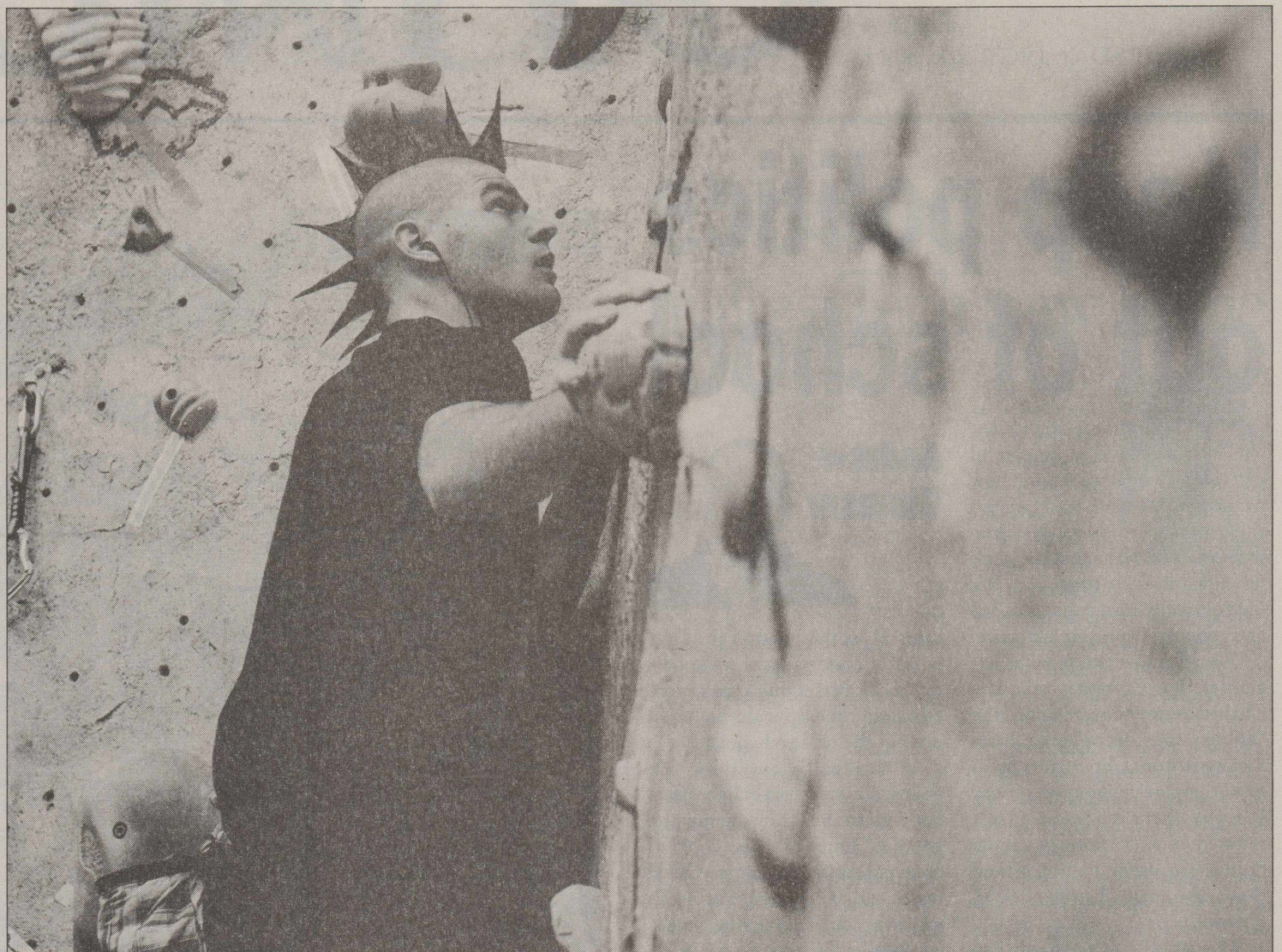


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JACKSON PARKS, A freshman German major from Plano, free climbs at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Wednesday.

Investigate

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"We have worked closely with the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board throughout its investigation," Bailey said. "We intend to become an exemplar in our campus climate and culture around laboratory safety. We have come a long way since 2010. However, as you also know, another laboratory accident occurred last week in chemistry and biochemistry, and this means that we have much more to work on as we move forward."

Tech is currently investigating Friday's accident and the findings will be released once the investigation is completed. Information about the incident will be published at <http://www.csbresponse.ttu.edu>.

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Eighmy said the incidents that occurred last week and in 2010 are unrelated, though both show Tech needs to instate better safety measures.

"Though the two separate accidents were not connected with respect to the nature of the research or individuals involved, they both occurred in the same department here at Texas Tech University within 20 months of each other," Eighmy said in a statement. "We have a lot of work to still do. While progress has been made, this second accident just further reinforces the importance of changing the culture of laboratory safety at the university."

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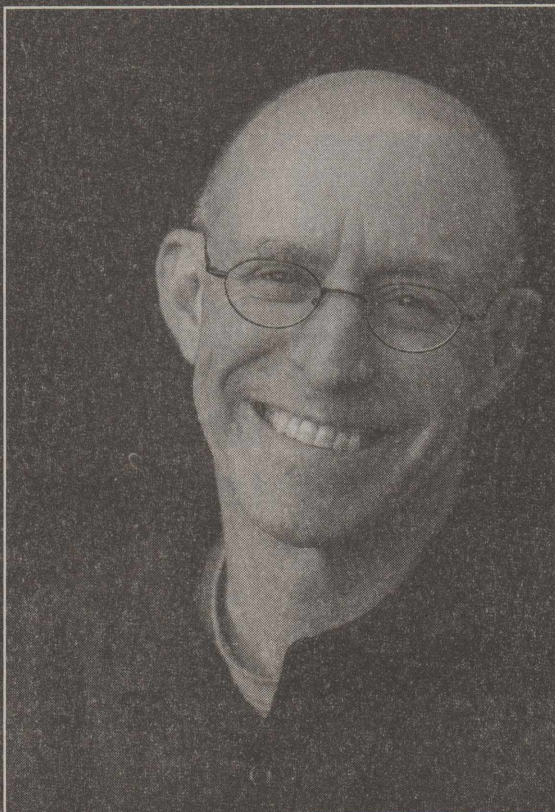
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Keep politics out of school

Today, more than ever, we have to be careful of what we say and how we say it. We have to do everything we can to avoid offending someone and to make everyone feel equal in every single way. Being politically correct has invaded and conquered our very language.

We all know the popular examples. For example, take the Christmas tree being renamed the "holiday tree" in order to disassociate it from Christianity so as to not impose religion on others. But why, then, is a Menorah not referred to as a "holiday candle holder" in order to not offend those who might be offended by Judaism?

One area in which political correctness has taken too strong of a hold is in schools. I'm not referring to affirmative action, as that would merit an entirely different column.

We've seen the traditional instances of political correctness time and time again. For example, last year the administrators of a California high school sent five students home because they refused to remove their American flag T-shirts on Cinco de Mayo. The shirts were deemed inappropriate to wear on a very important holiday for Mexican-Americans.

The fact that students were punished for patriotism is sad by itself. However, the school's defense of the decision was even worse. If the school was actually in Mexico, it might be an issue. In the United States of America, however, wearing an American flag T-shirt should never be frowned upon.

When you look deeper, you see how far political correctness has seeped into the foundations of our education system. Many schools are discontinuing GT (gifted and talented) courses and placing all students in the same classes out of the fear that having some students in advanced courses would make students who are not in those courses feel inferior.

The fact is that some students simply learn faster than others. Students can simply think more critically than others and some students care more about making good grades than others.

Taking the gifted students and moving them down to the same level as those who have little motivation to succeed does not help the self-esteem of the non-gifted students, but instead it stunts the educational growth of those who would otherwise be in the GT program.

When I was in school, I was in the GT program. I can honestly say I am more intelligent now than I would be if my school had

Andrew Gleinser



been under the tyrannical rule of political correctness. I write better, speak better and think more critically than I would have if I were in the on-level courses.

Additionally, one thing the political-correctness czars seem to not understand is how, among the youth of America, it is "cool" to be stupid. Smart children are made fun of and called nerds and geeks while the jocks with failing grades get the popular girls. So, for many of the students not in GT courses, it's not that they can't learn on the same level as GT students, but rather that they simply do not want to. It's not socially beneficial to be intelligent.

One can see political correctness take hold of the very curriculum taught to students. The debate over what should be included in textbooks is fought every time new books are set to be purchased by states.

The debate generally centers on the subject of history. For example, should Christopher Columbus be depicted as a pioneer who discovered the New World or as a man who began the centuries-long genocide against the natives? If we depict Columbus favorably, it might offend Native Americans.

My opinion is there is no need to change the historical curriculum. America has done just fine with its children being taught the traditional version of history. The proverbial saying is that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. Liberal politicians, lobbyists and activists, however, have attempted to fix the system anyway, and now we see what effect their actions have had on students.

It is only recently that our education system has fallen from the ranks of the world's best. It is also only recently that political correctness has invaded our society. Is this a coincidence? I think not.

So, do the children a favor by encouraging lawmakers and school boards to support programs allowing gifted students to excel and encourage them to resist the attempts of ultra-liberals to fundamentally change our education system. Otherwise, our world ranking will continue to fall as our children achieve less and less.

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On opinions, don't hide behind anonymity

I hate opinions writers. And, yes, I understand the irony of this statement.

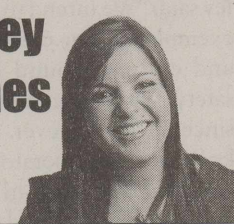
I feel like we, as writers, are given just the right balance of anonymity and power. Even though we have pictures next to our full names, classifications, majors and hometowns at the end of our pieces, I've never had someone come up to me and tell me I was an idiot for writing such-and-such.

Opinions writers, for the most part, are hostile individuals full of angst who say whatever they want because they know they can get away with it — at least that's why I started writing.

For example, I read a review of Adele's latest album, "21," in which the author said he was unimpressed with the lyrics and that the album didn't connect with its listeners.

Being a hardcore fan of Adele, I may or may not have wanted to burn this guy's house down. When I thought about why he said this, however, I

Sydney Holmes



realized it was because he could get away with it.

We are blessed and cursed with this anonymity that makes it easy for us to say whatever we couldn't otherwise say to someone's face. Why do you think so many people get dumped over text messages?

Opinions writers aren't the only ones who do this, though, so quit nodding your head in agreement when you know you do it as well.

When did it become OK to not own up to what you say?

The satisfaction you get when you say something to someone, in my mind, is seeing his or her reaction. Obviously, I'm not promoting any type of angry fistfight, but when you're telling

your best friend about how you told the ugly girl from your math class to go "(blankety-blank) herself," it's a lot less badass when you end it with, "And then I signed off Facebook's chat and we haven't spoken since."

Go to any blog or forum where people can comment back and just watch the conversations spiral out of control. People turn into hot, tyrannical messes and say terrible things to other people because no one can identify them. Does anyone remember the Facebook "Honesty Box" phenomenon?

And, girls, we're the worst about this. When was the last time you saw a guy call another guy fat and ugly on a blog? Never — that's when. Maybe it's because we use words more often than violence, even though that may not even be true anymore because we're getting crazy on each other for no reason. But, regardless, we all need to be less critical of other people unless we're willing to say what we're thinking straight to them in

person. Like I said, no one has ever said to my face that they didn't like one of my opinions pieces, but plenty of people are totally fine with telling me I'm an idiot when they're under the screen name of "XxXRaiderRedxXx." While I do appreciate criticism, make sure you actually have something worthwhile to say.

If you're going to be anonymous, at least be constructive. It's really easy to sit behind your computer screen pointing out other people's flaws while you're eating ice cream and trying to feel better about yourself.

So gang, instead of being total cowards, I think we need to start owning up to what we say. It doesn't take any guts to tell someone what you really think of them when it's behind their backs, so let's progress into young adulthood like we're supposed to.

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Campus drug testing invasion of students' rights, privacy

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Linn State Technical College, a small technical school outside of Linn, Mo., with an enrollment of only 1,200 students recently decided it was in the best interest of the school to make drug testing mandatory for enrollment, becoming the first university in the country to do so.

Normally, the administrative decisions of Linn State Technical College are of little importance to anyone outside of the city of Linn. Though it might seem irrelevant, this policy is a direct infringement on students'

right to privacy.

Under the new rule, LSTC would require every new student to take urine tests at their own expense within the first five to 10 days of the school year, or they must withdraw from the university.

If a student tests positive, he or she is given 45 days to test cleanly to stay at the school. Afterward, the student is subject to random testing throughout the rest of the year, again at the risk of being kicked out of school.

No matter the reasons LSTC gives for testing its students, such as "preparing their students for a profitable future," mandatory drug testing is too much of an invasion

into its students' lives to be an acceptable rule. Privacy goes out the window when school-wide testing is implemented, and any benefits gained from this testing are overly stained by the precedent it sets about the ability of schools to regulate students' lives.

How does the university defend this paranoid solution to combat drug use? LSTC insists the consummate college is different from that of conventional universities, in that the vast majority of its programs deal with high-voltage electricity, heavy equipment or caustic chemicals.

Naturally, mixing these types of fields with drugs can lead to very dangerous situations. There is a difference, however, between banning drugs, a perfectly reasonable regulation, and implementing mandatory drug testing upon the entirety of a student body. If someone is careless enough to come to a class that deals with dangerous chemicals while under the influence of other dangerous chemicals, he or she deserves to be severely punished or expelled from the school.

The threat of expulsion certainly seems a more sane deterrent against the dangerous use of drugs while completing school coursework. The administration at LSTC, however, needs to un-

derstand the difference between these two solutions.

The American Civil Liberties Union sees the dangers to individual student rights created by this radical approach. The ACLU is suing the university over this rule, citing the obvious disregard for individual students' right to privacy.

If the lawsuit comes out favorably, this action will hopefully cause LSTC to revert to a more practical approach against drug use by its students.

The university's concern about the dangers an intoxicated student would pose to himself and his classmates is valid. Still the potential danger of one careless student does not justify the violation of the entire student body's privacy by testing without any initial suspicion.

Thankfully, this kind of thinking is not ignored by groups like the ACLU, even in institutes of higher education as small as LSTC.

Violation of student rights is something that should not be tolerated in any scale; if it were allowed unchecked in somewhere small like Linn, it would run the risk of setting a precedent that would spread to more immediately relevant areas.

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DELEVETTE STOUT, A freshman undeclared major from Austin, and Julie Schuneman, a junior environmental science major from Pampa, receive mini massages from Melissa Pena and Chien-Lin Chio, Serenity Therapeutic Day Spa masseuses, hosted by Barnes & Noble in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

Well

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Project H2O raised enough money earlier this semester for one well in Africa, but it would like to continue spreading water to those in need.

"A well is going to be built in a village that never has access to clean water," Ingram said. "God is faithful and we see the change."

The 10 days will begin with a "give-back night" at Chili's at Slide Road and 59th Street on Oct. 25 from 4-10 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Project H2O.

"I hope everyone buys dessert," Ingram said.

Members of Project H2O will have a

booth outside the Student Union Building at least four times during those 10 days from noon to 2 p.m.

On Oct. 29, they will have a tailgate before the football game against Iowa State at RaiderGate, where they will sell bracelets for \$3 and shirts for \$10 while serving free food.

Throughout the entire event, Project H2O members will sell raffle tickets with prizes such as Tech football tickets, Houston Texans football tickets, a football signed by the Dallas Cowboys and restaurant and massage gift cards.

"We're just trying to get the word out," Ingram said. "Not a lot of college students have extra cash, so we just want people to do whatever they can with whatever they have."

Texas A&M University raised

\$10,000 in its 10-day challenge, which is the cost of two wells.

"Several Big 12 colleges are participating in this, and we're making it smaller than a lot of schools are, but we're doing it in the way that fits us," Ingram said. "Obviously, we have to compete with them if we're going to be legit."

One student who agreed to participate in The 10 Days was Hannah Walker, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Houston.

"I'm participating because it's a really great cause that gets me to drink healthier while raising money to build a well in Africa so that others can drink healthier water too," Walker said.

Elizabeth Vanskike, a senior public relations major and public relations chair of Project H2O, said she admires and trusts In-

gram and believes this is a worthy cause.

"Alyssa (Ingram) puts all her time and energy into this," Vanskike said. "A big reason we raised the \$5,000 is because of her. She does almost everything for this organization."

Project H2O is a non-profit organization with about fifty members that has meetings once a month. It has no membership fees.

Ingram said anyone who is interested in the organization can email her at alyssa.ingrum@ttu.edu.

The next meeting is Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Canyon Room in the Student Union Building.

"Everyone is welcome to join," Ingram said. "I hope that people will be driven to keep this up."

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Chinese ag professor makes Tech new home

By ARIF KHAN
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More than 6,000 miles away from home, Zongren Kuang is a visiting professor from China looking to learn more from Texas Tech University.

Kuang transferred to Tech's Department of Agricultural Education and Communications in September from China Agricultural University, which is located in Beijing, China.

The prospect of studying overseas interested him quite a bit, Kuang said.

"I did most of my education in Asia, so this international research opportunity is really exciting for me," Kuang said.

But, living in a foreign place can be very challenging at times, he said.

"English isn't my main language, so it can be tough speaking with local people sometimes," Kuang said. "I have to use a lot of visual language to properly translate what I'm trying to say."

Regardless, Kuang said he's very pleased with the generosity of Lubbock's community.

"Many big cities aren't very helpful when communicating with foreigners, but here in Lubbock, everyone wants to help me communicate better," he said. "I'm trying to improve my language by watching films and reading books. It takes time, but I'm getting slowly better."

He said he hopes he'll be much more confident in speaking English by the time he leaves next summer.

While local life is a unique and memorable experience, the research at Tech is his main focus, Kuang said.

"Professor Kuang will be working with us on agricultural water management-related research," said David Doerfert, an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications. "It's going to be

very exciting to have Professor Kuang provide an international perspective on the work we're doing here. I know he'll be able to give fresh insight on our agricultural studies."

Doerfert said he also plans on letting Kuang gain a hands-on approach to the agricultural work at Tech.

Steve Frazee, chairman of the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications, said he is also very excited about this international relationship.

"China has an extremely focused agricultural community always looking towards agrarian advancement," Frazee said. "So, this great partnership allows us to gain perspective on their unique approach to agriculture."

Kuang said he's trying to learn the process of teaching agriculture.

"I'd like to learn the teaching methods that Tech uses and bring those concepts back to my home university," Kuang said. "So, studying the classes here is a very important part of my training."

Kuang said he hopes to learn from Tech's curriculum and apply these theories to the current program at China Agricultural University in order to make it better.

Kuang said he believes the philosophies of both China and America are very similar and work well together.

"While exact details may differ between our two countries, our core values remain the same," Kuang said. "Both of our countries have the determination to make agriculture better, and that is the most important thing."

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Judge revokes Lindsay Lohan's probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan sported a new accessory Wednesday after a judge revoked her probation: Handcuffs.

The actress was taken into custody after Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner revoked her probation because she was ousted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

"There has been violation after violation," Sautner said.

Bail was set at \$100,000. Lohan's spokesman Steve Honig said it was immediately posted and the actress was later released from Airport Courthouse.

"We're dealing with someone on probation," said Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley. "Most people on probation don't always do things perfectly."

A city prosecutor recommended jail time, but Sautner set a Nov. 2 hearing to decide whether Lohan should serve another stint behind bars, where she has been sent four previous times only to be released early due to jail overcrowding.

"If jail meant something in the

state of California now, maybe I'd put her in jail," Sautner said.

The development marked the latest legal problem for the 25-year-old Lohan, who was given probation for a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanor theft case this year.

"Lindsay is hoping this matter will be resolved on Nov. 2 and the court will reinstate probation and allow her to continue fulfilling her community service," Honig said.

Lohan had been ordered in April to serve 360 hours at the Downtown Women's Center, an agency that helps homeless women. Nine of Lohan's appointments at the center were "just blown off" and she "showed up once and left after an hour," Sautner said.

Lohan has since started serving hours with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said that would not count because it was not part of her sentence.

During the tense proceedings, Sautner hammered Lohan for failing to show up for her four-hour appointments at the women's center and for taking six months to com-

plete a court-ordered Shoplifters Anonymous course. The judge also questioned how Lohan could have complied with her court-ordered weekly psychological counseling when she was traveling in Europe from Sept. 9 to Oct. 5.

"I don't know how she did that in person every week," said Sautner, who suggested Lohan complete a minimum of 16 hours of her community service at the county morgue before the Nov. 2 hearing, when Lohan's probation officer and other officials will testify about her efforts to complete her sentence.

Lohan, aside from a role in last year's film "Machete," has seen her acting career evaporate in recent years. She has been in perpetual trouble since May 2010.

Another judge determined she violated her probation in the drunken driving case and sentenced her to jail and rehab. She faltered after being released early from a rehab facility and was sent to the Betty Ford Center, where she got in an altercation with a rehab worker who later sued.

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Tough Cover: Broyles sets records, eyes titles

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

The ubiquitous image is as eloquent as it is redundant — a darting dervish deftly dumbfounding defenders.

The image is of Ryan Broyles weaving in and out and away from defensive backs, finding space and making a catch — again.

The OU senior wide receiver has been doing it since he arrived on campus and is currently second in the country with 815 yards, making his unyielding humility almost perplexing.

“There’s always someone to chase,” Broyles said in an interview with SoonerSports.com. “There’s always going to be someone better than you.”

The thing is that Broyles is running out of people to chase. Last week against Kansas, the senior ascended to the top of the NCAA and Big 12 Conference record books — with one catch.

In the second quarter, Broyles was on the receiving end of a 57-yard touchdown pass from Landry Jones that made him the all-time NCAA leader in receptions and the all-time Big 12 leader in touchdown receptions.

Now sitting at 326 career receptions and 44 touchdowns, Broyles understands the concrete mixer is still rotating. After an outstanding junior season where he caught 131 balls and 14 touchdowns, the NFL beckoned, but there was more than

statistical superiority missing.

Broyles returned to cement his legacy with jewelry, specifically a ring.

“I didn’t come back just to break records,” Broyles said. “I came back to win championships, so we still have some work to do.”

The leadership exuded by the senior has not gone unnoticed. The bottom line is the Sooners are happy he passed up a first-round-draft-pick paycheck.

“We recognize what an exceptional player he continues to be, and we are proud of the way he continues to play,” head coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday.

Since arriving on campus, Broyles has steadily improved his production, although he contributed immediately with six touchdowns his freshman year. Because of his advanced skill set, his early performances were not a surprise and neither were the records.

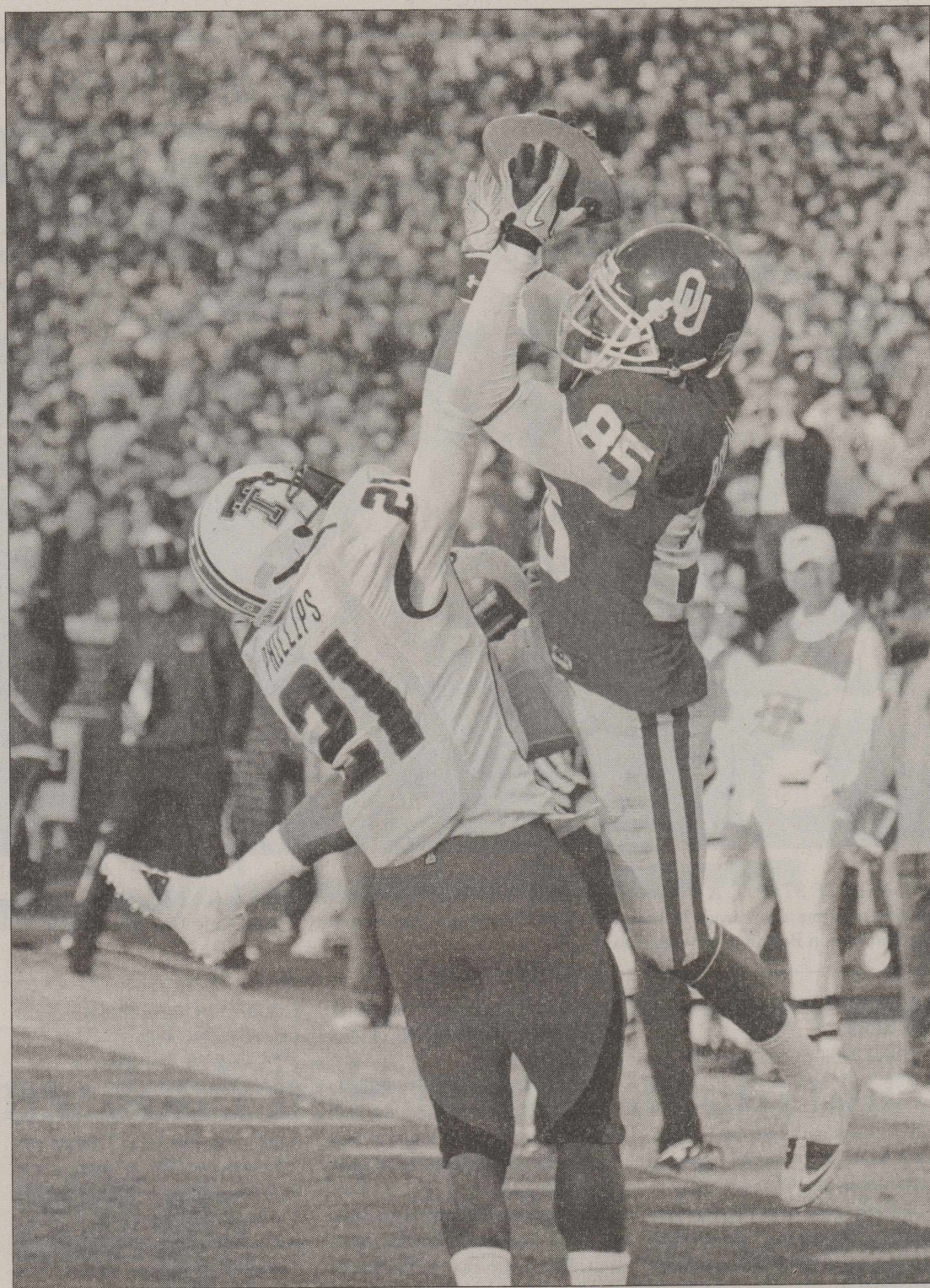
“The first time I saw him on scout team my redshirt year, I knew he was going to do it. They just couldn’t touch him on scout team,” tight end Trent Ratterree said Tuesday. “After that, I just thought this guy was going to be amazing, and he truly is.”

Broyles was somewhat familiar with the regime ran by Stoops prior to signing with the Sooners. He played prep football at Norman High School less than two miles away from the Oklahoma campus.

And Broyles’ roots are something he takes seriously.

“I definitely do it for my hometown, especially (the) Norman Tigers. It just means so much,” Broyles said, “seeing the guys I grew up with and just seeing them every day. It just means a lot to me to continue to pursue that excellence on and off the field.”

As explosive as Broyles and the rest of the Sooners’ offense have been, the Texas Tech offense has not been far behind. The Red Raiders are less than two yards behind Oklahoma in



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
OKLAHOMA WIDE RECEIVER Ryan Broyles catches a touchdown pass over Texas Tech defensive back Jarvis Phillips in the end zone during the Red Raiders’ 45-7 loss to the Sooners last year at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. Tech will look to slow down Broyles and the rest of the Sooner offense as they rank fifth in the nation in passing yards and sixth in points scored per game.

total pass offense at 372 yards per game.

“(Tech throws) the ball well, so our secondary is going to have to blow up and (the) defensive line (is) going to have to rush,” defensive back Gabe Lynn said Tuesday. “We’ll just have to come together to stop their offense.”

The high-octane Tech passing game is not the only thing concerning the No. 3 Sooners. Seth Doege and company are efficient on third downs, converting 49.5 percent, which is enough to tie

them for eighth in the NCAA.

“They have done a great job executing on these situations, either getting people open or running the ball,” Stoops said. “It starts with good discipline. I think we, as a defense, need to be in position to make plays and be physical in order to stop them on defense.”

Alignment will be prized for the Oklahoma defense against the Tech offensive assault that operates at a pace the Sooners have yet to be exposed to.

“They’re actually faster, I think, running something like 96 plays a game,” Lynn said. “We definitely have to be in shape in order to keep up with them.”

And, yes, Oklahoma remembers the 45-7 beat-down administered to the Red Raiders Nov. 13 in Norman, Okla., last year, as well as the two-game slide Tech is on after losing to Texas A&M and Kansas State in consecutive weeks.

Regardless of those factors and a Vegas line that suggests an imminent blowout, the Sooners’ preparation has not changed.

“They’ve been in some tough games these past few weeks with some tough fourth quarters with a chance to win, and they’ve come out on the short end of it,” Stoops said.

Their focus is unfazed because Broyles and the rest of the team have one image in mind: A midfield platform with the Sooners taking turns hoisting a crystal football.

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Griner, Lady Bears favored to win Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey has a top team, a top player and a gnawing pet peeve in the form of Texas A&M.

Texas A&M, the defending national champion, is leaving the Big 12 after this season. Leaving behind storied rivalries that date back generations, the Aggies are joining the Southeastern Conference in a move that may be soon be duplicated by Missouri, another charter member of the Big 12.

Asked if she would schedule Texas A&M in a non-conference game, Mulkey recalled that A&M president R. Bowen Loftin has likened the action to a divorce. She then pulled no punches in noting that she's had personal experience with the breakup of a marriage.

"My feeling is this," Mulkey said Wednesday during the Big 12's media day. "If a man wants to divorce me and says our relationship has no value to him, and then he asks me if he can sleep with me, the answer is, 'No!'"

Kansas coaches have also said they would not want to schedule archrival Missouri if the Tigers leave the Big 12. Aggie coach Gary Blair says the pain of rejection is not the only factor involved.

"I understand the feelings of everybody," Blair said. "A lot of it, not playing, it could be said, is about recruiting. Throw all that other hogwash out the window. It's about recruiting. My phone number hasn't changed. I'll play anybody any time."

But Blair, whose Aggies beat Notre Dame last year in the championship game, said scheduling "takes two to dance."

"I'm not going to get in and be the wordsmith with Kim on how she feels," he said.

A year ago following the departure of Nebraska and Colorado, Texas A&M helped hold the Big 12 together by agreeing with other big-time football powers to stick it out. Now the Aggies are getting ready for their Big 12 farewell tour.

"Last year, everybody loved us," Blair said. "This year everybody says we're the villain. But I'm not going into that because (realignment) is all about football. It has nothing to do with women's basketball or equestrian or anything else. It's about football. It's about television sets, money, and it's about egos."

Kansas coach Bonnie Henrickson agreed.

"And I'm not sure ego is No. 3," she said.

One thing Mulkey's Lady Bears will be counting on from the Aggies this season is motivation.

After beating Texas A&M three times last year, the old rivals met for a fourth time in the Elite Eight of the

NCAA tournament and the Lady Bears were ousted 58-46. Mulkey wasn't happy about the NCAA's decision to put her top-seeded team in the same bracket with its Big 12 foe, and she even drew a public reprimand from the NCAA for her comments.

Now comes this year's version of the Lady Bears, who were picked to win the Big 12 and will have four starters back, including 6-8 junior Brittney Griner.

"I don't know that I'll have to say a lot," Mulkey said. "I think when you have a goal to win a national championship and you don't reach that goal, that if you're any kind of a competitor, the hunger should be there. I don't imagine that I'm going to have to do a lot of motivating to remind them that isn't it sad when a 34-3 record is not good enough."

All Griner did last year was average 23 points and 7.8 rebounds while leading the nation with 170 blocked shots.

She has impacted the Big 12 in many ways.

"I think the whole league went out and tried to find somebody that could defend her and slow her down a little bit," said Oklahoma State coach Kurt Budke. "But she changed the game. She changed how you attack Baylor because you know, offensive rebounding against Baylor and there she is and you don't get any put-backs against them."

Texas A&M lost standout Danielle Adams, but returns three starters and was picked runner-up in the preseason poll.

"We're looking forward to defending the national championship," Blair said.

No. 3 in the league's preseason poll is Texas, with four returning starters from last year's 19-14 team, including seniors Ashley Gayle, Yvonne Anderson and Ashleigh Fontenette. Also back is 5-10 sophomore Chassidy Fussell, who averaged more than 16 points as a freshman.

Rest easy now then buy, sell

There is no Tom Brady or Wes Welker to destroy your fantasy team this week. If you have run into either one of these guys or both at once, which I shudder to think, your team is probably sporting a shiny loss. Even individually, they probably led to someone getting a victory they maybe shouldn't have. The year they are having is unreal. If you own either one of those two on your team, have no fear. This one possible loss shouldn't hurt that bad. It is just one week.

New home, new possibilities

Brandon Lloyd - St. Louis Rams wide receiver

Lloyd will be sporting a new jersey, but I think his value is probably a little less than it was in Denver. The Rams have trouble protecting quarterback Sam Bradford, so that won't help this new acquisition's reception total. Lloyd is the sole option in the passing game, but the Rams lack consistency on that side of the ball. I am not buying that there's an increase in Lloyd's value.

Carson Palmer - Oakland Raiders quarterback

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The Raiders gave up a huge amount to get the former Bengals signal-caller in a silver and black uniform. They believe in him, and I do too. I think Palmer is worthy of a roster spot. The Raiders have taken care of the quarterback better this year than in recent years, and the running game is well-established. The Raiders aren't afraid to air it out, but they aren't going to abandon the running game. The running game will keep defenses honest while they try to get Palmer to shake the cobwebs off. Denarius Moore has added value with the addition of what could be some stability at the quarterback position.

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Buy low Andre Johnson - Houston Texans wide receiver

He may miss up to six more weeks with an injury, but if your team is already sitting pretty, you should think about trying to trade a serviceable player and stashing Andre on the bench. If he returns in six weeks, he will come back right in the thick of the playoff race for most leagues. I assume the Texans will still be in the picture and thus have a reason to keep the star wideout in the offensive rotation.

Sell high Fred Jackson - Buffalo Bills running back

The Bills are slowing down, even if Fred isn't. I just can't believe he will be able to hold

up under the workload they are giving him right now. He is a premiere option in fantasy football right now, so if you shop him to the rest of the teams in the league, be sure to ask for a lot.

Darren McFadden - Oakland Raiders running back

I find it hard to believe the Raiders traded two first-round picks for a quarterback and will not throw the ball more than they have been. Palmer throwing the ball more will result in a lower amount of carries for McFadden. Plus, McFadden's health is a concern. I would try to swap him.

Risky Play of the Week Matt Hasselbeck - Tennessee Titans quarterback

The Texans have had a nice defense, but the pass defense is still as suspect as ever. Chris Johnson hasn't really gotten started, and the Titans are still throwing even with Kenny Britt being hurt. Hasselbeck has been consistent, and there's no reason to think he won't put up some solid points against the Texans this weekend.

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Cardinals fans go nutty for the Rally Squirrel

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bedecked in Cardinals red, Sue Cunningham bolted into the main souvenir store at Busch Stadium with one objective.

"Got to get a Rally Squirrel, right?" she said.

Actually, she bought four of the 6-inch stuffed toys Wednesday before Game 1 of the World Series between St. Louis and Texas. Got a mix of them, too — on sale were Eastern grays and reds. They cost \$6, or \$12 for the version that made a little squeak when they were pushed near the little play acorn they held.

The Rally Squirrel has quickly become incredibly popular, ever since a couple of the critters showed up at Busch during the first round of the NL playoffs.

Funny thing, the first time a squirrel started running loose, St. Louis lost to the Phillies. But the next night, when a squirrel scampered across home plate while Skip Schumaker was batting, the Cardinals won and their fans went crazy.

"It's been nuts," longtime Cardinals player and announcer Mike Shannon said, so to speak. "Even in Hollywood, they wouldn't dream up

something like this."

A person dressed in a squirrel costume sprung up, and has been cheering on the Cardinals' surge. He wears jersey No. 11 — as in, the Cardinals are trying to win their 11th World Series championship.

The new team mascot was at an event Wednesday afternoon where Michelle Obama and Jill Biden honored military veterans.

Inside the Busch store, Cunningham perused all sorts of squirrel-themed merchandise. There were red T-shirts emblazoned with "got squirrels?" and a foam hand that

pictured a cartoon version sliding across the plate. A few minutes before the shop opened, employees hurried to break open boxes and display more souvenirs.

Cunningham came from Effingham, Ill., about 100 miles away, with her granddaughter, Morgan Sturgeon. First and foremost, Cunningham plucked several of the furry toys off a shelf.

"I have to get them for my grandchildren, don't I?" she said. "If the Cardinals win, this will always be remembered as the Year of the Squirrel."



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Tech vs. Baylor student tickets in limited supply

Student tickets to the Texas Tech-Baylor football game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Nov. 26 are available for purchase at the Tech Athletic Ticket Office located at the north end of Jones AT&T Stadium.

Blayne Beal, associate athletic director of communication, said he imagines tickets will be sold out soon and he encourages students to make their purchases as soon as possible.

"We're running very short on tickets," he said. "We could be sold out any day now."

Beal said tickets at the ticket office are \$30. Regular general admissions tickets at other locations throughout the stadium are \$65, he said.

Tech students can purchase two tickets per student ID for \$30 each, but they must do so in person at the ticket office. A valid Tech student ID is required for the student discount.

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Notebook: Tuberville talks o-line, injury updates

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Against No. 3 Oklahoma, Texas Tech's offensive line has the duty of trying to block one of the premiere pass rushes in the Big 12 Conference.

The Sooners rank second in the conference with 24 sacks through six games, two behind Texas A&M's Big 12-best 26 sacks.

Oklahoma defensive end Frank Alexander is second in the Big 12 in individual sacks with 6.5. Fellow defensive end Ronnell Lewis is second on the team with 3.5 sacks.

But, since the Red Raiders have already gone up against the Aggies' elite pass rush, Tech may have a basic understanding of what it's up against Saturday in Norman, Okla.

What Tech has yet to sort out is whether or not its right tackle position will continue using two players, namely Mickey Okafor and Terry McDaniel, or rely on just one.

Okafor began the season as the starting right tackle before suffering an ankle injury during

Tech's 35-34 win against Nevada on Sept. 24.

Since then, Okafor has not fully regained his role as Tech's full-time right tackle.

McDaniel filled in a center for the Red Raiders while Justin Keown was out with injury earlier this year.

The two are now in the middle of a battle for control of the right tackle position—a job Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said remains open for either player.

"They'll both play (Saturday)," Tuberville said after Wednesday's practice. "There's not a lot of difference in either one of them. We'd like somebody to stand out, but Terry's played good at times and not so good at times, but so has Mickey and Mickey, you know, (by) getting hurt, had the setback. You'd like to have some stability there, knowing, 'Hey, this guy is a first-reamer.'"

The right tackle position, whether it be Okafor or McDaniel, has struggled during the past couple of weeks, having confronted the Big 12's two best rush defenses in Texas A&M and Kansas State at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

Oklahoma, however, boasts the conference's best overall defensive

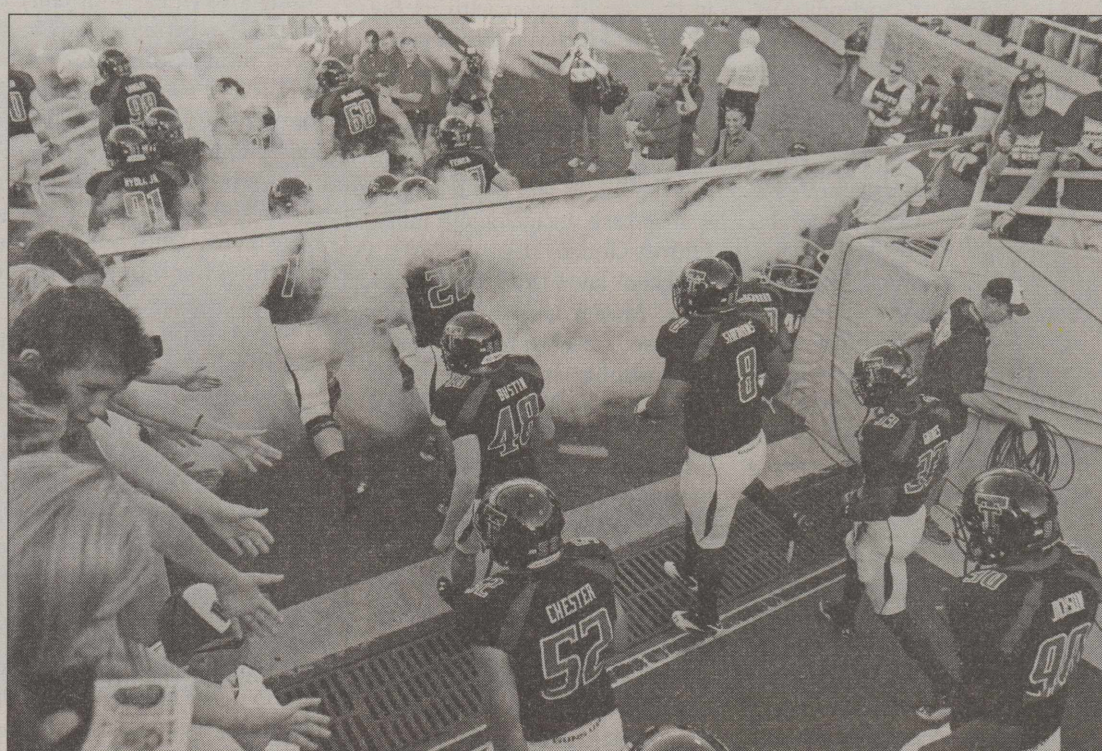


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TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL players run through fog at the field entrance before the 41-34 loss against Kansas State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

unit entering this week's slate of games.

Tuberville said the two tackles need to pick up their games to complement the work the rest of the offensive line is doing.

"It's definite that that position right there has given up more plays, by both of them, not just one of them, than the (rest of) the group combined," Tuberville said. "There's some competition there, but there's just got to be some sense of getting it done, you know, in a little bit (of a) quicker fashion."

Statuses of Mays, McRoy and Moore

Having its biggest weapons on hand would be ideal if Tech has a chance of pulling off the upset of

Oklahoma on Saturday.

At this point in the week, this seems to be unlikely.

On Monday, Tuberville said it was doubtful that kickoff specialist Ben McRoy and cornerback Derrick Mays would make the trip this week.

Wide receiver Darrin Moore's status seemed a lot more concrete Monday when Tuberville said, "He's probably out another week or so."

McRoy was taken out during Tech's 41-34 loss to Kansas State with migraine headaches and a hip injury. Mays left with a hamstring injury.

Moore has not played in a game since suffering a knee and ankle injury against Nevada.

Tuberville said he'd like to have

his team at full-strength against the Sooners.

"They're still limited," Tuberville said referring to Mays, McRoy and Moore. "You better have your horses out there in a game like this because there's not a position that they have, you know, (where) they don't have speed that can make a difference."

But, Tuberville said if none of the three are fully healthy, there is a chance they won't get to travel with the rest of the team to Oklahoma.

"(I'm) not saying that they won't play," Tuberville said, "but I'm not going to put somebody out there if they're not at 100 percent."

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Rams D offers 'Cowboys' RBs chance to get in gear

IRVING (AP)—Considering how poorly the St. Louis Rams have been at stopping the run, getting to play them on Sunday looks like a great chance for the Dallas Cowboys to finally get their ground game going.

Only, in keeping with the way

things have gone for Dallas this season, it's not that simple.

The Cowboys are expected to plug two new starters into their offense Sunday. Leading rusher Felix Jones has a high ankle sprain and rookie DeMarco Murray likely will take his place. Probably blocking for him at left guard will be Montrae Holland, a veteran who was unemployed the first six weeks of the season and was signed Tuesday to fill a void caused by injuries.

Even at full strength, Dallas had one of the league's worst running games, averaging only 84.8 yards per game. A per-carry average of 3.4 yards is even closer to the bottom of the rankings.

This problems has really stood out when trying to grind out yards close to the end zone.

Dallas has a single rushing touchdown through five games. Only Kansas City has less. That inability to finish drives explains why the Cowboys are tied for the most field-goal attempts in the league.

One more key stat that helps frame all this: Dallas has made five more field goals than extra points; the only other team with such an out-of-whack ratio is winless Miami. This inefficiency is especially jarring for the Cowboys seeing as their three losses are all by four points or less.

"If we want to be the team that our expectations are, we have to be able

to get our running game going," tight end Jason Witten said Wednesday. "We've done it a few times, just not as consistently as we need to."

Running against St. Louis should help.

The Rams are allowing 163 yards per game, several first downs more than anyone else in the league. Break it down per carry and their average of 4.9 yards allowed is nearly the worst.

"It's not real fun when you struggle in that department defensively because we firmly believe it has to begin up front," said St. Louis coach Steve Spanuolo, whose background is rooted on defense. "The one thing you always know is that if you commit too many against the run, especially against this team we're getting ready to play, they've got guys on the outside that will kill you. So you've always got to weigh the options of what you try to take away."

If that's a hint that the Rams are more worried about keeping Tony Romo from throwing to Miles Austin, Dez Bryant and Witten, then it's even more of a burden for the Cowboys to get their running game going.

Not that coach Jason Garrett needs a reminder. He got ample evidence last Sunday, when Dallas tried burning up the clock while trying to protect a three-point lead in the final minutes against New England, yet moved backward on three plays and punted, setting up Tom Brady for a winning drive.

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