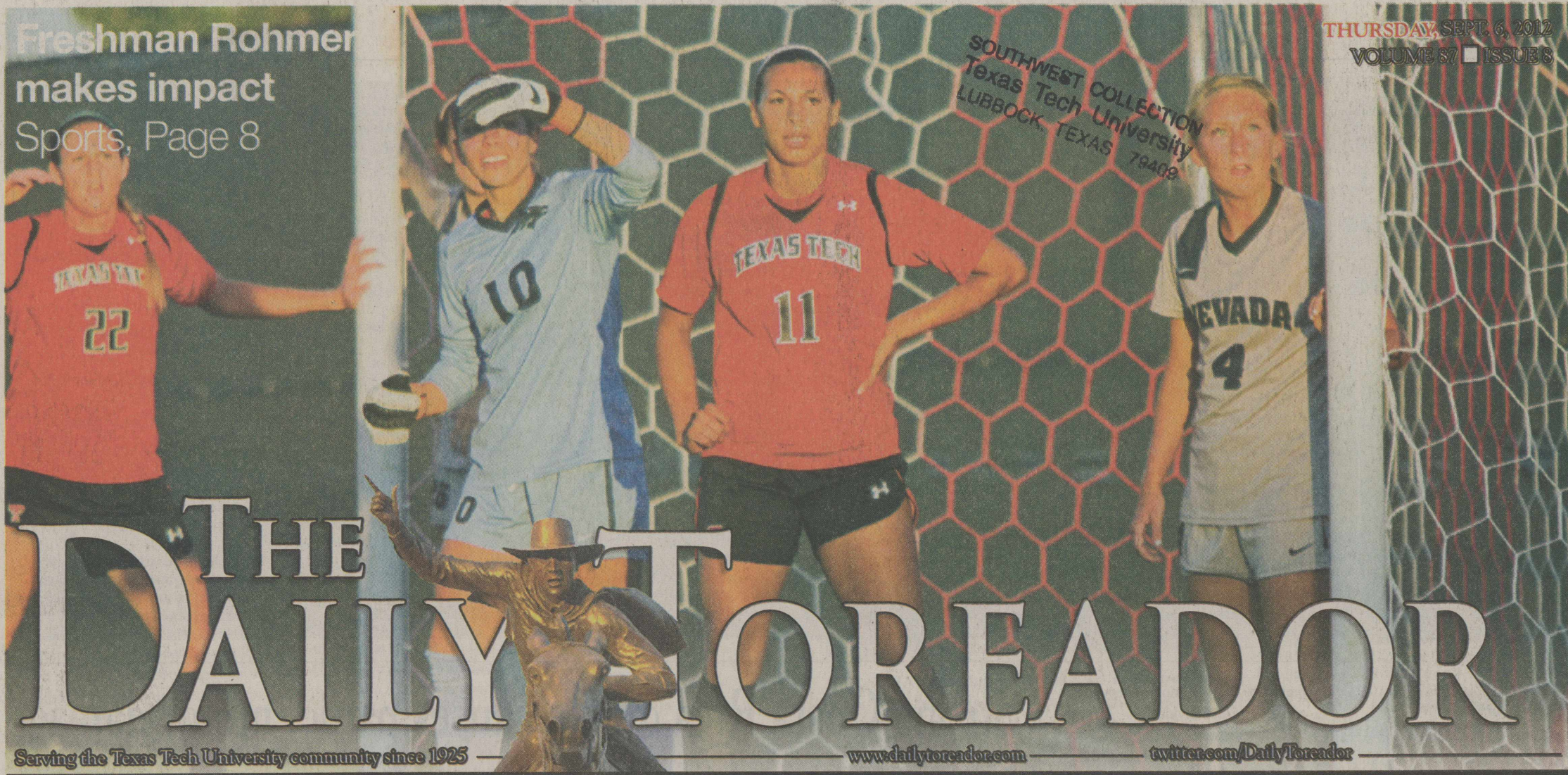


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AD Hocutt addresses allegations against Gillispie

States this is an 'unusual and unfortunate' situation

By ZACH DISCHIANO
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt spoke Wednesday about the developing situation regarding men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie, who is currently hospitalized at the Uni-

versity Medical Center and has been accused of several NCAA violations.

Hocutt said he is aware of the allegations and the university is investigating the situation. He said he was supposed to have a meeting with Gillispie on Friday morning, but was unable to speak to Gillispie because

of his health condition.

"We are in an unusual and unfortunate position," Hocutt said. "We are dealing with an NCAA rules component and we're dealing with a personnel component."

One of the NCAA components is the violation of the allotted practice

time. Former players, including Jaron Nash and Kevin Wagner, accused Gillispie of forcing the team to practice up to eight hours at a time. NCAA regulations permit up



GILLISPIE

to four hours of practice in one day and 20 hours in one week.

"Those inquiries were investigated and submitted, and those sanctions have been served already by our program," Hocutt said.

Associate athletics director Blayne Beal released a statement regarding the situation Friday.

"We are aware and are looking

into concerns within the leadership of our men's basketball program." Beal said in the statement. "Student-athlete well-being is our top priority and a matter we take extremely seriously at Texas Tech. Texas Tech is devoting its full resources to look into this matter."

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Tech hosts study abroad fair, showcases opportunities

By MEGAN KETTERER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech hosted a Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday in the Student Union Building's Ballroom to show students different study abroad opportunities Tech offers.

Several academic departments attended the fair with professors and students who have studied abroad previously. They encouraged students, regardless of their major, to consider studying abroad.

Julia Mainini, a study abroad adviser, said students should study abroad because it shows them a different outlook of the world.

"Of course, the benefit is to have a hands-on experience in a different culture and learn more about yourself, while growing up," Mainini said. "The experience is both academic and outside the classroom."

She said the programs Tech offers gives students the opportunity to study a language or take a core class require-

ment that works toward their degree. Mainini said students can travel, see the world, experience another culture and make friends, while discovering themselves.

"I just love to hear the stories when they come back," she said. "Seeing their beautiful smiles, their big eyes when they speak about it and the pictures. Their life just changed."

Jennifer Rhima, a senior international business major, said she studied in Istanbul from January until August 2011.

"It was the most amazing, eye-opening, rewarding experience of my life," she said.

Rhima said she chose to study in Turkey and had such a good experience she stayed during the summer to teach English.

"You go to a different country, and you are surrounded by people doing the same thing you are and you automatically bond," she said.

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PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

SARAH BERLINGER, A sophomore sociology major from Houston, and Mikalah Knight, a sophomore public relations major from Fort Worth, listen to Lauren KeVay, a junior nursing major from Lubbock, talk about the semester she spent studying at the Texas Tech center in Seville, Spain, at the Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Part two of a three-part series about sustainability



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLOBOS/The Daily Toreador

THE BOSTON AVENUE Residence Hall has been LEED certified which makes it one of the two green buildings on campus along with the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building.

Tech leading the way with LEED, sustainable building

By CAITLAN OSBORN
STAFF WRITER

When walking into the new Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building or the Boston Avenue Residence Hall, people may not immediately notice the recycled carpet, energy efficient lights and low flush toilets.

These are just a few examples of what Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation brings to Texas Tech.

A couple of years ago, members of the Department of Facilities Planning and Construction made a promise to make every new major building on campus LEED certified, in an effort to promote

sustainability on campus.

According to the United States Green Building Council website, LEED is a points-based system that recognizes projects satisfying criteria in six categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation in design.

"We have a general standard that every new project approved by the (Board of Regents) starts with at least making an effort to be LEED accredited or LEED certified," said Michael Molina, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction.

"Any building, certainly on the main campus, kind of runs through a filter process just to see the op-

portunities in terms of sustainability."

Buildings can be certified at bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels. Molina said each goal is set on a project-by-project basis. University officials expect the new business administration building to have silver certification, he said, though they will not know the results until they are determined by the USGBC.

"It takes several months to finish the certification process before you know what level the USGBC has granted you," Molina said. "We kind of run through those and set those goals at the beginning of the job and then we track that as we go."

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Fall 2012 PreLaw Program Kickoff Event: Pizza Palooza!
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: College of Education
So, what is it?
 Come out and learn about the law school admissions process, important information for your law school application and more.

Girl Scouts Dessert First Fundrais-

ing Event
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: McPherson Cellars Winery and Events Center
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy various Girl Scout cookie desserts. Tickets are \$25.

Thursday Nights at the Art Factory
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center
So, what is it?
 Join the Art Factory every Thursday night for a new fine arts project. This month's fine arts project is Japanese style comic art.

Bo Garza
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy a live acoustic rock performance from Bo Garza. Free admission.

Lubbock Evening CBS
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Oakwood Baptist Church
So, what is it?
 Adults and children are welcome to this non-denominational Bible study. The Gospel of John will be studied.

Cradles 2 Crayons Children's Consignment Sale
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Highland Baptist Family Life Center

So, what is it?
 This consignment sale event serves the Lubbock area with gently used children's clothing for sale.

Band of Heathens
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Blue Light Live
So, what is it?
 Come enjoy the music of Band of Heathens at Blue Light Live.

Friday

First Friday Art Trail at the Museum of TTU
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech
So, what is it?
 Come out and experience Tech's monthly First Friday Art Trail. Admission is free.

Open House at Urban Tech
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Urban Tech
So, what is it?
 Urban Tech is hosting an open house at its new location at 1120 Main St. Suite 206.

There will be different exhibits on display.
Annual Art Faculty Exhibition
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
 This annual art exhibition discovers the new work by Texas Tech School of Art's instructors.

2nd Annual Panhandle Cook Off
Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Buffalo Springs Lake
So, what is it?
 Enter your famous dishes, such as beef brisket, ribs and more for a chance to win a cash prize.

Buddy Holly's 76th Birthday Bash
Time: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Buddy Holly Center
So, what is it?
 Come out and celebrate Lubbock native Buddy Holly's birthday at the Buddy Holly Center.

"Almost, Maine" Auditions
Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Mahon Public Library

So, what is it?
 Lubbock Mainstage Touring Company is hosting open auditions for the play "Almost, Maine." There are 19 open spots.

First Friday Art Trail Kids Night - Awesome Art Adventures
Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center
So, what is it?
 While you enjoy the First Friday Art Trail, your children can enjoy a night of adventures in the arts.

First Friday at the Museum of TTU
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech
So, what is it?
 Come out and see all the exhibits the Museum of Texas Tech has to offer.

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Abroad

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Rhima said because of studying abroad she knows people from all across the world, and she knows if she goes to visit different countries, she will know someone there.

Sarah Miller, a senior environment and the humanities major, said she studied in Butan and enjoyed making connections with the people she met there.

She said she has friends in Butan because of her studies, and is now aware of the news in the country.

"I mean, you can read the newspaper where you'll hear the events, but you don't really understand until you're there for longer than a vacation," Miller said.

She said studying abroad allows a

person to become more independent and grow as an individual.

"I can identify with things in Butan that I had never seen before, and understand there's a sort of spirituality to them, and bring them back with me," she said.

Michael Hase, a sophomore petroleum engineering major, said he studied engineering in Seville, Spain.

"It's a great experience because you get to see different cultures and learn a new language," he said.

Hase said it was interesting to experience something new and see how people in other cultures live.

Austin Travis Wheeler, a doctoral candidate studying European history, said he studied abroad at Tech's Seville Center in 2002, and has not been able to stop traveling since.

Wheeler said he worked at the Seville Center this summer.

Studying abroad, he said, allows students to gain perspective on the world and become more open-minded.

Wheeler said it is beneficial because students can learn languages and have multicultural experiences, as well as make friends.

"For me, (studying abroad) was the most impactful event in my life to date," he said. "It opened my eyes to other things, other cultures, other mentalities in the world, and once you study abroad, it opens you up to other experiences."

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Strong Costa Rica quake causes panic, minor damage

CANGREJAL, Costa Rica (AP) — A powerful magnitude-7.6 earthquake shook Costa Rica and neighboring countries Wednesday, sending panicked people into the streets and briefly triggering a tsunami alert, but causing little damage. Authorities reported one confirmed death.

"When we felt the earthquake, we held onto each other because we kept falling," said Rosa Pichardo, 45, who was walking on the beach in the town of Samara with her family when the quake hit.

"I've never felt anything like this. We just couldn't stay standing. My feet gave out under me. It was terrible, terrible," she said.

Officials said the quake collapsed some houses and at least one bridge and caused landslides that blocked highways. But Costa Rica President Laura Chinchilla said there were no reports of major damage and called for calm.

Residents described being shocked by the force of the quake, which was felt as far away as Panama and Nicaragua and was the biggest since a 7.6-magnitude quake in 1991 left 47 people dead.

Michelle Landwer, owner of the Belvedere Hotel in Samara, north of the epicenter, said she was having breakfast with about 10 people when the quake hit.

"The whole building was moving, I couldn't even walk," Landwer said. "Everything was falling, like glasses and everything." Still, she added, "Here in my building there was no real damage."

The quake was somewhat deep — 25 miles (41 kilometers) below the surface. Quakes that occur deeper underground tend to be less damaging, but more widely felt.

"If it was a shallower event, it would be a significantly higher hazard," said seismologist Daniel McNamara of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered about 38 miles (60 kilometers) from the town of Liberia and 87 miles (140 kilometers) west of the capital, San Jose. The magnitude initially was estimated at 7.9, but was quickly downgraded to 7.6.

The area is a seismically active zone where the Cocos tectonic plate dives beneath the Caribbean plate.

"All along the Pacific coast of Central America, you can expect fairly big earthquakes," McNamara said.

The quake was followed by two strong aftershocks of magnitudes 4.5 and 4.4.

The Guanacaste region around the epicenter is a popular tourist destination known for its pristine beaches and nature and marine reserves. Costa Rica is also a popular destination for American retirees, tens of thousands of whom have settled there.

Officials initially warned of a possible tsunami, and Samara local police supervisor Jose Angel Gomez said about 5,000 people — 80 percent of the town's population — had been evacuated from coastal towns in and near the quake's epicenter. By midday they were allowed to return.

In San Juan, frightened residents ran into the streets, and cell phone and Internet service failed across the city. Some neighborhoods lost electricity.

At the hospitals of Nicoya and Liberia, in Guanacaste, hundreds of people packed emergency rooms asking to be treated for shock and

minor injuries.

One death was confirmed, a man who died of a heart attack caused by fright, said Carlos Miranda, a Red Cross worker in the city of Liberia.

Douglas Salgado, a geographer with Costa Rica's National Commission of Risk Prevention and Emergency Attention, said a landslide hit the main highway that connects the capital to the Pacific coast city of Puntarenas, and hotels and other structures had cracked walls and items knocked from shelves.

In the town of Hojancha, a few miles (kilometers) from the epicenter, city official Kenia Campos said the quake knocked down some houses and landslides blocked several roads.

"So far, we don't have victims," she said. "People were really scared ... We have had moderate quakes but an earthquake (this strong) hadn't happened in ... years."

In the coastal town of Nosara, roughly 20 miles (30 kilometers) southwest of the epicenter, trees shook violently and light posts swayed. Teachers rushed primary school students outside, where roads cracked and power lines fell.

Democrats change platform to add God, Jerusalem as capital of Israel

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Needled by Mitt Romney and other Republicans, Democrats hurriedly rewrote their convention platform Wednesday to add a mention of God and declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel after President Barack Obama intervened to order the changes.

The embarrassing reversal was compounded by chaos and uncertainty on the convention floor, requiring three votes before a ruling that the amendments had been approved. Many in the audience booed the decision.

The episode exposed tensions on Israel within the party, put Democrats on the defensive and created a public relations spectacle as Obama arrived in the convention city to claim his party's nomination for a second term.

The language in the party platform — a political document — does not affect actual U.S. policy toward Israel. The administration has long said that determining Jerusalem's status is an issue that should be decided in peace talks by Israelis and Palestinians.

Obama intervened directly to get the language changed both on Jerusalem and to reinstate God in the platform, according to campaign officials who insisted on anonymity to describe behind-the-scenes party negotiations. They said Obama's reaction to the omission of God from the platform was to wonder why it was removed in the first place.

The revisions came as Obama struggles to win support from white working-class voters, many of whom have strong religious beliefs, and as Republicans try to woo Jewish voters and contributors away from the Democratic Party. Republicans claimed the platform omissions suggested Obama was weak in his defense of Israel and out of touch with mainstream Americans.

GOP officials argued that not taking a position on Jerusalem's

status in the party platform raised questions about Obama's support for the Mideast ally. Romney said omitting God "suggests a party that is increasingly out of touch with the mainstream of the American people."

"I think this party is veering further and further away into an extreme wing that Americans don't recognize," Romney said.

Added to the platform was a declaration that Jerusalem "is and will remain the capital of Israel. The parties have agreed that Jerusalem is a matter for final status negotiations. It should remain an undivided city accessible to people of all faiths."

That language was included in the platform four years ago when Obama ran for his first term, but was left out when Democrats on Tuesday approved their 2012 platform, which referred only to the nation's "unshakable commitment to Israel's security."

Some delegates were angered by the change.

"There was no discussion. We didn't even see it coming. We were blindsided by it," said Noor Ul-Hasan, a Muslim delegate from Salt Lake City, who questioned whether the convention had enough of a quorum to even amend the platform.

Also restored from the 2008 platform was language calling for a government that "gives everyone willing to work hard the chance to make the most of their God-given potential."

For decades, Republican and Democratic administrations alike have said it is up to the Israelis and Palestinians to settle Jerusalem's final status — a position reiterated earlier Wednesday by the White House. Both sides claim Jerusalem as their capital, and the city's status has long been among the thorniest issues in Mideast peace talks.

The U.S. has its embassy in Tel Aviv, although numerous Republican — including Mitt Romney — have vowed to move

the embassy to Jerusalem.

During his 2008 campaign, Obama referred to Jerusalem as Israel's capital in a speech to AIPAC, a pro-Israel lobby. But as official policy, his administration has repeatedly maintained that Jerusalem's status is an issue that Israelis and Palestinians should decide in peace talks. The platform flub gave Republicans an opening to revive their attacks on Obama's support for Israel just as Democrats were hoping to bask in the glow of first lady Michelle Obama's Tuesday speech and gin up excitement for her husband, who will accept his party's nomination for a second term on Thursday.

But restoring the language did not placate Republicans, who used it to suggest that Obama's party is now more supportive than he is of the Jewish state.

"Now is the time for President Obama to state in unequivocal terms whether or not he believes Jerusalem is Israel's capital," said Romney spokeswoman Andrea Saul.

Even as Democrats worked to quell the political fallout from the omission, some Democrats in Charlotte were in open revolt. Angry delegates screamed and threw their hands in the air as Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, the convention chairman, declared the amendments approved.

"The majority spoke last night," said Angela Urrea, a delegate from Roy, Utah. "We shouldn't be declaring Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., said the move was a "reasonable adjustment," but suggested the party could have avoided the skirmish.

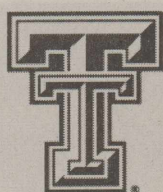
Republicans declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel in the platform the party approved last week at its convention in Tampa, Fla. GOP platforms in 2004 and 2008 also called Jerusalem the capital.

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Lubbock official explains how to register to vote, early voting

By **MATT DOTRAY**
STAFF WRITER

As the general election approaches, members of the Lubbock County Elections Department encourage students to make sure they are registered to vote before the Oct. 9 deadline.

In order to be eligible to vote in Texas, a potential voter must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, 18 years old and not a convicted felon.

Roxzine Stinson, chief deputy of the Lubbock County Elections Department, said students can pick up a voter registration application at libraries and government offices, or download an application at the Lubbock County website.

"I know a lot of students at Tech have already registered through orientation and other things," she said, "but they still, when they change their driver's license, go to most post offices and libraries to pick up an application."

Stinson said applications must be postmarked to the Office of Elections, located at 1308 Crickets Ave., 30 days before the election. A valid identification is required for anyone who registers online, but not for someone who visits its office or applies in person.

According to the Lubbock County website, previous voters do not have to register before every election as long as they have not moved out of the county.

Previous voters may also contact the registration office or visit its website to find out if they are still registered in Lubbock County.

Stinson said students could cast their vote in their home county if they do not wish to register in Lubbock. In order to receive a mail ballot, students can contact their county and ask for a mail-ballot application, or fill out an application online at the Secretary of State's website. Once the application has been mailed to the local elections administrator, they will process it and mail them a ballot. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is Sept. 7.

Although the elections are still a few months away, Stinson said, she encourages students to start preparing for the elections and call the elections department for any questions.

She said sample ballots will be posted on the Lubbock County website.

"Your vote counts," Stinson said. "A lot of people say it doesn't, but it makes a difference. They need to look at these races back in the primaries. It's not just in our area, but around the state that one or two votes made a difference."

Tyler Zienty, a secondary education major from Lewisville, said he is aware the deadline is approaching and plans to register online this week.

"A lot of people think for the big elections their vote doesn't matter," he said, "but every voice matters. A hundred voices sound different than one voice."

Along with voting for a presidential candidate, residents of Lubbock County will also vote for positions such as the U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative of District 19, State Senator, State Representative and District Judge.

According to the Texas Secretary of State website, 163,745 people were registered to vote in Lubbock County during the 2008 elections. Of those people, 97,534 of them voted.

Michael Davis, a studio arts major from Abilene, said it is important for every citizen to decide who is elected.

"My parents are very political people," Davis said, "so part of me would say it's a shame that not everyone votes."

Early voting for the 2012 general elections begins Oct. 22. Voters are urged to find the precinct that has been assigned to each voter.

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LEED

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According to information provided by the Rawls College of Business, the new building saves 20 percent of energy and 23 percent of energy costs, as well as 47 percent of water usage for a similar building not built to LEED standards.

For example, 1,600 tons of the brick, concrete and masonry from Thompson and Gaston Residence Halls were crushed and reused as fill to re-level the site where the new Rawls College of Business building currently stands. Thompson and Gaston Halls were removed from Tech's campus in 2009.

Environmentalism at Tech doesn't just come from LEED-certified buildings, though. According to University Student Housing, there are energy-efficient window replacement projects in the works for certain residence halls and other buildings on campus.

All buildings have been converted to a microfiber flat mop system designed to save water. Tissue in most residence halls is 100 percent recycled and Green Seal certified. There are two buildings that have water fountains with bottle refill stations, which have refilled more than 20,000 bottles in six months. There is also the integration of 12-inch entry matting required by LEED installed in all residence halls. The top mats and tiles of the entry ways are made from 100 percent recycled plastic drink bottles and the rubber backing is 15 percent post-consumer reclaimed tires.

"There's a perception that there's nothing going on at Tech, but really there's a lot going on," said Melanie Tatum, unit manager of University Student Housing. "Everything that our department and Hospitality (Services) has done has impacted the entire university. It's benefitted everybody."

The university is also working to reduce its water consumption by using low-flush toilets and other innovative methods.

"Specific to the business school, we actually use waterless urinals in all the men's restrooms," Molina said. "So we're not even using water, we're actually using chemical cartridges to (clean them). To get the LEED accreditation that was one major player in our points."

Molina said when building a new structure on campus, they try to use as many organic and efficient products as possible.

"We try to hit the highest marks we can on LEED certification and hit those categories that give us the most credit for being LEED certified," he said. "We really try to get quality products, not just any product that does the job, and we try to make sure and purchase products and equipment that is energy efficient."

As of August 2009, every residence hall and most other buildings on campus have been retrofitted with CFL or T8 fluorescent lights, designed to reduce energy consumption.

"One of the things we do is we very closely monitor the energy that is used in the buildings," said Hugh Cronin, assistant vice president of operations.

Energy consumption is monitored by building meters, Cronin said, which the university is working to make more

precise.

"One of the things we're going to do is we're going to put more accurate meters on (buildings)," he said. "What that will allow us to do is measure on a daily basis who is using energy and how much and then it will tell us, for instance, if we have HVAC systems that aren't working properly."

"Right now we only capture that information about once a month and so if there's a problem, it could be 30 days that go on before anyone knows about it. . . . For the most part we control it for the whole campus so that we're not wasting energy."

Cronin said energy conservation is something students should care about.

"Sometimes when you're in a dorm room or a hotel you think, 'Well, I'm not paying for it.' But ultimately we are," he said. "If we have reduced energy costs then it's less of an expense for the university. And if the university doesn't have to spend that money, potentially it's a saving to students. We don't have fees that are as high because we don't have operating costs that are so high."

Garrett Ferguson, a graduate student in architecture, is president of the USGBC chapter at Tech. He said green projects on campus help increase visibility.

"I think it's really important," he said. "One, it encourages green building in Lubbock, which we don't think as a giant market for it."

Ferguson said being green is not just creating environmentally conscious buildings.

"The building side of it is great," he said. "I think it's really important, but I think that sustainability really definitely requires more than just the building side of it, it requires everyone involved. I think Texas Tech is taking really creative strides and efforts on being green, which they've definitely started and I think the community will follow immediately afterwards."

Molina said environmentally conscious efforts benefit both Tech campus and the rest of world.

"It's just the right thing to do from an environmental perspective," he said. "But, on the campus it's made us focus on how do we operate the same kind of buildings with less energy. Our goal is just try to use as little as possible, not only because of the global impact and the effect on our carbon footprint, but just being able to operate as lean as we possibly can without sacrificing what the students experience on our campus."

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POLO PONY



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador
SARA STARR, A sophomore biology major from Flower Mound, gives Jordan Powell, a senior history major from San Antonio, information about the Texas Tech Polo Club on Wednesday outside the Student Union Building.

Oil from BP spill uncovered by Isaac's waves

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Waves from Hurricane Isaac uncovered oil previously buried along Gulf Coast beaches, exposing crude that wasn't cleaned up after the BP spill in 2010.

Since Isaac made landfall more than a week ago, the water the storm has receded and tar balls and oil have been reported on shores in Alabama and Louisiana, where officials closed a 13-mile stretch of beach Tuesday.

BP said Wednesday some of that oil was from the spill, but said some of the crude may be from other sources, too.

"If there's something good about this storm it made it visible where we can clean it up," BP spokesman Ray Melick said.

BP still has hundreds of cleanup workers on the Gulf Coast after the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded, killing 11 workers and leading to the nation's largest offshore spill.

Melick said the company was working with the Coast Guard, state officials and land managers to clean

up the oil on the Fourchon beach in Louisiana. He said crews would be there Thursday.

Isaac made landfall near Fourchon on Aug. 28 as a Category 1 storm, pummeling the coast with waves, wind and rain. Seven people were killed in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Ed Overton, a chemist and oil spill expert at Louisiana State University, said the exposed oil was weathered and less toxic, though it could still harm animals — such as crabs, crawfish and bait fish.

He said the storm helped speed up natural processes that break down oil and it might take several more storms to stir up the rest of the oil buried along the coast.

"We don't like to say it, but hurricanes are Mother Nature's way of taking a bath," he said.

The reappearance of oil frustrated state officials.

Garret Graves, a top coastal aide to Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, accused BP of not being aggressive enough with its initial cleanup.

"If they would put just a fraction

of the dollars they're putting into their PR campaign into cleanup, we'd certainly be much farther ahead than we are now," he said.

BP has spent millions of dollars on its public relations campaign, but the company has not said exactly how much it has invested. Its cleanup and response costs over the last two years were more than \$14 billion and more than 66 million man-hours have gone to protect and treat the Gulf shoreline, the company has said.

BP also gave \$1 million to the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army to help victims of Isaac.

Along the oiled Fourchon beach, officials restricted fishing in waters extending one mile offshore. The state Wildlife and Fisheries Department said there was a large mat of tar on one beach and concentrations of tar balls on nearby shores.

In Alabama, officials said the tar was more of an unsightly nuisance than a health hazard, describing globs as ranging in size from a dime to a half dollar coin.

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Social media should be left to the young

Working with seasoned professionals is obviously a blessing, but also a giant pain at the same time. While they have been working in their field for a lot longer than you have, and mostly know more than you do, there are some things they just haven't yet grasped.

For instance, this summer I helped out with several companies' social media sites. Before going to work the next day, I did some research on what their current social media sites had to offer.

The posts, clip art and hashtags were dreadful and embarrassing, to say the least. I began brainstorming and came

Paige Skinner



up with great ideas to turn the disasters into something useful. The next day, I presented the ideas with my big smile only to learn they wouldn't give me access to the Facebook page.

My thoughts were, "You do realize I can't make the Facebook page any worse than it already is, right? The smiley face as the profile picture gives off the image that this city's official webpage should definitely

be taken seriously."

I'm not tooting my own horn, but please, "seasoned professionals," leave it to the young folks to handle the social media part. We grew up with it and know what to do and how to do it without having to take classes on it or go to day-long seminars on "What is a Hashtag?"

As well as trying to make the Facebook page somewhat relevant, I wanted to update the Twitter account and actually tweet things. I was allowed complete control over this, but first I needed to get the password from the boss-lady.

After days of her trying every combination of emails and passwords, she finally found

a sticky note with the golden password on it. "Twitter" was the password. I'll let that sink in for a minute. Twitter, for crying out loud. I laughed my signature, "Oh, how funny" fake laugh and tried to get started tweeting. Until the boss-lady says, "Twitter is the password. How crazy is that? How was I the only one to think of that password? I must have been one of the first Twitter accounts to get that password."

I said, "No, no. You see anyone can have any password. Millions of people can have that password."

She looked at me with a blank stare and then I walked out of her cubicle. I figured

there was no point in trying to explain to her that several people can have the same password and she wasn't the first person to think of "Twitter" as a password for a Twitter account.

And with all of that said, social media isn't going anywhere. Another boss of mine this summer said she thinks social media is just a phase and will pass. My jaw dropped. What? You think once all of you older people are retired and it's left to us, we are going to hope literal word-of-mouth works? No way. We know how to tweet and reach thousands of people with a single push of a button. Social media isn't going anywhere.

And finally, I've said it once

and I'll say it again: Watching professors struggle to work their computers, lights, sound and pretty much anything with an off/on button is hilarious and sad at the same time. I get it; they didn't grow up with all this fancy technology, but you would think electronic and media professors would have some kind of clue how to turn the computer's volume up. But, hey, I'm not complaining. Watching professors struggle takes time out of their boring lecture.

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Virginia Tech decision sets high bar for safety

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It's more than a little ironic that an investigation into whether or not Virginia Tech officials acted in a "timely" fashion in the wake of the 2007 shooting has taken more than five years to complete.

Last week, Education Secretary Arne Duncan reinstated a \$27,500 fine against Virginia Tech for failing to provide a timely warning to the campus community during the 2007 shooting rampage.

Duncan's reinstatement reversed a ruling by the Education Department's chief administrative judge, who concluded Virginia Tech did not violate the law and thus overruled a 2010 finding by an office within the department.

Under the Clery Act, which was enacted in 1990, universities that participate in federal financial aid programs are required to keep and disclose information about crime on or near campus and issue warnings during potential threats.

The shooting in 2007 brought the Virginia Tech administration under investigation and the bureaucracy of university campus security under scrutiny.

On April 16, 2007, campus police received a 911 call at 7:15 a.m. about gunshots in a dormitory. Officers arrived at the scene 15 minutes later, where they found one student dead and another critically injured.

Top administrators sent a campuswide email at 9:26 a.m. warning students and employees about a "shooting incident." The email read, "The university community is urged to be cautious and asked to contact Virginia Tech Police if you observe anything suspicious."

Minutes after the email was sent, the same man in the dormitory opened fire again, this time in an academic building, where he killed 30 more students and professors, and himself.

Duncan's Friday decision is the latest to come in a years-long investigation. Federal officials first determined the university had violated the Clery Act in

December 2010, saying the warning at 9:26 a.m. came too late and was too vague.

The university appealed that finding, and an administrative judge for the department overturned it, saying that federal guidelines on timely warnings are unclear. An advocacy group representing survivors and victims of the shooting pushed for another appeal, and the decision came up to the secretary, who acknowledged that federal law does not define what a "timely warning is," but also said the email that went out two hours after the first shooting was too late.

He also cited as evidence that administrators perceived an ongoing threat by referring to the lockdowns of campus facilities (one at 8 a.m. and one shortly after 9 a.m.), and the cancellation of trash pickups. That perception, his decision argued, suggested the administration's warning could have been more urgent.

Virginia Tech officials immediately suggested that the university would appeal Duncan's decision. Such an appeal would mark the first time a Clery Act investigation had gone out of the Department of Education and into federal court.

But it's time to put the case to rest.

Yet another appeal drags the investigation out further, prolonging a question that has already been answered on three separate occasions. Rather than once again re-examine the Virginia Tech administration's missteps (or argue that missteps weren't made at all), move on.

Rather than get tangled up in bureaucracy, Virginia Tech and other college administrations can treat Duncan's decision for what it is: a bar by which to measure campus safety and build a safer future for university communities.

In the wake of tragedy, it is important to reflect on past events in order to figure out how to move forward. But eventually, and certainly five years down the line, you have to actually move forward.

Apple controls consumers after verdict

By ALEX ROSENTHAL
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The latest model of the iPhone comes out September 12, and as consumers upgrade their phones, they will downgrade their values in American capitalism.

As if in anticipation of putting its new toy on the market, Apple successfully sued Samsung late last month for rights on intellectual property. The case ended with a verdict awarding more than \$1 billion to Apple from Samsung.

While some of the patents could arguably belong to Apple, such as mechanics that operate a slide lock for the screen, Apple really just wanted a monopoly on smartphones. By getting that monopoly,

Apple took away the option of an alternate smart phone, and with it, American capitalism.

The bogus claims of "theft" included accusations that Samsung stole the basic shape of a smart phone — it seems like Apple owns the rectangle with rounded edges. While it is at it, Apple should also sue the makers of credit cards, playing cards and driver licenses.

Normally, a corporate company stealing profits via complicated legal strategy is no big deal, but now it directly affects almost every consumer in America.

In an increasingly digital age, normal cell phones no longer cut it.

For many consumers, a cell phone must be able to have email and Internet capabilities in addition

to texting and calls. A smart phone must help you manage your life. With the latest verdict in technology, Apple will now manage your life with its new monopoly.

Maybe it is technologic karma biting those of us who prefer PCs to Macs, Android to Apple and generic MP3 players to iPods, but now every consumer is at risk.

With Samsung — Apple's only real competitor in the slim market of smartphones and tablets — out of the picture, Apple could be free to do, or charge, whatever it wants for the only comparable smartphone in stores.

Capitalism has always been a champion in America, encouraging competition that can produce successful companies like Samsung

and even Apple.

A key factor for capitalism to work properly, however, is for consumers to have the option of what to buy. The verdict of the courts has now taken that option away from consumers.

Perhaps Apple can claim justice in the legal system, but the implications of the ruling will deeply hurt American consumerism.

This victory for Apple will set a precedent, allowing companies to sue over any basic advances in technology just to get the upper hand in that market. Taking out its biggest — and only — competitor, Apple can charge exorbitant rates for the only smartphone now holding an iron grip on their buyers.

Smartphone disease destroying conversation

By TY JOHNSON
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I went to dinner with my family the other day and was excited to talk with my mother about the coming school semester. There's a little Mexican restaurant in my hometown, and I was really craving enchiladas, so I thought it would be the perfect meal.

We walked in, sat down, and ordered our drinks. Being the last to order, I looked over to my mother and sister to strike up a conversation, only to find them busily typing away at their cell phones.

This isn't a sight that is uncommon to me. Both of those girls are technology-addicts, and I myself am guilty of the same vice.

Unfortunately, we aren't the only American family that can't take our eyes away from those little handheld screens. With technology so rapidly being improved and updated and revised, it has become increasingly easy to manage your entire life from the palm of your hand. That doesn't sound so bad though, right? I mean, why would you carry around a billion planners and handheld games and a computer when you can do it all from one small cell phone, right? I

agree. My smart phone has made my life extremely more manageable, but what it and its fellow phones are doing to the art of conversation is truly saddening.

The worst culprit? The text message. Carl Jenquin, a blogger, writes that "Sending a text message, or texting, with your mobile phone was first completed in 1989. In 1995, only about one message was sent by customers per month. The average increased to around 35 in 2000, and has continued to increase at an alarming rate."

As I walk down the South Oval at our fine university, it's rare that I see someone without a cell phone. There was a point in time, before the invention of cell phones (hard to believe that time existed, I know), that people would walk along the street and have conversations with one another. There was a time when families would go out to eat and talk with each other and the people around them. There was a time when everyone would talk face-to-face.

That time is over. It's much easier to pull out your phone and text a friend, co-worker, family member or partner than it is to go see them in person. This way of communication is in no

way healthy. It has become so bad that people will even text each other from the other side of a table.

Because of this, real life conversations have become dull and uninteresting. There's nothing to talk about with a girlfriend, boyfriend, or best friend when you have been texting them non-stop since you last saw them. This has made it impossible to make real life connections with people.

Here's an example: I have this close friend, let's call him Jack. Jack and I have been best friends since I moved to Bristow the summer before my seventh grade year. We would hang out everyday and have loads to talk about. Now Jack goes to a different school, and I of course go to OU. Jack and I still text and keep each other updated, so much to the point that when we see each other, barely anything is said. The friendship that "Jack" and I once shared is totally ruined because we can't even hold a real world conversation together.

Another example is my friend Sarah. Sarah is one of the sweetest girls I know, and she is a texting fiend. She got her first cell phone when she was 12, and has texted at unbelievable

speeds since then. Now, Sarah is socially awkward and doesn't know how to talk to anyone, even managers or professors. She grew up having conversations with a small plastic slab, and now she doesn't know how to talk to people.

Kids are getting phones at younger and younger ages and will eventually experience the same problems that Jack and Sarah have: they won't know how to talk to people.

I'm not asking you to throw away your phone or ditch your text message plan, but what I am asking, for the good of all of us, or at least to avoid future awkward dates or interviews, is to look up from those small screens and experience the world around you. Introduce yourself to someone new. Talk to your crush instead of stalking them on Facebook or Twitter. Call your parents instead of texting them between classes. Go visit your old friends instead of casually liking their profile pictures.

There is a disease that is killing the art of conversation, and that disease is texting. The only cure is to talk to people, face-to-face.

It sounds scary and difficult, I know, but it could make all the difference.

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Tech Film experts publish academic book about Spider-Man

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
STAFF WRITER

When Texas Tech professors Robert Peaslee and Rob Weiner heard news of the premier of a new Spider-Man movie, "The Amazing Spider-Man," the two fans were more than ecstatic.

In fact, the two Tech film experts took it upon themselves to become editors of an academic book entitled "Web-Spinning Heroics: Critical Essays on the History and Meaning of Spider-Man" two years before the movie released to have it published before the movie premiered.

"I think what Dr. Peaslee and I have done is craft a volume that is an honest reflection of Spider-Man's cultural impact over the past 50 years," Weiner said.

The book, Weiner said, which was published early last summer, is a collection of critical, academic essays he and Peaslee selected from various authors and edited together.

Peaslee, who is also an assistant professor in the College of Media and Communication, said his knowledge base is film, while

Weiner's is comic books and sequential art. After working together, they decided to take on a project where they could collaborate and Spider-Man fit both their knowledgeable categories.

Peaslee said they chose from 50 essays written by authors all over the world and selected about half of the most compelling and provocative ones.

They also wrote the introduction themselves and both have individual pieces in the book.

"Rob has a long history of doing edited books like these, so he was kind enough to invite me in on this project since he already had a relationship with the publisher," Peaslee said. "It was a good learning experience for me as a beginning scholar to see how that process works."

Weiner said there is a wide variety of topics covered in the essays: psychology, film studies, looking at Spider-Man from a journalist perspective and his work with *The Daily Bugle*, videogames, cartoons, music, films, villains, animation, gender, romance, psychoanalysis and race.

"It transverses all these different areas," he said, "and it shows what Spider-Man tells us about them and how Spider-Man has impacted the world."

The book is not only for an academic crowd, Peaslee said, but also is geared toward Spider-Man collectors, historians and people interested in comics and movies. Those wanting to purchase the book can visit online booksellers, such as Amazon and McFarland Books.

So, what is next for Weiner and Peaslee?

Peaslee said they are already working on another similar book, only this time about the Joker.

Peaslee said they already have the articles and are working to put a manuscript together to submit to a university press for review. He said the book will be more academic focused than their last one.

"We're trying to take a more theoretical tact on the Joker," Peaslee said, "because he's such an interesting character in psychological, sociological and cultural terms."

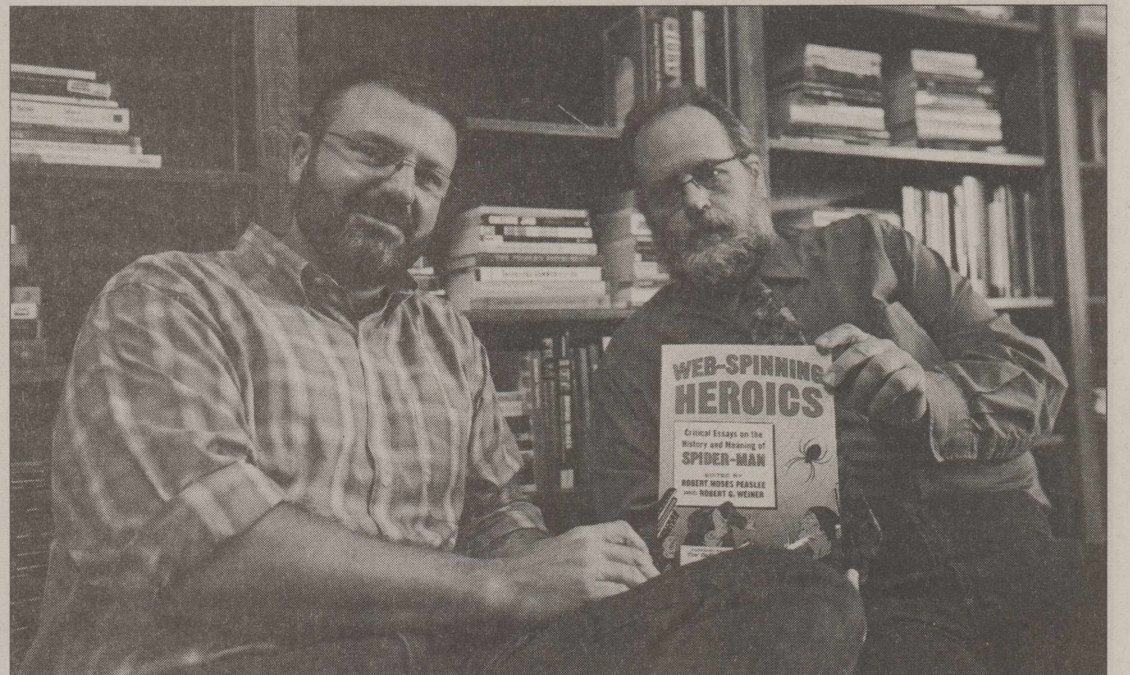


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PROFESSORS ROBERT M. Peaslee and Robert G. Weiner are the authors of the book "Web-Spinning Heroics: Critical Essays on the History and Meaning of Spider-Man."

Peaslee said no one ever has done a book or study about the Joker before.

"We see that as a great opportunity to fill what we see as a gaping hole in literature," he said.

Peaslee said he and Weiner also would like to put together a proposal for a panel on the Joker for the Comic Arts Convention that is attached to Comic-Con because there is an academic convention that runs at the

same time.

"If we're going to do all that, then we might as well teach a class," he said, "and we'll presumably have a textbook for the class."

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Pentagon says ex-SEAL book contains secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Navy SEAL's insider account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden contains classified information, the Pentagon said Tuesday, and the admiral who heads the Naval Special Warfare Command said details in the book may provide enemies with dangerous insight into secretive U.S. operations.

Rear Adm. Sean Pybus told his force Tuesday that "hawking details about a mission" and selling other information about SEAL training and operations puts the force and their families at risk.

"For an elite force that should be humble and disciplined for life, we are certainly not appearing to be so," Pybus wrote in a letter to the roughly 8,000 troops under his command. "We owe our chain of command much better than this."

The letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

At the Pentagon, press secretary George Little said that an official review of the book, "No Easy Day," determined that it reveals what he called "sensitive and classified" information. He was not more specific but said the author was required to submit the book to the Pentagon before publication for a formal review of potential disclosures of such information.

"When you have special operations units that perform these missions, there are tactics, techniques, and procedures, not to mention human life, that are in play," Little said. "And it is the height of irresponsibility not to have this kind of material checked for the possible disclosure of classified information."

He told reporters during a briefing that the Pentagon is still reviewing what legal options should be taken against the author.

If the Pentagon determines the bin Laden book does disclose classified secrets, the government could consider bringing federal criminal charges against Bissonnette. The potential charges and penalties would depend largely on what type of secrets were disclosed.

Pybus, in his letter, was more direct, saying that, "We must immediately reconsider how we properly influence our people in and out of uniform NOT to seek inappropriate monetary, political, or celebrity profit from their service" with the SEALs.

"We all have much to gain or lose," he said. "In the weeks ahead, we will be taking actions to meet this challenge, and I appreciate your

leadership and support of our community in this effort."

Last week, Adm. William McRaven, head of U.S. Special Operations Command, warned his troops that he would take legal action against anyone found to have exposed sensitive information that could cause fellow forces harm. The Naval Special Warfare Command is a unit within U.S. Special Operations Command.

A lawyer for author Matt Bissonnette, who wrote under the pseudonym Mark Owen, has disputed that he was legally obliged to have the book screened before publication.

Bissonnette's co-author Kevin Maurer said in a statement Tuesday that Bissonnette "was meticulous about adhering to his desire to never do anything to undermine the SEALs' mission or put his former colleagues in harm's way."

Little would not say what damage may result from the book's revelations and he declined to point to any specific portions of the book that contain material that would be considered a violation and a release of classified information.

He said the Pentagon did not try to stop the public release of the book this week in part because there wasn't much time.

"Pre-release copies of the book were already being circulated around," Little said. "So the practical effect of requesting that the publisher withhold release of the book just wasn't an available option."

He added that the Pentagon also has not taken steps to stop the book from being sold on military installations. It's not the Pentagon's practice, Little said, "to get into the business of deciding what and what does not go on bookshelves in military exchanges. But that doesn't mean in any way, shape or form that we don't have serious concerns about the fact that this process of pre-publication review was not followed."

The book, which was published by Dutton, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), was No. 1 on Amazon's best seller list Tuesday, which was its official release day. The initial print run was 575,000 copies and publication of the book was moved up from Sept. 11 to Sept. 4 amid a flurry of reports about the book last week.

Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer, notified Bissonnette last Thursday that the Pentagon believes he is in "material breach and violation" of two nondisclosure agreements and of a related document he signed upon leaving active duty in April 2012.

In response, Robert D. Lusk of the law firm Patton Boggs wrote to Johnson on Friday that his firm is representing Bissonnette and asserting that he is not in breach of his nondisclosure agreements.

The Justice Department could go after the profits of the book in a civil proceeding if it is determined that he violated the nondisclosure agreement by not getting the book pre-cleared.

NY court to decide if lap dance is tax-exempt art

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — No one would confuse the Nite Moves strip club with the Bolshoi Ballet, but what the lap dancers do there is art and entitled to the same tax exemption other performances enjoy, a lawyer argued Wednesday in what was surely one of the racier tax cases ever to go before New York's highest court.

W. Andrew McCullough, an attorney for the suburban Albany strip joint, told the Court of Appeals that admission fees and lap dances at the club should be freed of state sales taxes under an exemption that applies to "dramatic or musical arts performances."

He said that lap dancing is an art form and that, in any case, the state is not qualified to make such determinations, and that making such distinctions would be a violation of the constitutional right to freedom of expression.

A lawyer for the state rejected that analysis, and authorities are demanding about \$400,000 in back taxes from the club.

A ruling is expected next month, with possible consequences for the estimated 150 to 200 adult nightclubs in the state.

During Wednesday's arguments from the club's lawyer, a skeptical Judge Eugene Pigott Jr. said the women are hired untrained and simply "do what they do."

"We need to get past the idea that somehow this is the Bolshoi," Pigott said.

McCullough acknowledged that, but added: "What we're

saying is the state of New York doesn't get to be a dance critic."

He presented testimony from a cultural anthropologist who visited the club and concluded that the exotic dancing there qualifies as an art form.

Robert Goldfarb, an attorney for the state, said that nobody would visit the club if the dancers didn't remove their clothes. He also argued that the exemption applies to "choreographed" performances, and what the Nite Moves dancers do doesn't qualify.

At least three members of the seven-judge panel questioned the notion that a performance must be choreographed to be considered artistic. Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman suggested "creative artists in particular" often improvise.

Attorney Bradley Shafer filed a brief on behalf of the Hustler club in New York City in support of Nite Moves and said he has a similar case pending.

While Nite Moves does not serve alcohol, Shafer said the ruling in this case could still affect strip clubs' like his client that have liquor licenses. He said there are somewhat similar cases pending in Pennsylvania, Texas and Nevada.

Last year, the Texas Supreme Court said the state could slap a \$5 fee on strip club customers, rejecting arguments that the so-called pole tax on nude dancing interferes with the First Amendment right to freedom of expression.

A private lap dance goes for \$20 a minute at Nite Moves, a windowless building with a small stage and a pole.

"It's definitely a form of art," a dancer said Wednesday afternoon at Nite Moves, where there was only one customer. She declined to give her name, saying she has another, unrelated job. "Some girls are up there practicing for hours when nobody's in here."

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Texas Tech strives to assist students with eating disorders

By TORI O'HARA
STAFF WRITER

With the media promoting up-and-coming stars as being skinny and criticizing stars that are not as skinny, it is no surprise some students develop eating disorders.

Media influence is not the only thing causing eating disorders, though. Lisa Viator, the assistant director of the Student Counseling Center who works with the Mindful Eating group, said strict dieting, purging and overeating is often used to deal with the stresses of life.

"The purpose of the Mindful Eating group is to figure out what function food plays in our client's life," Viator said. "Once we figure that out we can help the students learn to cope with their feelings in healthier ways."

Viator said the Mindful Eating group formed three semesters ago to help students who suffer from purging, overeating and other classified eating disorders, and those who may have an eating problem that does not fall into the other categories. Viator said these disorders are called sublinking disorders.

Amanda Wheeler, a counseling psychologist for the Student Counseling Center who has worked with Viator and the Mindful Eating group, said if students are not sure if they have an eating disorder, they should call the Student Counseling Center.

"It is not your job to diagnose yourself," Wheeler said. "We can help you make an informed decision to see if you truly have an eating disorder and if you do, we can help you through the group to learn to cope with your feelings. We also have students come in who truly believe that they have an eating disorder, but when in fact, they have healthy eating hab-

its and it is a disorder of the mind." Wheeler said eating disorders, such as overeating, are often defined from person to person rather than as a set idea.

"To some people, overeating means eating a hamburger from McDonalds and French fries," she said. "For others, it may mean eating a whole extra large pizza by themselves. We help them identify what they define and then set them up on the track to making themselves healthier."

Viator said students should realize taking that first step to come in and get help does not mean students are being forced into something that makes them uncomfortable.

"We want to make sure students realize that they are in control of their bodies," Viator said. "We are here to help them on their journey, not force them into a new lifestyle. It will not work that way."

Viator said the group wishes to provide students with real-life skills to help them identify the factors in their life that make the students turn to food and better handle the situation.

She said Mindful Eating pro-

vides a social and group support system where students can learn from one another and can provide them with a safe place to help through the steps of change.

"We are here to help them through everything," Viator said, "the good, the bad and the ugly."

Wheeler said while eating disorders are commonly stereotyped as being a problem among women, the group sees both men and women who have an issue with overeating.

"Some students, when they feel anxious or stressed, will eat a bag of Cheetos if they are, say, stressed over an exam," she said. "They feel better in the moment. They like the feeling they get, so they will keep returning to that feeling. We do have students who purge, but we really do see the whole spectrum of eating disorders."

The Mindful Eating group, Wheeler said, usually sees four to eight students per semester and she hopes they will be able to help more students across campus once more of them know about the group.

Viator said while the statistics often vary, 5 to 8 percent of students suffer from some sort of eating disorder.

Mindful Eating meets Thurs-

days in the Student Counseling Center from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Viator said students should call the Student Counseling Center for more information.

Mindful Eating is not the only support system on campus for students. The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery offers a program for students who have been in recovery for a year from an eating disorder.

McKenzie Wilkes, research associate for the Center of the Study of Addiction and Recovery, said this is because the first year of recovery students should really focus on themselves.

"We will help students who are just starting recovery by talking to them and helping them find resources for them around Lubbock," Wilkes said. "The first year for students is so stressful. They are going through a change to their system. They have to adapt to a new lifestyle and need to be comfortable with themselves first before we can come in and help them."

Wilkes said for those students who are eligible to be in the program, there are weekly seminars students can attend for college credit. She said there is no set curriculum. The schedule is based off of what the group as a whole needs help with and it can vary from therapy, to issues with body image.

"We also require our students to seek outside counseling and help, along with the seminar sessions and help we provide them," she said.

Wilkes said students who are just beginning recovery are welcome to attend its open group meetings Wednesdays, and Celebration of Recovery on Thursdays.

"Just get plugged in," Wilkes said. "Change is hard, but we are here to help."

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Transgender-inmate ruling is movement's latest win

(AP) — Years ago, in a darkened parking lot in the middle of the night, Kathy Padilla would meet with fellow transgender people who sought support from one another in a society that treated them like outcasts.

How things have changed since then for transgender men and women in America, who have made great strides in recent years toward reaching their ultimate goal: to be treated like ordinary people. On Tuesday, they won another victory when a Massachusetts judge became the first to order prison officials to provide sex-reassignment surgery for a murder convict, saying it was the only way to treat her gender-identity disorder.

The ruling marked the latest milestone in the increasing visibility of a class of people once roundly derided as freaks or used as a punch line.

"Now there are transgender delegates at the Democratic National Convention," said Padilla, a 55-year-old transgender woman from Philadelphia who has been an advocate since 1984. "And a number of transgender people have been invited to the White House."

In recent years, more than a dozen states have revised anti-discrimination laws to include transgender people, giving them

hate-crime protection and providing rights as basic as restroom access. Transgender officials have helped raise the movement's profile by winning elective office in city halls, landing coveted appointments in the White House and, yes, sending delegates to political conventions.

The Massachusetts court ruling, though, shines a light on what many advocates view as the worst form of discrimination still faced by transgender people: lack of access to medical care.

"Transgender people are still denied health care access all the time," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. "There's insufficient training, insufficient cultural competency, and insufficient humanity sometimes."

Transitioning from one sex to another can involve a variety of treatments, including hormone therapy, but the most expensive one is a sex-change operation, which can cost up to \$20,000. Even though the American Medical Association and other medical experts recommend coverage of services for transgender people, a small but growing number of companies that actually provide it — including Apple, Accenture and American Express — are still the exception.

Federal health care that covers

treatment for gender-identity disorders is virtually nonexistent, with no services for federal employees, veterans or Medicare recipients.

U.S. Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts, who filed unsuccessful legislation in 2008 to ban the use of tax money to pay for the surgery for prison inmates, said surgery for the inmate at the center of Tuesday's ruling would be "an outrageous abuse of taxpayer dollars."

"We have many big challenges facing us as a nation, but nowhere among those issues would I include providing sex change surgery to convicted murderers," he said in a written statement. "I look forward to common sense prevailing and the ruling being overturned."

The nation as a whole has not yet embraced the idea that a gender reassignment surgery is a medically necessary procedure that could have dramatic health benefits, advocates say.

"If somebody doesn't receive treatment, it can lead to very serious incidents of self-harm," said Jennifer Levi, a professor of law at the Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass. "One of the things that the judge recognized is that there's a lot of public misunderstanding about the experience of transsexualism. And there's a lot

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Freshman Rohmer makes impact for Tech soccer

By HOLDEN WILEN
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When head coach Tom Stone first saw Briana Rohmer play, he knew she was a player he wanted on his team.

Stone watched Rohmer come off the bench for her club team and play 20 minutes, during which time, he said she was the best player on the pitch. Stone said after seeing her play he was puzzled as to why she wasn't receiving more playing time.

"That kid is a 90 minute stud," Stone said. "The final piece for us was we saw her at a tournament in North Carolina and literally she scored two or three goals where she went by four or five people at a time and then just calmly placed (the ball) in the corner."

Rohmer, a physical therapy major from Fort Worth, said even though her offer list included schools such as Texas, North Carolina, Kansas and Baylor, she chose Texas Tech because of Stone's passion and enthusiasm. She said she would become a better player and a better person under Stone's tutelage.

Another reason for coming to

Tech, Rohmer said, is because once she met the team, she felt it had the same goals as her — to win a Big 12 Conference championships and set the program up for continued success in the future. Those goals reveal what Rohmer said is her greatest strength: Competitiveness.

"I pride myself on wanting to be the best and going after those balls that I know I might not get to," she said, "I just keep going and hustling."

The desire to never give up is a trait she said she shares with her role model, Olympic track star Lolo Jones. Rohmer said she looks up to Jones because she has overcome so many injuries and obstacles throughout her life, but still maintains a positive attitude.

Ashley Casey, another freshman on the team, said Rohmer is one of her best friends. She said she admires Rohmer because of her fierceness.

"She is so fast and so aggressive," Casey said. "I look up to her sometimes because I want to be as aggressive as her."

Through the first four games this season, Rohmer is tied for third place on the team in shots with six. Though

she hasn't scored yet, Rohmer said she continues to work on improving her shooting ability.

Stone said Rohmer's upside is tremendous and her unique skillset has earned her the nickname "The Big Smooth."

"She's athletic and strong and physical, but she's delicate and supple on the ball," Stone said. "It's an amazing combination of brute strength and skill."

Off the field, Rohmer said it has not been too hard juggling her responsibilities as a student athlete. She said she lives on campus with three teammates and has an adviser who helps her whenever she needs it.

In her free time, Rohmer said her favorite hobby is shopping for clothes with her teammates. She said she particularly enjoys shopping at stores at South Plains Mall, such as Dillard's and Forever 21.

Rohmer said besides shopping, she has a hidden talent not many people know about. While she said she wouldn't be going on "American Idol" anytime soon, she enjoys singing, especially in her room and in the shower.

Overall, Casey said Rohmer is a positive person and a fun person to be around. She said Rohmer likes to joke around and can be very sarcastic.

"Once you get to know her, she's so funny," she said. "I love being around her and she always makes me smile — there's nothing negative about her."

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Briana Rohmer tries to take the ball away from Nevada defender Lauren Braman during the Red Raiders' 1-0 victory against the Wolf Pack on Friday at John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

She's athletic and strong and physical, but she's delicate and supple on the ball.

TOM STONE
HEAD COACH
TEXAS TECH

Gillispie

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A total of six players from last year's team transferred out of the Tech program. All attempts of contacting these players have been unsuccessful or they have declined to comment on the matter. Attempts to contact Gillispie via phone were unsuccessful as well.

Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby said he felt Tech was competent enough to deal with this on its own.

"I'm confident in their abilities to manage the situation," Bowlsby said.

Hocutt said the university is still in the process of acquiring more knowledge of the situation.

"What I can assure you of is we are going to continue to gather facts," he said, "and we will continue to move forward with the NCAA rules component as well as the personnel component as expeditiously as possible."

A decision on Gillispie's status as coach of the men's basketball team has yet to be made, Hocutt said.

"I want to assure everyone that as we go through this unusual and unfortunate position, that our decision-making will be guided by our mission statement, which is 'To educate, serve and grow fearless champions' and by the guiding principles which we have adopted as an athletics program," he said.

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College football structure has NFL feel to it

(AP) — Fall football Saturdays look an awful lot like NFL Sundays, and not everyone is on board with the growing transformation.

College football has taken on a power structure similar to the NFL — which is king of the sports world with its on-field product and popularity across the country.

While there are those who are fighting to hold off the change, Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe says colleges should want to duplicate that success.

"I think that's always the direction you're moving in," Grobe said. "You're always trying to get better. The model's professional sports. I don't think that's true just for college football, but for every college team, all sports. You try to look at what the professionals are doing and do as many things like them as you possibly can."

"I think the college game's still a little unique because of all the different styles but I think there's no question you're trying to get better, and if you're trying to get better, you're looking at the best."

And emulating the best. At times, the two multi-billion dollar industries are difficult to tell apart.

— College presidents and chancellors have roles similar to NFL owners, while their athletic direc-

tors resemble general managers — in charge of making the key hires that keep interest high and dollars flowing.

— When it comes to season tickets, colleges frequently make buyers pay for the right to purchase their seats in the form of donations to booster clubs — much like those ubiquitous personal-seat licenses in the NFL.

— Inside mammoth stadiums you'll likely spot a towering set of suites. One of them probably belongs to the school president or chancellor, who's entertaining rich and famous VIPs much like what goes on in the owner's boxes at NFL stadiums.

— And now there's a made-for-TV playoff coming to college football in a couple of years, and some projections have it generating as much interest — though perhaps not quite as much money — as the NFL's crown jewel, the Super Bowl.

Critics of the progression say the bottom-line approach is getting in the way of a university's real responsibility — education.

Mississippi State athletic director Scott Stricklin said he understands why there are raised eyebrows at the amount of money college football generates.

The Bulldogs are right in the

middle of the cash grab as part of the behemoth Southeastern Conference — recently announcing a \$75 million expansion of Davis Wade Stadium that will push its capacity to 61,337 seats. The expansion plans call for more luxury seating, a second high-definition video board and other amenities that would make many NFL teams proud.

Even with the expansion, MSU's stadium will rank just 12th out of 14 in the league in capacity.

Defending league champion LSU wants to make already imposing Tiger Stadium even bigger, planning to borrow \$75 million to add seats and suites and push the capacity past 100,000 by the 2014 season. That will give the SEC three stadiums with six-figure capacities — Tennessee and Alabama are already there.

Stricklin said any sort of "competitive marketplace" means costs will inevitably rise, but that schools haven't forgotten the importance of the classroom or using the football program to benefit the entire university.

"We exist to educate," Stricklin said. "The reason why college athletics exist is to market and promote the university, and give a reason to get people to come back and be engaged. It's just a different,

dynamic — drastically different. Our core product is to create great experiences for alumni, whereas in the professional ranks you simply make as much money as possible."

Still, both college and pro football have the same powerful revenue source — television.

The Pac-12 is launching its own TV network this season, following a template set up by the Big Ten in 2007 that has yielded millions of dollars for its teams during the past five years. The SEC expanded to 14 teams this year and broadened its geographic footprint by adding two schools located in major media markets — Texas A&M and Missouri — possibly with a television network of its own on the horizon.

In Texas — where the only team that surpasses the Longhorns' popularity is the NFL's Dallas Cowboys — the university has teamed with ESPN to create its own network.

And while the BCS has generated significant dollars during the past 15 years, an even bigger payday figures to roll in once the FBS begins determining its champion with a four-team playoff. Conservative estimates have the TV rights to the new system being valued at least double what the BCS was worth — at least \$300 million, but perhaps upwards of \$500 million.

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Fates of new Dolphins coach and rookie QB linked

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Even before his first game as a head coach, Joe Philbin is part of a trend.

By starting Miami Dolphins rookie Ryan Tannehill in Sunday's season opener, Philbin is trying to build a winning foundation around a young quarterback, and he's hardly the only coach to do so.

Ten starting quarterbacks this week have been in the NFL a year or less, which is a record to start a season. Tannehill is one of five rookie starters at QB.

So why are young passers so in vogue?

"Maybe a coach feels he wants to set the table for the future and

establish a long-term player at that vital position," Philbin said. "With the length of the contracts — coaches and players — it's an instant-gratification league and there's not a lot of patience, whether it's player development or coaching development."

Patience, like success, has been a rarity around the Dolphins in recent years. Philbin is the team's seventh coach in the past eight years, the most in the NFL during that span, according to STATS LLC. Tannehill will be the Dolphins' 17th starting quarterback since 2000, another league high.

Beginning Sunday when Miami

opens the season at Houston, the fates of Philbin and Tannehill will be intertwined. If the young quarterback blossoms quickly, the Dolphins might exceed expectations and end a streak of three consecutive losing seasons.

And if Tannehill's a bust, the revolving doors attached to the quarterback and coaching jobs might continue to spin.

Tannehill wore a Dolphins T-shirt Wednesday that read "1966," the first year of the franchise. But when asked about the team's more recent, mostly miserable history at his position, he shrugged off the subject.

"I don't think about the past," he said. "I just try to take care of what I can control here and now."

The Dolphins have reason to believe their first-round draft pick will do that well. He joined the Dolphins after making only 19 career starts at quarterback for Texas A&M, but during training camp he showed a strong arm, mobility, poise and leadership.

Texas coach Gary Kubiak was familiar with Tannehill in college and studied his exhibition-season play closely in preparation for Sunday.

"He's going to be a great player," Kubiak said. "There's no doubt in my

mind you're talking about a franchise player. He's smart, great ability, moves around. That's what everybody's looking for in this league. I'm not surprised he's here and he's getting the opportunity to start on opening day. I thought that he was heading in that direction coming out of college."

Tannehill beat out holdover starter Matt Moore for the No. 1 job. Philbin said he promoted the rookie in part because of the way he processes his mistakes even as he trots to the bench after a bad play.

"When he comes off to the side, he has a pretty good understanding of what he just saw and why he may

have done something," Philbin said. "He may not always be right in terms of his decisions, but the thing that gives us confidence in a young quarterback with limited starts as a college player is that he's an aware player."

"He's jogging off saying, 'Yeah, coach, they were playing one high man and that safety came down and was trying to rob No. 2, so I should have probably thrown the ball outside to No. 1.' His brain is working maybe ahead of yours. We like the way he thinks, because it's a complicated game to a certain degree. We're excited to see what he's capable of doing."

Eyes on Crist risk missing Jayhawks' tailbacks

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Most of the eyes in Memorial Stadium last Saturday were surely transfixed on Kansas quarterback Dayne Crist, the once-heralded recruit who transferred in from Notre Dame.

If so, they missed Tony Pierson and Taylor Cox running roughshod over South Dakota State.

While the Charlie Weis era has ushered in a pro-style offense centered on Crist, the new coach has also been quick to praise the Jayhawks' running game, which is expected to alleviate some of the burden from the high-profile quarterback and give a breather to a suspect defense.

That certainly was the case in the opener.

The speedy Pierson ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns, including a dynamic 47-yard dash to the end zone. Cox went for 121 yards and another score in his first game since transferring from the tiny College of the Siskiyous in California.

"It means a lot to have a whole crew of good running backs and have us in the game in different situations," Pierson said. "That's going to be good in the future."

Their performance against the

lower-division Jackrabbits was a relief on several fronts.

For one thing, Crist was just 17 of 36 for 169 yards with a touchdown and pick, showing some of the rust that comes with barely playing last season. Crist overthrew several wide receivers and had a completion percentage that no doubt resulted in a poor grade from the coaching staff.

Then there's the fact that the Jayhawks are playing without James Sims, their top rusher a year ago. He's suspended for three games for violating team rules.

His absence means that Pierson and Cox, along with Brandon Bourbon, are getting more chances in practice and games. The Jayhawks play Rice on Saturday before facing No. 20 TCU on Sept. 15.

"Coming off a win, there are obviously good things that we did, but you can't pride yourself on only the good things," Cox said. "You have to humble yourself by looking at the things you need to improve."

Of all the revelations in the opener — the debut of Weis on the sideline, Crist under center and a whole new look on both sides of the ball — Cox may have left the biggest

impression.

He committed to Washington State out of high school but did not qualify academically, so he wound up at College of Siskiyous in the "truck-stop town" of Weed, Calif., where Cox said the "only thing we

had was McDonald's, Burger King and Taco Bell for eat spots."

"There's a local bowling alley, but besides that we drive to Redding and go to the mall," he said. "Redding is about two hours south. But besides that it's football, school and bowling."

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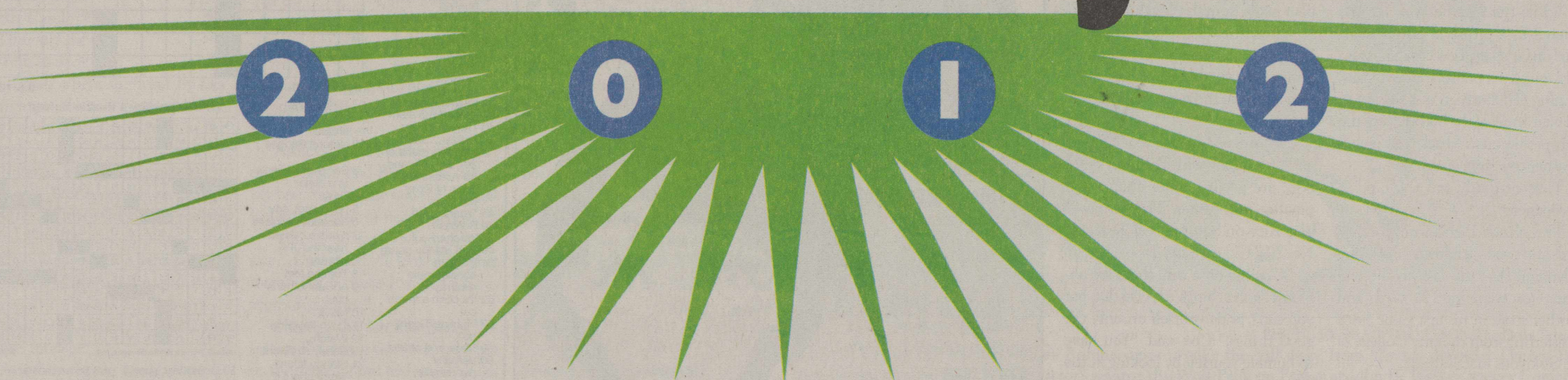
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