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## GSA, others celebrate National Coming Out Day

By **EFRAIN DUARTE**  
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Preoccupied with the upcoming election, most people overlook an important day in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history.

National Coming Out Day was Thursday. According to the Human Rights Campaign website, the roots of National Coming Out Day began in 1987. The march on Washington for lesbian and gay rights took place 25 years ago Oct. 11, 1987. The march resulted in the organization of many LGBT organizations, such as the National Latino(a) Gay and Lesbian Organization.

Rob Eichberg, founder of a personal growth workshop and Jean O'Leary, former head of National Gay Rights Advocates, originated the idea of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, 1988. Since 1988 National Coming Out Day has been celebrated annually on Oct. 11.

On Wednesday, the Texas Tech Gay-Straight Alliance had a meeting and members discussed coming out stories.

"You never really stop coming

out," Evan Weinberger, a junior chemistry major from McKinley, said.

Those at the Tech GSA meeting, who identify as gay or lesbian, were not the only ones who told a coming out story. Casey Higgins, a senior psychology major from Houston is an ally.

"I became a straight ally because growing up in high school, I had a bunch of friends who were gay," Higgins said, "and I always got along with them really well."

There have been celebrities who have publically come out, such as Ellen DeGeneres and Anderson Cooper. According to the Human Rights Campaign website, there are themes associated with National Coming Out Day. This year's theme is "Come out. Vote."

"You don't need a label," Weinberger said, "but it is nice to find that part of yourself and to admit it freely."

Coming to terms with being gay was difficult for Cole Morrison, a sophomore Spanish major from Midland.

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## Design team wins Nurture contest with innovative cancer center design

By **NICOLE MOLTER**  
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Being healthy involves not only physical health, but also psychological health.

A team of Texas Tech interior and environmental design students won the 2012 Nurture Collegiate Health Care Competition with the project, "Innovative Design for Cancer Centers through the Use of Care Control Stations."

The theme of the competition this year was Supporting Mobile Work in Health Care, said Debajyoti Pati, associate professor in the Department of Design and adviser for the team. The goal was to design any environment in a hospital and incorporate technology to enhance the collaborative process and make the process more efficient and safe.

About one and half million

people are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States, said Haitham El-Hammali, an interior and environmental design graduate student from Benghazi, Libya. Because cancer is a common disease, the team decided to work on this design involving cancer treatment.

"One of the main issues with the cancer center is the collaboration," he said. "As we know, cancer is not only about medication and therapy, but also about treatment, the physical and psychological treatment between the staff and the patient."

Understanding the process was a major factor in the design, El-Hammali said. Staff from the Cancer Center at UMC were interviewed, and patients and flow of treatment were indirectly observed and later analyzed.

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## Moving Mountains



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LEFT: LINEBACKER BLAKE Dees wraps up New Mexico tight-end Lucas Reed in Tech's 49-14 win against the Lobos on Sept. 15 at Jones AT&T Stadium. RIGHT: West Virginia wide receiver Tavon Austin will play for the first time against the Red Raiders on Saturday in Lubbock.



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## High-powered offense led by Heisman candidate fuels West Virginia

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**  
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The last time West Virginia (5-0, 2-0) and Texas Tech (4-1, 1-1) faced each other in 1938, gas was a mere 10 cents per gallon, a loaf of bread cost 9 cents and the average cost to rent a house was \$27.

Tech and West Virginia may be unfamiliar with seeing each other on opposing sidelines at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, but with the addition of West Virginia to the Big 12 Conference this season, the two teams will have plenty of time in the next several years to enjoy each other.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said the Mountaineers are without a doubt the early favorite to win the Big 12 Championship.

"This is a good team," Tuberville said. "I said it the first of the year. My vote was going to go to these guys. Just knowing the quarterback they have, if anybody has the front running lead of this championship, it will be them with all the experience and speed they've got."

The Mountaineers are led by senior quarterback Geno Smith. Smith, the early Heisman front-runner, has failed to complete only 38 of his passes. To put that into perspective, he has thrown more than 200 passes.

The quarterback has thrown 24 touchdowns this season, 21 of which have gone to junior receiver Stedmon Bailey and senior receiver Tavon Austin.

Tuberville said for Tech to keep Bailey and Austin at bay this weekend, the Red Raiders will have to tackle as a unit and make plays

in open field.

"You better have more than one person around them trying to tackle them," he said. "So we'll go in with the same type of game plan. We'll bring four. We'll bring five. We have just got to make sure that whatever we do, that we tackle at the point of attack. We can't give up 150 yards after the catch or after we've made contact on the run. We can't do that."

Tech is coming off a disappointing 41-20 loss to Oklahoma in Lubbock last weekend.

Tuberville said after Tech made easy work of its non-conference schedule, it will be interesting to see how the Red Raiders respond to adversity.

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## Organizations no longer allowed to tailgate at Red Raider Club Parking

By **MATT DOTRAY**  
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The decision to no longer allow student organizations to tailgate football games at Red Raider Club Parking may have caused greater problems than the ones it was trying to prevent.

Kaitlyn Cennamo, a broadcast journalism major from Keller, is a member of the Panhellenic Executive Council, an organization that provides programming and activities for sorority women.

Cennamo said when tailgating was no longer allowed at Red Raider Club, organizations, specifically fraternities, began tailgating all across town instead of all in one place.

"Now, the problem is that people are drinking at these tailgates, having to drive to different locations, and then having to drive to the game," she said. "They've created some problems in trying to solve other ones."

Drinking and driving is a problem in the community, Cennamo said, and now people are drinking at home and driving to the game instead of just walking from the tailgate.

She said fraternities are starting to tailgate at Greek Circle, which is putting a risk management and financial strain on people driving to the game.

Cennamo said if the majority of fraternities and sororities tailgate off campus, the university should provide transportation for students, so

they can arrive to the game in the safest way possible.

"For those of us that like to go and see our friends and go to the game," she said, "I'm having to find a way to get to the game, physically."

Reed Young, the external vice president of the Student Government Association, said organizations are still allowed to tailgate at RaiderGate, which is where students originally tailgated before moving to the Red Raider Club's parking lots.

Young said there were a number of reasons behind the decision to stop tailgating at Red Raider Club.

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# Community Calendar

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**Top Tech Awards Luncheon**  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this luncheon during Homecoming week. The cost is \$15 a person.

**National Book Award Winning Author Timothy Egan**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
 The TTU Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presents the author of six books including "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl."

**The Lubbock Chorale in Concert**  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hermle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this concert of the Lubbock Chorale.

**Halloween Carnival**  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Maggie Trejo Supercenter  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy face painting, games, trick-or-treating and more. All

ages are \$1 admission or two cans of food.

## Saturday

**Red Raider Football vs. West Virginia**  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Jones AT&T Stadium  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against West Virginia.

**Saturdays at the Art Factory**  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and spend a Saturday as the art factory explores different themes, including comics and more.

**Fall Fest: A Celebration of Our Cultural Heritage**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock Lake Landmark  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy demonstrations and activities on Native American culture including traditional food processing and more.

**South Plains Genealogical Society**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Lubbock Mahon Library  
**So, what is it?**  
 Charles "Chuck" Acree will present, "DNA Testing for Genealogical Research."

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## Coming Out

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"I had a tough time coming to terms with being gay because I went to a Christian school, and I heard awful things about gay people so I thought I was a monster," he said. "I gradually got more comfortable as I made more LGBT friends."

Will Ritchie, a junior English major from Arlington, said he did not want to tell anyone until he was at a point in life where he was OK with being gay.

Ritchie said he would have been OK with not telling anyone, but plans changed when Ritchie met someone.

"I met a guy," Ritchie said, "we were pretty much a couple without saying we were a couple. It was the last day of finals in the winter semester, and I am texting him and I do not get a response. I call him he does not pick up. I get on Facebook and I see the first post on his wall is 'Rest in Peace.' I had no idea he had passed away."

While members said they had been out for a while, Summer

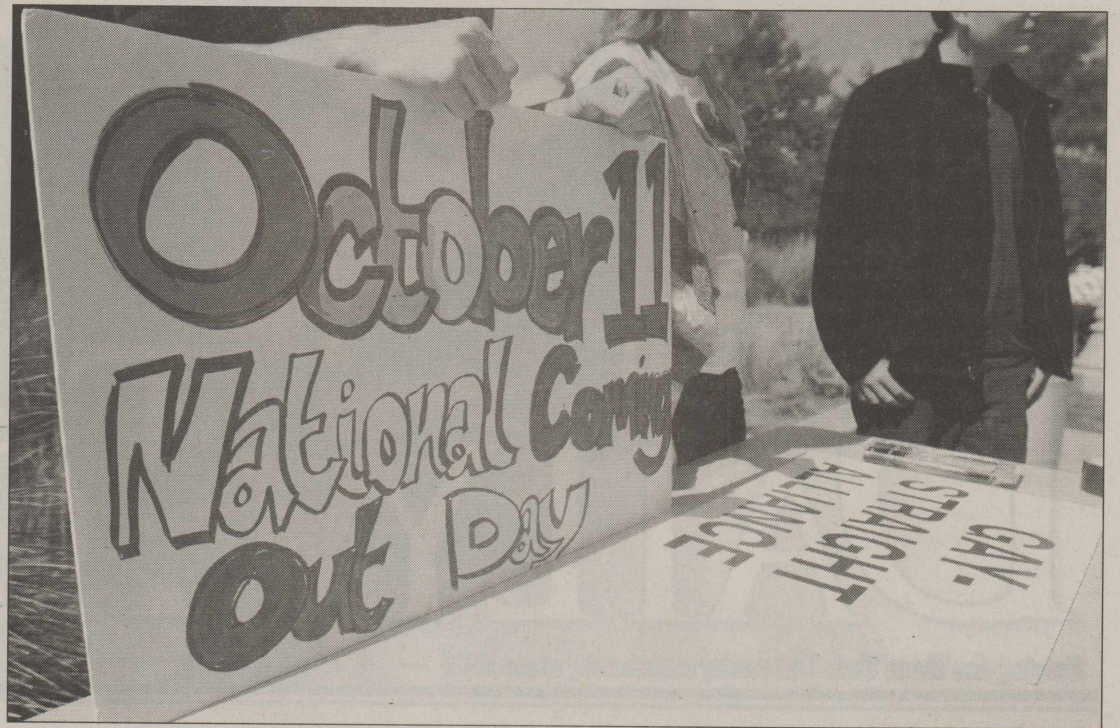


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MEMBERS OF GAY-Straight Alliance talk to students about National Coming Out Day on Thursday outside the Student Union Building.

Hawkins, a graduate psychology student from Wimberley, recently came out.

"I went through a long list of all the things I had not been

completely honest about," she said.

Another ally, Hayden Passon, a freshmen psychology major from Cypress, said she was brought up in an accepting environment.

"I cannot believe there are people that think they can make (homosexuality) seem like it is evil," Passon said.

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## Design

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The design focused on a Care Control Center, he said. The station involves doctors, nurses, patients and the patients' family. Rotating walls, mobile stations and wireless technology and communication, provide privacy when needed and efficiency for the medical staff.

Hospitals have begun to convert from paper-based charts to electronic records, Pati said, and 80 percent of the need for a nurse station has evaporated. With an electronic system, information can be accessed from anywhere in the unit instead of at one station. The unneeded space for a nurse station was utilized to design the Care Control Center.

"It's the same space redesigned that has multiple functions and each function is associated with a certain level of collaboration in addition with the technology compliment offered," Pham said.

The Care Control Station is simi-

lar to a gas station, Duy Quang Pham, an interior and environmental design graduate student from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The station is multi-functional for mobile work.

Staff can recharge equipment while continuing work and collaborating with each other, Pati said.

The team incorporated existing technology and "futuristic technology on the drafting board" that will be released in the next few years, Pati said.

A futuristic flexi-glass wall can be made opaque to provide privacy for staff or transparent to allow viewing, he said. The screen can be used for accessing and displaying information and patient records.

Aesthetics are a part of design, El-Hamalli said, but impact on healing is another element.

"In the past, in the health care system, they tend to focus on the function aspect of the design, but now they want to cover the not only the function, but also the healing aspect," Pham said.

Nature is an element brought into this design, said Islam Obeidat, an interior and environmental design graduate student from Amman, Jor-

dan. Nature has proven to benefit the healing process and relaxation.

The team looked at the needs of staff and patients, and nature was the best way to benefit both. Nature exposure impacts blood pressure, stress level, perceived pain level and many other things with patients, Pati said. Exposure to nature, such as a 20-minute walk, can refresh a fatigued mind and renew energy. This benefits stressed doctors and nurses.

"Our design is not designed for a particular space," El-Hamalli said, "or a particular hospital. It can be applied elsewhere."

The team included El-Hamali, Obeidat, Pham, adviser Pati, and additional design students Rehab Aburas and Diana Sabouni. The participants are invited to attend the 2012 Health Care Design Conference Nov. 3 through 6 in Phoenix. A story about the competition also will appear in the November issue of Health Care Design Magazine and a story on the winning entry will be featured in January 2013.

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## FBI seeks help in finding missing Colorado girl

WESTMINSTER, Colo. (AP) — Authorities looking for a missing 10-year-old Colorado girl are asking the public for help finding who apparently kidnapped her, a day after a body was found in a park.

Police have yet to link the body found seven miles from Jessica Ridgeway's home to her Oct. 5 disappearance, or even say if it belongs to a child. Jessica disappeared after leaving home to meet friends at a park for her walk to school.

On Thursday, the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit released a list of changes that a person committing a crime against a child would exhibit. Among them: sudden differences in appearance, missed appointments, being absent from work, or leaving town with no explanation. Police have ruled out Jessica's parents.

"It could be your boss, it could be your friend, and ultimately it could be your family member," FBI spokesman Dave Joly said. "Bring this information to law enforcement and let us vet that to a close. If that person is not the suspect, 'Thank you for your call.' Next lead."

Joly said agents are searching for a man based on statistics for this type of crime.

The latest appeal for help comes as authorities switch from searching for Jessica to finding her abductor. Police looked for clues in a reported sighting of a car with Colorado plates in Maine and a Wyoming abduction. The FBI said Thursday that abduction was unrelated.

Police spokesman Trevor Materasso said the body discovered late Wednesday "is not intact," and that has slowed the work of identification. Materasso said no other information would be released until Friday, and he left a brief midday news conference without answering any questions.

The body was found at Pattridge Park in the Denver suburb of Arvada, which is near Westminster, where Jessica disappeared.

In tweets, Westminster police said investigators had worked overnight to identify the body. Officers searched more of the park Thursday as well as areas closer to Jessica's home. Police said photo radar vans — normally used to detect and photograph speeding vehicles — were being used to monitor some streets around the girl's house.

Police have ruled out her parents — Sarah Ridgeway, who lives in Colorado, and Jeremiah Bryant, who lives in Missouri — as suspects and have said they believe Jessica was kidnapped by an "unknown suspect."

Jessica's mother last saw her daughter walking to school. The girl never arrived, setting off a frantic search by hundreds of law enforcement officials and residents.

Aurelio Florez, who has lived in Jessica's neighborhood for six years, said it was shocking that Jessica could have vanished during a two-block walk to a park where she usually met friends before continuing on to school.

"You can see the park from her front door," he said.

Fliers about the fifth-grader were posted on nearly every house in her neighborhood of modest, two-story homes with single-car garages. Purple ribbons, a symbol of hope for her return, were tied around trees.

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 30 Mantegna's "Criminal Minds" role  
 32 The Onco... "The Lorax" character  
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 35 Lead fuel component  
 36 Rush discovery  
 37 Pizza places  
 38 Wimbledon champ before Pete  
 39 It didn't get its no. until 1939  
 40 Urban cruisers  
 41 "see"  
 42 Determination  
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 8 "What a relief!"  
 9 Show again  
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 11 "Foyale: Lake Superior national park  
 12 "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven" author  
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 25 "The Caine Mutiny" author  
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 29 They affect stock prices  
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# Chess program, IT Division team up to change game preparation

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
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The Texas Tech chess program and the university's Information Technology Division have joined forces to revolutionize the way players prepare for the chess games.

Last month the United States chess team competed in the Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey, where they trained using a supercomputer from Tech's High Performance Computing Center.

Though the computer was located 6,000 miles away from the chess team, James Abbott, director of the HPCC, said the players were able to connect to it on their laptops.

It was the first time in history that a supercomputer helped an American team, Al Lawrence, director of the Tech chess program, said.

"One of the reasons was that our coach was on the Olympic team for the first time ever," Lawrence said. "The Olympiad team is the top four players in the U.S. and our coach is one of the top four players in the U.S., and that hasn't happened before."

Grandmaster Alex Onischuk, head coach of the Tech chess program, was a member of the U.S. Olympiad team. He said while it is il-

legal to use computers to help players during a game, they can be used for research and analyzing chess moves before and after a game.

Supercomputers allow players to analyze moves much faster and more in-depth than regular computers, he said.

"We use it a lot because they help to find some normal (things) like new moves and pretty much it makes your preparation much faster," he said. "It really depends on how fast the computer is. The faster the computer is, the better your preparation. It also depends on how much time you spend on your preparation, but powerful computers definitely help a lot."

The supercomputer that was used by the chess team includes 22 different servers, each with eight cores and 16 gigabytes of memory, Abbott said.

"This cluster was already created, all they had to do was install their software on it and get access," he said. "We had been talking with the chess people for the last three or four years about how we might support them. This was really the first time they came to us and they had a defined need they really needed us to fill and a timetable we had to respond fairly quickly to."

The program the chess players

installed on the supercomputer is called Houdini, Lawrence said, which is considered by many as the strongest chess engine on the planet.

"A computer will be able to look thousands and thousands and thousands of moves in advance, where a player, even working together, even the best players, maybe even after hours only looking, are at ten moves in advance in all the different lines," he said. "Every time you make a chess move, the responses can be very complex. In other words, there can be 10 responses to one move, and then 10 responses to each of those responses."

The stronger the computer, Lawrence said, the better the help.

"The thing about software, if you put it on a slow computer, it's going to give you slow results," he said. "If you put it on a supercomputer, it's going to be able to look much faster and much deeper. As the software gets better and the hardware gets better, we'll get better and more reliable results. But we're at the point already in technology that these engines are far stronger than a human player."

The chess program at Tech is looking at using the supercomputer to train its players, Onischuk said, and help them prepare for upcoming games.

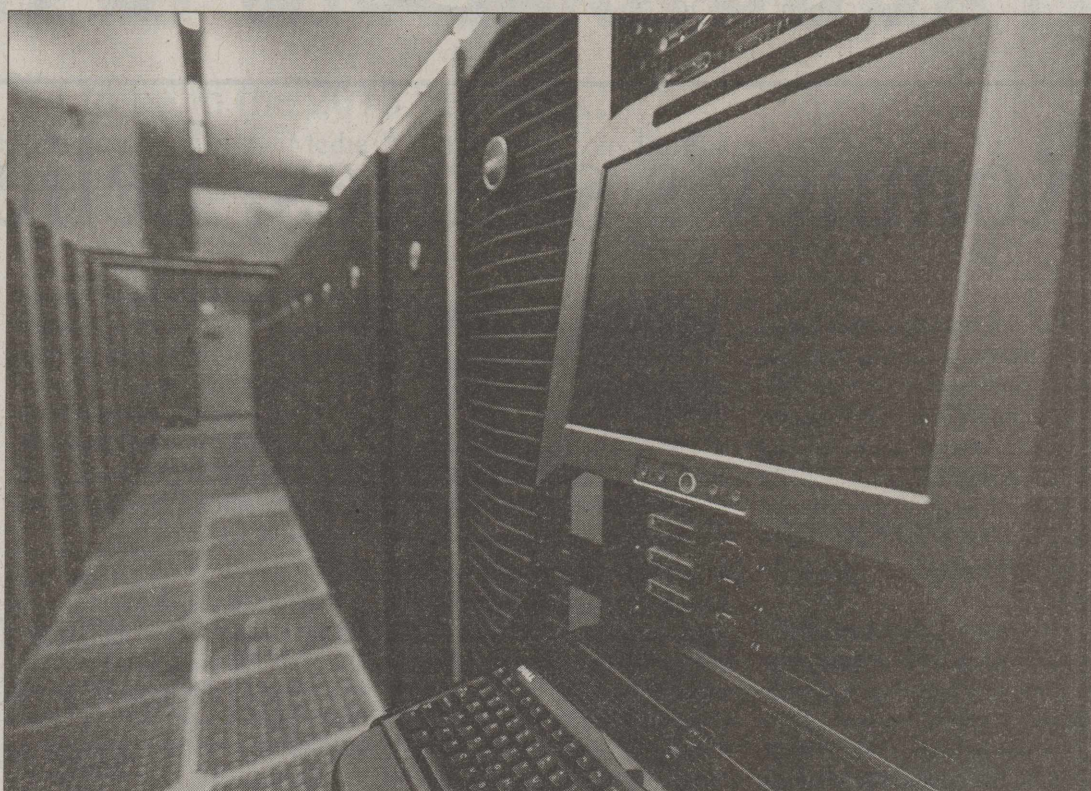


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RESIDING IN THE High Performance Computing Center, the Texas Tech supercomputer helped the United States Olympic chess team practice their skills against the artificial intelligence. The supercomputer is planned to be used to practice by the Texas Tech chess team.

"I hope that we can use this computer for the Texas Tech team," he said. "I think it's very important. I hope we get a chance to use this

computer. It's really important to start your preparation at least two to three months before the event, so we're going to start right away. We

could really use this computer for our preparation. I think it's going to be very useful."

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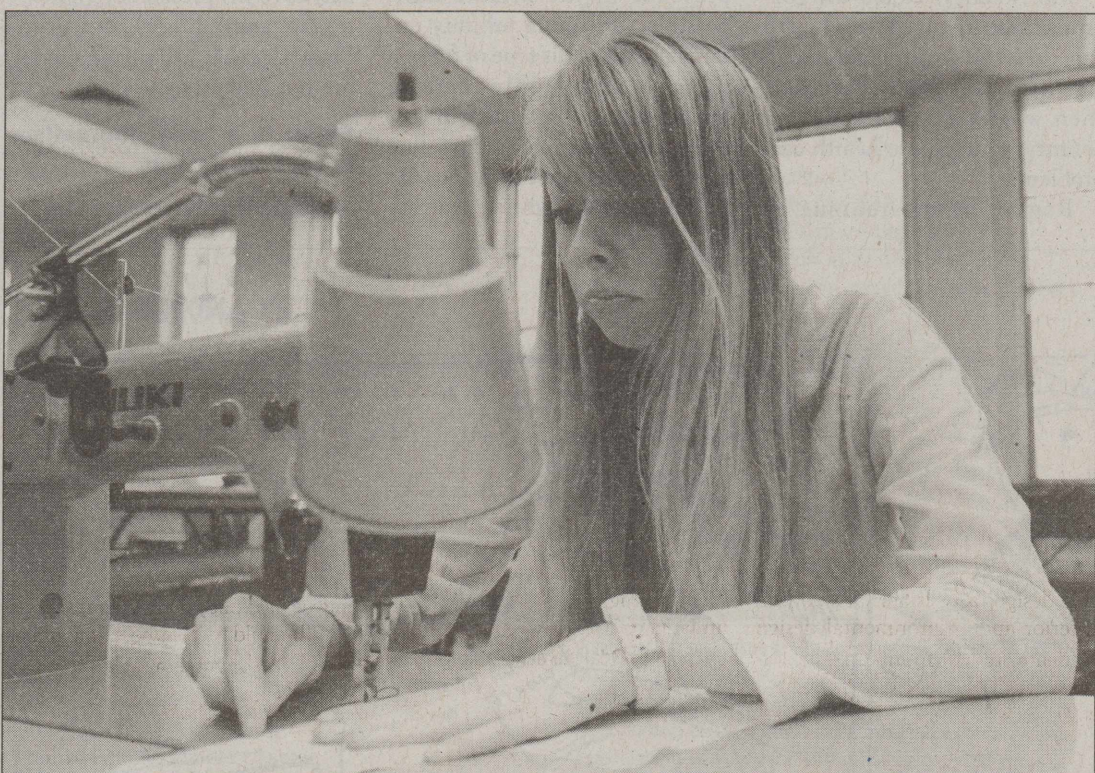


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BRITTANY ARMSTRONG, A sophomore apparel design and manufacturing major from Houston, sews a sample of a basic Buddhist princess design Thursday in the Human Sciences building. The design is being made for a draping class.

## Meningitis outbreak growing, 14 dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials have tracked down 12,000 of the roughly 14,000 people who may have received contaminated steroid shots in the nation's growing meningitis outbreak, warning Thursday that patients will need to keep watch for symptoms of the deadly infection for months.

"We know that we are not out of the woods yet," Dr. J. Todd Weber of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said as the death toll reached 14.

Of the 170 people sickened in the outbreak, all but one have a rare fungal form of meningitis after receiving suspect steroid shots for back pain, the CDC said. The other case is an ankle infection discovered in Michigan; steroid shots also can be given to treat aching knees, shoulders or other joints.

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## Tailgate

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One of the reasons, he said, was the lack of regulation. Students were not required to present photo identification in order to receive alcohol, and there wasn't any supervision to prevent things from getting out of hand.

"By nature, if you put a lot of students in one area, it's going to get a little rowdy," Young said. "I think that was the biggest issue. Some alumni complained that it was getting a little rowdy. It not (being) able to be regulated, I think, was what Tech Athletics' problem was."

Student organizations were a little upset, he said, but need to understand there are certain guidelines that the university and Tech Athletics put on organizations.

"They don't want it to be perceived that they don't want students on cam-

pus because that's not it,"

Young said.

"But, you know, things were getting out of hand with some organizations last year. Since nothing could be agreed upon in the spring, it left them no other option than to say, 'Let's chill out for the year.'"

Young said SGA, the Red Raider

Club and Tech Athletics are looking for more options for students to tailgate next season.

He said it is just a matter of every-one coming to a conclusion about regulations, getting enough room for every organization to participate, and whether or not to close it during the game.

and it has already started."

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## Romney's stances, beliefs difficult to figure out

Understanding Mitt Romney is akin to a scientist's way of understanding the universe. The more I know about Mitt Romney, the more I realize how much I do not know about him.

What I know I don't know about Romney is troubling, maybe more so than what I already do know.

Does that sound baffling? I hope it's acceptable commentary on Romney and his campaign, a campaign where, because of the murkiness of Romney's platform, the Republican Party reluctantly nominated him after flirting with nominating that nut job Rick Santorum.

Why is his party so melancholy about him? The Romney they knew didn't excite their base. His political history as the governor of Massachusetts wasn't conservative enough to keep the Tea Party behind him.

His religion, which the Republican base has tried to tell us is a non sequitur, is Mormon. The Republican Party often has members who are very religious, especially with their vote, and most are Protestant and are wary of a Mormon being in the highest office in the country.

I'm not sure how devoted

**Jordan Sigler**



Romney is to his faith. He seems to be somewhat of a narcissist and seems unengaged in his religious practice. Is it really possible the next commander in chief of the armed forces believes his body is protected by magical Mormon underwear? What are his true beliefs about his competition, Obama, being unable to be a member of the Mormon Church before 1978 because half of his skin pigmentation was black?

His policies don't seem to heed to the Mormon God's rules, Mormonism being a sect of Christianity. His company, Bain Capital, made large profits off the company Stericycle, which made money recycling aborted fetuses. Pro-life groups were ardently against this company.

When Mother Jones reported they had documents showing Romney was CEO when this happened, along with other shady business dealings, Romney claimed he was absent. Well, either absent or leaving the company.

Just a question, but if the company made all its money when he was 'absent', how hard working was he?

On the issue of abortion, Romney is somewhat liberal, especially when compared to his vice presidential running mate. Romney

is pro-choice when health of the mother is in jeopardy, as well as conception by rape or incest.

Romney's other political inclinations lean to the left of center. He was known as a tax-and-spend liberal. Massachusetts adopted "Romney-care", in which residents had to buy at the least state minimum health insurance. Conservatives aren't in an uproar about this because they want "Obamacare" repealed.

If you're a democratic voter, Romney may sound appetizing, considering the people in the

state of Massachusetts were happy with his term in office. Meanwhile, Obama's first term has not been a disaster, as many have tried to relay, but in the very least, after a promising campaign, it has been a bitter disappointment.

But look at the presidential polls in Massachusetts now, and you'll find Romney trailing 52 to 36 percent. Why?

The new presidential Romney is more conservative. He is running on a policy of repealing Obamacare, even though the model has proven successful in Massachusetts. His reasoning is that states should decide the issue.

Mr. Romney, should the government be involved with health care or not? If government health care works as it does in your state, then wouldn't it work for our country, which has a health care problem?

Romney is also running on

a platform of cutting spending and cutting taxes. He wants to balance the budget by cutting \$5 trillion in taxes, bringing in jobs by getting much of the \$5 trillion by cutting taxes of upper-class citizens.

I would try and explain the numbers of his tax plan, who would receive what tax breaks, and how this would balance the budget, but I am unable to. Romney won't tell us. He's given us a shallow clue by explaining public broadcasting would be cut from the budget. According to ABC news, that's .00012 percent of the federal budget.

If Obama made even one good point in his disaster of a debate, it was when he called Romney's numbers out. The math as presented doesn't add up. You can't cut taxes and slash budgets while also curtailing spending.

Romney's foreign policy plan looks abysmal. He wants to build the military industrial complex up again and increase American presence in the Middle East, possibly with more military entanglements. This type of foreign policy will not only increase budget deficits, but also will cost American lives now and in future generations. It appears he doesn't know what he's fighting against.

Maybe Romney doesn't want to enact all of these plans. Perhaps he's trying to change his policies to glean votes from conservatives from the further right. He seems willing to be president at any cost, changing forms as often as Lord Krishna, the trait of a narcissist who doesn't actually care about his constituents. He wants to be called "President Romney."

While I'd argue most presidents have to be somewhat self-absorbed to work so hard for the position, Romney seems overly so, more worried about personal power at the expense of voters, in which case Romney exhibits traits opposite of Plato's philosopher king, the perfect type of ruler.

Obama isn't a philosopher king, but we do know what Obama wants, and he has fought for it, sometimes unsuccessfully. Usually in the second term, the president is freer to leave the center.

So maybe Romney will lean more to the left if elected, like his Massachusetts term. If he does, I may love his presidency (that is, if taxes aren't hiked). But again, I'm not sure if I will since Romney has not told us.

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## NHL owners, players need to end lockout

By MIKE NEFF

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Isn't it ridiculous that right now, the NHL has decided to shelve its product in favor of arguing over revenue sharing with its employees?

It's more ridiculous than the replacement refs.

There's no professional hockey being played right now because multi-millionaire owners and multi-millionaire hockey players are disagreeing over decimal points and percentages.

I hate math, and I'm sure its not the strong suit of many NHL players, but when I heard that the league was trying to reduce the players' share of revenue from 57 percent to 43 percent, it didn't take a calculator to figure out why the players were upset.

Well, I won't argue the numbers, but isn't the principle just outrageous?

Who among the owners said, "I know—we'll tell them they can't play. We'll take hockey off TV and that will really show them!"

As I said, not a math guy, but isn't that ultimately going to hurt your bottom line, Mr. Hockey Owner? Are the little bits of money your quibbling over worth sacrificing your public presence? Hockey, in the eyes of many fans, is already the fourth sport. Why risk that position, when you're doing well with many major northeastern cities (read: major sources of revenue) winning the Cup?

Now NHL players are flocking overseas and bringing excitement to different leagues. The players still end up with a paycheck, albeit not as much as they'd make in the NHL. Many players just want to stay active and keep playing the game. The owners just want to make sure they've got control

of the money.

And while you owners worry about the hundreds of thousands of dollars you might lose in a "bad deal," regular people whose work is based upon the NHL have to suffer. Bartenders at Hurricane O'Reillys aren't going to see as much cash this year now that the Bruins aren't playing. How about the beer vendors? The ticket agencies? The guys playing drums after the game? They all take a hit, too, you know. And they need that money more than you do.

So, what's the hockey fan to do now that you won't let the players light the lamp?

Lucky for us here in Boston, we have an unreal college hockey scene to look forward to.

College hockey players have something to play for—a shot to play in the NHL.

They go out and play their hearts out so that a scout might pick up on them—so that they might one day get a chance to play on a pro team.

It makes college hockey that much more intense, that much more interesting, and, right now, that much more appealing than the NHL.

The Beanpot tournament has much more intensity (and boozing) packed into two Monday nights than an entire NHL playoff series (about two weeks).

I'd rather watch Toronto take a stomping from the Terriers any day.

The team looked sharp Sunday, and I think there is a bright season ahead down at Agganis Arena.

The NHL isn't going to have this stranglehold on Hockey East fans. NESN, NBC Sports Network and CBS Sports Network released their schedule of Hockey East games, which includes more than 80 telecasts.

So, NHL the puck is in your zone.

## THE TROTS



BY ANDREA FARKAS

## Israelis victims of violence just as much as Palestinians

By ADAM ASHER

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Down the street from each other in Jerusalem lived two families, both named Harel, both with sons named Yuval. Though both Yuvals were the same age, their families didn't know each other, and as a result they didn't know that both were fighting with the Israeli Defense Forces in the 1982 Lebanon War. One day, two military officers came to the door of one of the Harel families with the devastating news that their son had been killed in battle. However, the next day, during the shiva—the seven days of mourning customary under Jewish law—there was another knock on the door. It was the IDF again. They had made a mistake. Their son was still alive, and in actuality it was the other Yuval Harel who had been killed.

After a day of grim relief, knowing that their son was, amazingly, still alive, the Harels were visited by the IDF once more. Their son—the first Yuval Harel—had also been killed in battle. Today, the two Yuval Harels are buried in the same row of graves in Mount Herzl Cem-

etry in Jerusalem.

The Harel family's story is the history of Israel. Its people know war and the tragedy it brings in its wake in a way we, as university students in the United States, don't and hopefully never will. Few of us know any members of the Armed Forces, and fewer still have lost someone close to them in war. Even within that small subset of people, most will never visit Iraq, Afghanistan or any place U.S. soldiers are or recently have been actively engaged in combat. Like the Malabar Front in George Orwell's "1984," our theaters of war exist only in the abstract and are shown—when they are shown to us at all—in nicely produced segments in between announcements about the new iPhone and Paul Ryan's workout regimen.

Not so for Israelis. For them, war is such a part of the fabric of regular life that complete peace is a dream for them in the way an economy free of fossil fuels is a dream for many in the United States. Military conscription is mandatory for all Israeli citizens at the age of 18—university comes after. From Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, to Beirut, a major center of Hezbollah activity, is approximately 80

miles. To put that in perspective, that's about half the distance from Providence to New York. When you live under a more or less constant threat of attack—from that close proximity—there's nothing abstract about war.

Even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has extensive special forces experience, having taken part in raids along the Suez Canal and leading a commando team into Syrian territory during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Perhaps most importantly, though, is that in the same cemetery as the two Yuval Harels, a few plots away, lies his brother Yonatan "Johnny" Netanyahu, who was killed in a special forces raid rescuing Israeli hostages at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. Say what you will about his policies, but Prime Minister Netanyahu has no illusions about war and its costs.

This is not a call for arms, but for empathy. Not to excuse unnecessary violence, but to try to help people understand why to many Israelis, it might not seem so unnecessary. If we ever want to have a real shot at bringing about lasting peace in the region, it has to start from a place of true understanding of both sides. What

we see is a wall being built between Israel and the West Bank—what we don't see as often are the pictures of buses in Tel Aviv going up in flames with children on board that prompted such drastic action.

It is often said that Israelis are oppressing the Palestinian people—for examples of this line of thinking I would refer you to a thoughtful piece written by Mika Zacks '15 ("Suffering on the path to freedom," Sept. 26). But why can't the converse be true as well? And while innocent citizens affected by the violence in the Palestinian territories unequivocally deserve our attention, Israelis in cities like Sderot and Ashkelon live in constant fear of rocket barrages from Gaza.

The Second Intifada and the threat of a third loom specter-like over Israeli communities near the border of the West Bank. Citizens of Haifa know they are one flare-up away from a repeat of the 2006 Lebanon War in which the city was hammered with Katyusha rockets. In Brown's hyper-liberal political atmosphere, it is often overlooked that in Israel and the Palestinian territories, brutality is a two-way street. Our discourse needs to start treating it as such.

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## Red Raiders remembered at Techsan Memorial

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY  
STAFF WRITER

The ringing of bells and half-mast flying of the school's flag signaled the beginning of the Techsan Memorial ceremony 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Circle.

The ceremony began with a singing by the Carillon Bells of "Elegy," which is a mournful song typically sung on occasions like funerals. The beginning events consisted of opening remarks by Lawrence Schovanec, interim president, a welcome by Chancellor Kent Hance and a song by the Matador Singers.

In his welcome, Hance said to not only mourn over the losses of fellow Red Raiders, but asked the guests to share with him in remembering the happy moments.

Next was the reading of the student names by Student Government Association president Alex Alston, staff names by Staff Senate president Jeff Hays and acknowledgment of alumni by the Texas Tech Alumni Association's executive vice president and CEO Bill Dean.

A red or black balloon was released for each name said.

The remembrance ceremony ended with the "Matador Song," sung by the Matador Singers followed by an exit of all guests under the arch of swords made by the Sabre Flight Drill Team. Another ringing of bells occurred after the ceremony.

Directly following the ceremony was a dinner for the families in the Student Union Red Raider Lounge.

SGA started the Techsan Memorial, which has been going on for 70 years, Hance said.

"It was started to honor students, faculty and staff that passed away," Hance said.

Hance said the memorial occurs annually on the Thursday before Homecoming.

"(The event) helps to bring closure for the families and reminds them we consider them a big part of the Texas Tech family and always will," Hance said.

Usually a couple hundred people show up to the ceremony every year, Hance said.

Hance said the events display grievance when Tech students, faculty and staff die.

"It shows our sympathy and empathy for the families," Hance said. "We are all part of the Red Raider family."

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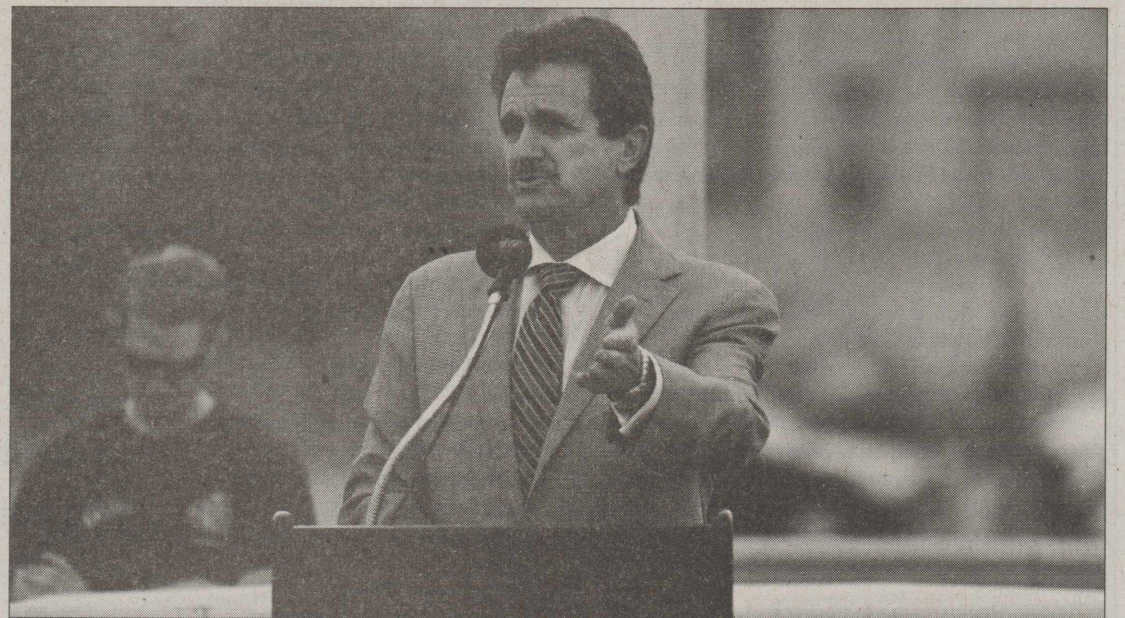


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INTERIM PRESIDENT LAWRENCE Schovanec addresses the family members of Texas Tech students, alumni, faculty and staff who have died in the past year during a memorial service Thursday at Memorial Circle.

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## Greeks team up to build floats for Homecoming parade

By EMILY GARDNER  
STAFF WRITER

There was music blasting, men cutting wood, people pumping, music blasting and chatter filling the lodges.

Sororities and fraternities have been working all week to construct their Homecoming floats for the parade Saturday morning.

Pi Beta Phi sorority has partnered with the fraternity Alpha Tau Omega to create a float themed "Lubbock or Leave it," Madi Erwin, said Pi Phi's Homecoming chair.

Pi Phi chose to partner with Alpha Tau Omega after Homecoming last year, said the sophomore education major from Lubbock. The two committees have been working on the float for more than a month.

"We had to have all of the applications turned in probably three or four weeks ago with our theme and everything," Erwin said.

Kappa Sigma fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority worked together to create a Texas Tech football themed float, said Dexter Duke, a senior finance major from Granbury and vice president of Kappa Sigma.

Alpha Phi took a vote within the sorority to choose which fraternity they would partner with for Homecoming, said Blake Wagner, a senior university studies major from San Antonio and Homecoming chair for Alpha Phi.



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador  
J.D. PUCKETT, A freshman electrical engineering major from Katy, saws boards for the frame of the Homecoming float for Delta Chi fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority Thursday at the Delta Chi lodge. The theme for their float is the city of Dallas.

"We met up with the Kappa Sigma positions about a month and a half ago," Wagner said. "So it's been a lot of planning, a lot of behind-the-scenes work that a lot of people don't notice, but again, it will pay off in the end. I have faith in everybody that it will turn out great in the end."

Wagner said the float build is a

weeklong process and the sorority and fraternity will stay up at the lodge until what was supposed to be done that day gets done.

Elise Witcher, a senior marketing and management major from Plano and philanthropy chair of Alpha Phi, said the sorority and fraternity have not started painting yet, but have been pumping

all week. "This is my fifth hour, and I am going to stay here for another three or four hours," said Anna Lofye, a junior exercise sports sciences major from Plano. "I'm going to come back on Friday and work on (the float), depending on how it is. I really care about our float. I might wake up Saturday morning and do it more."

Delta Chi fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority are working together on "Dallas," the theme of their float, said Victoria Olson, a junior exercise sports sciences major from Dallas, and Kappa Delta's Homecoming chair.

The theme was determined the first week of school, and the committees had a rough draft of the float drawn out within the second or third week of school, Olson said.

"Once we got the trailer and the size of the trailer, we had to start designing pretty quick and coming up with different stuff," said Tyler Spencer, a senior turf science major from Highlands Ranch, CO and Delta Chi homecoming chair. "Once we had the for sure one that we wanted, you have to go through and do all the measurements from the pumping aspect of it."

Kayla Lara, a senior public relations major from San Antonio, said she has been at the lodge every day pumping and building the float is different, and it is fun to get to know the different members of Panhellenic.

Erwin said she while float building is a lot of work, she looks forward to next year.

"It was very fun, but it's very stressful and a lot more work than I think people realize that it is," Erwin said. "It's a lot of man hours, but it has definitely been so much fun. I can't wait for the girl that's going to do it next year because I know I'll already want to help her."

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## Football

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"I told them, 'You better expect anything to happen in the games coming up because everybody has good players,'" he said. "We've been able to pretty much name our number the first part of the season in terms of moving the ball, scoring on long plays, short plays, making third down conversions and all of those things. But when you have adversity hit, you have to turn it up a notch."

Senior quarterback Seth Doege is one of the players Tech will depend on to elevate his play and the play of those around him. Doege threw three interceptions in the Red Raiders' losing effort.

Doege said although Geno Smith has been operating with elite efficiency, he thinks Tech's offense will be able to keep up

with the Mountaineers'.

"Geno Smith's a great player," Doege said. "He's playing at a high level. He's got his offense rolling right now. But we've got faith in our defense. They feel confident that they can play and we feel confident that we're going to put points up."

West Virginia is averaging 52 points per game offensively, but is allowing an average of 35 points per game. In the last two performances, the Mountaineers scored 118 total points, but allowed 108.

Senior safety D.J. Johnson said he does not buy into the hype surrounding West Virginia's offense.

"Personally, me, I respect everyone, but I kind of don't feed into the hype," Johnson said. "I can't give my personal opinion about you until I play (you). As of right now, it's just the next team and another game."

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## Texas Tech women's soccer team prepares for two tough weekend matchups

By HOLDEN WILEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team hopes to come back from a disheartening double-overtime loss last week to Baylor when it takes on the Texas Longhorns tonight in Austin.

Despite suffering their first home loss of the season, the Red Raiders (10-4-0, 2-2-0) are optimistic about their chances this weekend as they look for their third win in conference play. Tech coach Tom Stone said the players have handled themselves really well in practice and put the loss to Baylor behind them.

"We've answered every call and every bell and every challenge that has come our way," Stone said. "We moved past (the loss) pretty quickly and started to get excited about this last run of five games and hopefully beyond."

Tech comes into the weekend having outscored opponents 29-16 and outshooting them 253-142, including 126-79 in shots on goal. The 29 goals rank third in the Big 12. Tech's scoring attack is led by freshman forward Janine Beckie, who has scored nine goals, the most of any Big

12 freshman.

The Red Raiders are excited for the weekend's matches, Beckie said. The Longhorns (6-6-1, 3-0-0) come into the match in second place in the Big 12.

"Obviously Texas is the rivalry game," Beckie said. "It's a Big 12 game, in conference, which is important. They play a formation we haven't seen much this year with three forwards, so that will be a challenge for our defense, but we're definitely ready for them."

The Longhorns' attack features midfielders Kristin Cummins, Sharis Lachappelle and Lindsey Meyer who have each scored four goals this season. Defensively, Texas is led by freshman goalkeeper Abby Smith, who made her debut Sept. 14, against Fresno State, after spending the first month of the season in Japan with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team at the 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Smith has been stellar for the Longhorns, tallying four shutouts in her five starts. For the season she has 11 saves and only allowed three goals. Her goals against average is 0.57.

After a slow start to the season, the Longhorns are playing

their best soccer of the year, Stone said, so the Red Raiders will have to be at their best if they hope to get a positive result.

"(Texas) got their goalkeeper back from the World Cup," Stone said. "I think (Texas coach Angela Kelly) has taken over the team and done a good job of getting them to understand what she wants. There's always transition early, so thoughts of their early season demise were greatly exaggerated. I thought the whole time, just wait they're going to get it together."

After the match against Texas, the Red Raiders will return home to face Francis Marion in a Sunday afternoon match at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

The Patriots (6-7-1) have been outscored by opponents 29-25 and outshot 191-166. The offensive attack is led by junior forward Yasmin Bunter, who is from England, and sophomore forward Elizabeth Asare who have each scored six goals this season.

Francis Marion is winless in road games this season with a 0-6-1 record. Meanwhile, Tech owns a 6-1-0 record at home.

Because of a sensitive time schedule with Fox Soccer's broad-

cast of the Oct. 26 home match against Oklahoma State, Sunday's match against Francis Marion will serve as Senior Day, according to Tech Athletics Communications.

This year's senior class was the first recruiting class for Stone in his tenure at Tech. Stone said this was the first class to have big names in it, and he will be forever grateful to them for coming to Tech and helping set the stage for future success for the soccer program.

"(The players in this class) really came here on faith that we would put together a program that we promised that we would," Stone said. "That takes a leap because Morgan (Johnson), Conner (Williams) and Tiffini (Smith) and the others could have gone anywhere and played in a lot of

places, but they fell in love with this campus and decided they wanted to be a part of building this program. You really have to tip your hat to the ladies who wanted to come here."

Coming out with two wins this weekend is huge for the Red Raiders, Beckie said, in terms of their

place in the Big 12 and receiving a bid to the NCAA tournament.

"As of now losing is really not an option anymore," Beckie said. "If we want to finish as high as we can, we have to beat the rest of the teams. We have to perform well."

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## Tech cross-country team to participate in competition

By MEGAN KETTERER  
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The Texas Tech cross-country teams are off to the races this weekend to compete at the annual Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, Ark., Saturday.

The Red Raiders last competed Sept. 29 at the Kansas Rim Rock Classic where the men's team placed fourth, and the women's team finished in 10th place.

Men's runner junior Kennedy Kithuka won his third straight meet with a time of 22:26.70 in the 8,000-meter event. Women's runner junior Chelsea Scott was able to come away with a personal best time of 22:40.70 in the 6,000-meter event at the classic.

The team hopes to continue achieving personal best times, Tech coach Jon Murray said, and plans on seeing continued improvement.

"I anticipate some great

results, some personal bests," Murray said, "and I feel good about the level competition we can do."

There will be more than 45 teams at the meet, he said, and the team is going to Arkansas for the weather, the competition and the course.

"It's a great course, it's one that we do a lot of personal bests on," he said. "It should be an exciting weekend."

Teams competing against Tech include Oklahoma State, he said, and its men's and women's teams are highly ranked.

Oklahoma State will be good competition for Tech, he said, and it will be interesting to see who will win the event.

"(Tech runners) love to compete," Murray said. "Having competition, seeing new people, is going to be a great part of the adventure."

Murray said Scott is an athlete who has improved since the beginning of the season.

"She's been dropping minutes off of her personal bests," he said, "and that's just part of the leadership quality she shows."

Scott said she is excited for this weekend's meet. There will be approximately 5,000 spectators watching the team compete.

"I like it when there's a lot of people there because it gets you motivated to do really well and show everyone how you can do," she said.

The team is going to try its best at the meet, Scott said, and outrun every person they can.

Her goal is to have a good race and to have a personal best time again, she said.

Each meet she has been working hard to do her best, she said, and has been able to improve in every course.

"They're all really good courses that we run on, so that helps a lot," Scott said.

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## Texas QB Ash exceeding expectations

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas quarterback David Ash heard the talk in the offseason about being a game manager. The Longhorns didn't need a quarterback to win games, fans said. They just needed one who wouldn't lose them.

Ash said all the rights things, too. He said he would spend the entire season handing off to running backs as long as it meant winning.

But inside, Ash had to know he had more to offer. He could throw. He could move the chains. He could win.

The sophomore who was simply overwhelmed as a freshman in last season's 55-17 loss to Oklahoma returns to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas this week to face the No. 13 Sooners (4-1, 1-1 Big 12) as not just a game manager, but the best, most consistent offensive player for No. 15 Texas (4-1, 1-1).

"We're asking him to win the

games now," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said, "and he's doing what we're asking."

Ash, who split time last season with Case McCoy, emerged from training camp as the starter. Brown insisted those two were battling for the job, but Ash's play so far this season suggests he had wrapped up all along.

Ash has gone from game manager to the third-rated passer in the country with 1,276 yards and 11 touchdowns with only one interception. He drove Texas to the winning touchdown on the road at Oklahoma State in the final two minutes, throwing a fourth-down pass into tight coverage on a play that would have all but ended the game with an incompleton.

That play more than any other showed how much he's grown up and taken control of the offense. Cozing

confidence, Ash threw the ball in the only spot his receiver could catch it.

"If it gets picked off, who cares at that point? Gun it in there and hope the guy makes a play for you," Ash said. "You're either going to get it or you're not ... Sometimes it comes down to you've got to make a play."

Ash is a different quarterback than the raw freshman who was swamped by Oklahoma defenders last year. Ash didn't expect to play much last season but starter Garrett Gilbert was hurt in the second game and elected to transfer. Ash and McCoy split the starting role the rest of the way.

The rivalry with the Sooners, where emotions run high, can be tough even on experienced quarterbacks. Ash simply wasn't ready yet and had two of Texas' five turnovers. The Sooners had eight sacks.



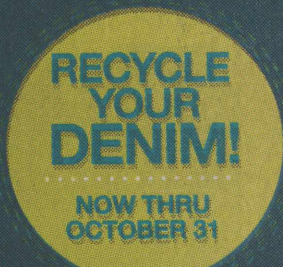
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