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tech student heights soar to new

By DANIEL CLAYTON
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Geoffrey Lisch spent his summer juggling flight school while taking two classes.

"It was pretty difficult to do all three at once because with the amount I was flying I would basically fly when I could, and in my off time I would study for all three," he said.

Lisch, a senior industrial engineering major from Austin, is one of many Texas Tech students branching out and searching for an alternative to the classroom.

He said his love for flying led him to get his pilot's license.

"I did my training in Austin out of Austin-Bergstrom Airport, and it started with a discovery flight with one of my good friends who was working toward his instructor's license," Lisch said. "After I flew with him, I knew it was something that I would love to

do if I was able to do it."

Louie Hillard, a Tech graduate student and president of Hub City Aviation in Lubbock, said half of his students attend Tech.

"Sometimes you'll get a Tech student that is looking for a hobby," Hillard said. "Because of pricing, if you are doing this as a hobby, it takes a lot of disposable income."

Hillard also said most Tech students are accustomed to getting financial aid for college that is subsidized by the government.

"We are accredited by the (Federal Aviation Administration), and the FAA has approved our training program," Hillard said. "We are not accredited by an academic accrediting body."

He said because they are not accredited by an academic body, his students do not have access to Stafford loans or other traditional forms of financial aid.



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Gilbert announces tier-one university plan, discusses gubernatorial candidacy

By JETT THOMPSON
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At a meet-and-greet event Tuesday in Lubbock, Texas gubernatorial candidate Hank Gilbert unveiled a plan that he said would create seven new tier-one universities in Texas.

Gilbert's University Excellence Fund would replace the Texas Research Incentive Program established by House Bill 51. The program allows for state matching funds from private donors of up to \$50 million during the next two years for universities competing for national research university status.

"Our plan is going to expand the number of tier-one universities from currently two in the state to as many as nine over the next 10 years," Gilbert said. "In my opinion, Texas Tech has earned that status and should be considered the first in line to receive this tier-one status."

According to a press release from Gilbert, tier-one universities usually spend a minimum of \$150 million per year on research.

He said schools should not have to go out and "beg" for a limited amount of money from

their pool of donors.

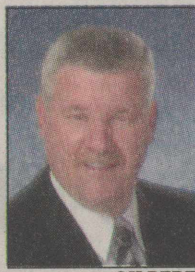
"Throwing \$50 million at seven universities who need at least three times that much per year each to sustain tier-one level research doesn't come close to solving the problem," Gilbert said.

HB 51, passed through the Texas Legislature during the summer, established the TRIP fund from which Tech is eligible to receive up to \$21.5 million in state matched funds.

California has nine public tier-one universities, he said, and New York has seven public tier-one universities.

Gilbert also said the first thing he would do if he became governor would be to get rid of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS test. A correlation between a sharp increase in Texas high school dropout rates and an increase in the Texas prison population has become evident during the last several years.

Another of Gilbert's pri-



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orities is passing legislation that will limit the number of terms an elected official can stay in office to two terms or a total of eight years, he said. The legislation also was one of the promises made by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison during her campaign announcement at the end of August in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion at Texas Tech.

Gilbert said his energy policy seeks to harness clean wind and solar energies and also push for bio fuels.

Jody Perez, vice president of WesTex Document and a supporter of Gilbert, said he believes Gilbert is a true leader who will work both sides of the aisle to implement change for Texas.

"From my perspective as a small business owner, I think it is refreshing what he is talking about," he said. "I believe that he is the right man for the right time."

The Texas gubernatorial election will take place in November 2010. Those who have announced candidacy for the election include Hutchison, Gov. Rick Perry, Kinky Friedman and Tom Schieffer.

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Protester decides against injunction

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Despite the threat of an injunction after several months of legal battles, the ongoing protests against the sale of alcohol in Lubbock seem to have come to a standstill.

After about a four-month wait, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission began accepting applications last week for permits from stores wishing to sell alcohol.

Lauran Collins, a protester against alcohol in Lubbock, said last week she would file an injunction after the TABC's decision to issue permits, but after reviewing the situation she decided to not take further action.

"We had three lawyers working all weekend to see whether or not

we could do more," Collins said. "The consensus was an individual couldn't do anything more about an election, so we are backing out."

Collins said she could not issue an injunction on the city because two-thirds of voters who participated in the May 9 election voted in favor of the sale of alcohol. Action to stop the sale of alcohol only could have been brought against the TABC for deciding to issue the permits and not rule on the protests.

"We had only three days to sue the TABC, but they are my friends, so we didn't want to," Collins said. "They always were doing their job."

Even without protests, some legal issues still will hinder the speed with which stores such as United Supermarkets can begin to sell alcohol.

"We have several steps in the le-

gal process that we still have to walk through," United Supermarkets spokesperson Eddie Owens said. "My best estimate is the first of October before we are ready to sell beer and wine."

TABC spokespersons did not return phone calls from *The Daily Toreador* seeking comment.

Protests were brought forth to the TABC about the legitimacy of the sale of alcohol in several cities in Lubbock County, including parts of the city of Lubbock.

Less than two weeks after releasing a statement that claimed the resolution of the protests would take several months, the TABC reversed its position and declined to take a stance on the protests, leaving the decision of wet/dry status up to the individual cities and counties.

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Roadside bombs kill four US soldiers in Iraq

By KIM GAMEL
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BAGHDAD (AP) — Four U.S. soldiers were killed by roadside bombs Tuesday, the deadliest day for American forces in Iraq since combat troops pulled back from urban areas more than two months ago.

The separate attacks in Baghdad and in northern Iraq showed the dangers still facing U.S. troops as they drastically scale back their presence

and prepare for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

The monthly U.S. death toll has declined sharply this year, falling into single digits for the first time, with American troops shifting to a mainly support and training role in line with a security pact that took effect on Jan. 1. August saw the lowest monthly toll since the war began in 2003, with seven U.S. deaths.

But attacks have persisted since American troops withdrew from population centers on June 30 — as required

under the security deal — and Iraqi forces have borne the brunt. Bombings and shootings killed at least 10 Iraqis on Tuesday. The attacks have heightened concerns about Iraqi forces' ability to protect the people and raised fears of resurgent violence ahead of January's parliamentary elections.

One roadside bomb struck a patrol in southern Baghdad, killing one American soldier. A short time later, another bomb targeting a patrol in northern Iraq killed three U.S. soldiers, the military said.

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Ohio cops: Robber came back to ask victim for date

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio police say a suspect in a robbery was arrested when he returned to the home about two hours later to ask the victim out on a date.

Police say 20-year-old Stephfon Bennett of Columbus was among three men who robbed a couple late Sunday.

Columbus police Sgt. Sean Laird says the woman recognized Ben-

nett as one of the robbers when he returned to ask her out. She had a relative call 911.

Police say Bennett was arrested in front of the home. He was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery and was being held in the Franklin County jail on \$100,000 bail.

A public defender had not yet been assigned to Bennett's case.

Vermont group tries to take Chili's pepper sign

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A giant chili pepper on the roof of a Chili's restaurant in southern Vermont was a hot property — police say four people have been caught trying to steal it.

Bennington police say the group ran 470 feet of extension cord across a four-lane road and through a Home Depot parking lot to power an electric drill used to detach the logo sign

early Sunday.

Sgt. Camillo Grande says they also brought a hacksaw to remove the pepper sign, valued at \$8,000.

An alarm went off at about 4:30 a.m., thwarting their plans to make their getaway in an SUV.

The four — two college students, a recent graduate and one who is "between work and school" — were cited for grand larceny.

Pa. man fires cannon, hits neighbor's house

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania history buff who recreates firearms from old wars accidentally fired a 2-pound cannonball through the wall of his neighbor's home.

Fifty-four-year-old William Maser fired a cannonball Wednesday evening outside his home in Georges Township that ricocheted and hit a house 400 yards away.

The cannonball, about two inches in diameter, smashed through a

window and a wall before landing in a closet. Authorities say nobody was hurt.

State police charged Maser with reckless endangerment, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

No one answered the phone Friday at Maser's home. He tells WPXI-TV recreating 19th century cannons is a longtime hobby. He says he is sorry and he will stop shooting them on his property, about 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

NY man's next blood donation will be gallon No. 40

WOODBURY, N.Y. (AP) — A New York man is donating his 320th pint of blood this week, making him one of two people in the U.S. who has given 40 gallons.

Seventy-five-year-old Al Fischer of Massapequa (mass-ah-PEE'-kwah) plans to reach the milestone Tuesday, 58 years after he started giving blood.

According to a New York Blood Center official, only 83-year-old Maurice Wood has donated more

blood than Fischer. Wood is a retired railroad inspector from St. Louis.

Fischer, a print shop operator, donates blood about six times a year. He says he and Wood are engaged in a friendly rivalry and last spoke to each other a few months ago.

Long Island Blood Services executive director Harvey Schaffler says Fischer has helped almost 1,000 people.

Fla. boaters urged to look out for missing robot

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Scientists on Florida's Gulf Coast are trying to find an underwater robot that has mysteriously vanished.

The robot from the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota has been missing since Monday.

It cost about \$100,000. It also was equipped with a detector to find red tide, a toxic algae bloom. That was valued at an-

other \$30,000.

Scientists aren't sure what happened to the robot, which is nicknamed Waldo. It could have had a leak or malfunction and sunk to the bottom. It also could be on the surface, but its communication system isn't working properly to signal its location.

The lab hopes boaters out for the busy Labor Day weekend might spot Waldo.

Aliens, zombies try to break 'Thriller' record

ATLANTA (AP) — It wasn't under the moonlight, and it wasn't quite the funk of 40,000 years. But 900 zombies, aliens and Star Wars Stormtroopers boogeying to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" might be a sight that almost stops your heart.

The masquerade of sci-fi faithful performed Michael Jackson's signature "Thriller" music video dance routine on Sunday. And if officials approve, they will have set a new Guinness World Record.

The crowd turned out in a downtown Atlanta hotel ballroom during

Dragon Con, which is billed as the country's largest convention dedicated to science fiction, fantasy, gaming, comics and more.

The iconic video played on a huge video screen as a Jackson look-alike channeled the pop star in red jeans, a red leather jacket, and white socks and black penny loafers.

The current record was set in May by a group of 242 College of William & Mary students who performed the routine in Williamsburg, Va., according to Guinness World Records.

EPA to reject Texas air permit process

DALLAS (AP) — The air-pollution permitting process in the nation's largest greenhouse-gas producing state does not adhere to the Clean Air Act and portions of it should be thrown out, federal regulators said Tuesday in an announcement applauded by Texas environmentalists.

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed rejecting Texas' flexible permits, which allow polluters to exceed emission limits in particular areas so long as they reach an overall emissions average. The EPA also said it plans to reject other rules, including those allowing polluters to make changes at facilities without the lengthy permitting process that requires public hearings.

"Texas' air permitting program should be transparent and understandable to the communities we serve, protective of air quality, and establish clear and consistent requirements," Lawrence Starfield, the EPA's acting regional administrator for Texas, said in the statement. "These notices make clear our view that significant changes are necessary for compliance with the Clean Air Act."

Texas has major air-pollution problems, thanks to numerous coal-fired power plants, oil refineries and petrochemical plants in and around Houston, assorted other plants around the state, and millions of cars on the road. Houston and Dallas have never

been within Clean Air Act requirements for ozone pollution.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality — which has long been at odds with the EPA over permitting — defended its process as a success.

"Now that the EPA has placed its cards on the table and we finally know what specific objections they have with our programs, we look forward to working with them to resolve outstanding issues," agency executive director Mark Vickery said. "We hope the EPA will consider the actual emission reductions achieved through our state programs and will continue to build on those successes."

Environmental groups have for years criticized the permitting process as a rubber stamp in a state that's friendly to industry. The state agency's commissioners have approved 97 percent of the air permits that have come before them since 1971, although TCEQ officials note that the vast majority of permits sought don't even make it to commissioners.

"We're not surprised at this and we've been pushing for this for quite some time," said Neil Carman of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. "Our concerns had fallen on deaf ears under the Bush administration EPA, but we have new leadership at EPA and they're taking action. This is just the beginning. The whole program has problems."

Blagojevich: Words on FBI tape out of context

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Tuesday that statements he made on secret FBI wiretap tapes were taken out of context by prosecutors and that he might try to call senators and a top White House official as witnesses at his racketeering and fraud trial to back his version of events.

Blagojevich told The Associated Press in a phone interview that he might even try to subpoena President Barack Obama as a witness at his trial, but the court is unlikely to compel the president to testify.

The former governor, whose trial is scheduled to begin June 3, said he expects to be cleared of charges that he tried to sell or trade Obama's former Senate seat for campaign money or a high-paying job for his wife or himself.

"I will be vindicated because I haven't done anything wrong."

ROD BLAGOJEVICH
FORMER ILLINOIS GOVERNOR

"I will be vindicated because I haven't done anything wrong," Blagojevich said.

He said he sometimes stays awake and worries that justice — as he sees it — won't prevail and he will go to prison.

IN BRIEF

STATE

Texas Supreme Court hears bonfire case arguments

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has heard oral arguments in a case involving the 1999 Texas A&M University bonfire collapse.

Zachry Construction Corp. is attempting to make the university at least partly responsible in the remaining lawsuits arising from the collapse

that killed 12 people and injured 27 others. The court heard arguments Tuesday.

In a detailed legal brief, Zachry argued Texas A&M was a "responsible third party." Texas A&M — represented by the state attorney general's office — said Zachry's argument is moot.

NATION

Second congressman draws papers to succeed Kennedy

BOSTON (AP) — Rep. Michael Capuano of Massachusetts says he's taken out nomination papers and will announce next week whether he'll join the race to succeed Edward Kennedy in the

U.S. Senate.

The six-term Democratic congressman said Tuesday that of any candidates mentioned so far, he most closely mirrors Kennedy's positions on issues of war and peace.

WORLD

Afghan recount ordered because of fraud charges

KABUL (AP) — A U.N.-backed commission found "convincing evidence" of fraud Tuesday in Afghanistan's presidential election and ordered a recount of suspect ballots in at least three provinces, a process that could take months.

At the same time, Afghan officials released new returns that give President Hamid Karzai 54 percent of the vote with nearly all ballots tallied, enough to avoid a run-off unless large numbers of tainted ballots are ultimately thrown out.

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Iran raids raise pressure on opposition leaders

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian security forces Tuesday cracked down on the opposition's campaign to highlight torture and abuse of prisoners in the country's postelection crisis, shutting down offices of pro-reform leaders and arresting five of their aides in a startling series of raids.

The raids hiked up the pressure against the top opposition leaders, Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi, who hard-line clerics and commanders of the powerful Revolutionary Guards have said should also be arrested.

The arrests suggested that authorities aim to crush the campaign led by Mousavi and Karroubi to bring to light alleged torture and rapes of protesters who were

detained in the heavy crackdown against the opposition that followed the disputed June presidential election.

The abuse allegations have been deeply embarrassing for the Iranian government and the clerical leadership, amid reports that several detainees were tortured to death. Karroubi in particular has been vocal in demanding an official investigation into the allegations.

On Tuesday, security forces descended on Karroubi's personal office and the office of his National Confidence Party, said party spokesman, Esmail Gerami Moghaddam.

In the personal office, agents pushed by Karroubi himself and arrested one of his aides, Mohammad Davari, an editor of the party Web

site, and at the party office, they arrested two other party members, he said.

The security forces sealed both offices and confiscated documents and CDs connected to the party's investigation into abuse allegations, Moghaddam told The Associated Press.

In another raid, security forces arrested Morteza Alviri, a top Karroubi aide and a former vice president, from his home. "I'm being taken away by security agents right now," Alviri told AP by telephone before the call was cut off.

Alviri was a member of a committee set up by Karroubi and Mousavi to probe the abuse allegations.

Also arrested Tuesday was Mousavi's representative to the committee, Ali Reza Beheshti, the pro-reform Web site Mowjcamp reported. Beheshti is the son of Ayatollah Mo-

hammad Hossein Beheshti, a prominent figure from the 1979 revolution and one of the architects of the Islamic Republic.

On Sunday evening, security agents raided a joint Karroubi-Mousavi office that was taking in reports of abuse from released protesters, Moghaddam said.

Karroubi and Mousavi both ran against incumbent hard-liner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the June 12 elections. The opposition says Ahmadinejad's victory in the vote was fraudulent and that Mousavi was the rightful winner.

Hundreds were arrested in the heavy crackdown crushing mass protests in support of Mousavi that erupted after the vote in the country's worst unrest since the Islamic Revolution. The opposition says at least 72 protesters were killed, while the government has confirmed 30.

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Party promoting teaches students marketing skills

By SHERREL JONES
STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech student hits the party scene at some of Lubbock's hottest clubs Saturday nights.

Chris Thornton, a senior general studies major from Bay City does not go to a club to dance on a brightly lit floor in a mist of fog; he goes to promote events.

"Promotions are a good learning experience," he said. "It's a business world. You approach a business owner with a marketing idea and get them to agree with the plan."

He said he gained a good understanding about budgeting, advertising and how to plan an event while being a party promoter.

"It's awesome to see your plan become a success," Thornton said.

Thornton said club promoters visit to businesses that are struggling on certain nights, such as Wednesdays or Thursdays, and pitch an idea to a bar owner for a successful event.

Thornton and his twin brother Todd Thornton, a marketing and sales promoter for Rockstar energy drink in Houston, had their own promoting business in Lubbock called Xclusive Entertainment.

The two brothers helped bring business to bars and clubs with their entertainment business. They were the first promoters to start straight nights called Groove with the well-known gay club Luxor.

"It was one of the hardest things to do," Todd said. "It was definitely a challenge because of how conservative the town was."

It took the two brothers time to get people interested in their new idea. They put together a plan of action to promote the idea of straight night at Luxor.

"We threw a pool party to tell people how nice the inside of the club was," Todd said. "It has black lights, a

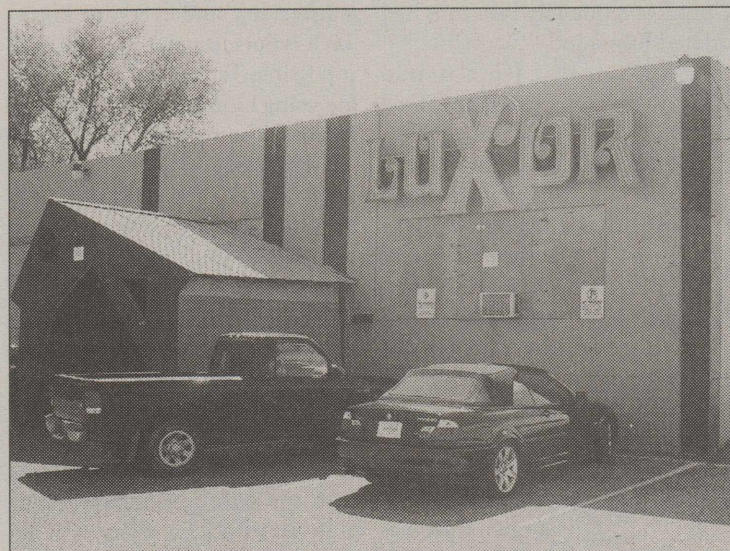


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CHRIS THORNTON, A senior general studies major, and his brother Todd started Groove, a straight night at Club Luxor.

light-up dance floor and is a two-story bar. It is such a nice place."

Chris said the club has an atmosphere that can suit anyone.

"The two-story club has the club area up stairs and a martini-lounge area downstairs," Chris said. "The lounge area has a more classy feel to it."

Aside from promoting the inside of the club, the brothers got the bar to drop their drink specials to a lower price, passed out fliers on campus and invited their friends to Groove.

"We successfully turned that bar around and maintained it for a year until we hit a slow point," Chris said.

Chris said the promoting business is about knowing people, and social networks have become a big part of the promoting business.

"It becomes a burden to college students," Chris said. "Promoters use Facebook and MySpace to send messages and it annoys students when they have 10 messages from promoters."

Chris said being a promoter can

have negative aspects, such as 40-hour workweeks, but has opened a lot of doors for him. He now is shifting his focus from promoting and is participating in a Rockstar energy drink internship.

"Basically, I'll be doing free giveaways with hats, shirts, bathing suits and drinks," Chris said. "We will assist in bars in promotions."

Chris said individuals who are considering going into the party promotion business should find places they consider fun and would be willing to work with them. He said potential promoters should come prepared with ideas for the clubs, such as drink specials, free admission for women and contests.

"Come up with a well-devised plan before approaching a bar owner," Chris said. "Be backed by entertainment, such as DJs, bands and comedians."

The brothers said they gained an understanding of marketing, advertising and budgeting from party promoting.

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Online option offers flexible tutoring

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Students who find themselves too busy for traditional tutoring sessions now have another option.

New this semester, the Programs for Academic Support Services Learning Center is offering online tutoring from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in chemistry, math, physics and some engineering courses.

For more than a year, James Casias, a mechanical engineering senior from Ralls, has been peer tutoring in the learning center. This semester, he spends his Monday evenings teaching in a different way.

"It takes a little more patience," he said of online tutoring, "but it's a really good thing for

busy students."

Traditionally, the learning center has offered peer tutoring to give students additional help outside the classroom. They provide tutoring in more than a dozen subjects from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

For students who are not available for tutoring until late in the evening, Casias said online tutoring is an excellent option.

"I really don't encourage getting help at the last minute," he said, "but sometimes, you just don't

have the time. This gives you a chance to ask some last-minute emergency questions."

When circumstances don't allow for traditional tutoring, students should remember the availability of online tutoring.

Lori Villarreal, senior business assistant for the learning center,

agreed with Casias.

"I think they will find it very user friendly," she said, "and of course the schedule incredibly convenient and just as useful."

She hopes students will take advantage of the online tutoring opportunity. If enough students do use the new feature, she said, more subjects will be added at a later date.

In keeping with their mission statement, the learning center is using the Internet to assist students in academic success and the development of lifelong learning skills.

"We hope it is a service that is used," Villarreal said, "in order to add more tutors later."

Joshua Ward, a freshman civil engineering major from St. Augustine, Fla., said he felt the peer tutoring provided in the learning center offered a more personable experience than online tutoring.

For that reason, he has not used online tutoring and has been taking advantage of the learning center three and four times per week.

"I have a chance for one-on-one in here," he said of the center. "Some people don't need that, but I know I do."

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France kisses 'la bise' goodbye for H1N1

PARIS (AP) — It's a ubiquitous French tradition, as familiar as a baguette or an espresso at the neighborhood cafe. Now, "la bise," the cheek-to-cheek peck that the French use to say hello or goodbye, has come under pressure from a globalized threat: swine flu.

Some French schools, companies and a Health Ministry hotline are telling students and employees to avoid the social ritual out of fear the pandemic could make it the kiss of death, or at least illness, as winter approaches.

Mainland France has so far only counted three swine flu deaths. The tally is worse in French southern hemisphere holdings now in winter, like the South Pacific island of Nouvelle Caledonie, with seven deaths and 35,000 cases overall, according to local officials.

Across France, authorities and school officials are taking few chances — while trying to avoid stirring panic when the academic year started last week. In recent months, a few schools in France have been temporarily shut after cases of swine flu

emerged.

For kids in two schools in the town of Guilvinec, in France's western Brittany region, the first lesson of the year came from local officials: no more cheek kisses to teachers or other students.

"I asked the children not to kiss anymore," town mayor Helene Tanguy said by phone. "I felt that the protections sought — to wash hands regularly, not throw used handkerchiefs around, and not cough any old way — had no meaning if we let the kids keep kissing."

Tyra goes back to her (hair) roots on TV talk show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tyra Banks is getting back to her roots for the season debut of her TV talk show, and she doesn't mean that as a figure of speech.

On Tuesday's fifth-season premiere of "The Tyra Show" on the CW network, the former super-model goes on-camera with unadorned hair. Or as Banks puts it, "no wigs, extensions, no nothing."

"It's just me coming straight out of the shower with wet hair. My hairdresser's going to do my hair live on stage," said Banks, who will interview

women with insecurities about their own tresses.

She aims to reassure them about how attractive their hair is naturally and "ask

them to be brave enough to show it to everybody on national television," Banks said.

It's part of her mission to help redefine the emotional issue of beauty for women, both within and without, she said.

"The Tyra Show" — the title now uses only her first name — last week won a Daytime Emmy Award in the talk show-informative cat-

egory. It moves from syndication to the CW network this season, airing 4 p.m. EDT weekdays.

Banks said she's learned from past shows, especially when it comes to trusting the insights she developed in the fashion industry.

"It's more honest. There's nothing worse than sitting there and pretending" ignorance while a guest delivers tips she could share herself, Banks said.

Models used to queue for her makeup skills at Paris fashion shows, she said. And when it comes to clothing, "I'm going to be telling you how to make that sweater into a skirt. And into a skirt. And into a dress. I know how to do that."

Banks also will be front and center for the new run of her series "America's Next Top Model," which debuts with a two-hour episode at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday on CW.

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Victoria's secret: royal bloomers join collection

LONDON (AP) — A set of roomy bloomers that once belonged to Queen Victoria are back in royal drawers.

The underwear — which has a 56-inch (142-centimeter) waist — has been added to Britain's Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection at Kensington Palace. The undergarments have a matching chemise, are embroidered with a "VR" and are believed to date from the 1890s.

Queen Victoria had a 20-inch (51-centimeter) waist as a young

woman. But curator Alexandra Kim said Tuesday that "over the years, particularly having given birth to nine children, that changed entirely."

The collection purchased the bloomers for 600 pounds (\$993) earlier this summer. Kim said it's likely they were handed down to a servant after the monarch's death.

There are about 12,000 items in the collection, housed at Kensington Palace in London. It includes photographs, prints, sketches, dia-

ries — and famous outfits.

Among the sartorial treasures are the tweed suit made for the 1981 honeymoon of Princess Diana, a safari suit sported by Edward VIII — later the Duke of Windsor — and a silk waistcoat worn by King George III before his death in 1821.

The collection has been recognized as being of national and international importance by Britain's Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, Historic Royal Palaces said in a news release.

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OPINIONS

Former politicians not here to teach us

With the recent addition of Eliot Spitzer to the teaching staff of City College of New York, maybe college campuses are becoming the new safe-haven for disgraced politicians.

Many will recall Spitzer's involvement with a prostitution ring — an event that caused him to lose his position as New York governor. And of course, who can forget the uproar caused by the hiring of Texas Tech's own Alberto Gonzales?

With two high-profile ex-politicians now teaching in college classrooms, we need to start asking ourselves, "Why?"

One reason may be their expertise in the political science courses they're teaching. No one can argue they don't know what happens in everyday politics.

Hunter Jones



Another reason may be to help students pay more attention in class. Students are more likely to be attentive to someone famous. Why do you think universities hire guest speakers/lecturers that are well-known?

But while these may seem like good points, I think the cons greatly outweigh the pros in this situation.

In my opinion as a college student, we are very vulnerable at this time in our lives. We are trying to figure out how to make our way in the world and are trying to

learn from anyone we can. Speaking for myself, I am more likely to be influenced by a former attorney general or former governor

rather than your average professor. This can be a problem, especially when one of these former politicians left office because of alleged illegal and questionable activities.

On the other hand, maybe Gonzales and Spitzer are just looking for a way to survive. According to the *New York Post*, since his resignation, Spitzer has been working at his father's

real estate firm. And in a *New York Times* magazine interview, Gonzales replied no law firms had offered him a job.

Isn't it odd Gonzales and Spitzer, who have no teaching experience, are now suddenly adjunct college professors? Please tell me universities are not going to become the last resort for politicians. The last thing college students need is Rod Blagojevich or Mark Sanford standing in front of a classroom.

In a report made by *Forbes* in

August, City College of New York was ranked 423rd in the nation as a university, and everyone knows Tech is pursuing tier-one status. Is it possible Tech and City College are using Gonzales and Spitzer to increase their status?

When one looks at the workload Gonzales and Spitzer will have this semester, it doesn't seem like education is a main priority. Gonzales will be with Tech for one year, and the *New York Times* reported Spitzer may only have a contract for this semester at City College.

It seems like these universities have gone out of their way just to hire the ex-politicians for such a short length of time. Is it really worth it? Both Gonzales and Spitzer only have one class, both of which are fewer than 25 students. There's something greater

than education going on here.

I am in no way saying either of these ex-politicians has no business being on a college campus. I just think it's interesting how everything is playing out. Contracts for a year or less, large salaries, one small class — these things don't add up.

With Gonzales teaching one class with 15 students and Spitzer teaching one class of 24, obviously they weren't brought to Tech and City College to teach. But why, then, were they brought onto university campuses if not to teach?

I'll leave the answer up to you.

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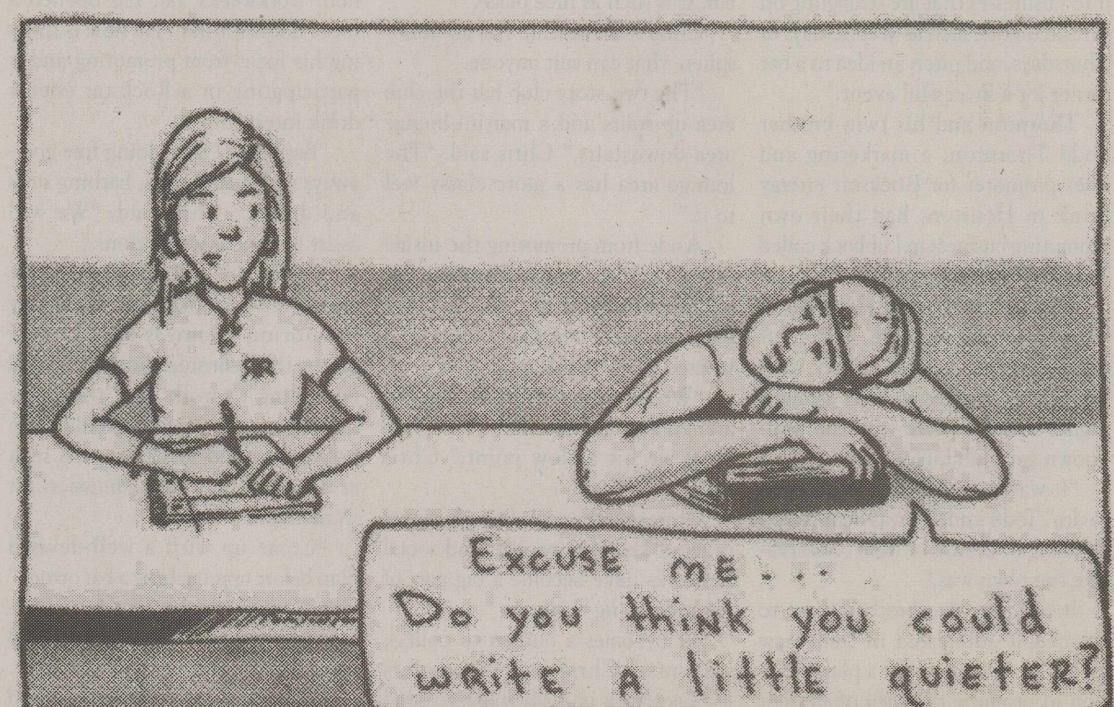
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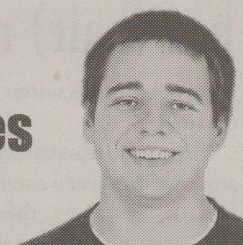
Last Tuesday, Harvard Medical School reversed a recent policy changing students' interactions with the media. The move was the latest from a string of activity involving the medical school's recommendation of university-sponsored pharmaceuticals.

Unfortunately, the reversal only heightens tensions among students, faculty and administrators, all of whom seem to have a different opinion on the direction the school is taking, particularly in the economic climate.

Ironically, just a week later, Lubbock school officials announced they would not be airing President Barack Obama's first back-to-school address Sept. 8. While the reasoning behind the decision most likely lies in the timing of the event and teachers' tight schedule, administrators across the board are raising their hands in fury that students be subjected to a political speech from the president.

Many Lubbock residents agreed, worried the president's address would be some sort of rallying cry for his new policies.

Ben Jones



At Harvard Medical School, the problem only seems to exacerbate a much deeper gap between students and school officials. Earlier this year a few first-year Harvard Medical School students revealed in the *New York Times* instructors' were recommending certain medications from pharmaceutical companies that were donating millions of dollars to the university. Although the story received mixed reviews after it was confirmed that the recommendations used in the article were correct, it opened up the conflict between administrators and students.

Then, just last week, it was discovered students' interaction with the media must be coordinated with the Office of the

Dean. Some students now feel the policy change with the media is a direct response to the pharmaceutical sponsorship conflict. And amid these worries, school officials are scrambling to save their image.

In Lubbock, parents and school officials seem to be on mixed ground. To begin with, Lubbock Independent School District, Frenship ISD, and Lubbock-Cooper ISD don't want the pressure from parents who see political bias in Obama's message.

The problem, however, is that administrators surely saw pressure from parents who wanted their students to see the message. And they can. At least that is what school officials are saying by allowing students to take home a DVD of the speech. But no matter the speech's content, there was a divide among parents who did and didn't want their children to view the address.

The problem with both situations is the reaction to the seemingly meaningless circumstances has been blown completely out of proportion. At both Harvard and Lubbock school districts, students and parents highlight the paranoia that exists on the opposite end of the spectrum.

The Harvard policy change with the media seems to at least be a coordinated effort to organize student involvement with emerging forms of media on a global scale. It's pretty hard to imagine that at Harvard, the most recognizable name in higher education, administrators would be willing to try to keep students from their first amendment rights.

Lubbock School Districts' unwillingness to show the Obama message, from a political standpoint, was hardly appropriate. The White House's efforts to accompany the speech with many president-related activities seemed to suggest the message was entirely educational. And despite the content, any of Obama's speech that seems to highlight at least some of his policy would most certainly be bipartisan. He wouldn't be trying to convince students of his health care plan.

Restricting students' relations with the media is in no way a light issue. And while Harvard administrators and Lubbock school officials don't appear to be sheltering their students from the media, it cannot be discounted. Harvard students deserve to talk openly with the media just as much as Lubbock school kids can view a presidential message. But officials at neither place can afford to be wrong.

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ASHIK SHAFI, A graduate student from Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a Sunni Muslim, recites a prayer declaring his submission to God and asking for salvation from disease, danger and crisis Tuesday next to the Student Media building. Shafi, who is required to pray with his shoes off, is reciting his second of five prayers he must complete in a day. Shafi said he feels comfortable praying on Tech's campus and feels his religion is welcomed and understood by non-muslim students.

Trainer spills secrets of Michelle Obama's arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — At last, the secret to first lady Michelle Obama's sculpted arms? Tricep pushdowns and hammer curls. So says Cornell McClellan, Mrs. Obama's longtime personal trainer, who described the workout routine of his famous client in the October issue of Women's Health magazine. She began working with McClellan in 1997 at his Chicago fitness studio. "She's truly committed herself to the importance of health and fitness," he says. McClellan said that at the end of an intense routine of cardio workouts and weight training, Mrs.

Obama finishes with the "arm-shaping superset" of tricep pushdowns and hammer curls to tone one of the most commented-upon pair of arms in the world. Mrs. Obama often wears sleeveless outfits. How to get arms like Mrs. Obama's? Perform one set of tricep pushdowns using a straight bar attached to the high pulley of a cable station and then, without resting, follow with a set of hammer curls using dumbbells. Immediately repeat the entire process until two or three sets of both exercises have been completed. The details of Mrs. Obama's fit-

ness routine came as part of a series of interviews by President Barack Obama and Mrs. Obama on health care and their personal fitness and nutrition habits. Obama was interviewed by Men's Health; he also was featured in the magazine last November. Mrs. Obama gave her first interviews to Women's Health and Children's Health, a new magazine by Rodale Inc., publisher of the men's and women's health magazines. Obama is again on the cover of Men's Health, while his wife graces the cover of Children's Health. She is joined by some of the Bancroft Elementary School pupils who have

been involved with the White House garden. Obama said he works out six days a week: two cardio days and four weightlifting days split between the upper and lower body. He also discussed his effort to overhaul the U.S. health care system and his late mother's bout with cancer. "My blood pressure is pretty low, and I tend to be a healthy eater," he said in the interview. "So I probably could get away with cutting (my workouts) back a little bit. The main reason I do it is just to clear my head and relieve me of stress."

Yale criticized for nixing Muslim cartoons in book

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Yale University has removed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad from an upcoming book about how they caused outrage across the Muslim world, drawing criticism from prominent alumni and a national group of university professors. Yale cited fears of violence. Yale University Press, which the university owns, removed the 12 caricatures from the book "The Cartoons That Shook the World" by Brandeis University professor Jytte Klausen. The book is scheduled to

be released next week. A Danish newspaper originally published the cartoons — including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban — in 2005. Other Western publications reprinted them. The following year, the cartoons triggered massive protests from Morocco to Indonesia. Rioters torched Danish and other Western diplomatic missions. Some Muslim countries boycotted Danish products. Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favor-

able, for fear it could lead to idolatry. "I think it's horrifying that the campus of Nathan Hale has become the first place where America surrenders to this kind of fear because of what extremists might possibly do," said Michael Steinberg, an attorney and Yale graduate. Steinberg was among 25 alumni who signed a protest letter sent Friday to Yale Alumni Magazine that urged the university to restore the drawings to the book. Other signers included John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations under

President George W. Bush, former Bush administration speechwriter David Frum and Seth Corey, a liberal doctor. "I think it's intellectual cowardice," Bolton said Thursday. "I think it's very self defeating on Yale's part. To me it's just inexplicable." Cary Nelson, president of the American Association of University Professors, wrote in a recent letter that Yale's decision effectively means: "We do not negotiate with terrorists. We just accede to their anticipated demands."

Flight

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 According to the FAA, the minimum amount of flight time required to get a private pilot's license is 40 hours. Hillard said a private pilot's license could cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000. "When you are in college you pay for the class and whether you study every night for that class or don't study at all, you still pay the same amount for each class," he said. "In flight school the more you study, the more you save." Hillard said he attributed the savings to the more time a student spends studying with the flight simulator, the less time a student has to spend in the cockpit becoming familiar with the instruments. The FAA requires students be at least 17 and pass a written and a practical flight test before being granted a private pilot's license. There are two classes of pilot's licenses, other than a private pilot's license, a student can qualify for. The commercial and airline transport licenses require up to 190

additional hours of flight time and can cost up to \$35,000. Every license requires solo and night flight hours. "Flying takes much more studying than most people would think," Lisch said. "With my instructor, I would go up and practice the different maneuvers until he felt I was ready to fly the plane by myself." From there Lisch said, he was able to fly solo to specific locations to gain the minimum hours of solo time needed for his private pilot's license. According to the FAA, 223,000 active pilots held a private license last year. A private pilot's license allows the pilot to fly certain aircraft provided he or she does not fly for monetary gain. Now that Lisch has his private pilot's license, he said he is going to fly once a month to keep his new skills fresh so he can one day carry passengers. "It's a very rewarding experience to get a pilot's license," Lisch said. "If anyone has the opportunity to get (a pilot's license), they should definitely take the offer and hit the skies." >>> danielclayton@ttu.edu

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Penny Arcade Expo brings out big guns

If you attended the Penny Arcade Expo this year, then you probably got a big bag of swag that included shirts, swords and some form of mild swine flu. If you didn't, then you're in luck, because not only are you most likely H1N1 free, but I'm also about to make sure you know full well what you and I missed out on.

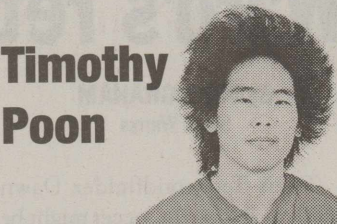
With almost 100 exhibitors this year in the Washington State Convention Center, it would be easy to miss out on some of the hidden gems of PAX. However, people weren't standing in three-hour lines for hidden gems; they were waiting for the big guns. This includes the first public demo of BioWare's upcoming MMO "Star Wars: The Old Republic" as well as new gameplay of "Assassin's Creed II" and "Uncharted 2: Among Thieves."

"The Old Republic" is being touted by BioWare as the first fully voice acted MMO to be released, but at PAX, the studio also revealed that among the thousands of lines of dialog in the game, there will also be dozens of dance moves players can utilize. If that doesn't sound particularly exciting, that's because it's not. At best, the Saturday panel revealed that Coruscant would be in the game and gave some barely intriguing footage of the Trooper and Sith Warrior classes in action. Honestly, the Star Wars mod for "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" piqued my interest more than the panel. So far, the highlight for "The Old Republic" has been the totally epic opening cinematic released back at E3.

While Ubisoft did indeed demo "Splinter Cell Conviction," it was all the same stuff from E3 and only gave away one fresh piece of information: Sam Fisher would be donning the green night vision goggles from his days of yore. More interesting was the completely new "Assassin's Creed II" demo. The new footage showed a menagerie of refinements that soothed my and many other's worries that the developers learned nothing from the first "Assassin's Creed."

Indeed, just about everything has been streamlined for enhanced gameplay and convenience to the player, such as simplified pickpocketing, more involved side quests, mobile Eagle Vision, and the addition of "Prince of Persia"-esque elements. This includes some free running objects like hanging pots that make traversing buildings much easier and some exclusively parkour segments that require Ezio to get from point A to point B.

Quite frankly, my excitement for "Uncharted 2" is so high right now, nothing short of finding and riding a Chocobo could top it. The new train level that "Uncharted" creative director Amy Hennig showed on stage



with Geoff Keighley demonstrated her team's ability to enable gameplay on moving objects, something most other games only simulate or barely emulate.

The footage included Drake maneuvering around a train that was traveling around jungle towns and between mountains, fending off enemies and a very persistent helicopter. Needless to say, the demo looked awesome, and various hands-on impressions from a caboodle of online outlets confirm that the game itself is also impeccably and commensurately awesome.

Speaking of reading hands-on impressions, that's about as close as I got to playing the games demoed at PAX. This includes "Left 4 Dead 2," "MAG" and "Shank." However, due to the fast-approaching limit to this article, I shall now sum up what I feel like are the highlights of the more prominent playable games from this year's PAX in as few words as possible:

"Star Trek Online" — a traditional dog-fighting approach to space combat brings along some lacking ground-based fighting.

"No More Heroes 2: Desperate Struggle" — horrific camera issues meets the same ol' zany, fast-paced combat.

"Shank" — a beat 'em up that continues the recent streak into high quality side-scrolling nirvana.

"MAG" — underwhelming gameplay strips out the "massive" and the "action" portions and only leaves the game.

"APB" — interesting implementation on the notion of cops 'n robbers that allows faction-specific missions as well as free-for-all action.

"Left 4 Dead 2" — zombie clowns, new weapons and fresh scares continue to win over disgruntled "L4D1" fans.

There were plenty of other games playable on the PAX floor this year, such as "Borderlands" and "Ratchet & Clank Future: A Crack in Time," both of which I am extremely looking forward to, but the hands-on articles that I read offered little in the way of new insight, so I opted to not mention them.

Unlike E3 and Gamescom, PAX is not a video-game-exclusive convention so the goods shown this past weekend were not surprisingly underwhelming (in most cases). However, this year's offerings will definitely be enough to tide me over until the Tokyo Game Show.

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Ward's return from torn ACL gives Tech soccer another weapon

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech midfielder Dawn Ward once thought soccer might be something she would have to leave behind.

Good thing for the Red Raiders, Ward now has a bright future concerning the game.

A graduate of Midland High School, Ward's varsity soccer days came to an end — and her soccer career in question — when an opposing player tackled her from behind. The player got a yellow card while Ward's career was set back by more than a year with an anterior cruciate ligament tear.

"I was scared I wasn't going to be 100 percent ever again," Ward said. "I've seen girls come back

from ACL injuries before, but sometimes not 100 percent, not the same player."

Now Ward seems to have made a full recovery from the injury after redshirting her freshman year at Tech. Arguably the most valuable player for Tech through the first four weeks of the 2009 season, the midfielder leads the team in scoring with five goals in just five matches, including a two-goal performance in just her third collegiate match. With the help of Ward, Tech leads the Big 12 Conference in goals scored,

with 16.

Tech players and coach Tom Stone said it was Ward's strong sense of dedication to get on the field as soon as possible that turned her into one of the key

players on roster.

"Players who have to redshirt because of injury are really disadvantaged," Stone said. "They have to fight back to get into top condition. In Dawn's case, she was prepared for that, serious and committed."

But recovery was not easy for Ward and neither was sitting on the Tech sideline watching the Red Raiders work their way to an 8-9-1 record and a Big 12 Tournament berth without her.

"It was extremely difficult," Ward said. "It took a lot of work. A lot of tedious work. And it's hard to watch your team play without you. You want to be a part of it so bad."

However, Stone and other Tech players said the injured Ward still had a big impact on what the 2008 squad accomplished.

"I never really considered her an injured player because of what she was able to do to help the team," senior midfielder Maegan Wilber said. "Just in practice, her level of intensity was great. I think she made everyone practice harder."

Although a healthy Ward could have aided the Red Raiders on the field in 2008, the silver lining for Tech is the additional time talented can stay with the team.

Stone believes Ward is far from being a freshman after spending the past school year with the program. In addition, Ward was healthy



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TEXAS TECH MIDFIELDER Dawn Ward, No. 22, spent all of the 2008 season recovering from a torn ACL she suffered during her senior year in high school. Ward now leads Tech in goals scored this season with five.

enough to gain her first collegiate playing experience during the 2009 spring exhibition season.

"She's really not a rookie," he said. "So she's just hit the ground running. She's ready to score goals, and that's what she's done."

Coming back from an ACL injury can be difficult to do and Ward has tested whether she is fully recovered or not throughout Tech's first five games.

With almost four full seasons of eligibility remaining, Ward said

there's no doubt about her ability to continue to help Tech win more this season.

"It's been great so far," Ward said. "There's not a better way to start out. I feel 110 percent."

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No prom, no big deal: Oudin stars at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Melanie Oudin missed the junior prom. Skipped homecoming, too.

And the 17-year-old isn't spending a lot of time hanging out with pals at the mall, either.

Then again, none of the other kids back in Marietta, Ga., is preparing to play in the U.S. Open quarterfinals Wednesday night.

"She doesn't do any of that kind of stuff — and she's OK with it," Katherine Oudin said after sobbing in the stands when her twin sister pulled off a fourth consecutive upset victory at Flushing Meadows.

"I know she misses the normal life a little, but she does not regret it at all. Zero," Katherine said. "She's totally OK with it, because she knows this is what she's wanted her entire life."

That's a relative term, of course. When your "entire life" encompasses 17-plus years — and you began playing tennis at 7, hitting balls out of a bucket with Grandma Mimi — you haven't

exactly been waiting forever for success. Indeed, Oudin is the youngest U.S. Open quarterfinalist since Serena Williams in 1999.

As the twins' mother, Leslie, put it: "All of this has come so quickly."

Sure has. A year ago, Oudin was ranked 221st and lost in the first round in New York. She never had won a Grand Slam match until Wimbledon in June. Nowadays, she high-fives security guards on her way into the locker room.

Everything is "awesome" and "cool," and she's "freaked out." Her stunning win over three-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova? "I just had a blast."

This is where Oudin wanted to be, dating to when she and her sister would play "mini-tennis" in the cul de sac by their home, piling up jackets as a makeshift net. Or when the twins would hit balls against the garage door until Katherine would get bored, leaving Melanie out there alone —

thwack! thwack! thwack! — until Mom or Dad ushered her inside at nightfall.

Or when Melanie would watch the Williams sisters on TV and proclaim that she wanted to play in those big arenas, too. Look at her now: There are still shots to be made and matches to be won, for sure, but there is a possibility Oudin could play Serena Williams in Saturday night's U.S. Open final.

Oudin has been sharing a king-sized bed with Mom in a Manhattan hotel — until, that is, they had to switch hotels because they hadn't reserved the room for long enough. Hey, who would have thought she'd still be playing? They've been waking up together when the alarm goes off, then going their separate ways: Melanie hops in a courtesy car provided for players; Mom waits in line for a shuttle bus to the tournament site in Queens.

Not that this wild ride is getting to the kid's head.

She vows to keep doing some landscaping work around the grounds at the tennis club where she still practices with the same coach she's had since she was 9.

Spain wins; Germany upsets Russia at Euro hoops

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Pau Gasol scored nine of his 27 points in the fourth quarter to carry world champion Spain past Britain 84-76 Tuesday at the European basketball championship.

The Los Angeles Lakers center scored on a put back, made a free throw and a 3-pointer to put Spain ahead for good at 74-73. That put the world champions back on track in the quest for a first European title.

"We kept our nerves under control and we also hit some important shots and played some good defense," coach Sergio Scariolo said. "We stay alive and stay in the competition."

Earlier, Germany upset defending champion Russia 76-73 behind 19 points and 11 rebounds from Jan-Hendrik Jagla.

Russia, which only has three players from the team that upset Spain in the 2007 final, fell behind early and trailed by double digits for most of

the game, before narrowing the gap to 68-67 on two free throws from forward Nikita Kurbanov with just under two minutes to play.

But Heiko Schaffartzik hit a 3-pointer for Germany, which held on for its first win in Group B. Germany is without NBA star Dirk Nowitzki.

Russia clearly missed the top two players from its 2007 squad — guard J.R. Holden and Andrei Kirilenko. But the Russians lost at the line, where they made just 28 of 49 free throws.

Ky. mother upset by football player son's baptism

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The parents of a 16-year-old Kentucky football player who was baptized along with some teammates during a trip organized by their coach said Tuesday they believe their son may have felt some pressure to go through with the ceremony.

Parents said the voluntary trip was organized by Breckinridge County High School football coach Scott Mooney, who is a member of the Baptist church where the revival was held Aug. 26.

Dannie Ammons told The As-

sociated Press he had no idea his son was being taken to a church in another county on a school bus. His son, Robert Coffey, told them he was going to see a motivational speaker.

"There wasn't supposed to be anything religious," said Ammons, who is Catholic.

Ammons said eight or nine other players were baptized at Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church. The father says his son probably "did it because the team was doing it." The teen's mother, Michelle Ammons, said her son told her he didn't remember what

was discussed in the sermon preceding the baptism. He told her he was using his iPod at the time.

Forty-seven people at the Southern Baptist service were submerged in water, an act of obedience symbolizing one's acceptance of Jesus Christ as savior and "rebirth" in faith.

"No, it's not sticking," the teen's mother, who says she is a Baptist, said about the baptism. "We're just quiet about it. It's not like a topic we talk about."

Michelle Ammons said she has heard from other parents who were upset that they didn't get to attend the baptisms.

Parents of at least two other team members told The Courier-Journal newspaper that their children told them the trip would include the church event. Because no permission slips were required, it was up to the children to tell their parents about the trip. Michelle Ammons said Coffey probably should have been more forthcoming about the trip but no one was told baptisms would be performed.

The church's pastor, Ron Davis, said Mooney had asked him if he could bring his players. Davis said the baptisms were "spontaneous" and had not been planned by a guest speaker giving a sermon that night.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Big 12 teams take note: Bears finally on map

Week 1 of the college football season is a chance to separate the overrated from the underrated, a chance for teams to make statements and an opportunity for people like me to analyze the statements these teams make.

A Big 12 Conference South team made a statement in Week 1 of the college football season, and I am not talking about Oklahoma State, who defeated Georgia by 14 points in Stillwater, Okla.

No, the biggest statement of the week in the Big 12 was made by the Baylor Bears.

Football fans tend to overanalyze their teams early in the season and while a lot of people are overreacting to Tech's unimpressive win against North Dakota, it cannot be understated how impressive Baylor's road victory against Wake Forest was.

Wake Forest is by no means a powerhouse, but just three years ago, Baylor would've had no chance at beating an ACC team on the road, or even in Waco.

What second-year coach Art

Landry Locker



Briles has done at Baylor in such a short time is nothing short of phenomenal.

Briles — the former Texas Tech running backs coach — has taken Baylor from the laughing stock of the Big 12 to a dangerous team that no longer is a decorated scrimmage for opponents.

I am not saying that the Bears will compete for a national championship or even a conference title, but just the fact that the Bears are making noise in the Big 12 and have a realistic chance to make their first bowl game in 15 years is beyond impressive.

Some of the cynical people in Big 12 country find it hard to be impressed by a team that will merely compete for an appearance in a bowl game, but you have to understand just how

bad Baylor was before Briles arrived in Waco.

Last season, Briles inherited an untalented, three-win team that didn't win a single game in Big 12 play in 2007 and a program with 13 losing seasons since 1992.

In just his second season as coach of the Bears, Briles has transformed Baylor into an exciting and competitive football team.

The Bears are lead by sophomore dual-threat quarterback Robert Griffin — a freshman All-American last season and another huge reason for the program's turnaround.

Griffin originally committed to Houston to play for Briles but followed him to Waco when he was named the Bears' coach.

Some skeptics might call it luck that Briles lured Griffin to Waco, but Briles never has had a problem getting top-level talent at mid-level programs dating back to his days at Houston.

Tech coach Mike Leach has drawn praise for his ability to get the most out of his talent in Lubbock, but Briles is second to none when it comes to

getting the most out of his talent.

During his time at Houston, three of Briles recruits were selected in the second round of the NFL Draft, including Donnie Avery and Kevin Kolb. By comparison, last season was the first when Leach had a player drafted earlier than the fourth round.

Griffin is clearly Baylor's most important player, but the Bears are far from a one-man show, and it may be that way for a while.

Briles already has received two commitments from four-star defensive backs for the Bears' 2010 class — including four-star safety Ahmad Dixon, who withdrew his commitment from Texas to play for the Bears in 2010.

Teams in the Big 12 need to make note of this team, because as long as Briles is in Waco, the Bears are going to compete every week and the days of the Baylor scrimmage are a thing of the past.

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AP Top 25 football

1. Florida

2. Texas

3. USC

4. Alabama

5. Oklahoma St.

6. Miss. St.

7. Penn St.

8. Ohio St.

9. BYU

10. California

11. LSU

12. Boise St.

13. Oklahoma
14. Va. Tech

15. Georgia Tech

16. TCU

17. Utah

18. Notre Dame

19. UNC

20. Miami (Fla.)

21. Georgia

22. Nebraska

23. Cincinatti

24. Kansas

25. Missouri

Bold: Big 12 schools Source: Associated Press

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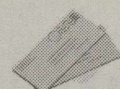
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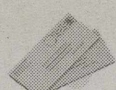
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Domestic Price Services
(Express, Priority, First-Class, Parcel Post, Media and Library Mail)
International Price Services
Delivery and signature confirmation
Credit/debit cards accepted
Prints receipts

Continued Services:

USPS Mailbox Rental at University ID
Stamps available at Sam's Place (SUB location only)
Packing supplies available at Barnes & Noble University Bookstore
Faxing Services available at CopyTech
Money orders available at American State Bank
Departmental purchases available online at www.usps.com
Notarizing available in Student Legal Services (3rd floor of SUB)



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activities

whats coming up at the union

After Hours

Tuesday, September 8
SUB North Plaza (Rain Location, Matador Room) | 7:00 pm

Movie - Up

Wednesday, September 9
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

Matinee Movie - Up

Thursday, September 10
SUB Escondido Theatre | 3:00 pm

RaiderGate

Saturday, September 12
R1 Parking Lot | 2:00 pm

Adam Pate

Tuesday, September 15
SUB Northeast Entrance (across from CopyTech) | 11:00 am

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student organization update...

S.O. Orientation

Wednesday, September 9
Matador Room | 4:00 pm

S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, September 15
Senate Room | 2:00 pm

S.O. Advisor Training

Wednesday, September 16
Lubbock Room | Noon