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Regents say layoffs designed to save UTMB

GALVESTON (AP) — The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston was already in financial distress before Hurricane Ike's devastation and laying off 3,800 people is designed to keep the state's oldest medical school from going bankrupt, officials said.

The UT Board of Regents unanimously approved the cuts Wednesday during a meeting in El Paso, saying they want to keep the medical school in Galveston but could not allow it to continue losing as much as \$40 million a month since Ike hit the island in September.

NATION

Palin urges GOP govts to keep Dems honest

MIAMI (AP) — Sarah Palin called on fellow Republican governors to keep the new president and his strengthened Democratic majority in check on issues from taxes to health care as she signaled she'll take a leadership role in a party searching for a new standard-bearer.

Addressing the Republican Governors Association meeting Thursday, this year's GOP vice presidential nominee — and an oft-mentioned candidate for 2012 — revisited some aspects of the bitter campaign and talked about the role of the governors in the coming year. After losing the White House and several seats in the Senate and House, the party is engaging in some soul-searching about its direction.

WORLD

21 killed in attack on US convoy in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber rammed his car into a U.S. military convoy as it was passing through a crowded market in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 20 civilians and an American soldier, officials said.

The attack outside Jalalabad, the capital of the eastern Nangarhar province, also wounded 74 civilians, said Ajmal Pardes, a provincial health official.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Deficit hits record; jobless claims surge

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's financial picture grew darker Thursday, a day marked by breathtaking numbers: a quarter-trillion-dollar budget deficit for a single month and projections of up to \$1 trillion for a year, a half-million new applications for unemployment benefits and a 900-point swing on Wall Street.

There was some good news, with the stock market rallying

from near its lows for the year to its third-biggest point gain ever. But analysts predicted that the steady drumbeat of gloomy statistics would only get worse in coming months as the country endures what could be the worst downturn since the severe 1981-82 recession.

The initial costs of the government's economic bailout efforts sent the U.S. budget deficit for October soaring to a record \$237.2 billion, putting it on track to reach the once-unfathomable sum of \$1 trillion for the year.

"And as bad as these numbers are, they may look good a year from now because things are going to get much worse," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at the Smith School of Business at California State University.

In more grim economic news released Thursday, the number of newly laid-off workers applying for jobless benefits last week hit the highest level since the period right after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

As the economy weakens, the

government's fiscal health was projected to deteriorate, too, with layoffs cutting into tax revenues and forcing higher payouts for programs such as unemployment benefits and food stamps.

Unemployment, which jumped to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October, is now projected to climb above 8 percent. Sohn said that will further crimp government tax revenues, which were down 7.5 percent in October from a year ago.

The stream of negative news initially sent Wall Street down sharply,

with the Dow Jones industrials briefly trading below 8,000. The markets rebounded with a fury, though, and closed up almost 553 — the third-largest point gain on record, following the 889-point rise on Oct. 28 and the 936-point surge on Oct. 13.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported profits up 10 percent for the third quarter as the company's renewed focus on low prices attracted financially squeezed shoppers. But the country's biggest retailer trimmed its outlook because of the troubled global economy.

PART TWO OF A THREE-PART SERIES

Examining the social complexities of massive multi-player online role-playing games

Love & WAR

Gamers may struggle to balance virtual reality, real-life relationships

By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

Forget the attractive coworker or the spunky personal trainer. Spouses and significant others have a different competitor to envy these days: video games.

The rise in massive multi-player online role-play games and subsequent video game addiction has caused a surge of support groups such as "World of Warcraft Widows" and "GamerWidow" for an increasing number of women who feel slighted by their partners' excessive gaming.

"Video gamers are getting older, getting married and having children," said Jason Northrup, a Texas Tech marriage and family therapy doctoral candidate from Richardson.

Northrup recently completed a small-scale research study about women who joined a support group because

their husbands are consumed by WoW.

The study found that many women reported feelings of anger and resentment because they felt rejected. Also, the women surveyed reported their spouses isolated themselves from friends and family, became easily agitated and often lied to facilitate their game playing.

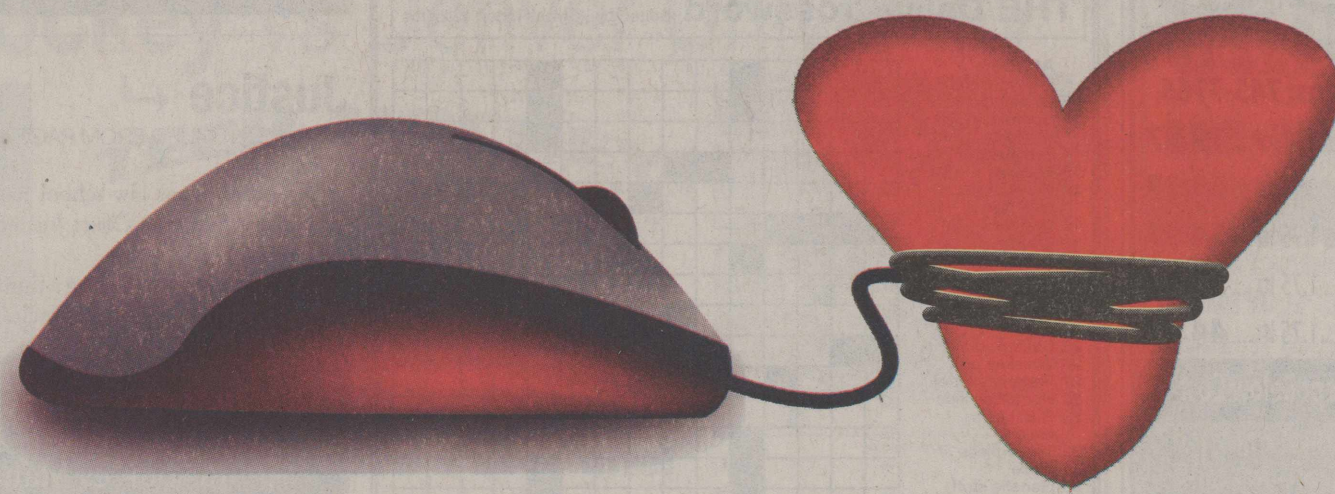
Becca Binford and Alex Kavich, who have been together for six years, said they have experienced both the good and bad aspects of playing WoW.

The couple, who are both from Richardson, said they began playing the game during the summer to entertain themselves before classes started in the fall.

"There are aspects that can put a strain on a relationship," said Binford, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major.

Kavich, a senior English major, said they met a lot of other gamers while living in residence halls, which

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Tech administration open to potential reestablishment of gay fraternity

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

A gay fraternity that once had a presence at Texas Tech is joining the Greek system at another major Texas university.

Delta Lambda Phi, a nationally recognized fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men, is receiving regional attention because a chapter was recently founded at the University of Texas at Austin.

The Alpha chapter of the fraternity inducted its first pledge class of seven potential members Nov. 1, said Russell van Kraayenburg, president of the fraternity. The fraternity hopes to establish a brotherhood for the university's queer population.

"We weren't lacking queer departments or organizations on campus, but we were lacking a queer fraternity," he said.

van Kraayenburg said he felt compelled to

help initiate this "progressive" movement because the university lacked a fraternity for gay men. The UT Greek system does not discriminate based on sexual orientation, he said, but many students acknowledge that gays are unwanted in most fraternities.

"This gives them a place to enter a brotherhood comfortably without being judged," he said.

Delta Lambda Phi was a registered student organization at Tech from 2004 to 2006, said Mike Gunn, assistant director of Student Union and Activities. The fraternity had seven active members, but the organization dissolved as they graduated. Tech's administration would be supportive of the reestablishment of the fraternity or any other gay student organization.

"Any organization that can support a minority group on campus is always welcome here," he said.

Delta Lambda Phi initially was established to support gay, bisexual and progressive men, but any male can join regardless of his sexual orientation, van Kraayenburg said. The fraternity welcomes both straight and gay students, and those who have not yet "come out."

The Alpha chapter at UT is classified as a colony, but it will reach official fraternity status after three pledge classes are initiated, he said. The fraternity is expecting to double in size when its second pledge class is inducted during the Spring 2009 academic semester.

"I definitely think it will help raise awareness," van Kraayenburg said. "This will hopefully put the conversation about gays and gay rights on the forefront of peoples' minds."

The founding members received a con-

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Supreme Court justice visits city

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech will host U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at 5 p.m. today at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center's Exhibit Hall.

Walter Huffman, the dean of the School of Law, said Tech School of

Law alumni Mark Lanier, who worked with Scalia in the past, invited and provided the funding for Scalia to visit Lubbock and speak as the second speaker in conjunction with the Sandra Day O'Connor Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture series was founded in 2007 and features accomplished legal professionals.

"Scalia's presentation is to the community at large," he said. "You must have a ticket to attend but tickets are free and available at the law school."

As of Thursday, Huffman said, approximately 500 tickets remained for the lecture in the Exhibit Hall, which seats approximately 5,000 people.

Arthur R. Miller, a New York University professor at the NYU School of Law, who Huffman considers "the best known legal scholar," will introduce Scalia at the event.

"We're really bringing in two distinguished guests for the price of one, but (the lecture) happens to be free," Huffman said.

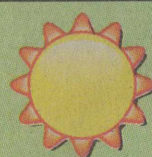
Scalia was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan and took his seat on the bench Sept. 26, 1986, according to the Supreme Court's Web site.

Scalia is the third Supreme Court Justice to visit Tech. Justice O'Connor spoke as the inaugural speaker of the Sandra Day O'Connor lecture series and Justice Clarence Thomas visited but not in conjunction with

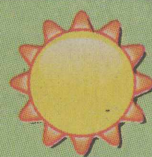
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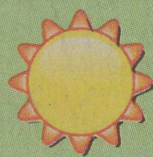
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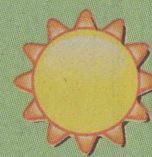
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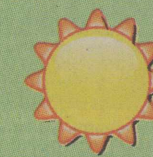
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The Gay-Straight Alliance is one of just a couple queer student organizations with a presence at Tech.

"I've got a lot of gay guy friends who would like to join a fraternity,"

"I don't think it's impossible for the same thing to happen in a more conservative area," she said. "I just think it will take more time."

ers refuse to put their bylines on stories, and many newspapers have stopped covering the drug gangs.

Corruption is widespread, reaching as high as the federal Attorney General's office, and the drug gangs often control more than the drug trade, extorting money from business-

In separate incidents last month an unexploded grenade was tossed at the consulate and gunshots were fired, prompting officials to suspend visa services.

Tech chooses plants specifically for each season so the campus maintains thriving blossoms all year, Gibson said.

"The factors like working around the student body and students who want to lie on the ground," he said.

"The grounds maintenance workers have been working their hearts out," he said. "It makes a difference when the campus looks beautiful and students are proud of how the campus looks."

The 2008 Subaru Legacy the Tech students were driving in was

The families of the students were not available for comment by press time.

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Tumbador*, the article "Alcohol petitions delivered to Lubbock elections office" should have said David George no longer is the vice chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. The DT regrets this error.

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Treador*, the story "Tech officials believe university library fee increase necessary" should have said the budget for the University Library for fiscal year 2008 was \$18.6 million, while the library received \$14.5 million income. Because of this, the fund balance of \$6.86 million was about \$2 million more than a three-month operating cost. The DT regrets this error.

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"It's a great honor to bring a third Supreme Court Justice to Tech,"

Huffman said Scalia will speak to Tech law school students in "more technical terms" at an event Monday.

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Film Festival celebrates Native American culture

By **TINA L. ARONS**
STAFF WRITER

November is a time for more than just Thanksgiving celebrations.

Members of the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities gathered Thursday evening at the Museum of Texas Tech University for a film and panel discussion that celebrated Native American Heritage Month, which was established to recognize the contributions of America's first inhabitants.

"We're never going to escape it and, in many ways, we are the creations of our past," said Ethan Schmidt, an assistant professor of history at Tech.

Participants of the American Indian Film Festival gathered in the museum's auditorium to watch the documentary "Incident at Oglala — The Leonard Peltier Story."

The film covers the events surrounding the shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota in which Peltier was convicted for the death of two FBI agents.

Thea Zental, a senior finance and economics major from Germany, said she was impressed by the kinship within the Native American community shown in the film.

"It's interesting how they stuck together," she said. "[Peltier] knows who did it, but he

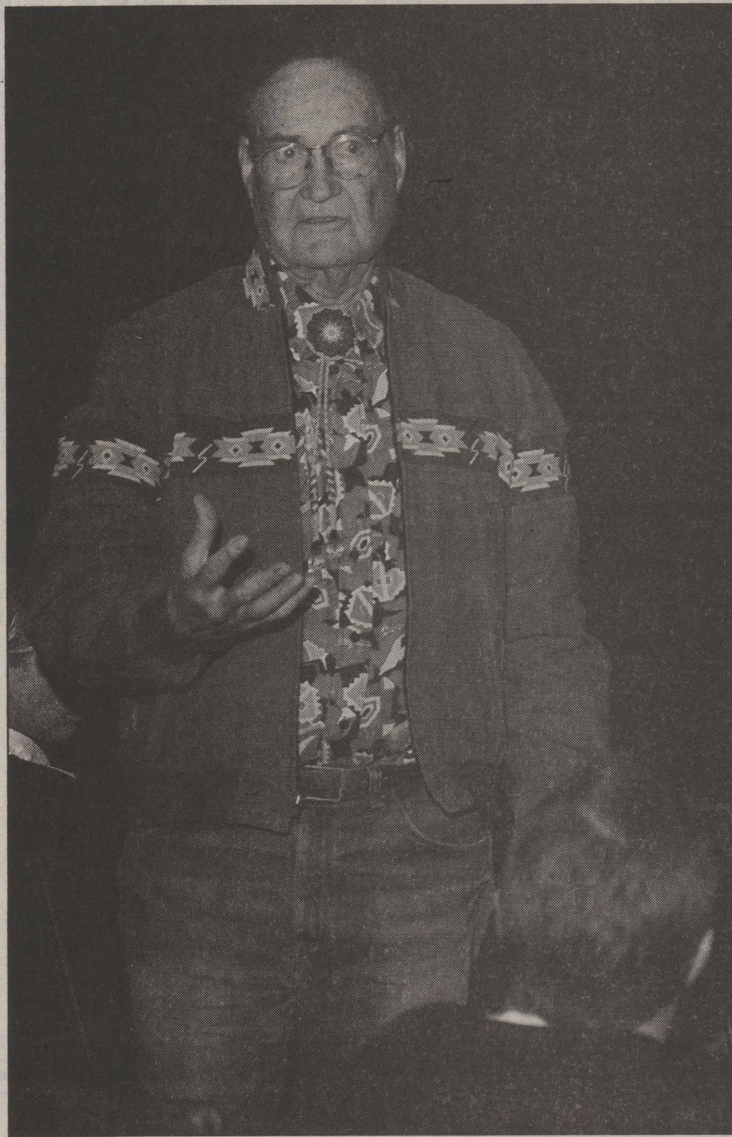


PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Toreador
BILL SKILLMAN, PRESIDENT of the West Texas Native American Association, shares his views on the injustices the Native Americans still face today during an informal panel discussion Thursday night at the Museum of Texas Tech University.

won't tell. He's waiting for the person to come forward and I admire him for being that strong."

Jobi Martinez, the director for the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center at Tech, said the center partners with the museum to increase awareness of other cultures through events such as the film festival.

She said about 200 students at Tech are Native American and it is important their culture is recognized.

"For a lot of people after the Plains Wars, Native Americans got frozen in time," Schmidt said. "For a lot of people, they ceased to exist."

Historians estimate the Native American population was between two million and five million when Columbus arrived, he said. Although their number steeply decreased in the past, the Native American population is approaching numbers similar to their original population.

"From the moment Christopher Columbus stepped off that boat in 1492," Schmidt said, "the lives of Native Americans and whites were linked."

Rob Weiner, a humanities and film historian at Tech, said it is important to look at both the positive and negative aspects of interactions between Native Americans and Americans.

He said Americans need to discuss these issues and ask themselves what these incidents say

about history and humanity.

"No human being is an island," Weiner said. "We are related to one another and we need to be able to deal with each other in a positive way."

Bill Skillman, a retired professor of psychology and president of the West Texas Native American Association, said experiencing other cultures exposes people to cultures different from their own, helping them to understand each

other better.

"We are living in what has turned into a global world," he said. "Every event reverberates around the world. In this shrinking world, we're going to have to learn how to get along with other people."

The organization will continue the free film festival at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium at the museum.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle



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Kanye: I am 'voice of this generation'

LONDON (AP) — Kanye West is to music what Michael Jordan was to basketball — at least that's what West thinks, in his humble estimation.

"I realize that my place and position in history is that I will go down as the voice of this generation, of this decade, I will be the loudest voice," he said. "It's me settling into that position of just really accepting that it's one thing to say you want to do it and it's another thing to really end up being like Michael Jordan."

West said Justin Timberlake had a chance to be music's MVP, but hasn't put out enough material. (Timberlake's last album was in 2006, while West released a CD last year and is releasing his latest — "808s and Heartbreak" — on Nov. 24.)

"There were people who had the potential to do it but they went on

vacation, so when Justin went on vacation I made albums," he said. "And it just came out to be that."

West said life has been difficult since his mother's death.

"I'm just going through balancing that. And I always used to have that support system, you know. My mom would be there; no matter what, she was there before everything," he said. "We were together for like 30 years. And you know now when I'm on that stage and I look out and I say, 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?' Like when does a real life start? Because I have sacrificed real life to be a celebrity and to give this art to people, which is great. It is great that I was able to do that, I'm not trying to shun that in any way, but it's definitely a Catch-22 and it's bittersweet."

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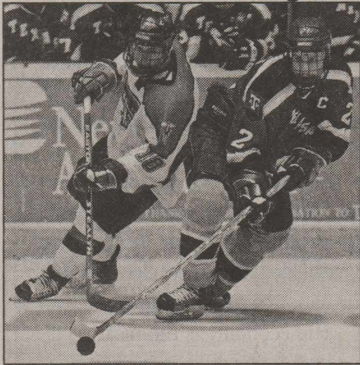


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Stadium's excess could be student's dinner

This past weekend I got the privilege of working with a student organization at Jones AT&T Stadium during the Oklahoma State game as a fundraiser. It was my third time volunteering at the stadium, but my first time getting assigned to one of the two luxurious suite levels.

Aside from smiling at the suite owners and their guests and directing them to the restrooms, I had nothing much to do other than watch the game on the televisions near my post. But while I was there, something shocked and troubled me deeply.

Each one of the suites pre-orders about \$1000-\$2000 worth of catered food and drink for every game. I conversed with the Sodexo catering attendant assigned to the suites near me and watched as she and her associates brought in rack after rack of sandwiches, cookies, chips, dip, chicken wings and much more.

Once the game ended and the guests made their way out, the ca-

Stephen Torrence



tering attendants started cleaning up the individual suites. In addition to the used plates, napkins and cups, I watched in horror as they dumped entire trays full of untouched food into the waste bins.

I asked the catering attendant why they threw it away instead of giving it to others. She told me something vague about health regulations and liability, then finished tossing a full plate of sandwiches into the trash.

Now imagine this multiplied across the many dozens of suites in the stadium and you'll have some idea how much food simply gets thrown into the garbage after every home football game.

In my opinion, this is the most egregious, excessive and unneces-

sary practice I have ever witnessed as a student here at Texas Tech.

I propose a way to stop this wastefulness and give back to the students of Tech and the Lubbock community simultane-

ously. At each home game, a different service organization, consisting of about 30 to 40 people, would be allowed access to the suite and club levels following the end of the game.

They would work around the stadium staff, removing the excess food from the suites and bringing it down via the service elevators or stairs

to the ground level outside the stadium.

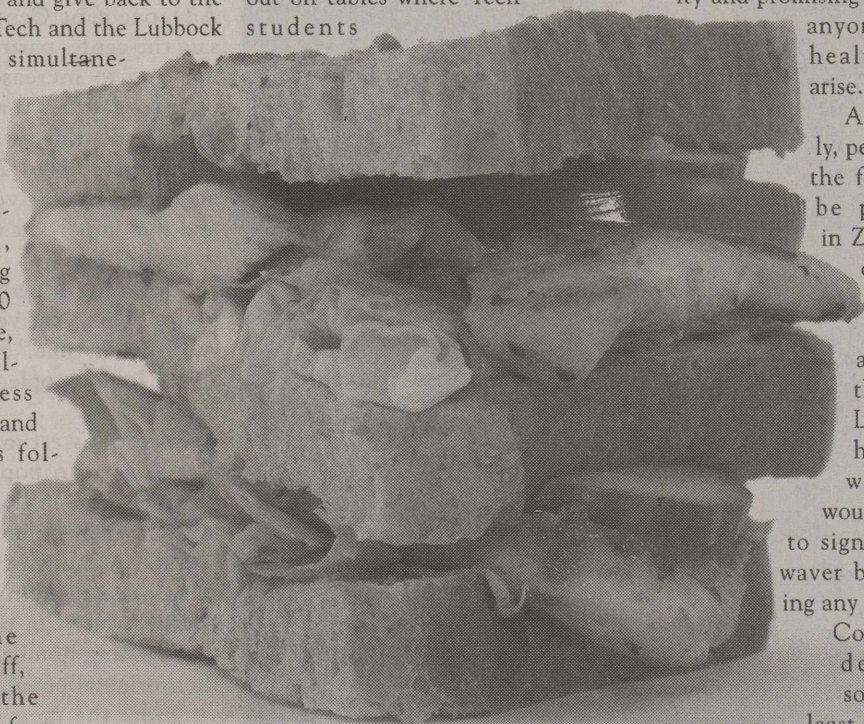
Here they would set the food out on tables where Tech students

it on a first-come, first-served basis and on the condition that they sign a waiver accepting all responsibility and promising not to sue

anyone should health issues arise.

Additionally, perhaps half the food could be packaged in Ziplocs and containers and then taken to a location that serves Lubbock's homeless, who also would be asked to sign a similar waiver before taking any of it.

College students are some of the least picky eaters in the world. We'll eat pizza that's been sitting out



for days in a cramped dorm room. We'd have no qualms about eating a sandwich that's been sitting out for a couple of hours in a ritzy suite.

Hunger after a good victory can really dampen our spirits. This plan would give some hungry students exiting the stadium a quicker option for food than waiting upwards of two hours at a local restaurant.

This plan would work to the benefit of all. Hungry Tech fans would get free food; student organizations would get some extra community service hours; the stadium staff would do no additional work and food that would otherwise go to a landfill would get eaten.

I sincerely hope someone hears this proposal, works out any minor logistical kinks, and implements it. We've wasted far too much food for far too long. We need not waste any more.

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Thinking about our American principle

“We have no government capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion, our constitution was meant for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” Those are the exact words of John Adams.

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that men claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness” Those are the words of George Washington.

Is it for any man to decide for a nation what is the moral right and wrong? I believe, as it has been set down by far more knowledgeable men, that the basis of that right and wrong is already decided.

The Supreme Court in 1896 ruled in the case of the Holy Trinity Church v. The United States that based upon a history of theological knowledge and from interpretations of this country's basic documents and of the men that created them, that this is a Christian nation. No, not that we are defined by any one certain creed or sanction, but that these United States, set and established on July 4, 1776 are first subject to “the laws of Nature and Nature's God” as that Declaration lays out.

If we, as a nation, have affirmed ourselves to have an inherent Christian form of government laid by the fore fathers that established us; how has this been explained in history, and what impact should that have on us?

On the first, you have to consider that with each new wave of colonization in America, the leaders of those colonies consistently established themselves under a Christian form of leadership. As was laid down in the ideals of Sir Walter Raleigh, that “separating the state from any particular religion is right, separating state from God is an impossibility.”

Each following charter of that Virginia colony recognized “the establishment of the Christian religion” to be one of the purposes of that grant. The Mayflower pilgrims undertook their mission for “the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian religion.”

William Penn wrote about his Pennsylvania colony that each person was entitled to a “freedom of conscience,” but that “Almighty God being the only Lord of Conscience ... who does enlighten the minds and persuade and convince the understandings of the people.” Penn, like every other leader was adamant in the free choice of each citizen to follow their religious beliefs at will, so long as those beliefs recognized the transcendence and superiority of God in all things.

We read in the Declaration of Independence that our Creator endows us with our inalienable, our divinely

Derek Coulson



inherited rights. In the same way the general assembly appealed to “the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude (good) of our intentions,” we also appeal to the knowledge of the divine Creator in order to comprehend what is morally acceptable.

One would have to wonder then: If such is the state of our union, where is the cause for such division and upheaval on moral issues. If we are indeed endowed and created by a divine being, should we not recognize and heed the words of that supreme God?

I am amazed at the kind of schisms that run as currents through American philosophy. If the God that created us blessed us with this land and furthered our cause for the past 400 years is truly our creator, is it too much to ask for some acknowledgement of his will?

I am thankful to California, Arizona and Florida for taking a stand on gay rights last week. They proved that there is not only a remnant, but a large portion of people willing to heed the words of the almighty that “requires to maintain the peace and union of such a people, that there is an orderly and decent government established according to God.”

If you reject this history, the rulings of our court and the dozens of documents laid out in defense of a God-endowed government. If you allow for and foment causes like abortion and gay rights, then is it not logical that we cease to be America? That we cease to be the nation that is “one nation, under God, indivisible.” What is the purpose for our cause if we cease to maintain the cause into which we were born?

Thomas Jefferson and the signers put it into more eloquent words than any of us can match. That is that this nation, established and furthered by God, with a “firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, our Sacred Honor.” We must renew and restore that pledge.

This nation, with the innovative idea of placing the power of decision with the people, demands that this people make its choices with wisdom and acknowledgement of the history from which we have come. The authority of God is inscribed in our very law, and for the sustaining of this country, for the continuance of our cause, we must recognize that providence of Him in how we are to perpetuate this union for this genera-

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Obama has already sparked positive change for America

By **TOMMY WRIGHT**
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President-elect Barack Obama cannot fix everything that is wrong with this country. The fact that he has been elected as the next president will not suddenly bring about change on its own.

“This victory alone is not the change we seek,” Obama said on Election Night after he was declared the winner. “It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were.”

Actually, it appears that Obama's victory alone may have caused some change. According to a Nov. 6 New York Times article, the election of Obama has helped advance the progress of the security accord between the United States and Iraq.

“Of course, given the volatile and fractious state of Iraqi politics, the security agreement could still be delayed,” the article stated. “But with Iraqis believing that Mr. Obama, as president, would move faster to withdraw American troops, Iraqi and American officials said obstacles to a security agreement appeared to be fading.”

Obama's election has improved the view of the United States by citizens and leaders around the world.

“In country after country, elation over Obama's victory was palpable, the hunger for a change of American leadership as strong outside the U.S. as in it,” stated a Nov. 6 Los Angeles Times article.

But the honeymoon will be over Jan. 20, or shortly thereafter. Although the ineptitude of George W. Bush may have helped Obama get elected, it left the nation in a deep hole.

The economy is the most pressing issue facing the nation right now. Obama himself said this is the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression in a speech on Oct. 17.

The country is still mired in two wars, not to mention immigration reform, environmental issues and restoring the basic rights that President Bush took away.

Obama has said that he plans to take action on these and many other

issues. But he acknowledged on Election Night that the change he has been speaking of will not happen overnight.

“The road ahead will be long,” he said. “Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America — I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you — we as a

people will get there.”

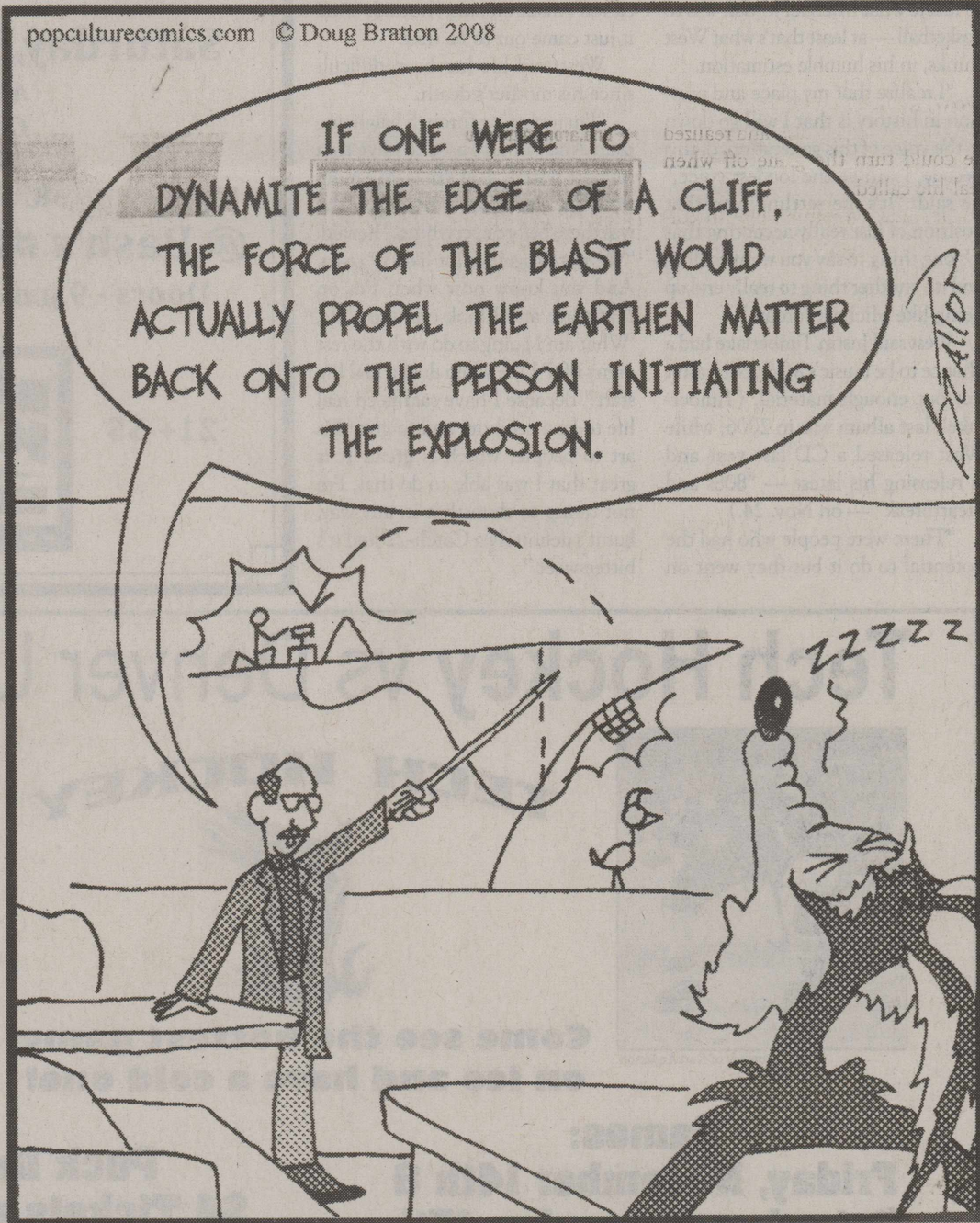
Great presidents don't emerge during times of prosperity. It is how a leader deals with crisis that sets their legacy.

Abraham Lincoln guided the nation through the Civil War — the deadliest war in U.S. history. Franklin Delano Roosevelt helped pull the country out of the Great Depression and led the United

States during World War II.

On the other hand, President Bush used the attacks of Sept. 11 for his own political gain, and he split the nation apart.

Obama has the chance to change the country for the better, and I believe he is the best person for the job. And more than 66 million other Americans agree.



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Gamers

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encouraged them to play more.

One time, he said, he and three friends bought a case of energy drinks and stayed up for 72 hours playing WoW in the dorm study lounge.

He realized it was having a negative impact on his relationship with his girlfriend and his non-gaming friends, he said.

So, he quit.

"I wasn't prioritizing things," he said. "I had to get back in line and sleep."

Binford said she believed Kavich, like many other gamers, used WoW to escape.

Northrup said women he surveyed seemed to shape their definition of addiction by their spouse's obsession with WoW.

"Professionals get hung up on the definition of addiction. One camp believes addiction is in terms of chemicals: alcohol, cocaine," he said. "The other camp believes anything can apply — things like sexual behavior or shopping. The widows believed it went beyond chemicals."

Northrup said surveyed women reported their marital relationship suffered both emotionally and physically, which included arguments and violations of trust.

"Online video games are played much more intensely than console games. There is something about them that does suck people in," he said. "It's important to educate professionals so they can treat people with this addiction."

Kavich said the nature of the game lends itself to addiction, which can have serious consequences.

"If you get into competitive raid guilds and take a full course load, you're not going to have the time to succeed," he said. "You can't do that and be successful in school."

He said he had a friend who stayed up for two days playing WoW, stopping only to take a 30-minute nap before a final exam.

The nap lasted 13 hours, Kavich said, and his friend missed two finals and damaged his laptop when he rolled on top of it in his sleep.

After taking a breather from WoW, Kavich said he went back to the game on a trial basis and realized he could turn the game off when real-life called.

"It's like everything else in college," he said, "you have to do it in moderation."

Klint Hobbs, a staff psychologist at Tech's Student Counseling Center, said MMORPGs impair a person's ability to maintain relationships when he or she gamer loses focus of real-life associations.

"Some people can get on for an hour or two and recharge their batteries," he said. "Some people, that's not enough and they get sucked in."

George Comiskey, associate director at the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, said people

turn to games to escape. When arguments come up about excessive game play, the gamer often becomes further immersed in the game to avoid addressing the issues.

"Someone who is in a relationship with someone who has a gaming addiction is going to find themselves in the back seat," he said.

When gamers become immersed in a fantasy world, Hobbs said, the spouse or significant other may feel angry, because he or she feels the game becomes a higher priority than him or her.

"They don't understand the role of the video game and they get very angry about it because it seems like a very trivial game," he said. "They don't understand what needs the video game is fulfilling for their partner."

Hobbs suggested it is possible to balance both gameplay and a relationship, but partners must set limits and establish mutual priorities.

"A lot of times the negative aspect is focused on," Hobbs said. "It can be good entertainment and we all need that, especially in today's world. If you can escape for an hour or two, that's a good thing. It's when people use it to escape long-term that it becomes a negative activity."

Because they prioritize and manage their time, Kavich and Binford said, they both returned to WoW and continue to enjoy the MMORPG experience together.

"We have different majors and different stuff going on," Binford said. "It's a way to do something more than watch TV together."

Kavich said it allows them to "be together and alone," because they are in each other's company in real life but not necessarily together in the virtual world.

"You have to find someone who is compatible," Kavich said, "someone who plays or understands if you do."

Binford said both partners need to be understanding whether both of them play.

"I'm still a woman," she said, smiling at Kavich. "I still get annoyed with him for playing, but the difference is I can relate to him. I know where he's coming from when he says, 'Give me 10 more minutes.'"

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College bowl gives 9 teams mental workout

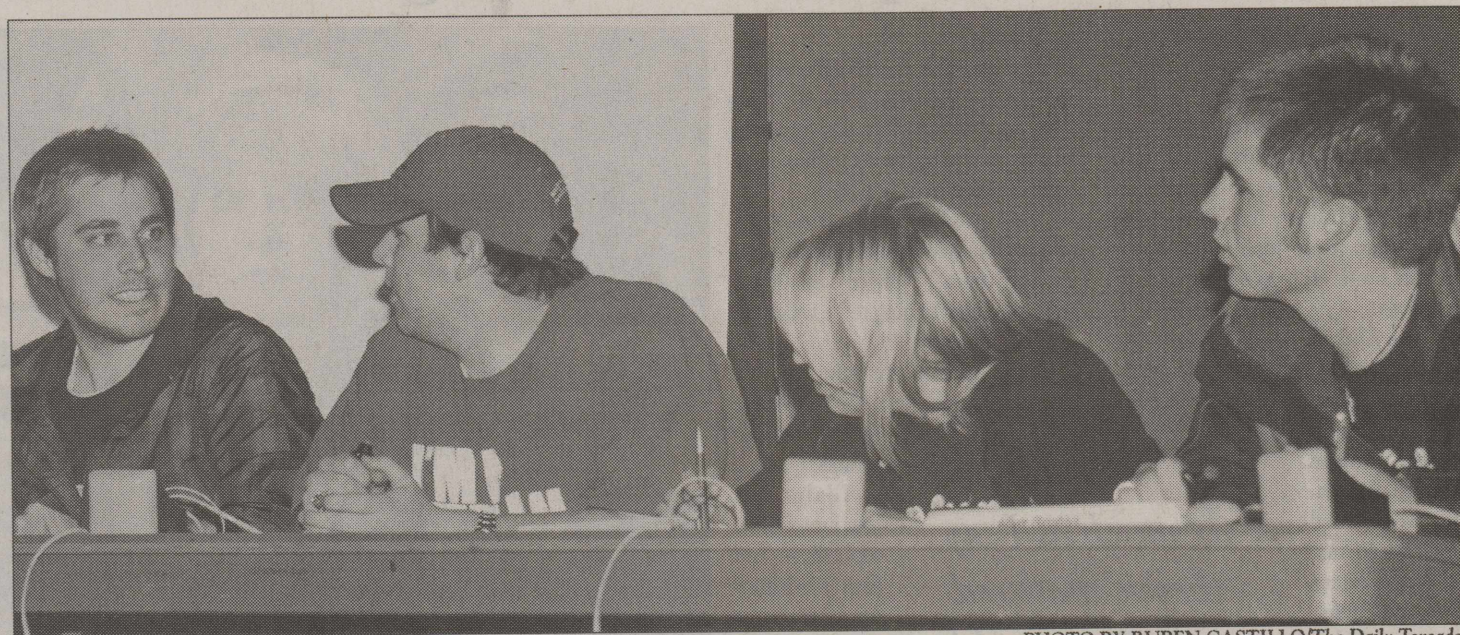


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TRAVIS O'QUINN, A meat science graduate student from League City; Abby Long, a sophomore animal science major from Boerne; and Matt Burton, a sophomore animal science major from Throckmorton, look at teammate Brandon O'Quinn, a sophomore agriculture communications major from League City, for an answer at the College Bowl presented by TAB Thursday at the Student Union Building inside the Escondido Theatre.

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Nine teams competing Thursday evening in the Tech Activities Board's 2008 College Bowl were expected to know about the Spice Girls, Roman gods and everything in between.

The winner of the double-elimination competition received a plaque and trophy combination as well as gift cards to Main Event, said the coordinator of the TAB bowl.

Derek Kelsheimer, a junior marketing and management major from Richmond, said though the competition was not strictly academic, it brought an element most TAB events do not.

"A lot of our events are fun, recreational — interacting with students," he said. "This one is more of an academic based — we're still here to have fun, it just brings more knowledge."

As an additional prize, he said, he hopes TAB will be able to help the winning team make the trip to the regional tournament, if one occurs.

The turnout for this year's competition was much larger than in its previous year, Kelsheimer said, as last year's competition only drew three out of the four teams that signed up for the event. All nine teams that signed up for the Thursday competition attended.

The College Bowl consisted of two seven-minute halves per match. Each team competed for a "toss-up" question worth 10 points. Teams buzzed-in to answer the questions, and an incorrect answer resulted in no points. However, if a team buzzed in the middle of the question, they either could earn the points for a correct answer or lose five points for an incorrect answer.

The team that correctly answered the question earned three exclusive bonus questions, each also worth 10 points.

After the three bonus questions, the moderator went back to a toss-up question to determine which team received the next bonus questions.

The defending champions of the TAB College Bowl, named "That's

Ridiculous," consists of five teammates who each have a different major.

Jonathan Barton, a senior political science and public relations major from Amarillo, said the academic diversity of teammates allows them to cover a broad range of topics.

One change from the previous year of competition is an increase in science questions, which is one of the team's weaknesses, said Barton, the team's captain.

Barton said the team also is utilizing "strategy," which should help them "bring home the 'W.'"

The team also consisted of Andy Kennedy, Jon "The Donald" Hall, Robert Brauer and Tim Kennedy.

Kelsheimer said he was happy no true "blowouts" occurred score-wise and he hopes to see the event continue growing.

Because the event was scheduled for a four-hour time frame and went longer than that allotment, he said the event might be put on separate nights in the future if it continues growing.

"Team Ventures," the first team eliminated from the competition, said they were not as prepared as they would have liked, as two members of their team were not present and one person filled-in halfway through the first match for the missing members.

Tony Penquite, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Holliday, said the team did not have any expectations for the competition and wanted to have fun and see what the bowl was like.

Bryan Mason, a sophomore civil engineering major from Holliday, said he knew the questions would be difficult but hoped the team's knowledge of pop culture would help it get through the competition.

Other questions included literature, domestic and foreign politics, The Pussycat Dolls, several sports including baseball, hockey and badminton, music theory, mathematics and many other regular and not-so-typical topics.

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7 AM	Curious	Today Sched-uled: Enrique Iglesias; Masi Oka, Radio City Rockettes; Carson Daly (HD)	The Early Show	Copeland Buzz	(5:00) Daily Buzz	Good Morning America (HD)	(6:00) Good Day Lubbock
8 AM	Super Why	Clifford	The 700 Club	Believer's J. Hanna	Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
9 AM	Sesame Street			Divorce	Payne		
10 AM	Dragon Word		Pipe Is Right (HD)	The Morning Show	Bernie Cops	The View (HD)	Bonnie Hunt
11 AM	Martha	Jeopardy	Restless (HD)	Alex	Paid Prog.	Victory	Tyra
12 PM	Barney	Trivial	Critina	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
1 PM	Knitting	News	News	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.
2 PM	Fine Art	Days of Our Lives	Beautiful	As the World	Paid Prog.	Farm Court	Paid Prog.
3 PM	Real Moms	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Mauri	Judge Jeanine	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
4 PM	Beth. Lion	Inside					
5 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Extra	J. Fox	No Deal	Ellen DeGeneres
6 PM	WordGirl	News	News	Access	Wayans	No Deal	
7 PM	FETQH	Dr. Phil	Judy	Maury	Standing	Rachael Ray	News
8 PM	Cyber	News	News	News	70s	News	Family
9 PM	Bus. Rpt	News	News	Law Order	70s	ET	Smart 5th Grade
10 PM	NewsHour	Wheel	Millionaire	Friday Night Smackdown!	Everybody Game	Supernanny	Forget Lyrics
11 PM	Wash Wk	Deal or No Deal	Ghost Whisperer	Numb3rs "Power"	Top Model (HD)	Supernanny	Forget Lyrics
12 AM	Bill Moyers Jour- nal	Croce Long Pig	Numb3rs (HD)	Jim (HD)	Sex City	20/20	News
1 PM	Foreign	Lipstick Jungle	King	Will (HD)	Newsline	Sainfield	Raymond
2 PM	Bus. Rpt	The Tonight Show	TMZ	Cosby	The Blitz	Scubs	Frasier
3 PM	Charlie Rose	(11:35) Late Show	Wife	Cosby	Jimmy Kimmel	Scubs	Frasier
4 PM	News	(11:35) Late Show	Paid Prog.	Punk'D	Insider	Paid Prog.	
5 PM	Destinos	Last Call	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	

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7 AM	Mirabella	Today Week- end (HD)	Saturday Early	TMNT	Good Morning (HD)	Dr-Geta	Biker
8 AM	Angelia		Beers	Paid Prog.	Gogonki	Emperor	Sonic X
9 AM	Saddle	Dragonfly	Strawberry	Housecalls	Spider-Man	Replaces	Sonic X
10 AM	Design	Jane	Cake	Home Show	TMNT Sewer	So Raven	Chaotic
11 AM	Heartland	Zula	Horseland	My Lubbock	Dinosaur	So Raven	TMNT FF
12 PM	TX Parks	Penguins	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Chaclo	Hannah Kirby	
1 PM	Texas	Veggie	Coldwell	Paid Prog.	Yu-Gi	Zack	Winx
2 PM	Europe	Turbo	College Foot- ball "Teams TBA" (Live)	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	Athlete
3 PM	Victory	Rabbit		Paid Prog.	Degrassi	Jungle	Animal
4 PM	P. Allen	Paid Prog.	Iris vs. Navy Midshipmen (Live)	"Fatal Affair" (98) Juror gets surprise.	NBA Acc.	Animal	Paid Prog.
5 PM	Yankee	Paid Prog.		"Screamers" (96) Mechanical death. (R)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
6 PM	Home	Adventure Sports (T)		"Woman Wanted" (98) Woman mends rift.	College Foot- ball "Regional Coverage: Teams TBA" (Live)	"The Banger Sisters" Former groupies	
7 PM	Woodshop						
8 PM	Antiques (HD)	PGA Tourna- ment (T)					
9 PM	Luxury						
10 PM	Fast Food						
11 PM	Mexico						
12 AM	Grill	Jeopardy					
1 PM	Kitchen	News					
2 PM	Cook's	News					
3 PM	Christina	Wheel					
4 PM	Week	Knight Ride (HD)					
5 PM	Globe Trekker	Office					
6 PM	Austin City Limits	48 Hours Mys- tery					
7 PM	Independent Lens	News (10:29) Satur- day Night Live					
8 PM	Masterpiece "God on Trial"	Victory					
9 PM	Poker After Dark	Without Trace (HD)					
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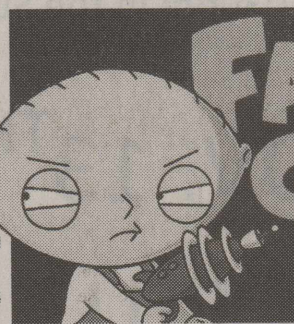
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10 AM	Animalia	Methodist	Cowboys	Access Holly- wood	Paid Prog.	In Touch	FOX News Sun- day
11 AM	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Gladiator	Paid Prog.	Si se pue- de	Southwest
12 PM	Reading	Hour of Power	TMZ	Degrassi	This Week (HD)	FOX NFL Sun- day	
1 PM	Destinos	Southcrest	The NFL To- day	First Baptist	Degrassi	Paid Prog.	
2 PM	InnerVIEWS	Paid Prog.					
3 PM	Business	Paid Prog.					
4 PM	MotorWk	Paid Prog.	NFL Football Houston Tex- ans vs. Inda- napolis Colts (Live)	Paid Prog.	"Straight Into Darkness" (95, Action)	Paid Prog.	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles vs. Cincinnati Bengals (Live) (HD)
5 PM	TX Month	Paid Prog.	Figure Skating "Family Tribute on Ice"	★ ★ "Super- nova" (90) Starship res- cue.	★ ★ "The As- tronaut's Wife" (99, Ac- tion)	Countdown	Postgame
6 PM	Religion	Figure Skating					
7 PM	McGillivray	Design: e2	PGA Tourna- ment (T)	NFL Football San Diego Chargers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers (Live)	Paid Prog.	NASCAR Sprint Cup "Ford 400" from Home- stead Miami (Live) (HD)	Postgame
8 PM	Money	Globe Trekker					
9 PM	Spain Road (HD)						
10 PM	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.					
11 PM	Welk	Football (Live) (HD)	60 Minutes	CSI: Miami (HD)	In Harm's Way (HD)	King	Simpsons
12 AM	Nature (HD)	(7:15) Sunday Night Football Dallas Cow- boys vs. Wash- ington Redskins (Live) (HD)	Amazing Race 13	Cold Case (HD)	Unit (HD)	Two & 1/2	Two & 1/2
1 PM	Masterpiece "Fifth" (HD)						
2 PM	Speak Ameri- can	News	Without Trace (HD)	Paid Prog.	Will (HD)	News	News
3 PM	Aviation	Inside	Westmark	Star Trek	Victory	CSI: Miami (HD)	
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Lady Raiders open season against Idaho

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Not much should be expected from two teams in a rebuilding phase.

But for a Texas Tech women's basketball team hungry to play someone other than itself, Idaho and Washington State are something to look forward to.

The Lady Raiders kick off the 2008-09 regular season against Idaho at 5 p.m. today and Washington State at 2 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena. Idaho finished second to last in the Western Athletic Conference at 4-25 last season. Washington State also was in the cellar in the Pacific-10 Conference at 5-25.

Last year is exactly that: last year, said Tech coach Kristy Curry.

With five seniors on the roster this season, Curry said one thing to watch this weekend will be if the Lady Raiders' new found experience can translate into maturity.

"It's not about the past, it's about the present," she said. "As much as I say they've matured and grown and looked more experienced, this will challenge us to see if they have."

Idaho enters this game with a new coach in Jon Newlee, who Curry said she has an established relationship with.

The two have crossed each other's paths throughout their coaching careers, including last year.

Newlee said being an assistant coach at SMU for a year helped him become familiar with Tech women's basketball. Newlee also was coach at Idaho State last season, suffering an 86-72 loss to the Lady Raiders on Nov.

22, 2007.

As a first-year coach still trying to find chemistry with his players, he said being familiar with Tech does not help much considering the rebuilding stage his program is in right now.

"You can tell them all you want, but we still gotta go on the floor and match up with them," Newlee said. "And physically, that's going to be tough for us to do right now."

If the Vandals are going to start rebuilding this season, they will have to do it with no seniors.

Idaho has four juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen on the roster this year. The Vandals' leading scorer on the team last season, Katie Madison, transferred to Washington State. Instead, one of the team's features will be Yinka Olorunnife,

whose freshman campaign included WAC All-Freshman Team honors and 26 starts. While Madison averaged 14.1 points for the Vandals last season, Olorunnife was behind her at nine points a game. Olorunnife also led the team and all WAC freshmen with 219 rebounds.

Washington State has a similar story.

Even though the Lady Raiders handed Washington State an 89-45 loss on Dec. 1, of last year Curry said the latest version of Cougars should be new and improved.

The Cougars do return Katie Appleton, who led the team with 12 points a game last season. Appleton scored 349 total points last season for the Cougars. The next closest person had 203.

Tech guard Maria Moore said the Lady Raiders already have heard from



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THE LADY RAIDERS will go against Idaho and Washington State this weekend. Both teams finished with less than six wins last season.

Curry on the importance of underestimating no one this weekend, especially a team who should be improved from last year.

"From what our coaches are telling us, (Washington State is) a very different team," she said. "They can run. They like to run the floor like we do. So obviously we need to get back and start playing defense better so we can stop them from making transition baskets."

Tech center Dominic Seals said even though Idaho and Washington State may not present the toughest challenges, even these two teams have to be played tough.

"Your mindframe — get out there and play every game like it's a Big 12 game or play it like a championship," she said. "No matter what the score is or whatever, you just go out there and play."

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Jones says Cowboys will make playoffs, backs coach

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones "absolutely" believes the Dallas Cowboys will make the playoffs, would welcome Adam "Pacman" Jones back to the team if he's reinstated and isn't considering a coaching change.

The Cowboys owner, in an impromptu gathering with reporters during practice Thursday, said he expects his struggling Cowboys to recover. They have gone from Super Bowl favorites to a 5-4 team tied for third place in the NFC East after losing four of their past six games.

"That's not optimism," Jones said. "I just see that we were going to have to be a team that (was) playing well and won a lot of games at the end of the year to be what we

want to be anyway."

Cornerback Adam Jones was suspended indefinitely last month for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell said he would determine the length of the suspension after four games, which would be after Sunday's game in Washington.

Speculation about coach Wade Phillips' job status has intensified in the past month.

The Cowboys were already struggling when quarterback Tony Romo broke a pinkie in a loss at Arizona and missed three games. Dallas lost two of three without him, and the only win was notable for being the worst offensive performance in a victory in franchise history.

McNamee's attorneys seek extension to obtain statement

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for Roger Clemens' former trainer say they need more time to obtain a statement from a federal prosecutor who compelled Brian McNamee to speak with former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

McNamee's attorneys, Richard Emery and Earl Ward, filed a motion Wednesday in U.S. District Court, asking for an extension to Dec. 18 to produce a formal response from Matthew Parrella, who in his role as an assistant U.S. attorney interviewed McNamee.

Mitchell, a Boston Red Sox director, was hired by baseball commissioner Bud Selig to run the investigation into the use of performance-enhancing drugs in baseball.

Mitchell based part of his final

report on statements by McNamee, who later claimed the government told him he would be prosecuted if he didn't speak with Mitchell. Clemens sued McNamee in January, claiming his former trainer's statements were defamatory.

Emery said Thursday that since McNamee did not volunteer information about Clemens, but rather was "coerced" into giving it under threat of prosecution, his statements are lawfully "immune from any defamation."

Emery said that even though Mitchell was a private citizen representing a private entity — the baseball commissioner's office — McNamee's statements are protected because federal prosecutors were the ones who actually obtained them.

Former NASCAR champs hope for best during economic crisis

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — When it comes to good times and bad in NASCAR, Richard Petty has seen it all.

Stock car's King was already part of the sport when American automakers first began spending money on the teams in the 1950s. And he has been there as a driver or team owner each time the manufacturers have pulled out or dived back in during the years since.

Now, with America facing the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and the very real threat that any or all of

the crumbling Big Three automakers could leave again, Petty sees both hard times on the horizon and the eventual survival of NASCAR.

"Back in the 70s, we depended entirely on the technology that the factories had," Petty said.

"The teams now have started hiring their own engineers and doing a bunch of stuff," he added. "So, the technology coming from the factory is nothing like it used to be. ... It would be less crippling if they leave now, except for the economy. If the factories all went home, the general public up in the grandstand probably wouldn't know the difference, if we had sponsorship for the cars."

But the failing economy remains a huge factor, with the sponsorship outlook for midpack teams like Petty Enterprises getting more bleak by the day.

It costs far more to race competitively these days than ever before and, earlier this year, Petty become part of a growing trend of finding well-heeled partners when he sold majority ownership in Petty Enterprises, the team started by his father more than 50 years ago, to Boston Ventures, an investment banking firm.

Even so, the signature No. 43 car fielded by the Petty team, has only partial sponsorship for 2009, and Petty does not deny the team has talked about a possible merger, similar to Wednesday's merger of Dale Earnhardt Inc., and Chip Ganassi Racing.

"We talk to everybody about everything that we've been talking about and we're still standing here independent," Petty said. "But we're not wanting to take on somebody else's bad because we have enough of our own."

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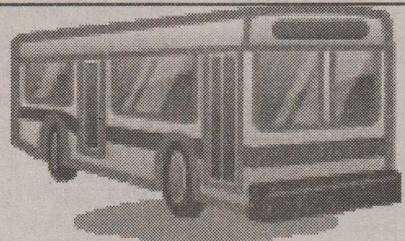
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Heisman Trophy not far away from being in Harrell's hands

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell always has been considered a politically correct quarterback during interviews. Ask him what receiver is playing best, and he'll find a way to put every wideout's name in the answer. He's just that kind of person, giving credit where credit is due.

In the past few weeks, he has put that political skill to the test, jumping to the forefront of the Heisman Trophy chatter after three-straight victories against top-ranked foes catapulted his football team to places few ever imagined.

"There's definitely a lot of deserving people out there," Harrell said. "The Heisman Trophy, I think, like I've said in the past, has become an award that is more about team wins than individual actual numbers and things."

So let's talk numbers.

Harrell leads the nation with 4,077 yards passing, throwing for 36 touchdowns and only five interceptions in the process. In his last three wins over then-No. 19 Kansas, then-No. 1 Texas and then-No. 8 Oklahoma State, the Ennis native has 1,316 passing yards, 13 touchdowns, no interceptions, and a 76.3 completion percentage with a 183.04 passer rating.

Somehow, those are not the most important numbers. After all, that type of production is expected from Mike



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

WITH THE RECENT wins over Texas and Oklahoma State, Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell has catapulted himself into the Heisman race.

Leach's quarterbacks.

However, what has not been expected from his quarterbacks is leading their teams to victory when it matters, and more importantly, winning

against the best teams in the Big 12 Conference. So when Tech running back Baron Batch said after beating Oklahoma State, "The only thing we deserve right now is to be 10-0," he

forgot to say Harrell deserves a shot at the trophy.

With a head-to-head win over Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, anyone with a pulse plopped Harrell at the top of their list. One of those people was Chris Huston, the creator of the five-year-old Web site, www.Heismanpundit.com and a former assistant sports information director at Southern California.

Huston played an integral role in the successful Heisman campaigns of USC's Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart in 2002 and 2004, respectively. The Web site has turned into an authority on the annual race to the Heisman Trophy.

Huston complemented Tech on its politically-themed Heisman campaign for receiver Michael Crabtree and Harrell on passorcatch2008.com, calling it "fantastic, creative and fun," with "nifty" videos of the two candidates delivering tongue-and-cheek jabs.

On a more serious note, Huston said Harrell deserves every second of face time right now.

"Harrell either had to throw for 60 touchdowns and 6,000 yards or he had to lead his team to an undefeated record," Huston said. "At this point, he's done everything that's been asked of him. If he can get Tech into the BCS title game, I think the Heisman Trophy voters are going to reward him accordingly."

On the other hand, there is the

tricky situation of Crabtree catching touchdowns from Harrell. In Crabtree's last three games, he has 27 catches, 286 yards and six touchdowns — including the game-winner against UT.

Huston said Crabtree has become the most dominant player in college football. However, he said he does not see Crabtree joining Harrell in New York, predicting the sophomore will finish fifth in the voting. But he added that Crabtree will be the first receiver to win the Fred Biletnikoff award twice.

It is not Crabtree's fault though. After all, he is just doing his job. But the only receivers to ever win a Heisman Trophy (Tim Brown in 1987, Desmond Howard in 1991) played a role in returning punts and kickoffs.

"Unfortunately, when it comes to the Heisman Trophy voting, there are inherent biases in the vote," Huston said. "Voters tend to give credit to the quarterback more often."

Huston said voters most likely will settle on either Harrell or Crabtree; in this case Harrell, for several reasons.

One of them being Harrell's rise could be seen as "an ode to the legacy of the Texas Tech quarterback," a maligned position throughout the years, with the "system" stamp all over it.

“At this point, he’s done everything that’s been asked of him.”

CHRIS HUSTON
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Another reason is the success of McCoy, OU's Sam Bradford and defending Heisman Trophy winner, Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, who has climbed back into the mix. But for Tebow to win, Huston said he will need to pray for Big 12 quarterbacks to trip up, which they have not done all season.

"Mind you, (McCoy was) two seconds away from clinching the Heisman against Texas Tech, and then Bradford is off to maybe the best start of any quarterback in NCAA history," Huston said. "Those three guys are gonna be tough to beat. Then you're gonna have Tebow, who is kind of finishing strong and has great name recognition. For Crabtree to get to go to New York, I think is a long shot."

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Women's cross country hunting for history at regionals this weekend

By KAYLA PARHAM
STAFF WRITER

All of the cards lay in six very capable hands.

The No. 9 Texas Tech women's cross country team has an unprecedented opportunity to win the Mountain Region Championships for the first time in school history on Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo. after winning the Big 12 Conference Championships and becoming the highest-ranked team in the region.

Tech coach Jon Murray said if the athletes perform to their abilities, nothing should stand in their way.

"I expect them to do well — high expectations," he said. "Plus they are ranked No. 1 in the region so for sure I would like to be in the Top 2. That is the main objective. Go hunt that automatic ticket to nationals."

Sally Kipyego won the Mountain Region meet last season leading the Lady Raiders to a fifth place finish that helped the team qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Lillian Badaru said the team's confidence was boosted after the Big 12 meet, which could lead to a stronger drive to win the Mountain Region Championships.

"Just put the same effort in as we did in Iowa," she said. "Run as a team and hopefully win the regionals as well, like we did at the Big 12."

Present at regionals along with Kipyego, who will try for her third-straight Mountain Region title, will be All-Big 12 athletes Lillian Badaru, Asia Diaz, Michelle Guzman, as well as Gladys Kipsang and Addison LeVlaister.

The Lady Raiders will face No. 21 New Mexico, No. 26 BYU and No. 28 Northern Arizona, along with returning Mountain Region Champions Colorado State, and traditional powerhouse Colorado.



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SALLY KIPYEGO HOPES to lead the Texas Tech women's cross country team to its first regional championship in school history this weekend.

After finishing ninth in the Big 12 Championships with four nationally-ranked teams, the men's team will continue to have tough competition ahead of them against No. 7 Northern Arizona, No. 11 BYU, No. 16 Colorado and No. 30 UTEP.

Murray said the men's team is using the lessons learned through each of this season's meets to prepare for 2009.

"Gain experience and going in there and seeing what regionals is all about" he said. "They're a young group. I expect the majority of this same group to be back next year at this meet. They'll get better, handle this competition and learn lessons."

Tech's top seven athletes will compete at the regional meet led by All-Big 12 athlete Gilbert Limo, along with Logan Culotta, Cory Higgins, Nathan Milles, Zack Dawson, Aaron Greer and Jake Szot.

Cory Higgins said the men spent the week sharpening up for the 10K race.

"We're worrying about ourselves right now and not about other people," he said. "We're just looking to go in and have a meet where we feel good about it."

The meet will begin with the women's 6K race at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by the men's at 10:45 a.m.

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Men's basketball kicks season off against St. Francis-Pennsylvania

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Last season, Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight would hear fans yelling at him to take out point guard John Roberson when the freshman was tired or turning the ball over. All Knight could do was look down the bench, shrug his shoulders and leave Roberson in.

However, this season, Knight will not have that problem.

He said he will go four-deep in the rotation at guard with the addition of freshman Tyree Graham and junior Nick Okorie. The 6-foot, 190-pound Graham is from Village Christian Academy in Durham, N.C., while the 6-foot-1, 191-pound Okorie played under Steve Green at South Plains College for two years. Okorie averaged 17.2 points and 3.4 rebounds per game in his sophomore season, leading the Texans to the NJCAA National Championship.

Knight said Graham and Okorie are versatile, athletic options who can help penetrate off the dribble, something Roberson did on his own for the most part last year.

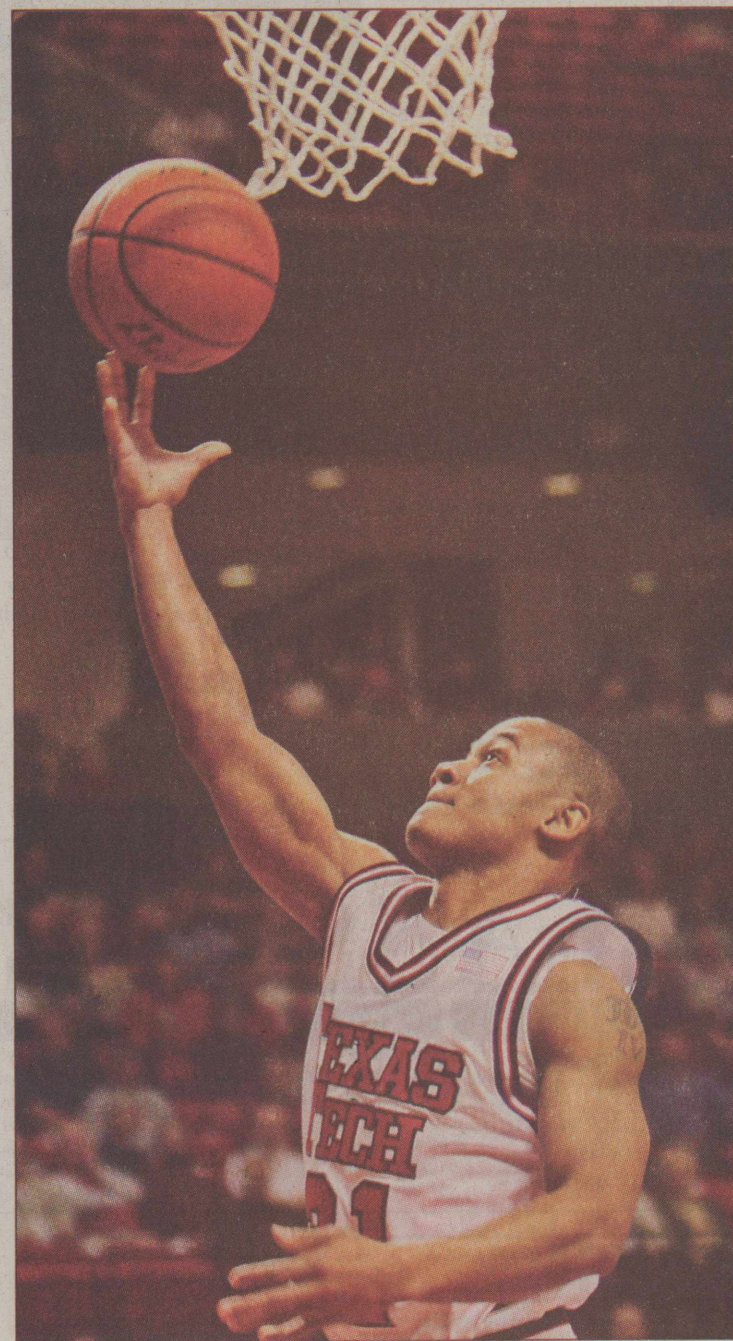
"I have four guards that I really like with Alan (Voskuil), John, Tyree and Nick," Knight said. "I'll play three at a time, two at a time. You may even see us play four at a time if people are zoning us."

Knight will get the chance to showcase the talent at guard when the team plays St. Francis (PA) at 8 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. The St. Francis Red Flash, playing in the Northeast Conference, went 6-23 in 2007 and are relatively small with no player over 6-foot-8.

Tech's probable starters in the frontcourt, forwards Darko Cihadarevic, Mike Singletary and Trevor Cook outweigh the Red Flash's frontcourt by 100 pounds. Despite the size differential, every player on the Red Flash's roster can play on the Red Flash's roster can step outside and nail a jump shot, Knight said.

"They all can shoot it," Knight said. "They're real patient with the ball so from a defensive standpoint, we've got to play defense for all 35 seconds. We can play it for 20 and then we let up; they can get an easy bucket. I like how they cut and move, so size is gonna be a factor. You'll see us playing a little smaller than what we'll have to do in the Big 12 (Conference)."

To compensate for the lack of



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH'S JOHN Roberson enters this season as one of the guards in Pat Knight's new four-guard rotation.

strength and size, first-year coach Don Friday said using as much time on the offensive end plays a part in keeping teams from controlling games on the defensive end.

"We're looking to control the offensive end and we have to be deliberate," he said. "We're gonna try to spread people out and play inside-outside. We're trying to show these guys the difference between what a good shot is and what a great shot is. We have a lot of work to do though."

With the first game of the season getting underway, Voskuil and Singletary both said getting to match up against someone other than their teammates is a relief. The preseason scrimmages against SMU and West Texas A&M did not provide the type

of competition Tech's players have been craving.

"We've beating up on each other for a long while now," Singletary said. "I think we're just ready to go out there and just beat up on somebody else now."

St. Francis senior guards Cale Nelson and Marquis Ford will try to limit the production of Voskuil and Roberson. Nelson and forward Devin Sweetney present the team's biggest offensive threats as they each averaged 10 points a piece last season.

"Their intensity starts lacking a little bit, so it's about time we start playing other people," Knight said of his team getting the season started. "Now they can see if their stuff really works."

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No improvement in Redskins RB Portis' knee

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Clinton Portis' sprained knee showed no improvement Thursday, and the Washington Redskins running back appears unlikely to play in Sunday night's game against the Dallas Cowboys.

The NFL's second-leading rusher left Redskins Park during

practice, wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt and burgundy sweat pants as he stepped into his Maserati.

"I was hoping today that there would be a little more optimism, and there's not," coach Jim Zorn said. "He's still questionable. I would say there's no change today. I was looking for another jump, but there wasn't."

Portis sprained his left knee in the 23-6 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers before last week's bye.

With Portis ailing, Ladell Betts appears set to start Sunday. Betts has missed the last three games with a sprained knee, but he was on the field in steady rain for Thursday's practice.

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