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## Health checks bring Lubbockites to salons

By JETT THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

Ralph Leggett has worked at Paul's Barbershop on East 19th Street for 26 years, but didn't start cutting back on heavy meats and salts in his diet until the last Barbershop Health Check hosted by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center students in May.

A group of Texas Tech medical students hosted another community-wide health checkup Saturday morning in barbershops and beauty salons around Lubbock aimed at helping community members who may not have access to regular health care.

The health check is the second of the year in which the students checked blood pressure and body mass index of people who visited at no cost. The event was hosted in 12 barber shops and beauty salons.

Leggett said the new health check program has been popular with his clients.

"We really need this kind of thing to help people pay more attention to their health," Leggett said.

He also started paying close attention to his blood pressure, and he said he has been eating chicken and fish and drinking fruit juices since changing his diet in May.

Cofounders of the event and

second-year medical students Kweku Hazel and Soheil Daftarian said they hosted the first Barbershop Health Check in May. The community was so receptive to the first event they decided to make it an ongoing effort, they said.

"They were extremely receptive to this event," Hazel said. "They love it."

In spite of the time constraints that come along with being a medical student, those involved in the outreach program consistently set aside the time to make a difference in the community.

"We don't look at this as something that takes up our time. This is why we got into the career,"

Daftarian said. "It makes us look forward to going to study."

Wesley Fletcher, a second-year medical student from McAllen, said the program is about helping the community by giving people information about their health and providing them with information on how they can improve their health.

"It's important that we be aware of the community," she said. "Otherwise you spend all your time at school when you could be out in the community helping people and the practicing skills you learn in lecture."



PHOTO BY JETT THOMPSON/The Daily Toreador  
RACHE FOSDAHL, A second-year medical student from Wichita Falls, checks Ralph Leggett's, a Paul's Barbershop employee, blood pressure.

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### PART ONE OF A FIVE-PART SERIES ABOUT STUDENTS OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

As students who attend a university that enrolls more than 30,000, it is easy to walk from class to class without stopping to appreciate who walks among us. It is easy to forget there are students with stories much different than the average 18- to 20-year-old.

This is the first of the accounts of five students and the unique challenges they face. They are inspiring stories of courage and strength from students who walk beside us every day.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

Derek Downie, a senior chemistry major from El Paso, uses sign language to communicate during an interview.

## DETERMINED

### Student lives life in silence, dreams big

BY CARRIE THORNTON  
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The world Derek Downie has come to know is shrouded by silence. He is incapable of verbal communication. And yet, he remains unfazed.

Deaf since age 7, he refuses to allow his disability to hold him back.

The senior chemistry major plans to enter the pharmaceutical field after graduation and

said he hopes to eventually be accepted into medical school.

"I never see myself as disabled or challenged because of my hearing loss," the El Paso native said by typing on a computer. "I just cannot hear, and that's as simple as it is. It does not stop me from doing whatever things I want to do."

And that is exactly what he does.

With the help of his best friend, Robert Morrison, Downie discovered his passion in hunting.

Morrison said he sent Downie a few hunting videos as well as venison sausage last year. His friend instantly fell in love.

"He absolutely went bonkers," Morrison said with a smile. "He text me all these questions like, 'Where can I get a gun?' and, 'Do I need a license?' I was excited for his enthusiasm but also sad because I did not have a ranch for us to hunt on."

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## Officials make plans for business building



PHOTO COURTESY OF FACILITIES, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTIONS/The Daily Toreador  
THE TEXAS TECH College of Business Administration building will be renovated while the new building is constructed.

By KELSEY HECKEL  
STAFF WRITER

Plans are being made for the Rawls College of Business Administration building, including redistribution of class spaces and renovation of the building, as the university builds a new building for the college.

"It's going to be turned into a general-purpose building," said Allen McInnes, dean of the college. "First though it is going to need some revamping such as new health and safety features, adding water sprinklers, upgraded restrooms and getting rid of the asbestos."

To achieve the goal of 40,000 students by 2020, Tech will need to have more classrooms available and the conversion of the building to a general purpose space will start Tech in the right direction, he said.

The remodeling of the building will cost \$25 million and will take several years, McInnes said. The plan is to work on one floor at a time as to not disrupt classes.

The funding for both the remodeling of the current Business Administration building and for the construction of the new building have already been raised, he said. The money has come from sources such as Tech alumni, revenue bonds, student fees and local businesses such as PlainsCapital Bank.

However, money still is being raised through naming opportunities for the new building, according to the business college Web site, which allows individuals and businesses to have a portion of

the building named after them for making a contribution of at least \$50,000 to the school.

"All the classrooms have been named along with several other rooms," McInnes said. "For example, the main hall and the public meeting rooms have been named after two families in San Marcos. One part that still needs named is the main title for the building. The donor will have to make a \$20 million contribution to have the building named after them."

Traffic flow on campus also will be disrupted due to the location of the new building, said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator for University Student Parking Services.

"There is always going to be change anytime you move students around," she said. "It's only to be expected."

When classes start in the new building in Fall 2011, bus routes will also change to accommodate the new building, she said. She was unsure of what plans for student parking around the building will be though.

Project images on the Facilities Planning and Construction Web site also show a parking lot at the rear of the building.

"This new building will be a state of the art facility that will allow for more student-student and student-teacher interaction," McInnes said. "There will be better courses, higher level teaching programs and smaller classes. We are looking forward to it's opening in the fall of 2011."

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**STATE**

**6 hurt after vehicle hits Texas meat market**

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Port Arthur police say six people were injured after a vehicle slammed into a meat market and they suspect the driver was intoxicated. Port Arthur Sgt. Terry Chance says four people were hurt inside the market and two were injured in the vehicle which ran off a road going around a curve Saturday afternoon. Chance told The Associated Press Sunday that one person inside the store was critically injured and had eventually been life-flighted to a Houston trauma center. He didn't have status reports on any of the injured, among them the driver. None were identified. Beaumont television station KFDM reports the vehicle was a Chevy pickup which rammed into the side of Durham's Meat Market. Chance says police suspect the driver was intoxicated.

**NATION**

**White House source: Gitmo inmates could go to IL**

CHICAGO (AP) — The Obama administration may buy a near-empty prison in rural northwestern Illinois to house detainees from Guantanamo Bay along with federal inmates, a White House official said Saturday. The maximum-security Thomson Correctional Facility, about 150 miles west of Chicago, was one of several evaluated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and emerged as a leading option to house the detainees, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because a decision has not been made. President Barack Obama wants alleged terrorism suspects from the controversial military-run detention center in Cuba to be transferred to U.S. soil so they can be prosecuted for their suspected crimes. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn has been hinting at a possible new use for Thomson, and he issued a statement saying he would hold a news conference Sunday to outline those plans. Quinn's spokeswoman Marlena Jentz did not return a phone message from the AP Saturday.

**WORLD**

**Kosovo holds peaceful 1st vote since independence**

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo's first elections since independence from Serbia ended peacefully Sunday, with some minority Serbs ignoring a call to boycott and casting ballots alongside ethnic Albanians. The elections for city council and mayors in 36 municipalities were seen as a key test of the fledgling state's viability following its contested February 2008 declaration of independence. Though results were not expected for hours after polls closed, party sympathizers were celebrating across Kosovo by honking their car horns, waving party flags and setting off fire crackers. No major instances of unrest or fraud allegations were reported, though the run-up had been marred by tensions between rival ethnic Albanian parties, as well as the possibility of a boycott from the Serb minority. Stones were thrown Wednesday at Prime Minister Hashim Thaci's convoy, and there was an apparent assassination attempt Thursday on an opposition mayoral candidate.

**Correction**

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "2010 football schedule released" should have stated that Texas Tech played SMU in 2008. *The DT* regrets the error.

**Health**

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After a screening, the students gave patients information on what they should do to follow up on their screening. The students gave a list of free walk-in clinics to each patient and information on diet and exercise was also made available. Danielle Ward has been working at the Talk of the Town Beauty Salon on East 23rd Street for 14 years and said she scheduled her Saturday clients around the time frame of the health clinic so her clients could receive the health checkup. Ward said the tests showed she had low blood pressure Saturday morning — something that could be because she skips breakfast with her busy morning schedule. After consultation with the medical students, however, she said she would take proper measures to raise her blood pressure. Hazel said the next Barbershop Health Check probably would take place in March and will take a stronger focus on diagnosing diabetes in the community in addition to taking blood pressure and body mass index readings. Undergraduate pre-med students can also take part in the event next semester, he said. [jett.thompson@ttu.edu](mailto:jett.thompson@ttu.edu)

**Holden Hall air quality tests negative**

By **ALLYSON SCHELL**  
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The Graduate Admissions Office, located in the basement of Holden Hall, received results from the Environmental Health and Safety Department at Texas Tech that the air quality in the work environment contains no immediate health danger. "We sent a memo on Nov. 6 stating our conclusion," said Matt Roe, of Environmental Health and Safety. "We haven't found anything that would concern anyone working down there. All the tests came back negative." The offices first were inspected Sept. 15, when complaints about the carpets being damp and mildew were addressed, along with reported black material precipitating out of the air

ducts. After nothing was found at that time, a second investigation was conducted in October after further complaints were made regarding employees' health related to the air quality. A list that was compiled with symptoms of employees included asthma and staphylococcus, which can cause a wide variety of infections. Fred Hartmeister, dean of the Graduate School, is working with the Texas Tech Physical Plant to figure out the next course of ac-

tion in terms of remediation. "The chair mats are trapping water, so we are talking about getting rid of those," he said. "The major thing is duct cleaning, and we are trying to get dates together on the weekends to do that so it is minimally intrusive for everyone working within the office." Hartmeister said with commencement coming up in December, he is hoping the day-to-day work being done in the office will not

be affected by the cleaning. "The bottom line is making the environment as safe as possible," he said. "We want to prevent medical problems, and we wish to do this all reasonably quickly." Floor replacement also was recommended by the inspection, Hartmeister said. The carpet will be looked at to see what lies underneath, and if the ground is smooth, considerations for tile will be made. Tightening the area around the windows also will be looked at to ensure there is no more water intrusion. "I've asked the staff to bring to my attention any ideas, questions and concerns so we can be as responsive as possible to this issue," he said. Other employees in the office declined to comment on the issue. [allyson.schell@ttu.edu](mailto:allyson.schell@ttu.edu)

*"We want to prevent medical problems and we wish to do this all reasonably quick."*

**FRED HARTMEISTER**  
DEAN  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

**US, Russia say sanctions a possibility for Iran**

SINGAPORE (AP) — President Barack Obama said Sunday that "time is running out" for Iran to sign on to a deal to ship its enriched uranium out of the country for further processing, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said he still hopes to persuade Iran to send its enriched uranium to his country. If that plan fails, however, Medvedev said other options remain on the table. While he did not cite those options, the Russian leader has said further sanctions against Iran were possible if it did not open its nuclear program to inspections to prove it was not trying to build a bomb. Obama and Medvedev, meeting on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Cooperation Council, said Iran was one of the topics they discussed. "Unfortunately, so far at least, Iran appears to have been unable to say yes to what everyone acknowledges is a creative and constructive approach," Obama said. "We are now running out of time with respect to that approach." Russia and the U.S. are among six nations leading an effort to ensure Iran does not use what it maintains is a civilian nuclear pro-

gram to develop an atomic bomb. But Moscow also has close ties with Iran and is helping build its first nuclear power plant, forcing Russia into a delicate balancing act. Fears about the nature of Iran's nuclear program were heightened in September with the disclosure of a uranium enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom. U.N. inspectors visited the site last month, as the United States continued quiet preparations for the possibility of stiffening U.N. sanctions or those the United States has applied on its own. Iran agreed to the inspections during a landmark meeting with the U.S. and other world powers at the beginning of October in Geneva, where the idea of Tehran shipping uranium to Russia for further enrichment was first raised.

Under the plan, Iran would send 2,420 pounds of low-enriched uranium to Russia in one batch by the end of the year in order to receive the nuclear fuel it needs for a research reactor that makes medical isotopes. "The United States supports such peaceful or beneficial uses of nuclear technology in Iran but has long suspected that part of the Iranian nuclear development program is aimed at covert production of a weapon. The isotopes arrangement is a way to buy time and build confidence on both sides. By Western estimates, the plan would take put amounts of the low-enriched uranium Iran has stockpiled out of reach for conversion into the highly enriched fuel needed for nuclear weapons. The arrangement is not a guar-

antee that Iran could not develop a bomb if it chose to, but is thought to delay the likelihood of that breakthrough. The deal would be the most tangible payoff for Obama's program of careful outreach to Iran this year, a diplomatic overture dimmer by political violence and alleged vote-rigging in Iran's elections last June. Iran's diffuse political power structure has been in disarray since the election and the unprecedented street protests that followed. Squeezed by dissent inside the country and by international pressure over the nuclear program from outside, Iran has given conflicting signals. Iranian politicians have rejected the proposed deal but the government says it is still considering it. "The recent actions of this country (U.S.), presenting unimportant and irrational proposals in the nuclear issue which they have called just and fair, all indicate that the alleged change was nothing but a deceitful symbol aimed at deceiving naive politicians," Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani said Sunday in Iran. Obama said he and Medvedev agree that the U.S. and Russia will continue to urge Iran "to take the path that leads them to meeting its international obligations."

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**BARACK OBAMA**  
U.S. PRESIDENT

**Dozens of Gitmo detainees finally get day in court**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In courtrooms barred to the public, dozens of terror suspects are pleading for their freedom from the Guantanamo Bay prison, sometimes even testifying on their own behalf by video from the U.S. naval base in Cuba. Complying with a Supreme Court ruling last year, 15 federal judges in the U.S. courthouse here are giving detainees their day in court after years behind bars half a world away from their homelands. The judges have found the government's evidence against 30 detainees wanting and ordered their release. That number could rise significantly because the judges are on track to hear challenges from dozens more prisoners. Scooped up along with hard-core terrorist suspects in Afghanistan, Pakistan and elsewhere, these 30 detainees stand in stark contrast to the 10 prisoners whom the Obama administration targeted for prosecution Friday for plotting the Sept. 11 and other terrorist attacks. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the professed mastermind of 9/11, and four of his alleged henchmen are headed for a federal civilian trial in New York; five others, including a top suspect in the bombing of the USS Cole, will be tried by a military commission. More detainees are expected to soon be added to the prosecution list. But there will still be plenty of cases left among the 215 detainees now at Guantanamo to keep the judges here busy as they work to clear a legal morass the Bush administration created after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Bush administration Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld once promised Guantanamo held "the worst of the

worst." The judges here have rejected pleas for release from eight detainees, but they have concluded the government doesn't even have enough evidence to keep 30 other detainees behind bars. "There is absolutely no reason for this court to presume that the facts contained in the government's exhibits are accurate," District Judge Gladys Kessler wrote in ordering the release of Alla Ali Bin Ali Ahmed. He was repatriated to Yemen after a seven-year stay at Guantanamo, where he was brought as a teenager. "Much of the factual material contained in those exhibits is hotly contested for a host of different reasons ranging from the fact that it contains second- and third-hand hearsay to allegations that it was obtained by torture to the fact that no statement purports to be a verbatim account of what was said," Kessler said. She ruled the government failed to prove the detainee was part of or substantially supported Taliban or al-Qaida forces. The evidentiary record "is surprisingly bare," U.S. District Judge Colleen

Kollar-Kotelly wrote in ordering the release of Fouad Mahmoud Al Rabiah, a 50-year-old father of four from Kuwait who had been an aviation engineer for Kuwaiti Airways for 20 years. He has been imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay since 2002. Rabiah is one of dozens of men who won their cases in court or who have been cleared for transfer by the Obama administration who are still among the 215 detainees at Guantanamo. Finding countries willing to take the detainees has proved difficult. Since Obama took office, only 25 detainees have actually left. In the case of a detainee from Syria, Abdulrahim Abdul Razak Al Gincio, who uses the surname Janko, U.S. District Judge Richard Leon pointed to evidence that the man had been tortured repeatedly by al-Qaida for three months into falsely confessing that he was a U.S. spy, then jailed for 18 months by the Taliban in Kandahar before he fell into the hands of U.S. forces.

Yonhap news agency reported that South Korea detected signs that North Korea activated its radar systems for anti-ship missiles at a western coastal site for about one hour starting at around 1 p.m. Yonhap, citing an unidentified military source, said South Korea ordered navy ships patrolling near the western sea border to move to safer areas. The Defense Ministry said it could not confirm the report.

**NKorea briefly activates radar**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea briefly activated radar for its surface-to-ship missiles Sunday, forcing South Korean naval vessels to move away from a disputed western sea border where the two countries' navies clashed last week, news reports said. North Korea had warned it would take unspecified military action to defend itself following Tuesday's skirmish with South Korea. A senior South Korean military officer said the fighting left one North Korean crew member dead and three others wounded, while the South suffered no casualties. Yonhap news agency reported that South Korea detected signs that North Korea activated its radar systems for anti-ship missiles at a western coastal site for about one hour starting at around 1 p.m. Yonhap, citing an unidentified military source, said South Korea ordered navy ships patrolling near the western sea border to move to safer areas. The Defense Ministry said it could not confirm the report.

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## Cancer activist travels 1,300 miles by foot to support aunt

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI  
STAFF WRITER

Finally finishing his 1,300-mile hike across the United States, Dustin Hucks was reunited Sunday with his family at the Southwest Cancer Center.

Family gathered to welcome Hucks home from his three-month journey across the country in which he raised money and support for the American Cancer Society.

The Lubbock native began his journey in Los Angeles and traveled by foot through multiple cities to make his way home where his aunt Debbie Yoakum lives. He moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of becoming a screenwriter, and one day, Hucks decided to run home, raising money to support the American Cancer Society's research for finding a cure for cancer. He said his motivation for this run was to support his aunt, who suffers from lymphoma, a terminal cancerous disease.

"He's trying to make a statement saying that we all need to fight cancer," said Donald Curry, ACS chairman of the board. "Every dollar is important in the fight against cancer. We are making great strides; even here on the Tech campus where we have researchers from the United Cancer Center, who are studying cancer and treating patients, they are making great strides in what they're doing."

So far Hucks has raised about \$1,200, only a small portion of his \$1 million goal. Hucks said he will continue to raise money for ACS, even though this run is finished.

His Web site, [www.followtherun.org](http://www.followtherun.org), will continue to have a button linking to the ACS Web site where people can donate money towards helping fight cancer. Hucks plans to keep the Web site up and running as he prepares for future runs. Hucks said this site allows him to share his stories, ask for support and tell people how they can help the fight against cancer.

"I need about a year to get a crew and sponsors together," Hucks said.

About half way through his run, Hucks lost his run crew in



PHOTO BY ALEXANDRA PEDRINI/The Daily Toreador  
DUSTIN HUCKS GREETs his aunt Debbie Yoakum after finishing his three month run across United States to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society.

Flagstaff, Ariz. He said they left the run because it was a little bit too much for them to handle and they needed to go home and get back to their lives. He said he wasn't upset and he understood since this run took longer than any of them had expected.

"It was just little too much for them," Hucks said. "The idea is very romantic, running from LA to Lubbock, but just wasn't perfect for them."

He said he began running the day after his birthday, Aug. 15, staying at fire stations and American Cancer Societies since he left.

Running half way around the country proved a difficult task, Hucks said, he suffered from the flu twice and dehydration repeatedly throughout his journey. Having to sometimes even camp out on the

side of the roads, his GPS attached to his back pack has helped save his life. His GPS allowed followers and his family to track his progress on the Web site, while also getting him help when he needed it. At one point, he passed out on the side of the road and the GPS allowed for EMS workers to find him and help Hucks get on his way, he said.

"His GPS was really a life-saver for him," said Kathryn Hucks, Dustin Hucks's grandmother. "It got him help when he got sick. I worried a lot and now that he is home, I am relieved."

Hucks plans to continue running and raising money for ACS. He said he plans to run marathons as training for his next big hike across the United States. He said he wants to run the Pacific Crest Trail, which runs the western coast from Mexico to Canada. Immediately after greeting his family, he said he will do another run, but this time with more planning.

"I had lots of support from ACS," Hucks said. "I'd do it again in a second. I've been doing this for three months of my life and now that it's over, it's both sad and nice."

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## Determined

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During Fall Break 2009, the two drove eight hours to a ranch near Carrizo Springs. After pitching a tent, the two companions laid under the twinkling sky in anticipation of the day to come.

Morning came and Downie, Morrison and the landowner, Tom Luffel, were perched in a blind.

"While we were up there, Tom told me about a 14-point buck that had gotten old and was weighing down the herd. He asked if Derek would want it," Morrison said. "Most hunters never get the chance to see one of those in the wild let alone shoot it. So, I was like, 'Yeah, definitely.'"

Uncertainty was etched across Downie's face as his friends attempted to explain what to aim for and what to avoid. Yet after a few hours, the majestic buck never offered a shot.

"We went back and did some practice drills," Morrison said. "I would give him a thumbs-up, and he would have 15 seconds to get lined-up, load and take a shot, then another. They were efficiency drills, and he was hitting dead on. We were all excited and confident."

The trio "took a quick siesta," and then was off for a second try. But back in the blind, conditions had changed. The wind had switched directions, now blowing from behind the hunters, fanning their scent out to the animals which immediately became skittish.

"It was frustrating, but I looked over to the left and saw these points, and sure enough that was the deer," he said. "So we played little musical-chairs so Derek would be lined-up on this deer."

"After 30 minutes or so, it finally offered Derek a shot. He took it, and the buck disappeared. Derek then turned around and was smiling ear to ear, he felt like he made a good shot."

The three waited in the blind to allow time for the buck to fall.

"Surprisingly, it was one of the most calm 40 minute waits I've ever had in a deer blind," Morrison said. "We were all very relieved and excited."

And sure enough, after following the deer's trail, Downie had successfully shot down the massive buck. He did not allow his lack of hearing to inhibit him.

Morrison's friendship with Downie has shown him that what people may view as a restraining disability is nothing more than a minor inconvenience.

"He is incredibly inspirational, especially his goals of attending medical school," Morrison said. "When I first heard about his goal, I thought, 'How is that possible?'"

And then I had to stop myself and think, 'Who am I to say he can't?'"

"I'm sure everybody he met thought there was no way this kid can make a contribution in anyway: He can't communicate in the way society says he has to communicate. But he is an incredible inspiration to me in setting my own personal goals and living out my life without excuse."

According to his mother, Esther Downie, when Derek was born, portions of his face were deformed and he had a cleft palate. These deformities eventually caused multiple ear infections, which led to his loss of hearing.

And even as a child, he was just as optimistic as he is today, Esther Downie said. Through his numerous doctor's visits, he discovered where he wanted his future to take him.

"One day, he was about 6 years old, we were sitting in a doctor's office and he saw a lot of children crying," she said. "He turned around and looked up at me, then signed, 'Mom, when I grow up I want to be a doctor, but I'm not going to make my patients cry. I'm going to help them.'"

Then every year after that day, he would count down the years until he was a step closer to his goal.

"He would say, 'OK mom, only 10 more years, then I graduate college and get to be a doctor,' and the next year, 'Only nine more years, mom,' and so on," Esther Downie said.

A fiery passion was lit in his heart as a young boy, and although his mother watched him struggle at times, she said the flame never went out.

"We just call him a medical child," Esther Downie said with a laugh.

Derek Downie has found a home at Tech, with friends and professors who go to great lengths to be able to communicate with him. He does not let being deaf prevent him from communicating with other people

on campus, and said he can usually rely on lip reading and minimal signing. His last resort is pen and paper, but he rarely has difficulty.

"I never think that I had a communication barrier," Derek Downie said. "To be honest, I have barely experienced any communication barrier in my whole life. I taught myself to be independent and depend on myself to make the communication work effectively between students and myself."

At age 27, Derek Downie has lived his life to its fullest, and shows no sign of letting up.

"I have done many unimaginable things in my life," he said. "That's why I do not believe to see myself as disabled or challenged because of my hearing loss," he said. "How the heck can hearing loss be a part of disability when it has nothing to do with mental or physical functions?"

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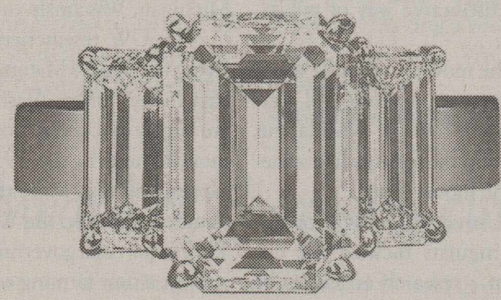
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## Geeky 'tweeters' report on space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Fingers will be flying when space shuttle Atlantis blasts off Monday: About 100 of NASA's geekiest fans will be on hand, pecking away at iPhones, BlackBerrys, laptops and other Twittering gadgets.

They plan to let loose with electronic messages — provided they aren't so swept away by the afternoon liftoff that they fall uncharacteristically silent for a moment or two.

"I'll be uploading stuff as it happens," promised Steve Wake, 38, a computer programmer who flew in from Denver. "On launch day, who knows? I may be too excited about everything else to even think about doing that stuff. When it's over with, I'm sure I will."



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## Fight useless euphemisms, save clarity

Euphemisms are virtue challenged. Excessive use suggests an intelligence deficit. To put it plainly, euphemisms are absolutely terrible and destructive of precision and clarity.

To euphemize is to "substitute a mild, indirect or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh or blunt," according to Dictionary.com. That doesn't sound so bad. Then again, what is considered offensive, harsh or blunt? And who decides?

Sadly, when well-meaning but senseless people decide a term needs to be replaced, the results are often ridiculous (and occasionally a little funny). "Terrorist acts" become "man-caused disasters," "and the winner is" becomes "and the Emmy goes to," and neurotics become "emotionally unstable persons."

**Jacob Moore**



Another example is regrettably becoming the newest Christmas tradition: replacing "Christmas" wherever possible with "holiday" or "winter." Thus schools around the country will have a winter break at the end of December as if the timing is mere coincidence. Whatever else might be said of this practice, it is certainly insulting to the intelligence of non-Christians and Christians alike.

As the late, great comic George Carlin said, "I'm telling you, some of this language makes me want to vomit. Well,

maybe not vomit — (it) makes me want to engage in an involuntary personal protein spill."

A related problem is the euphemism treadmill. This is the phenomena of a plain word beginning as acceptable (the front of the treadmill) and being run to the unacceptable back end as it acquires a supposed coarseness.

A classic example is "idiot." This was once a valid medical term applied to people with an IQ below 30. But, it has become a playground insult. It wasn't long before describing someone as an idiot — even if it was technically accurate — was taboo.

"Blind" and "deaf" have taken rides on the treadmill. These seemingly non-judgmental terms evidently no longer express an inability to see or hear. No, for that we have the more awkward "vision

and "hearing impaired." Isn't anyone without perfect sight vision impaired?

While virtually all euphemisms destroy precision and should be avoided, some are at least well intended. Say an elementary PE teacher refers to a third grader as "husky." This is a relatively harmless effort to convey fitness level without hurting the kid's feelings, and the meaning is still clear.

Other euphemisms are doublespeak, defined by Dictionary.com as "evasive, ambiguous language that is intended to deceive or confuse." Often the goal is to spin, or at least reduce the sting of unpleasant concepts. Genocide becomes "ethnic cleansing." Layoffs become "force reductions."

In fairness, there are a few acceptable euphemisms. If a term is genuinely offensive to reasonable people, and the newer term isn't absurd it might be sensible.

Imagine how many grandmas would faint if clergy were to swap the famous

biblical euphemism "to know" with "putting bellies together" or "making feet for children's shoes" (credit to Carlin for those).

More seriously, "illegitimate child" — which of course was a euphemism itself — has largely been replaced by "non-marital child." Here the new term is actually more precise, doesn't require verbal acrobatics and is fairer to the children who had no control over their parents' activities.

Perhaps the most redeeming aspect of euphemisms is their occasional hilarity. In a famous skit by the British comedy group Monty Python, a man tries to return a recently purchased parrot to a pet store upon the discovery that it is dead and just nailed to the perch. The shop owner obstinately insists it's just resting, leading to this tirade of euphemisms:

"It's passed on. This parrot is no more. It has ceased to be. It's expired and gone to meet its maker. This is a late parrot.

It's a stiff. Bereft of life, it rests in peace. If you hadn't nailed him to the perch he would be pushing up the daisies. Its metabolic processes are of interest only to historians. It's hopped the twig. It's shuffled off this mortal coil. It's run down the curtain and joined the choir invisible. This ... is an ex-parrot."

Reality isn't always pleasant, but terrorists commit terrorism, awards go to winners and neurotics are in fact neurotic. Not saying something doesn't mean it isn't so.

We must all work together to stop this assault on effective communication. If we don't soon we'll all sound like idiots: people with a less than ideal ability to effectively convey concepts with desirable concision within a practical time frame.

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## Relax, enjoy the coming cold

Cold weather has finally started to arrive. In local terms, a "Blue North'er" has come and taken away the warm temperatures.

I think it is natural to view the end of warm temperatures as an annual misfortune to the average Texas Tech student, but I hope this article can bring new perspective on the many ways the cold weather is actually a blessing in disguise.

One of the obvious benefits is it forces the sorority girls to dress in "more weather-appropriate clothing." Those Sherpa boots become practical again, but she must also put away those awkward shorts with adjectives in the back or at least wear leggings along with them. This is a blessing to everyone, especially to those who would normally have to see those girls in warm weather.

The weather brings the change in the leave that makes Lubbock beautiful for at least a week. I have always liked the trees that turn a bright maroon color. The grass will turn golden in conjunction with the trees and the whole environment tends to shift dramatically in color. This makes the walk from the Math building to the University Library and beyond to 19th Street absolutely beautiful, and I have heard the harder freezes in October cause deeper color shifts in autumn.

The cold weather is also an excuse

**Roy Long**



to have hot chocolate every night. To spice up normal hot chocolate, try adding cinnamon, vanilla and chocolate chips to the normal mix. This is a local recipe called "Mexican Hot Chocolate" and tastes a little like a horchata drink mixed with chocolate. You can always have cider too, which is certainly a drink the original settlers of the Plains would have enjoyed.

The cold brings a good excuse for hoodies and Eskimo coats, heavy blankets to sleep in and mittens to wear on cold mornings. With colder weather, the options for outdoor activity are limited, but new opportunities are also brought. I remember one particularly cold and wet October when my brother and I found excuse to build a "Snowman's House of Horrors" from Calvin and Hobbes fame. Although proving shocking to the neighbors, this was an especially good way to vent our creativity into a not-so-destructive medium.

We should face the truth: Cold weather does not make it as much fun

to be outside. However, those brave souls willing to face the weather can be rewarded. One of the best winter activities is to feed bread to the geese that come for winter in Lubbock. Another option is to go see the largest wintering flock of Sandhill Cranes in the nation, which annually gathers in the Wildlife Refuge near Muleshoe, only an hour and a half from Lubbock.

We should capitalize on the nature's call to go indoors. Cuddling up with your sweetheart and a good book is always a pleasant way to spend the evening. Also, one of the local hits this time of year is the Corn Maize on the way to Shallowater. Getting lost with a group of friends in this maze of maize is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Here's the point: It is very easy to find fault and blame circumstance. Some might say, "I would be happy if only I lived somewhere else" or, "I would be happier if it were warm outside." However, this sort of complaining is not productive and refuses to produce more favorable conditions. My suggestion is we all try to find joy in life and not choose to be miserable due to conditions we cannot control.

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## Palin's way of talkin' dissected, you betcha

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — When Sarah Palin burst onto the national political stage there was a lot of talk about her distinctive way of talkin', you betcha.

Heck, she moved to Alaska when she was too young to speak and grew up in the small town of Wasilla, but doggone it, why did she talk like someone from the movie "Fargo"?

Three University of Wisconsin-Madison linguists tackled the conundrum in a research article to be published in the Journal of English Linguistics next month. The answer lies in something that happened in the 1930s.

During the presidential campaign, almost every aspect of Palin's life, including how she talked, was dissected by everyone from curious voters to

political pundits. Many noted that for someone who grew up in Alaska, she talked a lot like she had been raised in Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota.

The UW researchers said people living in Alaska's Matanuska and Susitna valleys, where Wasilla is located, are largely descendants of farmers who moved there in the 1930s from the Upper Midwest. More than 200 farm families moved to the Wasilla area in 1935 as part of a government program to start a new farming community.

"Everybody's ear was basically right, but there's a little complexity there that you don't get until you go through and hack through it systematically," said Joe Salmons, director of UW's Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures. He wrote the paper along with UW linguistics

professors Thomas Purnell and Eric Raimy after they parsed the 7,640 words Palin spoke during the 2008 vice presidential debate.

While Palin has the expected Upper Midwestern speech patterns, she also has what Salmons called "screaming hallmarks of western speech."

For example, Palin pronounces the word "feel" like "fill" and "peel" like "pill." Those inflections were not picked up on by the media or those who lampooned Palin, including Tina Fey on "Saturday Night Live," Salmons said.

"It wasn't part of the stereotype," he said.

They found that she dropped the -ing at the end of words nearly 12 percent of the time, said the words "damn" and "heck" two times each, referred to her grandmother as "gramma" and offered a "shout out" to a third-grade class in Alaska.

That type of informal speech is jarring to listeners attuned to hearing formal political talk and led many to question whether Palin was doing it for effect, Purnell said.

"This is a situation where you really expect someone to be using the most formal grammar," Salmons said.

No matter how natural it may sound, some of what Palin says is probably cultivated to appeal to a certain demographic, said Carl Shepro, a political science professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

David Bowie, an English professor specializing in linguistics at the same university, said Palin didn't use so many informalities before she ran for national office.

"She doesn't sound like that when she's speaking to Alaskans," Bowie said.

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# Jabberwock brings variety to talent show

By JULIE DAVIS  
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Starting at 6:15 p.m. Friday, sound checks and bass beats could be heard from the Matador Room in the Student Union Building, where the members of Delta Sigma Theta hosted the 2009 Jabberwock.

Seats were filled quickly as students and members of the community gathered, dropping off canned goods for the South Plains Food Bank and donations for Delta Academy on their way in. Chinelo Ikpeama, a senior English major from Friendswood and vice president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, delivered an opening introduction before the competition took way.

"The term Jabberwock was taken from Lewis Carroll's poem in 'Through the Looking Glass' wherein the Jabberwock summoned the creatures of the woods to perform their various talents," she said. "Started in 1925, the purpose of Jabberwock now is to raise funds for scholarships and showcase talent from the minority community to Texas Tech."

Lauren Lisath, co-chair of the event and a Delta Sigma Theta member, talked briefly about the event and the message she hoped the audience would take from it.

"This is more of a diversity event," said Lisath, a senior clinical lab sciences major from Dallas. "It's more than just not judging a book by its cover, it's giving everyone an opportunity to allow themselves to share a piece of their story to Texas Tech."



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**EVENT EMCEES** ROYCE Sarpy, a senior Spanish and sociology major from Dallas, and Steven Johnson, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas, call out the winning ticket number for a door prize during Delta Sigma Theta's Jabberwock 2009 in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

Opening for the night was a performance by James Adams, a sophomore international business and Chinese major from Lancaster, who sang a self-written song "Lost Love."

"Jabberwock is all personal," he said. "This is what I want to do with my life. I can showcase my talent and what I do as a musical artist. It gives the same opportunity to everyone here."

Alandria Suggs also sang a self-written song titled "Caught Up."

"It's a great opportunity for people to realize that talent comes in different forms and colors," said Suggs, a junior

sociology and criminology major from Midland. "I stand for all the women that believe in themselves, that have the courage and strength to better their lives. Anything is possible, and no one can do you the way you do it. I feel like music and poetry is self expression through my life experiences."

The first half of the night was filled with musical entertainment from Adams, dance from Praney Sheel Enamela, a poetry reading by Chris Brooks—who won third overall that night—and a step performance by the Double T Steppers—who earned second overall.



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**FIRST PLACE WINNERS**, JOHNATHAN Espinoza and Matthew Payne, a senior English major from Amarillo, sing together during Delta Sigma Theta's Jabberwock 2009 in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

Guest hosts Steven Johnson and Royce Sarpy kept the energy going throughout the night, raffling donated gifts ranging from Baskin-Robbins coupons to Target gift cards and ensuring the audience stayed energetic between performances.

First place winners Matthew Payne, vocals, and Johnathan Espinoza, acoustic guitar, began the second half of the night by performing "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," a folk spiritual originally arranged by Richard W. Adams. Chris Pleimann, donning the signature "Jab-

berwocky" mask, entertained the crowd with a popping routine, followed by Alandria Suggs' vocal talents. Ending for the night was Brittany Martel, a sophomore psychology major from Houston, who danced to Beyonce's song "Ego."

"I consider this experience a blessing because I get to inspire others," Martel said. "I'm showcasing my talent and living the dream I always wanted to. I'm getting to entertain my colleagues and show something that is a talent and love of my life."

Delta Sigma Theta, founded at Tech

in 1970, was the first Black organization to be founded on campus. Ikpeama said Jabberwock, one of Delta Sigma Theta's annual events, encompasses the spirit the sorority hopes to continue to project to the community.

"We wanted to give people from all different backgrounds and cultures a chance to come together in one celebration," said Delta Sigma Theta member Daviin Morris, a junior biochemistry major from Midland. "It turned out really well."

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## Price engages audience at performance series

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The College of Visual and Performing Arts Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presented jazz vocalist Rachael Price on Friday night at the Allen Theatre to an assorted crowd.

The 23-year-old was introduced to the crowd by Carol Edwards, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Price and a trio of performers began the show with Judy Garland's "Get Happy" and also sang some of her favorite jazz standards, which included Duke Ellington's "I've Got it Bad and That Ain't Good" and Nancy Wilson's "Never Will I Marry."

"The Lady is a Tramp" has been my favorite song since I was 5," Price said. "Ella Fitzgerald's was the first record I listened to." Price said engaging with the audience and explaining the story behind her performance of a song is important to her.

"(The crowd) needs a reason to care about the song," she said.

Natalie Kinsey, a sophomore horticulture major from Dallas, said she came to the concert at the request of her History of Jazz professor.

"(Price) definitely has a bright future ahead of her. I loved her selection of songs, and how she

added a fresh twist to the classics," she said. "My favorite song was 'Skylark.' It nearly brought me to tears."

Price's age was appealing to both those familiar with jazz and the newcomers, like Makenzie Tate, a senior finance major from Levelland, who said she decided to come to the concert after seeing it publicized around campus.

"Part of Rachael's appeal is her youthfulness and vitality," she said.

Jo Moore, the administrator for the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series, arranged to have Price perform at Texas Tech. Moore said she thought the singer's focus would be beneficial for college students to witness.

"I think having a professional singer like Rachael Price is fabu-

lous for the students to get to see someone who has focused all their time, energy and talent on her passion," she said. "Rachael's performance was enchanting."

Price said she wanted her audience to know music is her passion.

"I love these songs," the singer stated, "I feel blessed and honored to be taking part in the (jazz) tradition."

Price, who said she has been performing professionally since she was 18, believes music is enriching.

"Music is a very special experience—it's universal," the singer said.

After the show, fans lined up to meet the singer, pose for

pictures and discuss music.

"The crowd was so enthusiastic," Price said. "They made it a lot easier. Having a young crowd is very special to us. We would love to come back."

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RACHAEL PRICE SINGS at her jazz performance Friday at the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building.

## Beloved bingo game is back

BAGHDAD (AP) — It's Saturday night at the Alwiyah Club, and 21-year-old Sarah al-Kimackchy is doing the hip thing — playing bingo.

The streets outside may still not be as safe as they once were, and the occasional deadly bombing still rips through Baghdad, but al-Kimackchy is here with her family and entirely fixated on her game, wondering if tonight will finally be her night. "Since I was a young girl I've played bingo and even till today, I've never won!" she says.

After years of bombings and killings, Baghdad's 85-year-old elite social club is making a comeback — and there's no better evidence than the open bar, the deafening Arabic pop music and the Saturday night bingo games that draw hundreds of fun-seekers, from teenagers to grandparents.

While it is only a small snapshot of Iraq, bingo mania reflects the growing sense of security in Baghdad and the resurgence of a community that wants no part of the religious divisions that almost destroyed the city. They are Sunnis, Shiites, Christians — and nobody seems to care.

Founded when Iraq was ruled by Britain, the Alwiyah's lawns, tennis courts, swimming pool and bar were long the gathering place of the cultural, political and intellectual elite — those who met the membership criteria of a college degree and knowledge of a foreign language.

## Jellyfish swarm northward in changing climate

KOKONOGI, Japan (AP) — A blood-orange blob the size of a small refrigerator emerged from the dark waters, its venomous tentacles trapped in a fishing net. Within minutes, hundreds more were being hauled up, a pulsating mass crowding out the catch of mackerel and sea bass.

The fishermen leaned into the nets, grunting and grumbling as they tossed the translucent jellyfish back into the bay, giants weighing up to 200 kilograms (450 pounds), marine invaders that are putting the men's livelihoods at risk.

The venom of the Nomura, the world's largest jellyfish, a creature up

to 2 meters (6 feet) in diameter, can ruin a whole day's catch by tainting or killing fish stung when ensnared with them in the maze of nets here in northwest Japan's Wakasa Bay.

"Some fishermen have just stopped fishing," said Taiichiro Hamano, 67. "When you pull in the nets and see jellyfish, you get depressed."

## Springsteen confuses Ohio with other state

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Want to get away, Boss?

Bruce Springsteen bellowed "Hello, Ohio!" to his fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills. That's in Michigan.

The 60-year-old rock legend referred to the neighboring state several times Friday night until E Street Band guitarist Steve Van Zandt whispered in his ear.

A visibly embarrassed Springsteen grinned and said such a mistake was "every front man's nightmare."

The Detroit Free Press says Springsteen rocked the forgiving audience for nearly three hours with new and old hits, including a complete performance of his album "Born to Run."

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# Tech blows out Sam Houston State after slow start

By ZANE TURNER  
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At the beginning of the Texas Tech-Sam Houston State season opener, it looked as if the Lady Raiders were headed for a repeat of their 71-65 loss to Lubbock Christian on Nov. 9.

However, Tech (1-0) and coach Kristy Curry made those memories history with a 91-52 victory over Sam Houston State on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

In the first official game of the season, Curry said execution was much improved after the lessons learned from the LCU exhibition loss.

"Something we didn't do on Monday was convert and finish," said Curry, who is 4-0 in season openers at Tech. "We were able to finish tonight in transition. We made better decisions two-on-one and three-on-two. We continue to work on decision making and also getting to the foul line and being able to convert, but we came out

tonight more aggressive on both ends of the floor."

Earlier in the week, Curry said the Lady Bearkats figured to give her team troubles with their athleticism but the Lady Raiders flipped the script.

Tech proved to be the more active and athletic team with 24 fast break points, 33 points off 26 Sam Houston State turnovers and 40 bench points.

The Lady Bearkats had Tech's number early in the contest.

After a Tech timeout with 11:23 left in the first half, with the Lady Raiders down 8-14 — Sam Houston State's largest lead of the game — Tech increased the tempo going on a 23-4 run to put them ahead for good.

Tech spread the wealth to tally its 91 points, as five Lady Raiders scored in double figures. Kierra Mallard's 15 led the way for Tech, and Ashlee Roberson and Jordan

Barncastle each chipped in 14. Jordan Murphree and Tilmila Martin also had 10 points each.

Roberson got off to a strong start in her first game of the season posting a double-double with 14 points on seven of eight shooting from the field, 11 rebounds and two blocks. The senior from San Antonio earned her fourth double-double of her career at Tech after spending a season at South Plains College.

Roberson said the past week in practice was key to the Lady Raiders' success in stifling the up-tempo play of the Lady Bearkats.

"We focused more on communication this past week and getting to what we need to do," Roberson said. "We focused more on switches and how Sam Houston can be out of control sometimes and how to slow that down, crashing the boards and doing our part."

Sam Houston State (0-1) was led by Whitney Smith, who posted all her 14 points in the second half after two quick fouls in the first half

allowed her only three minutes of floor time in the half.

With the Lady Raiders focused on the defensive end, the Lady Bearkats struggled from the field going one of 15 from behind the 3-point arc and shooting 34 percent from the field.

Sam Houston State coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said her team lost its composure but can learn a lot from the game before Southland Conference play begins.

"I've never seen my team throw the ball around like that," she said. "We just totally got out of our game plan, and I'm not sure what we were thinking. We had it going on early, just mentally I think we got out of focus."

The Lady Raiders forced 16 steals with Mallard, Chynna Brown and Monique Smalls each tallying three steals.

Tech looks to take the positive momentum from the win with Tennessee next on the schedule at 6 p.m. Tuesday in San Antonio.

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TEXAS TECH'S ASHLEE Roberson tries to keep possession of the ball during Texas Tech's 91-52 win against Sam Houston on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

# Slow start plagues Tech volleyball in match against OU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

A young starting lineup has helped the Texas Tech volleyball team peak in recent matches as Tech stole a set each from Kansas State and No. 2 Texas on their home courts this past week.

However, this squad had yet to showcase itself in front of a home crowd until Saturday in a loss against Oklahoma. Tech assistant coach Beth Falls attributed the result of the match to the team's mistakes, not it's youth.

"OU has the experience," Falls said. "If you look at all of our

games, you'll see that we didn't have many games where we were ahead at the end to finish the game. Our inexperience in that aspect kind of helped (OU) win that game. We made a few errors and we kept blowing them off and that's what happens. You can't make errors in volleyball."

Tech (2-23, 0-16 in Big 12 Conference play) did just that, amassing 24 errors as Oklahoma (18-8, 11-6) took care of business winning the match 3-0.

Mental errors gave way to a sluggish start for the Red Raiders in the early going.

Oklahoma opened the first set

with eight consecutive points and never looked back. The result was a 25-15 loss for Tech, but middle blocker Alexxa Roberts said that the slow start is something the team has to look past and overcome.

"Honestly, I don't know what happened in that first set," she said. "If we come out with more urgency in the first game, then we won't be so behind. We're always going to feel pressure, that's what playing sports is about. It's like a wave hits us, we need to come out on top, and even if we don't win that first game, then we need to come out in the second one and be ready to go. We need to just not let it affect us and put it in the back of our heads."

Tech rebounded in the following set, going back and forth with the Sooners.

It also was in the second set when Tech held its largest lead of the match at 17-13, only to see Oklahoma win the match. The set

Defensive specialist Aleah Hayes credits the team's inability to sustain

momentum to a lack of stability. "I don't know if pressure had a lot to do with it," Hayes said.

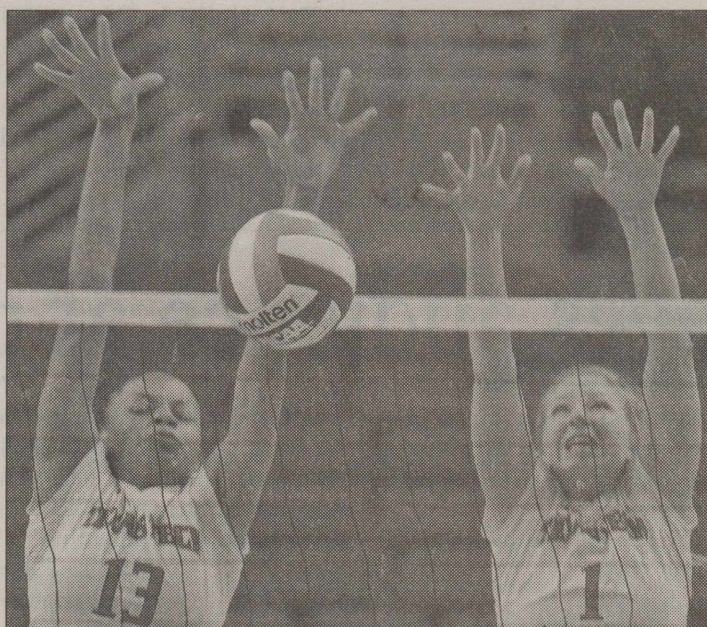


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TEXAS TECH MIDDLE Blocker Barbara Conceicao and offensive hitter Hayley Ball block the ball to score a point Saturday during the third set against the University of Oklahoma at the United Spirit Arena.

"We just didn't come out as strong as we have before. Our starting lineup did have three freshmen and

we're a young squad, but I don't think it was that. We come in and we have fun, work hard, play like we know we can and we feel like we did that but we obviously didn't. We need to find that consistency, and

once we do, we'll be good to go."

Tech will stay in Lubbock to host Missouri Wednesday, giving

the team another opportunity to end what is now a 55-match losing streak to Big 12 opponents.

Being home will give players a break from traveling, but Falls said that the pressure of performing in front of familiar faces is what's holding the team back.

"Everyone wants to do so well at home because our home crowd wants to see us play well," she said. "Other than that I think they put pressure on themselves to do so well and I don't think it matters if they're freshmen or seniors, they want to perform well for the home crowd and that puts pressure on them to do things. I don't think it has anything to do with being young."

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# Week after week, Texas D dominates

AUSTIN (AP) — Another week, another dominant defensive effort.

This is becoming routine for Texas coach Mack Brown's bunch.

Or make that Will Muschamp's bunch.

The second-year coordinator has molded a defense that went from merely trying to hang on in last season's wild and wacky Big 12, into the nation's No. 1 unit this season for the No. 2 Longhorns (10-0, 6-0).

The Longhorns did it again Saturday, holding Baylor to 246 total yards in a 47-14 victory that wasn't even that close. Texas led 47-0 before the Bears (4-6, 1-5) punched in two late touchdowns against the reserves.

To fine-tune the stat line, Baylor managed just 41 yards on 37 plays before Texas started pulling starters off the field early in the second half.

A week earlier, Baylor quarterback Nick Florence had set a school record with 427 yards passing in a win at Missouri. Texas intercepted him three times with Aaron Williams ending the first drive with a pickoff in the end zone and Eddie Jones scoring Texas' final touchdown with a 60-yard return in the fourth quarter.

Texas also held Baylor to 6 total yards rushing. On Baylor's second drive, when the Bears were still in the game, Texas twice stuffed runs for no gain to take over the ball at midfield.

On fourth-and-1, Florence tried a quarterback sneak on a quick snap. Texas knew it was coming thanks to something Muschamp had seen earlier: Baylor's offensive line would bunch together.

The Longhorns stopped the sneak and five plays later, Cody Johnson's touchdown made it 14-0. The rout was on.

"That was big. I wouldn't say they gave up the game after that, but it was big," Texas defensive end Sergio Kindle said.

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James and Pittman lead No. 3 Texas in 89-42 win

AUSTIN (AP) — Damion James had 21 points and 15 rebounds to lead No. 3 Texas to a season-opening 89-42 victory over UC-Irvine on Sunday.

Dexter Pittman added 21 points for the Longhorns (1-0). Pittman and James had flirted with going to the NBA after last season, but returned to play their senior seasons with one of the nation's top freshman classes.

Freshman J'Covan Brown started at point guard for Texas and finished with 13 points but had no assists after several early turnovers. Brown and Jordan Hamilton hit 3-pointers to spark a 21-0 Texas run in the first half.

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# Tech men's basketball 3-0 after winning tourney

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Before the season started, Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight said his team would benefit from three consecutive games to start the 2009-2010 season.

Not only were the Red Raiders able to learn about themselves, but the team also finished the weekend perfect with wins against South Dakota 88-49, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 66-59 and Oregon State 64-60.

"To come away 3-0, that's the best we could hope for," Knight said. "But like the old Meat Loaf song, two-out-of-three ain't bad. I still would have been proud of these guys, but now it goes from a good weekend to a great weekend."

Tech finished its first weekend of the season on a high note winning the 2009 Duel in the Desert Tournament — a round-robin tournament hosted by the Red Raiders — when it defeated Oregon State in the final game.

Prior to the start of the tournament, Knight said playing three games in three days would give the coaching staff an early head start in evaluating the team.

Knight must have learned there is not going to be much of a learning curve for South Plains College transfer David Tairu.

Tairu scored 42 points through his first three games of his Red Raider career and saved his best performance of the weekend for last against Oregon State, scoring 19 points.

For his efforts, Tairu was awarded the Duel in the Desert Tournament Most Valuable Player award.

"It really doesn't mean anything," Tairu said. "It's really a team effort. It's one of those things that you're glad that you have it but there's really more of a team aspect of it."

Tairu might be right.

Forward Mike Singletary finished the weekend with a team-leading 44 points and chipped in 15 points against the Beavers, second to Tairu.

Forward Darko Cohadarevic also impressed throughout the weekend with



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TEXAS TECH GUARD John Roberson is defended by Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Kevin Palmer during the Red Raiders' win against the Islanders on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

28 points and 22 rebounds through the first three games of the season. Guard John Roberson had 31 points through the course of the weekend.

The Red Raiders' claims of physical fitness may have rung true as well.

After controlling the lead for almost the entire game, Tech found itself in a struggle to put the Beavers away.

With less than four minutes remaining in the game, Oregon State took a 47-45 lead. From that point, the lead changed seven times in less than three minutes.

With the game tied at 54, Singletary gave Tech the last lead it would need with 1:45 on the clock and Tairu solidi-

fied that lead 45 seconds later with his third 3-pointer of the game.

Oregon State hit a 3-pointer with 46 seconds left to cut Tech's lead in half, but Cohadarevic scored a on a layup and Singletary hit two free throws before Oregon State's Seth Tarver scored on a buzzer-beating jumper to bring the score to 64-60 and Tech's record to 3-0.

"We knew we had three tough games in a row," Singletary said. "We knew we had to win all three games and we accomplished our task. It's a good start."

Tech faces Northwestern State 7 p.m. Thursday in the United Spirit Arena.

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TEXAS TECH FORWARD D'walyn Roberts blocks the ball during the Red Raiders' 64-60 win against Oregon State on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

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## Inconsistent quarterback play again leads to Tech loss

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STILLWATER, OKLA. — The carousel at quarterback continues for the Red Raiders, who have switched quarterbacks in some capacity 10 times this season after coach Mike Leach used both Taylor Potts and a limping Steven Sheffield in a 24-17 loss at Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Potts, who played early in the first half and late in the game, started but was replaced by Sheffield in the second quarter after throwing an interception and nearly tossing two others. The first four drives featured Potts under center and they resulted in an interception, a missed field goal, a punt and a field goal.

"I thought he was OK, but it wasn't real dynamic and he turned the ball over and we're close to others," Leach said of Potts. "He hit a few of our opponents with a couple too many footballs, so I figured we'd put Sheffield in and see how that went and he kind of sparked things."

Potts went 19-of-35 for 190 yards, a touchdown and one interception while Sheffield went 16-of-23 with 117 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

It was Sheffield's first action since a 31-10 win at Nebraska on Oct. 17, when he injured his left foot and was projected to be out two to three weeks.

On Sheffield's first drive, cornerback

Perrish Cox nabbed his second interception of the night when he snatched away a pass intended for receiver Adam James at the 2-yard line. With Tech's defense playing well, Oklahoma State couldn't get outside the 5-yard line, punting to Tech receiver Austin Zouzalik, who ran it 26 yards down to the 32-yard line.

Sheffield hit receiver Detron Lewis with an 11-yard strike and Baron Batch added a 4-yard run that put the ball on the 21-yard line. A few plays later, Sheffield connected with receiver Alex Torres for a 12-yard touchdown to give Tech a 10-3 lead going into halftime.

The Red Raiders should have made more of the offensive opportunities in the first half considering how long the Cowboys held onto the ball for the rest of the game.

OSU and quarterback Zac Robinson showed what it was like to have stability at quarterback early in the third quarter, piecing together the longest drive of the season — an 8:08 journey that consisted of 19 plays and ended in a field goal. The Cowboys added another drive later, this time a six-minute trek that culminated in a 1-yard touchdown run by Keith Toston.

"Yeah that definitely doesn't help with the whole rhythm thing," Batch said. "It kind of throws you off when the offense is on the sideline for seven, eight minutes at

a time. That's no excuse though, when we go in we're supposed to execute."

With Sheffield calling the shots and limping noticeably, Tech punted on its first two drives of the third quarter before he was intercepted by linebacker Patrick Lavine who returned it 21 yards for a touchdown and 24-10 lead.

Potts came back in the next drive and orchestrated a quick drive that was capped by a 24-yard pass to receiver Ed Britton, and Tech was down 24-17 midway through the fourth quarter.

"I think Potts stepped up pretty good," Lewis said. "The whole time, when Leach pulled him, out I just told him to keep his head up and that's what he did. He came back in the game and led us down on the drive and gave us a chance to win the game."

After a scary hit caused Robinson to fumble and turn the ball over to the Red Raiders, Potts had a little more than 1:30 left on the clock to go 81 yards and force overtime with a touchdown. But Tech couldn't get past the 45-yard line after receiver Tramain Swindall dropped a potential first down catch on fourth down, giving the ball back to OSU, who knelted and ran out the clock.

After the game, Batch said the quarterback situation "is what it is," and Lewis said he didn't notice a difference between Potts and Sheffield.



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts throws under pressure during the Red Raiders' 24-17 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

"I gotta do my job and control what I can control and have faith that those guys are gonna come in and be ready," Batch said. "That's the mentality that everybody has, just try to do their job, and I think everybody could've done a better job of that tonight."

Leach called both quarterbacks "inconsistent," and overall he said the entire team played the same way.

"Just basically had too many flat spots," he said. "I'm just tired of flat spots, and that's not just quarterback play. That's line and receivers and all that other busi-

ness. Any of those guys worried about who's playing quarterback need to do their job. Their job is the most important one. If we wanted anyone playing quarterback other than the quarterback then we'd ask someone to."

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## OSU changes game plan, grinds out win

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Defensive coordinators around the country probably spend hours trying to find ways to hinder Texas Tech's offense.

But Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy saw a far more dangerous weapon for the Red Raiders on the other side of the ball.

"No. 93 I think it is, the 3-technique, young man from Noble, (Okla.), he's a killer now," Gundy said referring to Colby Whitlock. "Those guys that rush the passer for them on the edge, they're pretty good."

It may not be often a game plan is built around the Tech defensive line, but Gundy traded in long touchdown passes for tough yards on the ground for one night. It led to a 24-17 win against the Red Raiders on Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

His game plan against the Red Raiders was to keep the ball on the ground and not create a scoring contest — something that steers away from the recent trend in this series.

In 2008, Tech put up 56 points. The season prior, OSU put up 49 points, while the Red Raiders had 45. In 2006, Tech won 30-24.

But while it was a slow first half, running back Keith Toston finished the game with 76 yards on 22 carries and a touchdown. Kendall Hunter, who is coming off an ankle injury, had 17 carries for 77 yards. Robinson had a season-high 99 yards rushing on 19 carries.

What Gundy took note of this season were players such as Brandon Sharpe, who entered the game second in the nation in sacks with 10.5 a game. Daniel Howard, Richard Jones, Ra'Jon Henley and Whitlock also have helped the Tech defensive line turn heads.

To prevent Robinson from getting sacked and throwing into coverage all night, Gundy used Toston and Hunter to control the game.

In the first half, Gundy's approach of protecting Robinson with the ground attack seemed like it wasn't working. By halftime, the Cowboys had 36 yards rushing, and that was with the leading rusher in the Big 12 Conference in Toston.

Toston said the Tech defensive linemen kept creating problems in the first half for the running backs, especially when they tried to run between the tackles.

Gundy said he hoped his ground attack would set up Robinson to throw the ball downfield more, and the senior did that on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Hubert Anyiam in the first quarter. But two penalties — a personal foul on Howard and a pass interference called on Cody Davis — put OSU in position for that score.

But in the second half, Toston credited Robinson for the turnaround. OSU had 243 total rushing yards, 207 of which came in the second half.

"Zac helped us out a lot, on those 3rd and 5s and 6s," Toston said. "He was able to take the ball down and make a play and that helped us out a lot in the second half."

It seemed like anytime there was a hole,

Robinson decided to take matters into his own hands and run for the first down.

"It makes it real difficult," Tech defensive lineman Richard Jones said of Robinson's decision to leave the pocket. "If we're getting the pass rush up the field and a seam opens and it's there and the linebackers are in zone coverage, there's nothing but space out there and that's what he did. He just took advantage of it."

But taking advantage of the opportunity to run may land Oklahoma State in a tough spot for the rest of the season.

At the 1:38 mark in the fourth quarter, Robinson once again tucked the ball to run for a score and wrap the game up for OSU. But a collision with Tech cornerback Jamar Wall caused a fumble and left both players motionless for a few minutes.

Both players eventually got up and walked off the field under their own power. Saturday, Gundy said team doctors told him Robinson looks like he should be fine, but he believes his quarterback might not be able to practice right away. Tech coach Mike Leach usually is mum on talking about injuries.

But according to OSU cornerback Patrick Lavine, it's Robinson at his best and it's a reason the Cowboys are in good position for a solid finish.

"It's crazy because I always tell him, you need to slide, you need to slide," Lavine said. "Ever since he's been playing, he always takes hard hits and he bounces right back up. He's going to continue to run like that. When he comes back, he's going to continue to run the same. I don't think that's going to change him at all."

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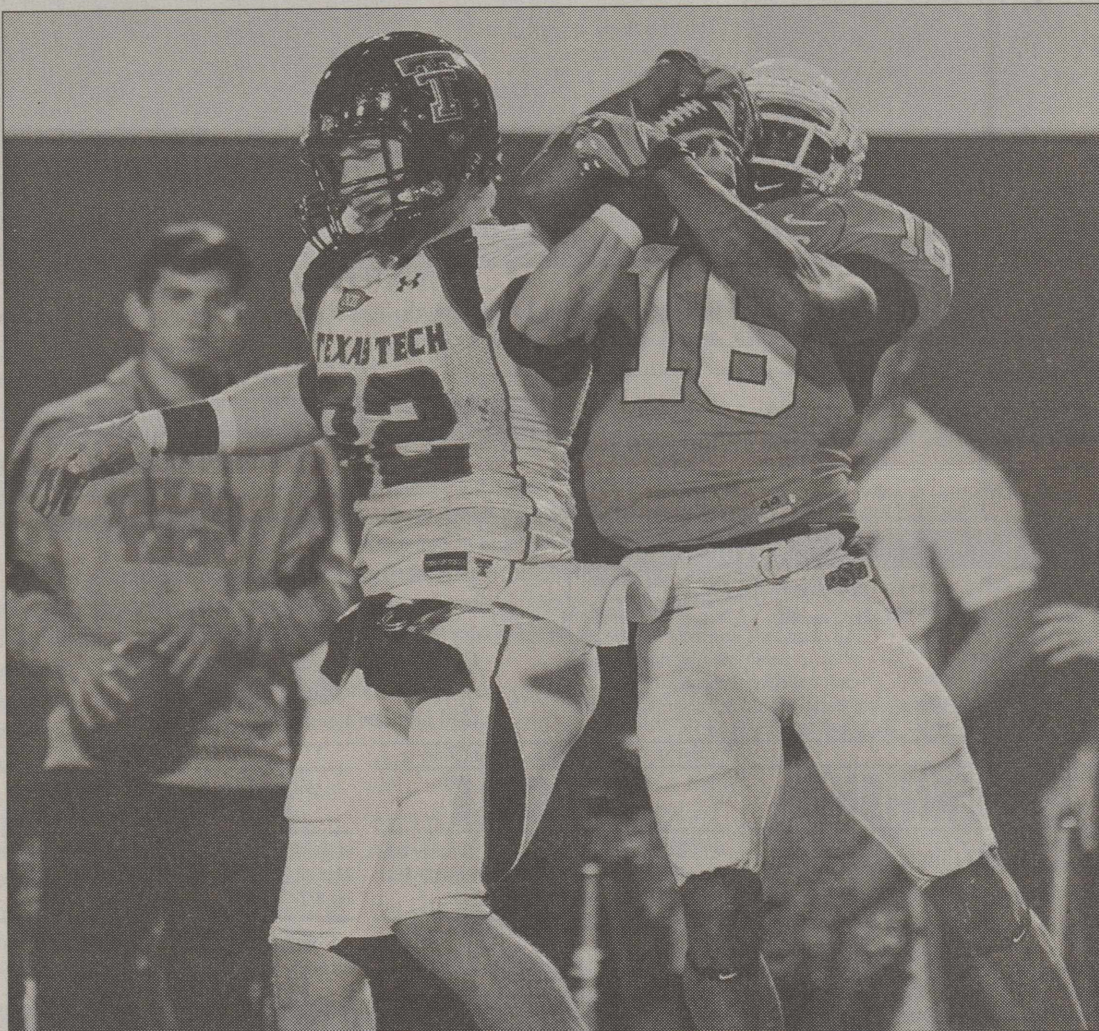


PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador  
A PASS INTENDED for Texas Tech wide receiver Adam James is intercepted by OSU defensive back Perrish Cox during the Red Raider's 24-17 loss to the Cowboys on Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

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