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Police still investigating Vanstory case

Mother mourns loss of son

By IOANNA MAKRIS
STAFF WRITER

Authorities released details about the two vehicles listed on the filed offense report regarding the death of Texas Tech student Mason Vanstory.

"One of the cars was his," Sgt. Jonathan Stewart of the Lubbock Police Department said. "The second vehicle is the one he landed on."

Stewart said the first car was registered

in Vanstory's name and the second car was located at the bottom of the west side of the parking garage where passersby found Vanstory.

The passersby called Lubbock police around 5:23 a.m.

"There were several people there," Stewart said, "but they did not know him."

He said the investigation is ongoing and detectives have been assigned to the case. Stewart said he was unable to release information regarding the owner of the second vehicle, but he was able to confirm that no

search warrants have yet been filed.

Clayton Isom, the representative owner of Raider Park, said in a statement he is aware of the current investigation and is cooperating with the authorities.

"Mr. Vanstory's death is a tragic event," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. The police are currently investigating this matter, and we are fully cooperating with them."

Vanstory was a sophomore from Dallas en-



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rolled in the College of Mass Communications and was an active member of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta.

Taylor Powell, a student at Tech and Vanstory's roommate, said she has not been contacted by police and is not sure if the police have been to the apartment, as she has been out of town.

"I have not heard anything," Powell said. "I have only talked with my close friends and my roommates."

Powell was one of the last to see Vanstory before he allegedly fell from Raider Park parking garage, located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

"He was not unhappy," she said. "There was nothing about him that would have made me or any of my roommates believe he was upset. Looking back now, I can't tell you one thing that makes us believe he was upset."

Powell said she and Vanstory had a very goofy and fun-loving relationship and he was a very kind-hearted individual.

"His friendships with everybody are all different," she said. "We were the goofy ones, especially in our apartment. We took things a little less seriously and made jokes about everything. We never took anything seriously."

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Aldawsari hearing set for Thursday

Judge to hear motion

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

A court hearing for Khalid Ali M Aldawsari, a former Texas Tech student charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction who was arrested in February, is set for 9 a.m. Thursday at the Lubbock Federal Courthouse.

The hearing is for U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings to consider a defense motion challenging the use of certain evidence in the upcoming trial. The defense also plans to challenge the use of classified intelligence by the U.S. government, but Cummings said they must wait until after Nov. 2 to make the motion.

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Program to offer alcohol use advice to 1,000 homes

Neighbor-to-Neighbor to canvass Tech Terrace

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

In order to reduce the number of alcohol-related violations in off-campus areas with high concentrations of students, the Texas Tech Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program, created by Student Health Services and the Alcohol Prevention Coalition, will reach out to residences in the Tech Terrace area starting today at 4 p.m.

Volunteers from Tech campus organizations and Lubbock community organizations will distribute packets containing information on substance abuse, neighbor relations, roommate relationships and student services at Tech.

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

PHILIP GRAVES, A sophomore psychology major from Austin, talks with Josh Krewall, a senior English major from Fort Worth, on Tuesday outside of the library about the causes and solutions to homelessness. The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship was there to promote awareness of Lubbock's homeless population and stimulate a Christian attitude.

Helping the Homeless

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship takes Lubbock's homeless under its wing

By MORGAN CRUMP
STAFF WRITER

To the members of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, homelessness in Lubbock is something worth talking about.

Members of the IVCF were stationed behind Texas Tech's library Tuesday in order to educate students about

homelessness in Lubbock and explain the purpose of their organization. They will also be there today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Josh Lubbers, an international business graduate from Midland and a staff worker for IVCF, said the purpose of the organization is to raise awareness about the homeless problem in Lubbock.

"We would all like to blame the homeless person and

say that they made the poor decisions that put them where they are in life, and, for a large part, that is true," Lubbers said. "However, a lot of the time it is more complex than that. The government in Lubbock doesn't really care about homeless people and that is why we're the biggest city in the nation without a homeless shelter."

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JOSH LUBBERS, AN InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staffer, talks with students Tuesday outside the library about the causes and solutions to homelessness.

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Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Merket Alumni Center

So, what is it?

The Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement will host the Inaugural Women in Leadership Symposium in partnership with the Texas Diversity Council.

Henna Art

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, North Lobby

So, what is it?

Tech Activities Board is hosting an event for students to get Henna tattoos.

Piccadilly Circus

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: City Bank Coliseum

So, what is it?

Enjoy the Piccadilly Circus as it celebrates its 25th year performing.

THURSDAY

Hub City BBQ

Time: 5 p.m.

Where: Broadway Avenue and Avenue O

So, what is it?

Lubbock Chamber of Com-

merce is hosting the 2011 Hub City BBQ, in which professional, corporate and amateur student teams will cook their best barbecue recipes.

2011 Haragan Lecture

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: College of Human Sciences, Room 169

So, what is it?

Enjoy the lecture, "Global Public-Private Partnerships: Collaboration to Traverse Funding Gaps and Maximize Social Impact," led by Carol Mimura, assistant vice chancellor for Intellectual Property and Industry Research Alliances at the University of California Berkeley.

Forever Plaid

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Civic Center Theatre

So, what is it?

Enjoy this musical presented by Lubbock Moonlight Musicals. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Allegations of sex shows, hazing at Texas fraternity

AUSTIN (AP) — A suspended University of Texas fraternity hazed recruits and hired performers for live sex shows, according to a lawsuit filed by the fraternity's national organization that seeks to recover more than \$200,000 in money and property from its former local chapter.

The Texas Kappa Alpha fraternity was suspended for two years by the national organization in June, but has continued to represent itself as being affiliated with the national Kappa Alpha Order, according to the lawsuit filed Sept. 21.

A spokesman for the suspended chapter on Tuesday denied the hazing accusation, but acknowledged the fraternity hosted a female adult entertainer and her partner on at least one occasion.

Hazing in Texas is a misdemeanor punishable by fines and up to two years in jail.

The lawsuit provided no details on the hazing and sex show allegations but Jim Ewbank, an Austin attorney representing the Lexington, Va.-based national fraternity, said the hazing included pushing and shoving pledges and forcing them to do calisthenics on multiple occasions.

Ewbank said the hazing did not cause any serious injuries, but the organization reported its findings to the university to determine if criminal charges should be pursued.

A university spokesman did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

"This lawsuit is about getting property back. The press likes to pick up on the salacious stuff, like hazing and sex acts," Ewbank said.

Assets the national group is trying to recover include dues collected, furnishings and appliances in the fraternity house and other personal property.

LIGHT LAYOUT



PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

JACOB GARZA AND Gregg Alan screw in Christmas lights outside the Chemistry building Tuesday in preparation for Carol of the Lights.

BodyMind Initiative gains ground in local schools

By TERRY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

In close collaboration with the Covenant Health System, the Texas Tech Center for Prevention and Resiliency has formed the BodyMind Initiative to help growing children develop positive self-esteem virtues.

"Our approach is that if children had some specific skills in resilience," said Linn Walker, the program's director, "they would have a sense of mission, purpose, identity and belonging while they felt physically safe and emotionally secure."

The initiative targets adolescent children, Walker said, using various activities within a given period of time of a participating school's week.

"It started off as a 10-week program in middle schools," she said, "and it was extremely well received. All of the schools that would allow us to come in for one hour a week for 10 weeks were very happy with it."

The initiative started on Covenant's end, Walker said, while it searched for a new grant that would bring familiarity to the public on a specific childhood problem: obesity.

"Nationally, a major health concern is obesity," said Clarke Cochrane, vice president for mission integration at Covenant Health System. "About four years ago, Covenant decided to try to work on

that rather than just take care of people in the hospital. So, we decided to focus on kids and try to intervene at an early age and form life-long good habits instead of life-long bad habits."

After the two parties met, Walker said, they began to structure the program.

"The reason why it's a little bit different is that it takes a different approach," she said. "Normally, all the wellness programs that fight childhood obesity have to do with exercising more and eating healthy, which we totally agree with, and that's a very important part of our program. But, we also felt that there was another side to it."

Data on the subject, Walker said, led to a need for a new way to educate children on childhood obesity.

"Statistics showed that (between) schools around the United States that had a nutrition program and a physical activity program—or both—and those schools that had nothing showed no difference in the weights among children," she said.

With a framework to run on, the importance of the children's ages became crucial in reaching the initiative's goals, Walker said.

"(Adolescence) is that age when children start venturing out and making some of their own choices," she said. "We want to help them make good ones."

To raise a child's awareness of the consequences of his or her choices,

BodyMind gradually raises questions for him or her to ponder, Walker said.

"We tell the kids, 'If you don't take care of yourself, who's going to?'" she said. "You have to be the one that takes care of yourself. And if you kind of know who you are, you know where you fit, and if you know what you are capable of, you feel safe, and if you feel secure, then you can come to that understanding on your own. Those are changes that will last a lifetime."

Children in Monique Blanco's class at Talkington School for Young Women Leaders in Lubbock are outstanding examples of the program's success, Walker said.

"With our girls," Blanco said, "the curriculum targets many things like self-esteem, warnings on how to make healthy snacks, a little bit on bullying and how to make positive choices like picking out your friends. The girls really enjoy it because it's very age appropriate and targets what teens are going through."

Blanco is one of the first users of the program and her kids are gaining exceptional knowledge within its lesson plans, Walker said.

"Most of the lessons are very interactive," Blanco said. "They're real-world applicable. They're not something that kids aren't interested in. Then, the BMI group—I guess you would call them the Tech students—comes and they do a lot of activities with the kids."

The creativity does not run short with these Tech volunteers, Blanco said.

"For instance," she said, "they put on a little 'inner beauty pageant' where a girl is crowned. Then, they talk about what inner beauty is."

In addition to the 10-week course, Walker said the program is in the process of developing a semester course at the high school level, both of which, she said, are keys to future success.

"My hope, my dream and my reality," she said, "is that we will be able to get more middle schools on board and that we will get our comprehensive wellness innovative course in high schools across the state."

The success within the confines of Lubbock has given hope to the initiative for branching out to other parts of the state, Walker said.

"We decided to expand the 10-week curriculum to a semester course," she said, "and we submitted it to the Texas Education Agency last year and got approval in March as an innovated course."

Approval at the school district level is the deciding factor for whether or not the initiative flourishes, Walker said.

"Most of the school districts already had their class criteria accepted for this fall," she said, "so what we're doing right now is marketing the program to get it into school districts so it can be used in the fall of 2012."

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Hearing

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Aldawsari's defense team currently consists of Rod Hobson of

Lubbock, Dan Cogdell and Paul Doyle of Houston.

Cummings issued a gag order on Aldawsari's case in March, preventing Aldawsari, the prosecution, the defense, the FBI and other public officials from speaking to the media about the hearing or trial.

According to a sealed affidavit by Lubbock FBI agent Michael Orndorff, Aldawsari was arrested on Feb. 23 for attempting to construct an IED, or improvised explosive device.

The affidavit states that Aldawsari was born on April 24, 1990. Aldawsari has citizenship from Saudi Arabia. However, U.S. immigration records state that he was lawfully admitted into the United States via an F-1 student visa.

Aldawsari entered the United States in September 2008 and

transferred to Texas Tech in August 2009 as a chemical engineering major. He then transferred to South Plains College in Levelland in January 2011 as a business major due to failing grades.

Carolina Biological Supply in Burlington, N.C., first notified FBI agents on Feb. 1 to report a suspicious purchase of phenol by Aldawsari. Phenol is defined as a toxic chemical with a variety of uses, including making the explosive TNP.

According to immigration records, Aldawsari's university classes were funded by a Saudi-based industrial corporation, which paid for his education and living expenses.

When the FBI conducted a search of Aldawsari's apartment on Feb. 14, they found a notebook with Arabic writing in it. The police report states

the journal confirmed Aldawsari had been planning to commit a terrorist attack in the United States for years.

An entry of the notebook was translated as, "I excelled in my studies in high school in order to take advantage of an opportunity for a scholarship to America, offered by the Saudi government and its companies, so I could (apply). (The sponsoring corporation's) financial scholarship is the largest, which will help tremendously in providing me with the support I need for jihad."

Aldawsari's journal also explained that the events of Sept. 11 caused a big change in his thinking, and how he was inspired by the speeches of Osama bin Laden.

"And now, after mastering the English language, learning how to build explosives and continuous planning to target the infidel Americans, it is time for jihad," he wrote.

According to the report, FBI agents used legally authorized electronic surveillance to discover that Aldawsari sent emails to himself regarding research on potential targets, explosives and explosive components.

The electronic surveillance also showed Aldawsari was researching a number of locations to carry out his attack, including dams in California and Colorado and the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, where U.S. military members are stationed.

Aldawsari also considered targeting Dallas nightclubs and even former President George W. Bush's house in Dallas, which he labeled as the "Tyrant's House." Aldawsari's trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 9, 2012.

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Tech officials work to cure childhood cancer

By **TERRY MOORE**
STAFF WRITER

It's a problem most parents fear above all else: childhood cancer.

September is national Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. With the month coming to a close, Texas Tech faculty members gave their thoughts on the fight to cure the pediatric problem.

Childhood cancer affects an average of one to two children for every 10,000 children in the United States every year, according to the National Cancer Institute's website.

"There are 12 major types of childhood cancers," said Lauren Gollahon, an associate professor of biology at Tech. "Leukemias are the most prevalent, and there are other cancers of the brain and of the central nervous system. Those three combined make up about half of the cases. The other types are called 'solid tumors.'"

According to Cancer.org, of all the incidents reported related to pediatric cancer, 34 percent were forms of leukemia and 27 percent were of the brain and central nervous system.

"It remains the leading cause of death by disease in the United States pediatric age group," said Patrick Reynolds, director of the TTUHSC School of Medicine's Cancer Center. "We've made some remarkable strides in this over the past 50 years, but there is still an enormous amount of work to do."

The recent budget crisis on the federal level has left research for cures on childhood cancers crippled, Reynolds said, and has decreased to 5 percent when compared to the overall funding of all forms of cancer.

"There are a remarkable number of new discoveries and new drugs that are relatively non-toxic," he said, "but the development on those, both for children and adults, are virtually stalled because of the economic climate. So, what we really need to do to focus the country on the fact that both our children and our adults are in need of better therapies for cancer."

Although the funds for many research opportunities are dwindling, parents still are encouraged to take their children into local clinics for

regular check-ups. However, that might be easier said than done, according to Misti Welch of the Lubbock American Cancer Society.

"It's not like typical cancers," she said. "It's not something you can screen for. Generally, cancer is the result of a DNA change. Children tend to respond better to treatment than adults because of the type of cancers they have."

The amount of stress and influence the disease can have on a family is important to remember, Welch said.

"I think that it's such a difficult cancer to watch," she said, "for parents, for their children, for their families and for their brothers and sisters that don't understand. I think, emotionally, it's very hard for people to accept because it's a child. You know the child doesn't smoke. The child doesn't chew tobacco. The child doesn't bring it upon themselves."

With the advent of new technologies, Gollahon said, amazing advances have been made.

"While the incidents of leukemias and brain tumors are rising," she said, "the mortality rates are decreasing. I think we are better able to diagnose them, so we see them sooner. And we're also better able to treat them, which means that the patients are living longer."

The reasons for these decreases rest solely on doctors being more informed, Gollahon said.

"For diagnosing," she said, "I think it's the practitioner that is more aware. The test may be more easily accessible. As a parent, I may not be aware of what the symptoms are. They may resemble the flu or they may seem like the child has a chronic illness, but the pediatrician is the frontline person that's going to ask for the test."

Gollahon said that parents should walk into the doctor's office with some important facts on hand to keep their medical practitioners informed. "I think for parents," she said, "they should be aware of their family's histories of cancer. Also, in some cases, the geographic location is important."

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PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Treador
POSTAL SERVICE WORKERS picket in support of the U.S. Postal Service on Tuesday alongside University Avenue and Glenna Goodacre Boulevard.

Homeless

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Lubbers said the homeless community of "tent city" exists because the City of Lubbock passed a law that discouraged people from staying at Mahon Library.

"There are about 5,000 homeless people in Lubbock, but only a few hundred of them actually live on the street," Lubbers said. "Eighty percent of these people are the 'unseen homeless.' These people live in homes, but it's usually like four or five families living together in a two-bedroom house."

These people are usually the ones trying to do something with their lives, Lubbers said, but may be suffering from the consequences of poor decisions made when they were younger.

Jessica Davis, a sophomore animal science major from Plano, said some of the IVCF's members went on a mission trip to the Middle Eastern country of Kuwait and visited the slums. She said because of

this trip, poverty weighs heavily on their hearts as an organization.

"We do outreaches every year and homelessness is an issue that has really been on our minds," Davis said. "We're trying to get a gig going where we will read scripture, specifically on justice and poverty, and hopefully start volunteering with some homeless organizations."

Stereotypes are a reason the IVCF is doing outreach, Davis said, and the many misconceptions about homeless people cannot speak for them as a whole. She said many homeless people are actually children who are not old enough to get jobs and are often trying to escape from harmful situations in foster care or homeless shelters.

Lubbers said the best idea the IVCF has about solving this issue is getting people to change how they view homelessness and how they interact with people in general. He said it is in answering the question of whether people actually care about the homeless or if they are apathetic because homelessness does not apply to them.

"The big question is, 'What is

the solution to homelessness?'" he said. "We have discussed this within the IVCF and have come to the conclusion that people don't love each other well."

"For example, maybe you're a homeless person and you don't believe your life can change, or don't think you're worth anything. Maybe I live in a 20,000-square-foot house and you're homeless, and I don't care or even vote for you when the opportunity arises. It's a heart problem and we just don't love each other well."

Tom Snyder, a senior general studies major from San Angelo and a former member of the IVCF, said he sometimes goes and spends time with homeless people in Lubbock.

"I started going and hanging out with homeless people about two years ago," Snyder said. "What really made me do that is the way Jesus himself spent a lot of his time in ministry talking about homelessness and dealing with those people. It seems like kind of a counterpoint to ignore that, especially when it's such a big problem here in Lubbock."

Snyder said the estimates

of homeless people in Lubbock are very low compared to actual numbers. He said there are hundreds of homeless people, and possibly even a thousand or more in Lubbock alone.

"Last year, it was raining really hard one night, and I invited some of them (homeless people) over to hang out at my apartment," Snyder said. "We just stayed up late, and I played some old songs they knew on the guitar. We sang together and talked about God's plan for their lives and how they should look to dependence on his provision instead of anything else in the world."

Snyder said he did not always have a big heart for homeless people, but when he came to know Jesus, he became fired up for the cause.

"Things like this are good for raising people's awareness so they can possibly contribute to the lives of homeless people," he said. "I've seen homeless people come out of homelessness, find places to live and obtain jobs. It doesn't happen often but it is a really cool thing to see when it does."

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The group will concentrate on the block west of University Avenue, east of Indiana Avenue, south of 20th Street and north of 34th Street. Student Health Services worked with Lubbock's Code Administration staff to determine the area's high concentration of alcohol and noise violations.

"This program started in 2004, and it's an annual event where we provide information about substance abuse," said Delia Tibbs, a Tech health educator with Student Health Services. "It's a great opportunity for our community to see how much we really care about our students and to help them realize that we are providing resources for them."

Over 50 volunteers will go door-to-door to more than 1,000 homes in groups of 12, including Rachel Gardner, president of Impact Tech.

"I've participated for a couple of years, and I think that it is effective because you get positive responses from those who answer their doors," the senior biochemistry major from Fort Worth said. "We encourage students to talk to their neighbors before throwing a party and to communicate with each other. We also make sure that families are more willing to talk to the students before calling the cops for noise

complaints.

"As Tech students, we're a valuable part of the Lubbock community, and I think it's important to make sure that we know how to be respectful so we can leave a positive impression."

Gardner encourages students to participate because it is beneficial. "This gets you involved in the Tech community and the area as well," she said. "A lot of times, you will meet professors that taught at Tech and you create networks or you run into old friends. There are also police officers involved and you can talk to them and they will answer any questions you have. You get a lot of personal perspectives at this event from all walks of life."

Tibbs said she hopes more will volunteer next year in order to reach more homes.

"We don't want it to be just one group volunteering," she said. "We want a lot of people collaborating to work with other people."

Other volunteering opportunities will also exist throughout this semester, she said.

"These events include Alcohol Awareness Week in October, TechWell and the Great American Smokeout in November. We'd love to have more volunteers."

Tibbs said anyone interested in volunteering at the event can contact her at 806-743-2844.

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Vanstory

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With so many questions and very few answers, Powell said she is trying to heal and find out why her friend and roommate is dead.

Powell is not the only one asking questions and wondering what occurred that night.

Vanstory's mother, Brenda Hageman, is hoping the rumors will be laid to rest until the police are able to come up with a conclusive answer.

"Rumors are rumors. I think people should just wait until we get a conclusion and not

spread rumors," she said, "and to remember Mason as a very loving, kind and caring person. He loved Texas Tech and all the people there. He enjoyed his time there."

Hageman said she was in Lubbock for Tech's Family Weekend and last saw her son around 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

"He was so happy and talking about how fun it is and how exciting it was to be at the game," she said.

Hageman was returning to Dallas on Sunday when she received a phone call from Chancellor Kent Hance around 12:30 p.m. notifying her of the death of her son.

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Parking problem for students

Last Friday, I helped my student organization, the Tech Young Progressives, conduct a poll at the Free-Speech Zone outside the Student Union Building. We asked students one simple question: "What aspect about Texas Tech do you think could use the most improvement?"

Though there were a few trivial — and somewhat amusing — answers, such as "the showerheads in dorms," "The Tornado of Ideas" and even "fraternities," the answer given by the overwhelming majority of students was "parking."

Parking on campus never has really been a big problem for me since I park at St. John's United Methodist Church across from University Avenue, and I usually stay on campus well past the permit-holder-only restriction's end. However, the same cannot be said for the rest of the roughly 30,000 students at Tech.

One of the biggest problems

Jakob Reynolds



students had with parking at Tech is there just isn't enough space. With many lots reserved for faculty, staff and visitors, finding a place to park for residents and commuters is a challenge.

Game-day parking is also a major hassle, with many lots being completely blocked off to students. With Tech's population expected to grow significantly over the next couple of years, this problem isn't going away soon.

Another issue commonly mentioned was the inconvenient location of available parking lots. Many students feel the commuter and satellite parking lots are too far away from classes,

the library and other places they frequent.

This is not helped by the interval of bus stops being recently reduced to only once an hour. Considering Tech has one of the largest campuses in the United States, students who miss the bus from commuter or satellite parking lots are certain to be late or miss classes entirely, inconveniencing them as well as their professors. Student safety while walking home or to their vehicles late at night was also a concern expressed by several commuters.

Quite a few students said they didn't think we should have to pay for parking permits. To be honest, I agree. After paying tens of thousands of dollars for tuition, books and housing, paying another \$230 for parking if you're a resident or \$142 for commuters is ridiculous.

Plus, parking on campus becomes even more expensive with fines. The Parking Services

website has an impressive list of infractions and their respective fines, which range anywhere from \$10 for parking a bicycle in a non-designated area to \$200 for displaying a forged permit.

TTU Parking Services said they raise approximately \$4 million in revenue annually, over a quarter of which comes from citations. Many students and I expressed an interest in finding out where this money is going. Try as I might, however, I was unable to find this information anywhere on their website.

If you ask students, parking on campus is an issue that certainly needs to be dealt with soon. With Tech's growing population and shrinking bus availability, I only see this becoming a larger problem in the coming years.

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Money shouldn't define self-worth

By **STACEY BRISTOL**
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

One thing that I can never understand is the weird taboo that surrounds money in our culture. Why is it that out of all of the personal questions we can be asked, there is only one that makes us falter? Ask any student on campus, "What's your favorite color?" "When was your most embarrassing moment?" "Who was your first kiss?" Most will answer each without batting an eye.

But one other question, "How much money do you earn?" will get a whole different response.

I do have a few theories about this money shyness.

First, I think people make it personal. They connect money to their own self-worth. Part of this, to me, has to do with the American Dream. If

the whole story.

Money can come from so many different places. For example, think about that girl who has a whole new outfit on every time you pass her going to class. Maybe she has that money. Maybe her parents gave it to her or she has an amazing part-time job. But there could also be the scarier alternative: maybe she also has three credit cards with maxed out credit limits.

Either way, the money that she has is a combination of hard work, chance and choices.

Then our own personalities further factor into our financial situation. According to Olivia Mellan, professional business consultant and author of "Money Harmony," there are at least five different money personalities. These include hoarders, amassers, spenders, savers, and the money monks. These people spend, save or invest their mon-

ey in varying amounts. And saving and investing are two aspects of a person's financial situation that we will never see and probably never hear about.

Again, money comes from so many different places. Plus, what we have is a combination of what we've saved and what we've earned. With all of these different

Nothing about money is permanent. Your financial situation can change as quickly as getting a new job or starting a bad shopping habit.

On the other hand, say a person has a lot of money and still won't talk about it. Often this is because they either don't want to feel like they are bragging or he or she doesn't want to make the other person feel bad about their own situation.

Logically, the only solution is to stop making money personal. It has less to do with how hard you work than with how you spend or save what you somehow already have. If there is one thing I can say that I have learned by working at the Student Money Management Center, it's that anyone can save their way to having more money. The important thing to remember is that the money you see being spent never tells

factors, we shouldn't be embarrassed to admit that we either can, or can't, afford to go to that fancy restaurant tonight.

I guess what I really wish people would realize is that admitting something about your financial situation doesn't really reveal anything. It's just a fact of life at the moment that will change. Nothing about money is permanent. Your financial situation can change as quickly as getting a new job or starting a bad shopping habit.

So please, the next time someone asks you a random money question, you don't have to answer, but try to remember that if you would, the answer really isn't a big deal. Your self-worth is made up of more than just the numbers.

Myth of marginal income tax bracket

By **LOUIS R. EVANS**
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Nobody ever said economists were perfect. Economics necessarily smoothes away the complicated marginalia of actual economic life, in order to produce models that will work simply and fairly accurately. Generally this does not pose too much of a problem. But when a simplifying assumption of economic models becomes a piece of common wisdom; when it is allowed to dictate policy as though it were true rather than merely convenient to suppose, then it becomes necessary to purge this assumption from our discourse. I'll be taking on one such assumption right now: the claim that higher marginal income tax rates discourage work. Though an article of faith in economic policy, this misguided belief actually stems from inaccurate assumptions made to simplify economic arguments. When compared to the real world, it simply does not hold water.

Before writing about marginal income tax rates, I should clarify what those are, and address a common misconception. The idea behind marginal income taxes is that people who are wealthier ought to pay a large fraction of their wealth in taxes than people who have less. The way that this is accomplished is through a series of tax brackets with different rates.

However, the rates are not

applied to one's entire income, only the money earned in each particular bracket. Imagine that there were only two brackets: ten percent up to \$100,000 and 20 percent above that. Someone making \$100,001 isn't taxed 20 percent on their entire income (or \$20,000.20), they're taxed ten percent on the first \$100,000 and 20 percent only on that ex-

tra dollar (for \$10,000.20) total. If the rates were applied one's entire income, it would be possible to earn more and take home less after taxes, since they are only applied to the marginal dollar—that is, the money earned above the limit, this is never possible. Under an ordinary progressive income tax, it is never possible to earn more and take home less. You just take home a slightly smaller slice of that extra dollar.

Nevertheless, some argue that higher marginal income tax rates discourage productivity. The argument goes something like this. People choose how much they work, weighing time spent working against leisure time. High marginal rates mean that working

more is slightly less valuable than it would otherwise be, making leisure time comparably more attractive, encouraging people to rest rather than work, and discouraging economic activity.

This argument may seem compelling, but it is fundamentally in error. First, it misrepresents how working people make decisions about spending. The idea of

working more hours in order to buy a greater quality of leisure time may make sense to the child who picks up a paper route in order to buy new videogames. But adults, even very wealthy adults, do not think this way. Instead, adults work to maintain a standard of living. That

standard of living may be high, but once one reaches it, it's hard to give up.

First-year associates and senior partners at a law firm both manage to spend their entire paycheck each month on "necessities," despite the differences in income—because the senior partners have assumed ongoing costs (larger mortgages, expensive vehicles, domestic service, etc.) that they are loathe to give up. In short, adults at nearly every

None of these highly paid professionals are slacking off because of the marginal income tax rate. They couldn't if they wanted to.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a friend of Mason Vanstory this article disgusts me. How insensitive it is to all of his friends and family to write something on the front page of our school's newspaper the day after the incident.

This article was not written to celebrate the life of a Texas Tech student or to educate those at our university of

the services we have to help students going through times such as these, but to gossip about the death of a beloved member of our university.

What you should be publishing is how the university is considering taking away services such as the free counselors in the student wellness center, or educating students

of these services.

I am disgusted that a stranger would write this inappropriate story only to spread the news of a death. It is times like these when we should be uniting as a family of students, not reporting tragedies as top stories.

This was very hurtful and I hope I do not see another article about

this story in this paper. Mason's close friends will be attending his services and it is not for you to decide or publish these details.

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Wall Street protesters need unified leadership for win

By **WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS EDITORIAL BOARD**
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An organization known as Occupy Wall Street has attracted a multitude of diverse individuals united by their frustrations and discontent with "corporateocracy."

Since the protests began on Sept. 17, activists of all kinds have occupied Zuccotti Square in New York's Financial District, using performances and music to attract passersby. While some cried out against paying off student loans, the bailout of the major banks and income inequality, others called for the radical end of the combustion engine of the Federal Reserve. This kind of scattershot approach to the organization's message left many in the media confused and critical of the movement as a whole.

As students and participatory citizens in our democracy, it is extremely important to realize that this movement toward socioeconomic change should not be overlooked. And as always with grassroots movements, there are always fringe extremists and agitators who distract from the

main objective of the movement. It is necessary, however, to focus on the collective goal of the protest. Given our location, it is easy to get a first-hand account of the current events without media bias by simply attending or observing them.

Implementing direct democracy ideals with the hope of creating a truly transparent and representative movement, the Occupy Wall Street movement appears to have a common objective, but there remains concern that leadership is lacking and will be necessary if further progress is to be seen from this movement. We hope to see this movement grow and, if that is the case, it will likely be necessary to see more leadership in order to have a unified goal. Without proper leadership, the demands and actions of protesters will not be realized, akin to the Take Back NYU movement of 2009.

The protesters want people to recognize that they do not have to stay content with the status quo or resort to apathy — they have the ability to vocalize their united concerns and initiate change. We feel that it is too early to judge the outcome of the protest, but we hope that other states will follow suit and its future endeavors will be successful.

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CIVIL CONCENTRATION



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DERRIK MILLS, A sophomore civil engineering major from Marion, Ind., works on his Rube-Goldberg project inside the Civil and Environmental Engineering building Tuesday.

Raider Pilots teach Tech community to fly

By MICHAEL DUPONT
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The Texas Tech Raider Pilots Association offers the Tech community a chance to experience flying first hand.

Phillip Burke, president of the association and a graduate student from Pearland, said the RPA is a social network of aviation enthusiasts.

"Basically, we're a pretty big network of 'aviation enthusiasts,'" he said. "We're just people in the community that like to fly and want to share their knowledge about flying to help people carry on the pilot's tradition."

He said the RPA works along with local flight schools

in the area to actually get members flying in planes.

"To fly by yourself, you would need a license," he said. "But if you don't have a license, you can still fly with somebody who does have a license."

Chris Wallace, a graduate student from Colleyville finishing his MBA, said the RPA can put someone learning to fly on the fast track, while also saving them a little cash.

"A typical ground school may take you several months and might cost you anywhere from \$300 to \$500," he said. "We have a couple of pilots that are willing to do the ground school for free."

For those interested in avia-

tion, Wallace said there is experience to gain from pilots who network in the club.

"Aside from the monetary aspect of it, there's a huge benefit in the fact you get networking with area pilots who have years of experience," he said. "There's a lot of situations you can't 100 percent prepare for in an airplane and these guys have gone through them."

Cole Luter, a sophomore from Cross Plains, said one of the best things about the RPA is people are given only what they can handle.

"If you're ready the first lesson to take the controls, then you take the controls the first lesson," he said. "You get

handed exactly how much you can handle."

Luter has been a member for one year now and looks forward to being involved with the future of the organization.

"I'm along for the ride now trying to help out anyway I can, but I'd eventually like to see us have our own airplanes and contract our own pilots," he said. "That'd save students even more money."

Luter said the RPA is open to everyone.

"You don't have to be a student to join," he said. "We're open to anybody in the community that has an interest in flying or even just aviation in general."

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Organization offers students looks at possible careers

By SARAH IVESTER
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The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center offers students a way to get involved with the community while they pursue their careers.

The Double T Health Service Corps allows students to engage and network with classmates and participate in events and service projects.

"It's open to any student at the university and students in the Health Sciences Center," said Chris Felton, adviser for the Double T Health Service Corps. "We have students who are already involved in a professional program that are a part of it as well. It is unique because there are students from both university campuses."

He said the organization started as a rural health student association and slowly evolved into the Double T Health Service Corps.

Felton said this organization is for students interested in pursuing careers in the health industry, and they are given the opportunity to experience things in the Health Sciences Center and in the community.

"As you are preparing for a professional program, volunteering and the stuff outside the classroom becomes very important," he said. "We try to have volunteer opportunities, but we also want them to be mentors so they can start giving back and learn people skills."

Morgan Cocke, a senior biology major from Waco, has been involved with the Double T Health Services Corps for the past three years.

"Being designated as pre-physician's assistant, I was mostly looking for an opportunity to get involved and meet new people," she said, "but the more I participated, the more I realized what an impact I could make in so many different environments through both service and public education, and how meeting new people went beyond just the people I served with."

Cocke said the Pop Tart Drive, the Wind, Science and Engineering event at the Science Spectrum and the Salvation Army winter clothing drive were the most memorable

activities she was involved in as a member of the organization.

She said she enjoyed getting to interact with other people interested in the same career field because exploring their similarities and differences helped her affirm what she wanted to do with her life career-wise.

"More importantly, I was able to give my time and effort to causes that contributed to the betterment of the community of Lubbock while also representing Texas Tech University," she said.

Lucy Estes, a senior speech pathology major from Hollis, Okla., and president of the Double T Health Services Corps, has been a part of the organization for the past three years.

"The best thing about being in this organization is the many service opportunities we are involved in," she said. "Not only does this go on your resume, but it is really rewarding to do the things we get to do."

Estes said she mentors children at Willowbend Elementary. The most rewarding aspect for her is being the person a child depends on.

She said the organization works with Willowbend Elementary, the Ronald McDonald House and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, to name a few.

"Besides service, we also have many speakers come and help students learn more about how to get into graduate school and what they need to do to apply to these pre-professional health careers," she said.

Estes said there are graduate students involved in the organization, too, so undergraduate students learn from them and see what their priorities are in the Health Sciences Center.

"I would strongly recommend anyone as an undergraduate who is interested in being in the health field to join our organization because it helps you figure out if you want to do it," she said. "Then, it prepares you for the next steps to apply to the types of schools you want to go to, and you gain a lot of service experience."

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Jackson's voice echoes through Los Angeles court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — First, prosecutors showed a photo of Michael Jackson's pale and lifeless body lying on a gurney. Then, they played a recording of his voice, just weeks before his death.

Slow and slurred, his words echoed Tuesday through a Los Angeles courtroom at the start of the trial of the doctor accused of killing him. As a worldwide audience watched on TV and Jackson's family looked on from inside the courtroom, a drugged Jackson said:

"We have to be phenomenal. When people leave this show, when people leave my show, I want them to say, 'I've never seen nothing like this in my life.

Go. Go. I've never seen nothing like this. Go. It's amazing. He's the greatest entertainer in the world."

Prosecutors played the audio for the first time during opening statements as they portrayed Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, as an incompetent physician who used a dangerous anesthetic without adequate safeguards and whose neglect left the superstar abandoned as he lay dying.

Defense attorneys countered that Jackson caused his own death by taking a drug dose, including propofol, after Murray left the room.

Nothing the cardiologist could have done would have saved the

King of Pop, defense attorney Ed Chernoff told jurors, because Jackson was desperate to regain his fame and needed rest to prepare for a series of crucial comeback concerts.

A number of Jackson's family members were in the courthouse, including his father Joseph, mother Katherine, sisters LaToya and Janet, and brothers Jermaine, Randy and Tito. LaToya Jackson carried a sunflower, her brother's favorite flower.

Murray, who arrived at court holding hands with his mother, is charged with involuntary manslaughter. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison and the loss of his medical license.

Speaking for more than an hour, prosecutor David Walgren relied on photos and audio recordings to paint Murray as an inept and reckless caretaker.

Walgren showed a photo of a lifeless Jackson on a hospital gurney. He juxtaposed the image with those of Jackson performing. Walgren also played the recording of Jackson speaking to Murray while, the prosecutor said, the singer was under the influence of an unknown substance roughly six weeks before his death.

Jackson trusted Murray as his physician, and "that misplaced trust in Conrad Murray cost Michael Jackson his life," Walgren said.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Olds compact

6 State secrets?

10 "Casablanca" character

14 Logger's competition

15 Get to

16 Like Switz. in WWII

17 Bottomless pit

18 Strike callers

19 Major

20 "Test that sounds easier than it often is"

23 Fill with bubbles

25 Major stories

26 "Discussion"

30 Weather map figures

31 Symbol of strict control

35 Cycle opener

36 "Z's"

38 Compete

40 She has a memorable smile

42 Hamlet, for one

43 "Thing to do before a heist"

47 Scrub, at NASA

50 Either "Cathy's Clown" singer

51 What the first words of the answers to starred clues describe

55 Genesis victim

56 Swedish furniture giant

57 Egg holders

61 Hindu royal

62 Tumbled

63 Corkers?

64 Howard's wife, to the Fonzy

65 Offended, with "off"

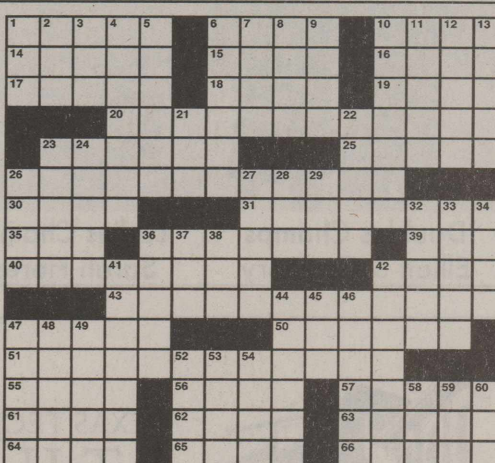
66 Homework assignment

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33 Dolt

34 Bug bugger



By Bruce Venzke and Gail Grabowski

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Heartbeats

A quick look at what is going
 on in the Rec Sports world

SPORT CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Women's Soccer
 Texas Tech 6 - UT-Arlington 0

Men's Soccer
 Texas Tech 1 - Texas State 2

Men's Soccer (B)
 Texas Tech 0 - Texas A&M (B) 2

Men's Rugby
 Texas Tech 33 - North Texas 3

Anthony Tolerton (Bowling
 Club) finished 17th place out of
 60 averaging 167 at the SWIBC
 Tournament in Houston, TX.

The Women's Rugby Club
 placed 3rd in the Annual War
 of the Roses Tournament. They
 defeated Truman State Univer-
 sity and the University of Texas.
 Their lone loss cam to the
 University of Oklahoma.

Men's Water Polo went 3-1 for
 the weekend. Texas Tech beat
 Rice University, Baylor
 University, and the University of
 Houston. Their only loss came
 from the University of Texas by
 1 point. They're currently
 ranked 2nd in the Texas region.

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Register by Wednesday, October 5
 Swim Date: Monday, October 10 9:00am - Noon
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 environment. The cost is \$40 for Texas Tech Students, Faculty
 and Staff.

YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM

Register by October 12 for Youth Learn to swim.
 Classes start on October 17 in the Aquatic Center. Classes
 for the fall include parent and me to level 3. For more info,
 check the Rec Sports website at www.recsports.ttu.edu/youth

Intramurals



INTRAMURAL OUTDOOR SOCCER

Do you have the ball handling skills of Landon Donovan or
 can you put a header on goal like Abby Wambach? Get
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INTRAMURAL XBOX 360 NCAA 12 TOURNAMENT

Think you have what it takes to beat the best gamers at
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 will start play on Tuesday, October 4.

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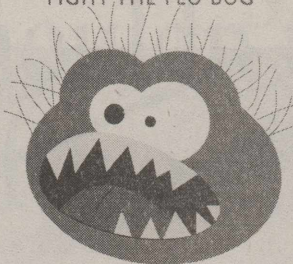
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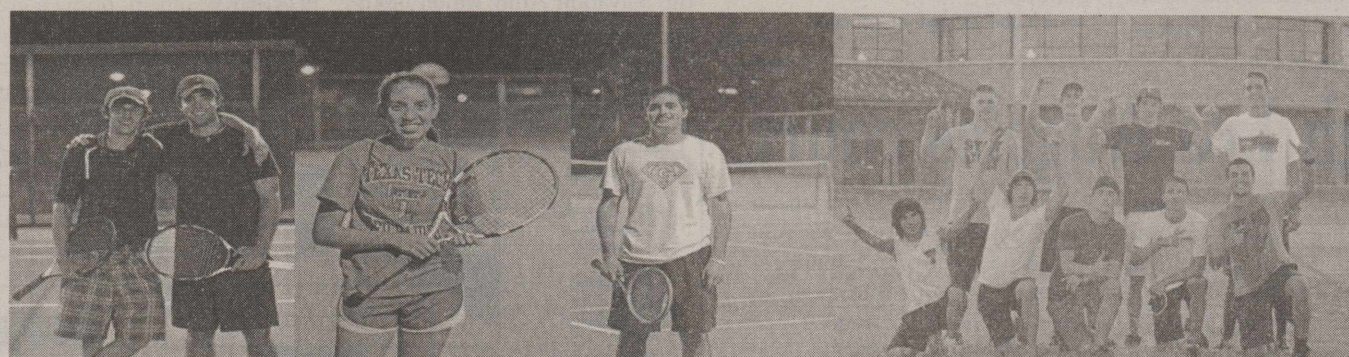
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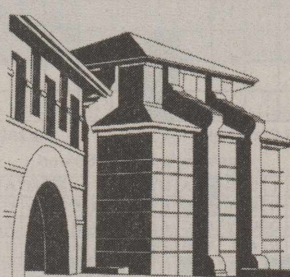


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Game-winning catch: Morale booster?

Of Ward's two scores, it was the second that determined the outcome — literally.

Tech quarterback Seth Doege found Ward in the back of the end zone on the Red Raiders' final offensive snap of the game, giving the team their one-point win against Nevada.

Ward, however, has not changed the way he carries himself, despite snagging the touchdown that cata-

pulted Tech to a 3-0 record.

"It makes me feel, like, accomplished because we actually won as a team and came back and played hard. And like, on a personal level, I feel the same. That week's over — got to do it again and keep on doing it."

Nevada's effect on team's confidence

The Red Raiders entered their game against Nevada as favorites, and, although they did pull out the victory, they most certainly did not predict coming back for a one-point win.

The Wolf Pack made it difficult

on Tech for a large portion of the game, controlling the line of scrimmage and tempo while accumulating more than 500 total yards of offense.

D.J. Johnson, one of the few veterans on a young defense, said a win is a win, no matter the final score.

"It wasn't so much of a confidence booster, but it was more of a learning experience," he said. "We got the job done and we won it. Like coach always says in the meeting room, he always says, 'If we win 2-0 or if we win 57-56, we got the job done.' We found a way to get it done. And for us, that just proved it. But now, it's a matter of not even being in that position."

"(We need to) make sure that we're not down going into the second half and that we play four quarters throughout this Big 12 Conference."

McRoy comfortable with full-time role on special teams

Sophomore Ben McRoy was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday for his seven-return, 203-yard performance as Tech's top returner.

McRoy set school records in both returns and yardage with that showing.

More importantly, his returns provided the Tech offense with favorable field position throughout the game, most notably the game-winning drive.

McRoy said he no longer gets antsy when anticipating a kickoff or punt, but wishes he could contribute more on the offensive side of the ball.

"Really, I'm kind of used to the ball being in my hands now. I mean, I wish I could have a little bit more on offense. I just get the ball, I catch it and then I just do what I can do. "I do my best."

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TECH'S RUNNING BACK Eric Stephens runs the ball during Tech's 35-34 victory against Nevada on Saturday at Jones AT&T stadium.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH CORNER back Sawyer Vest pulls down Nevada wide receiver Richard Matthews during Tech's win Saturday.

Big 12 ADs commit to finding stability for league

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Big 12 athletic directors discussed ways during their meeting Tuesday to stabilize their league before they can determine if and how much they might expand.

Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard, the chairman of the Big 12 ADs, said there were "healthy discussions" about what might happen numbers-wise in the future.

"There's a lot of possibilities. It could be nine, it could be 10, it could be 12, it could be 16, pick a number," Pollard said.

"I think what we're more focused on is doing what we all believe is right for the membership of the Big 12 and the most important piece right now is the solidarity among the nine and finding a way to make sure that we provide that solidarity so that we can be stabilized before we entertain whether that should be nine, 10, 12, 16."

The regularly scheduled fall meet-

ing of the Big 12 ADs came a day after Texas A&M was formally introduced as the SEC's 13th member, a move that takes effect for the 2012-13 school year. The Aggies are the third member to leave in the past 15 months.

Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) began play in their new leagues this season.

Newly appointed interim commissioner Chuck Nemas took part in the meeting even though he will not officially take over his new role until next Monday.

Pollard, who spoke on behalf of the league, said there is a process for stabilization. He wouldn't go into specifics, but said there was a clear consensus among the nine schools on the items discussed.

"Ultimately we have to prove it because there will always be doubters," he said. "All I can say is the people we were locking arms with in that room

feel pretty committed to me. I take people on their word. I'm not worried about it at all."

Pollard said formal agreements to ensure that stability were "still a work in progress" but insisted "all nine member institutions are fully engaged and committed" to putting those together.

He said everything would have to go through the normal chain of command with decisions made by the league's board of directors, which is made up of the presidents and chancellors of the member schools.

The athletic directors spent a lot of time talking about ways to provide input to a special four-member committee appointed by the league's board that is working on initiatives designed to provide solidarity and stability to the Big 12's future.

That committee will be made up of the presidents or chancellors of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Iowa State.

When the nearly four-hour meeting ended late Tuesday, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds declined comment and referred all questions to Pollard.

"It's a crazy time," said Missouri athletic director Mike Alden, who also deferred to Pollard.

There have been persistent rumors that Missouri might be a possibility to follow Texas A&M to the SEC.

SEC commissioner Mike Slive, thought, reiterated Tuesday that his league's presidents and chancellors are not currently considering any other schools for admission and that Texas A&M was the only one to submit an application. Slive said he anticipates having just 13 members in 2012-13.

Pollard said there wasn't much time spent talking about what other leagues were saying or doing, and that the focus was on what the remaining nine Big 12 schools needed to do to make their league viable for an extended period.

Slive: SEC not currently considering other schools

(AP) — Commissioner Mike Slive tried to temporarily quell the "enormous speculation" about whether — or more likely when — the Southeastern Conference will add a 14th member to join Texas A&M.

Slive said Tuesday, a day after festivities welcoming member No. 13, that the SEC presidents and chancellors are not currently considering any other schools for admission and that Texas A&M was the only one to submit an application. He reiterated that he anticipates having just 13 members in 2012-13.

"I really can't emphasize this enough. This has all been about Texas A&M," Slive said in a conference call with Texas A&M President R. Loftin Bowen. "We have not

initiated any conversations with any institution. This was about Texas A&M understanding that some of the complexities that 13 teams brings, and that's really it."

Slive said the SEC will begin negotiations this fall with ESPN and CBS to upgrade the current 15-year contracts with both networks.

He has appointed a point person and three senior administrators — who he declined to identify — to work with Texas A&M's transition team that Loftin said includes "well over a dozen people."

Slive said league athletic directors would meet in the next few weeks to begin considering options such as scheduling. He said he wasn't sure if Texas A&M would land in the SEC West but "obviously it makes sense to

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Football notebook: Kansas, team's confidence after Nevada and more

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

Eric Ward is not approaching Saturday's game against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., any differently than the others, even if it is an 11 a.m. kickoff.

"It's OK with me," Ward said after Tuesday's practice. "It's just another day, you know. It's just like you got to wake up for school and lift weights in the summer, so what should be different?"

"We're just playing football."

Jayhawks offense offers variety

Among the things Texas Tech's offense struggled with against Nevada, rushing defense may have been at the top of the list.

The Wolf Pack managed 312 yards on the ground against the Red Raiders, improving on its already impressive average.

Nevada ranks seventh in the country in rushing.

Kansas will only further test Tech's young defense, as it owns the Big 12 Conference's third-ranked running game, averaging 240.7 yards through three games. The Jayhawks' passing game, however, ranks eighth out of the 10 teams in the conference.

Regardless, safety D.J. Johnson said Kansas will attack Tech's defense with a multitude of packages and personnel.

As of Tuesday, the Red Raiders had yet to look thoroughly into film on both Kansas' offense and defense.

"We're seeing formations. That's the big thing," he said. "We're seeing a lot of different formations that they really like to do and, I mean, they're pretty much doing the same thing throughout the formations and we just have to have ours ready, be



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S BEN McRoy tries to run away from Nevada defensive back Khalid Wooten during the 35-34 victory against the Wolf Pack on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

prepared to play our positions and do our job."

Tech offense without Moore

After suffering a knee and ankle injury during Tech's 35-34 win against Nevada on Saturday, Darrin Moore is expected to miss the Red Raiders' Big 12 opener against the Jayhawks.

Ward, along with receivers such as Jacoby Franks, helped carry the receiving corps against the Wolf Pack.

Ward led all receivers with two touchdowns Saturday.

But Ward does not feel any added pressure because of Moore's absence.

"I just feel like we all just got

to play a role in winning," Ward said. "We got to better ourselves in practice. It starts in practice because you just can't show to the game and just win although Darrin's out. But, to me, I just feel like everybody just got to keep on doing what they're doing."

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Tech volleyball defeats Lobos in New Mexico

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., on Monday night and defeated the Lobos in its first five-set match of the year.

Tech coach Don Flora said the Red Raiders continued to show progress by beating a team that was in the NCAA Tournament last year.

"We didn't have a conference game this week. We had a bye (week) within the conference," he said. "It was a good opportunity to get out and play a great, quality, regionally-ranked team. It was an opportunity to get a good, quality match and keep the momentum rolling."

Amanda Dowdy led the offensive attack, putting down 26 kills in the match, while sophomore Dravon Rangel led the team on defense by recording a school-record 14 block assists during the match.

"It was a huge team effort," Flora said, "but Dravon Rangel came off of the bench to step into a starting role in the middle of the game. She just worked hard and stuck with the plan and stuck with our systems. Dravon Rangel was a big surprise — a very pleasant surprise."

The victory marked Tech's 14th-straight non-conference win. The Red Raiders will resume conference play in Lubbock on Saturday against No. 25 Oklahoma.

The hostile road environment will help prepare the team for future Big 12 Conference road games, he said.

"They're (New Mexico) a real knowledgeable crowd. New Mexico's fans know volleyball and they've seen good volleyball," Flora said. "We didn't get many calls to go

our way and the fans were on us, so it was a good collegiate volleyball environment — the type of place you want to play."

Tech won the match in a come-back fashion. The Red Raiders won the first set, dropped the next two and won the final two.

Rangel said the success on the court was encouraging.

"I've been working hard in practice and getting back in because I haven't been 100 percent ever since my surgery," she said. "All of the coaching staff have really been helping me as far as being the best middle blocker I can be, so it means a lot to me to be able to come in and contribute that much to the team."

Rangel had knee surgery last year.

The win was important for the morale of the team after dropping its first conference game against Iowa State, Rangel said.

"It's always significant to get a win whenever we can," she said. "Not just with New Mexico, but with every team we go out there and play, we have the mindset that we want to win."

Tech has proven a lot already this season, but it is not done yet, Tech sophomore Sheridan Burgess said.

"We have a lot to prove, and it really took a lot of heart and a lot of effort for us to come back and win those last games," she said.

Burgess said the win gave the team the boost it needed before jumping back into conference play this weekend.

"It gives us a lot of confidence that we can win in five (sets)," she said. "That's really tough mentally and physically because it's such a long haul to win that way."

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