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### STATE

#### SMU trustees voting Friday on Bush library

DALLAS (AP) — More than a year after being named the lone finalist to host George W. Bush's presidential library, the wait is almost over for Southern Methodist University.

SMU trustees are to vote Friday on the final agreement with the Bush Foundation, and the official announcement is expected after that, Taylor Griffin, a spokesman for the presidential library site selection committee, said Thursday.

SMU has been negotiating with the library committee on various issues since the 11,000-student private university was named the only finalist for the library, museum and public policy institute 14 months ago.

### NATION

#### USDA staff shortages threaten safety

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sometimes, government inspectors responsible for examining slaughterhouse cattle for mad cow disease and other ills are so short-staffed that they find themselves peering down from catwalks at hundreds of animals at once, looking for such telltale signs as droopy ears, stumbling gait and facial paralysis.

### WORLD

#### 9 dead, 10 missing after ferryboat sinks in Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A ferryboat carrying more than 100 passengers collided with a barge loaded with fuel tanks and sank to the bottom of the Amazon River on Thursday, officials said. At least nine people died, and another 10 were missing and feared dead.

The Almirante Monteiro capsized at dawn near the isolated Brazilian town of Itacoatiara in the jungle state of Amazonas, state fire spokesman Lt. Clovis Araujo said.

### DEATH TOLL

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## Serbs break into US Embassy, set fires

During protests over independence for Kosovo, more than 150,000 people rallied

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Angry Serbs broke into the U.S. Embassy and set fire to an office Thursday night as rioters rampaged through Belgrade's streets, putting an exclamation point of violence to a day of mass protest against Western support for an independent Kosovo.

At least 150,000 people rallied

in Belgrade, waving Serbian flags and signs proclaiming "Stop USA terror," to denounce the bid by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority to create their own state out of what Serbs consider the ancient heartland of their culture.

Protesters burned American flags and the mob that attacked the embassy tore down the U.S. flag there. Crowds also ransacked a McDonald's, looted stores and fought with police in front of other diplomatic com-

pounds in a display of the resentment seething in Serbia over the secession of what has been its southernmost province.

A charred body was found in the U.S. Embassy after the fire was put out, but all staff were accounted for, embassy spokeswoman Rian Harris said. Belgrade's Pink TV said the body appeared to be that of a rioter.

White House spokesman Dana Perino strongly criticized Serbia's government, saying the embassy "was

attacked by thugs" and Serb police didn't do enough to stop it. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. warned Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica and Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic that it would hold them personally responsible for further damage.

At the mass rally earlier, Kostunica attacked the U.S. and others for supporting Kosovo's independence. "Is there any other nation on Earth from whom (the great powers) are

demanding that they give up their identity, to give up our brothers in Kosovo?" he told the crowd.

Coming after smaller outbreaks of violence in Belgrade as well as attacks on a United Nations building and police checkpoints in Kosovo, the surge of rioting underlined the determination of Serbs not to give up Kosovo quietly.

The Serbian government has said

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## Golden Girl

### Tech student aims for Golden Gloves championship

By KEVIN CULLEN  
STAFF WRITER

Kayla Combs may be the No. 3 boxer in her weight class in the United States, but her talents extend beyond the boxing ring.

Along with being one of the top female amateur boxers in the country, Combs, a junior petroleum engineering major from Bloomfield, N.M., has a 4.0 GPA, works a part-time job and recently made the Lubbock Renegades' Rebel Dance team.

It is this ability to excel in everything she does that amazes the people closest to her.

"She is special as a person, in general," said Edward Hernandez, Combs' boxing trainer. "She is going to be a winner in anything she does; it's not just boxing. Boxing is a sport that's probably filling some kind of void that she has, and she has been successful at it. But in everything she does, this girl, she's going to be a winner; she's going to be successful."

Combs' father, Mike Combs, who still lives in Bloomfield, N.M., said Kayla Combs has been successful her whole life and has never been afraid to try anything.

"Kayla is a machine," he said. "She is outstanding in school. She has been this way all of her life. When Kayla was 8 years old, she asked me one time, 'Dad, what would you think if I asked you to (let me) play football?' and I said, 'What? Girls don't play football' and she said, 'Well, I can,' and we got her on a football (team). I'm telling you, she has always been outstanding in school; she was in the Honor Society — good Lord this kid — and I'll be honest with you, I don't know where she got it from. She just excelled in school, and sports came along, and I have never held her back from anything."

Kayla Combs said she is the only athlete in her family and, like her father, has no idea where she got her athletic ability.



PHOTO BY KERY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH STUDENT Kayla Combs will compete in the 125-pound division of the Golden Gloves at the Texas State Golden Gloves competition this weekend. She also maintains a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in petroleum engineering.

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## Democratic candidates debate at the University of Texas

By ADAM YOUNG  
NEWS EDITOR

AUSTIN — Candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States appealed to Texas voters during the first debate in the state Thursday in Austin, leading up to the March 4 primary.

CNN, Univision and the Texas Democratic Party sponsored the debate between Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

Clinton and Obama debated on issues including the economy, immigration and health care in front of an audience of approximately 2,000 members of the Texas Democratic Party and UT students in the UT Recreational Sports Center.

Though Clinton and Obama often agreed with the other's policies, Clinton said they are not identical candidates.

"There are differences between us," she said, "and I think, in our efforts to draw those contrasts and comparisons, we obviously try to let voters know how we see the world differently."

Obama said he believes the fundamental differences between he and Clinton come in how they would bring about change.

"The reason that this campaign has done so well is because people understand that it is not just a matter of putting forward policy positions," he said. "Senator Clinton and I share a lot of policy positions, but if we can't inspire the American people to get involved in their government, and if we can't inspire them to go beyond the racial divisions and the religious divisions and the regional divisions that have plagued our politics for so long, then we will continue to see the kind of gridlock and nonperformance in Washington that is resulting in families suffering in very real ways."

But Clinton, who commended Obama for his "passionate, eloquent" speaking ability, said Obama's rhetoric would not be enough to bring about effective change.

"It is not enough to say, 'Let's come together,'" she said. "We know we're going to have to work hard to overcome the opposition of those who do not want the changes to get to universal health care."

Clinton also criticized Obama's use of words in a previous campaign speech, which were first spoken by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, an Obama supporter.

"I think that if your candidacy is going to be about words, then they should be your own words," she said. "And, you know, lifting whole passages from someone else's



PHOTO COURTESY OF CNN

SEN. BARACK OBAMA and Sen. Hillary Clinton participate in a debate Thursday at the University of Texas at Austin.

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# SGA seeks students' input on fee increases

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
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The Texas Tech Student Government Association passed two resolutions when it met for the second time this month Thursday evening in the Senate room of the Student Union Building.

During the meeting, SGA senators passed a resolution creating "an itemized tuition and fee statement ... generated for students to view in addition to their normal statement," according to the resolution.

James Baumgartner, SGA journal clerk who co-authored the resolution, said he believes students need a more convenient way to access the list of exactly how much money each service fee costs.

"Right now, it is hard to find the list on the Web site," Baumgartner said, "I had to search about 20 minutes to find the 2008 fees."

The idea came to him while working on the transportation fee, he said. By providing students with a complete student service fee list, he said he hopes students are inspired to brainstorm ways to keep fees from rising.

"I came up with an idea to try and keep transportation fees low, and I ran out of ideas," he said. "I was just thinking

that if everyone saw it, we could come up with a different idea for a fee."

In addition to the fee statement legislation, a resolution recognizing Tech students and alumni who served in the military and died was adopted.

*"I came up with an idea to try and keep transportation fees low, and I ran out of ideas."*

— **JAMES BAUMGARTNER**  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
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According to the resolution, "a recognition plaque located inside of Pfluger Fountain will be engraved with the names of those alumni and students who have given their lives in the name of duty."

Kali Drachenberg, a senator from the College of Visual and Performing

Arts, said after a Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet contacted the SGA, she and Dylan McLaughlin, a senator from the College of Architecture, decided to write the legislation.

"We had an ROTC cadet contact us," Drachenberg said. "They had lost a friend in the line of duty and they wanted him to be recognized. They asked if we could set up a memorial to honor them."

She said there is already a memorial set up for student and alumni soldiers who have died in Iraq, but nothing commemorating those who died in other wars.

Names will be gathered from students and alumni who know someone who died in Iraq. Anyone wanting to submit a name of a student or alumni who died in Iraq can contact any SGA senator or officer.

Although SGA elections are scheduled for next week, the subject did not come up at the meeting.

Voting for the SGA elections is scheduled to open at 9 a.m. Tuesday and close at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Students can vote online at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu).

The next SGA Senate meeting is scheduled for March 6.

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# Success against ailing spy satellite is boost for missile defense advocates

WASHINGTON (AP)—The stunning image of a Navy missile streaking into outer space at 6,000 mph to obliterate an orbiting spy satellite boosts the credibility of missile-defense advocates. Yet questions remain whether that success could be duplicated against a surprise, real-world attack.

The idea, whether the target is an unarmed satellite or an enemy missile, is basically the same: fire a guided missile into the path of the moving target and smash it to bits by the force of impact. In theory, the collision could render harmless even a nuclear- or chemical-armed missile, an idea that evolved from President Reagan's "star wars" program of the 1980s.

In the case of the spy satellite, a Navy SM-3 missile launched from a cruiser in the Pacific not only hit the U.S. satellite but apparently struck precisely where its operators had aimed: a titanium-encased tank of fuel that officials said could pose a health hazard to humans on re-entry.

Henry Cooper, who was the Pentagon's "star wars" chief from 1990-93, said the outcome bodes well for the Navy and prospects for adding to its missile defense repertoire.

"It's definitely a boost for the Navy program because everybody

is made aware of the flexibility and perhaps even the reliability of program," Cooper said in a telephone interview.

It was the first time a U.S. Navy missile interceptor had been used in an anti-satellite role.

It was not exactly a dry run for a missile defense test, but there are significant parallels. One is that neither mission — against a satellite or a missile — can be executed successfully without a network of space- and ground-based radars to track the target and to cue the intercepting missile. The satellite shutdown offered a chance to coordinate all those missile defense-related pieces.

"The successful intercept is further validation of America's sea-based missile defense capability," said Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., the senior Republican on the House Armed Services Committee.

The satellite, deemed worthy of a shootdown because of the slim possibility that its fuel tank could land in a populated area, was moving faster and traveling at a higher altitude than the missiles that the SM-3 had hit in controlled anti-missile tests. So it was a new challenge for the Navy missile.

"It did confirm the ability of the SM-3 to intercept at a higher elevation," said Baker Spring, a specialist at the Heritage Foundation think

tank and a longtime advocate of missile defenses.

Raytheon, the maker of the SM-3, said the missile was put in an unexpected role.

"The missile was never designed to engage a satellite," company spokesman David Albritton said.

A major problem in ballistic missile defense is that an opponent like China might equip a warhead with enough decoys and other countermeasures to "outsmart" and evade a U.S. missile interceptor. Or it might launch a big enough volley of missiles to overcome a limited defensive system.

That's not an issue when shooting at satellites, which move in isolation on a relatively predictable path through space. Which helps explain why the United States has chosen not to field an arsenal of anti-satellite weapons: the risk of inviting retaliation against highly vulnerable U.S. satellites, which are vital to national and economic security.

This is a particularly touchy issue with China, which drew strong U.S. condemnation last year when it downed one of its own weather satellites, creating a large amount of space debris. Wednesday's U.S. shootdown was timed to minimize the amount of debris that would remain outside the atmosphere. Space is increasingly a field of military competition between China and the U.S.

# Student Employee of the Year chosen, receives \$1,000

By **KENDALL WHEELER**  
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The Red Raider Student Employment Center recently announced the winner of the Student Employee of the Year competition.

Matt McKennan, a graduate

student who works at the Garrison Institute on Aging, was named the winner. He will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and his nomination will move on to the regional competition hosted by the Southern Association of Student Employment Administrators.

Nedra Goodrich, federal work

study coordinator at the center, said the center decided to launch the competition at Texas Tech to show the university how important student workers are. She said this is the first year for the competition at Tech, but many other schools in the nation also have a competition to choose a student employee of the year.

*"Most student employees just do one task. But Matt thinks more outside the box and finds ways to improve..."*

— **ANNETTE BOLES**  
GARRISON INSTITUTE  
ON AGING

"We had 51 applicants," Goodrich said. "We were surprised about the number of people who chose to participate in nominating a student employee."

Goodrich said McKennan was chosen by six judges, who also chose four runner-up recipients: Levi Johnson, Joanna Espinoza, Jillian Mulieri and Courtney Jarvis. The runner-up recipients each will receive a \$500 scholarship.

McKennan said he was honored to receive the award, which was a surprise.

"They didn't even tell me they



PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR Financial Aid Paul Blake presents the student employment winner, graduate student Matthew McKennan, with a certificate and scholarship prize Thursday morning in West Hall.

were nominating me," McKennan said.

Annette Boles, unit assistant director of education at the Garrison Institute on Aging, said she nominated McKennan because of his commitment to the institute and his ability to bring a positive can-do attitude to work each day.

"Most student employees just do one task," Boles said, "but

Matt thinks more outside the box and finds ways to improve the programs he works with at the institute."

Boles said McKennan works with the Get Fit program that is a part of the Healthy Lubbock campaign at the institute. She said he has helped with the technology involved with the program.

"It's nice to have students working for us," Boles said. "Matt

is very computer savvy, and he is able to implement programs he has learned in his classes that are helpful technology-wise."

McKennan, who will be leaving his job at the institute after he graduates in May, said his next goal is law school, but he feels his time at the institute has been well-spent.

"I want to work in public-health law," McKennan said, "so what I've learned has been helpful, because it's the same type of field I want to go into."

McKennan said working at the institute has been fun because his supervisors are willing to give him freedom to try new things.

He said the many jobs he has held attributes to the way he approaches tasks at work.

"Always be confident in what you do," McKennan said, "and never be afraid to ask questions."

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# Tech launches YouTube channel as recruiting, communication tool

By TAYLOR WHITE  
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Texas Tech launched its official YouTube channel earlier this month in hopes of providing resources for students, staff, perspective students and Internet surfers.

Cory Chandler, communications and marketing senior editor, said the channel's purpose is to present an exciting form of communication between students, faculty and staff.

"We thought YouTube provided an interesting and unique way to communicate to students, other young adults and Tech fans," said Chandler.

Tech's YouTube channel was inspired by other universities who are making similar channels, he said, and after Tech's iTunes launch, this was another way to use technology.

Chandler said the channel provides submitted video content in three categories: academics and

research, campus life and submitted videos.

"It can be anything from home-made music videos to footage they put together from various events or activities," he said. "Anyone's invited — faculty, staff, students — and they can submit their own stuff."

He said because YouTube is such a popular Web site, the channel can be used as a recruiting tool for perspective students.

"It's a different feel than your typical academic Web page," he said. "We wanted it to have a more casual feel."

The page is a useful marketing tool for Tech because it is uncomplicated and cost friendly, he said.

"It was free for us to create, it is really pretty easy to maintain," he said, "and so it just is a great place to share information."

Chandler said part of his job is posting the videos, and people can submit videos to him for screening.

"We'll use a little bit of common sense determining what to put up," he said. "If it's crude content, we'll probably ask it to be edited a little bit."

Kristin Hern, a junior exercise sports sciences major from San Antonio, said the channel does not seem like an effective recruiting tool.

it is important for potential students to hear current students' experiences, stories and advice.

"I might mention it to students on my tours," she said, "but I still think hearing personal experiences is more beneficial."

She said people may find the

channel if they are looking around on the Internet, but she does not see herself using it.

"I probably wouldn't search it in my leisure time," Hern said. "I'd rather watch funny videos than videos about the campus I'm on."

Hern does not see herself contributing videos and said she may watch a class lecture if it were provided.

She said the channel does not seem like an effective way to communicate important information to students.

"TechAnnounce is a better way to relay information to students who go to Tech," Hern said.

Lindsey Priess, a junior broadcast journalism major from Boerne, said the YouTube channel could be valuable to the university.

"I think as long as the students use the Web site appropriately," she said, "it could be really helpful getting out information to students or the public."

She said she lives five hours from Lubbock, and the channel could be useful when recruiting students who live far away from Tech.

"I think the YouTube launch could be a helpful recruiting tool, if it's used for virtual campus tours."

Priess said prospective students

are more inclined to use the channel to see what Tech is like, rather than current students or professors submitting lectures.

"I don't foresee students videotaping lectures," said Priess, "but it could be helpful for professors or TAs to get lectures out there to students."

She said for the past two years, she has watched YouTube videos as entertainment, but never considered it could be used for school.

"It's crazy how far YouTube has come," she said. "I never thought I'd be using the funny Web site to help out in school."

Despite the mixed opinions about the channel, Chandler said he has received positive feedback.

"As of right now, we have 27 subscribers," he said, "and messages have been seen giving advice on what people want to see."

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## Tech Tube

As a member of President's Select, she said she often encounters perspective students.

"I guess it's cool to see things that go on through videos online," Hern said, "but as a potential student, I would rather come to the campus and speak with students about their personal experience."

During campus tours, Hern said,

## Debate

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speeches is not change you can believe in, it's change you can Xerox."

The debate quickly turned to issues concerning health care.

"We both — 95 percent of our plans are similar," Obama said. "We both want to set up a system in which any person is going to be able to get coverage that is as good as we have as members of Congress. And we are going to subsidize those who can't afford it."

Though Clinton said she agrees with Obama's plan for a mandate for parents to insure their children, she does not "know that if we don't go and require everyone to have health insurance, the health insurance industry will still game the system."

"Everyone of us with insurance will pay the hidden tax of approximately \$900 a year to make up for the lack of insurance," she said.

But Obama said his plan would not require a mandate for government to provide health insurance but rather a mandate on individuals to purchase it.

"We're going to make sure that we reduce costs by emphasizing prevention," Obama said, "and I want to make sure that we're applying technology to improve quality, cut bureaucracy."

On some issues such as comprehensive immigration reform, Clinton and Obama said they generally agreed with each other.

"I've been advocating for (immigration reform): tougher, more secure borders, of course," Clinton said, "but let's do it the right way — cracking down on employers, especially once we get to comprehensive immigration reform, who exploit undocumented workers and drive down wages for everyone else."

Clinton said she supports a path to legalization but would require illegal immigrants pay a fine for entering the country illegally, pay back taxes, learn English and she would deport them if they committed a crime.

Though agreeing with Clinton, Obama said he believes politicians should "tone down the rhetoric when it comes to the immigration debate, because there has been an undertone that has been ugly."



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Treador  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS students Eddy Aridas and Jaime Salazai watch the Democratic debate with Hillary Clinton posters in the UT Student Union Thursday evening.

He said he believes political rhetoric from Washington often adds to resentment directed at the Hispanic community in the United States.

"We are a nation of laws, and we are a nation of immigrants," Obama said, "and we can reconcile those two things. So we need comprehensive reform."

Mark McKenzie, an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech, said he does not believe the debate will change the hearts and minds of many Texans, but he anticipates either candidate's performance could sway close state polls by several points.

"On a lot of issues, they're not that far apart, and my guess is that, if you polled most voters and asked them what's the difference in policy between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, my guess is that most voters would be hard pressed to tell you the differences," he said.

According to a CNN/Opinion Research corporation poll released Monday, 50 percent of likely Democratic primary voters support Clinton, with 48 percent supporting Obama.

"Overall, I think as far as who won the debate, she had some strong points,

and Obama had some strong points, and I think the debate was some what of a draw," McKenzie said, "and I don't think that she's going to get a lot of mileage out of this debate."

Texas is the largest remaining primary before the Republican and Democratic Parties officially nominate their candidates during conventions this summer, with 228 delegates available for the Democrats and 137 for the Republicans, according to the Associated Press.

Obama entered the debate with momentum after winning the previous 11 primaries and caucuses, including a win Tuesday in Wisconsin and Hawaii.

Despite the consecutive wins, Obama has a less than 100 delegate lead over Clinton, according to the AP. Obama leads the delegate count with 1,358.5 delegates, compared to Clinton's 1,264. 2,025 delegates are needed to secure the nomination.

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## Embassy

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it won't resort to military force, but the street violence could be a tactic to slow moves by more countries to follow the U.S., Britain, Germany and France in quickly recognizing Kosovo's independence.

Russia and China lead the states standing with Serbia, worrying that Kosovo's example could encourage separatist sentiment elsewhere. The Kremlin has underlined its displeasure by hinting it might back separatists in pro-Western nations such as the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Serbian officials dismissed violence earlier in the week as "insignificant," and no police were guarding the U.S. Embassy compound even though it had been targeted previously. American officials said the offices had been closed at midday because of security concerns.

Milorad Veljovic, a top Interior Ministry official, said that security forces had the situation under control and that mobs had been broken up.

Masked men smashed their way

inside the compound's consular building, tore down the U.S. flag and tried to throw furniture from an office. They set fire to the office and flames shot up the side of the building.

The State Department officials said no protesters got into the embassy's main chancery section, a separate area that was manned by a U.S. Marine guard unit and some security personnel.

Police arrived about 45 minutes after the blaze broke out, and after the rioters left the building. A half dozen fire trucks also appeared and quickly doused the flames, leaving the front facade and two police guard posts on the sidewalk smoldering.

Officers from an elite paramilitary police unit drove armored jeeps outside the embassy and fired dozens of tear gas canisters to disperse the crowd. Rioters wheeled out large garbage bins in an unsuccessful attempt to block the police vehicles. Thick

clouds of tear gas obscured hung in the street as officers chased rioters into nearby side streets.

It was the first attack on a U.S. Embassy since Sept. 12, 2006, when Syrian security guards stopped an attempt to blow up the compound. The last time a mob broke into one was the Iranians' seizure of the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979, taking the American staffers hostage.

Critics of the prime minister accused his nationalistic government of tolerating the violence over Kosovo, perhaps as an excuse to crack down on pro-Western

forces in the country.

"I cannot tell if the authorities are going to allow this to escalate, and how long they will let this go on, but it is absolutely clear that it is all under their control," said Vesna Pesic from the pro-Western Liberal Democratic Party whose offices also have been attacked.

"I cannot tell if the authorities are going to allow this to escalate..."

— VESNA PESIC  
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## How 'American Idol' ruined American culture

As a Canadian who grew up on the American border, I long have been envious of your national culture.

Don't get me wrong; Canadian culture has its high points. I've lived, quite literally, at times for, say, the surreal comedy of "The Kids in the Hall," the sublime poetry of Joni Mitchell's lyrics or the casual brilliance of Eleanor Wachtel's interview skills on CBC-Radio's "Writers and Company" every Sunday afternoon. But generally, what Canadians call culture has never moved me to the same degree as all my favorite expressive artifacts from south of the 49th parallel.

Does Irving Layton's poetry have the same macho bluster as Hemingway's hard-boiled prose? Do the rowdy folk songs of Stompin' Tom Connors compare with the bluesy grandeur of Rufus Thomas singing "Funky Mississippi" or Aretha Franklin demanding a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T? Can the bruising enforcers of the National Hockey League ever rival the graceful spectacle of your fleet-footed centerfielders and soft-handed

**Michael Borshuk**



wide receivers?

In all cases, a resounding no. Even the CN Tower, that architectural marvel in my country's biggest city, just doesn't have the same eye-pleasing chutzpah of the Empire State Building, I'm afraid.

American culture, from my green-eyed outsider's perspective, is a satisfying carnival of colorful individualism, elegant style and unfettered moxie. It is, by turns, brash, witty and sophisticated. Rhetorical savvy and the display of self-signature are its hallmarks.

Which is why, for proprietary reasons, I must speak out against that most un-American of institutions: Fox's "American Idol." What a horrendous assault on American culture is that program's endless push toward bland homogeneity and unqualified

narcissism. Few cultural franchises have more obviously threatened all that is good about this country's unique expressive history.

Now, before you dismiss my pique as the arbitrary ramblings of a culturally outmoded old man, hear me out. My reasons are various. My rage is palpable. This is not merely the angst of a guy whose references to LPs or Steely Dan or American Bandstand go unrecognized by undergraduates most afternoons.

For one, "American Idol" represents an affront to all I would celebrate in American musical aesthetics. At the risk of being overly subjective, I must announce American singing — at least after the messianic intervention of Louis Armstrong early in the 20th century — used to be, um, good.

To be more specific, American vernacular singing, since I don't feel qualified to discuss classical aesthetics with much confidence, was a tradition based on unique personality, rhythmically interesting phrasing and killer — by which I do not mean ostentatious necessarily

— technique.

Take a random sample of great vocalists from the American vernacular pantheon: Ella Fitzgerald, Bob Dylan, Patsy Cline, Gladys Knight, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash... Each of them is instantly recognizable. Each of them addresses the beat of the song in a way that defies predictability.

Each of them makes what they do sound easy, but each of them is remarkably difficult to mimic, which you know if you've tried to perform any of their tunes at a karaoke bar.

Trust me, your friends were only being polite when they said you sounded just like Ol' Blue Eyes after you warbled "My Way" with a few too many Shiner Bocks in your belly.

American Idol, on the other hand, long has been a showcase for flashy but uninspired singing, a wicked mélange of melismatic fancy and pretentious upper-register flamboyance.

You know what I'm talking about, don't you? That trilly, Mariah Carey-esque assault on melody that turns every musical line into an occasion for exploring regions of the vocal

chords that should be reserved for moments of extreme pain.

Whereas American singing used to model itself after the rough-and-tumble nature of this brusque nation itself, pop music vocals in the "American Idol" vein tend more and more toward the pretentious nonsense American culture traditionally has been good at policing against.

Beyond style, though, the real threat to American culture the show represents is its shameless indulgence of the pursuit of fame. You used to have to be good at what you do, and positively unique in your talents, to command praise and recognition in this country.

"American Idol," though, has helped give rise to a generation of attention-seekers who are unjustifiably secure in their sense of entitlement. Why else do the obvious no-talents in the early weeks of each season get so darned indignant when told they won't be making the trip to Hollywood?

Moreover, while I don't want to fall so predictably into the standard criticism of commercialism's crass

aesthetics, I can't help but grimace at Simon and Company's endless talk of "it-ness" and "X Factor" as they appraise each go-round's assortment of "Idol" recruits.

I suppose it's an offshoot of the mediated, technologically enhanced musical culture we now possess. As the sound of song becomes more synthesized — less a recreation of what it's like to hear musicians play in a live setting than a studio-created, sonic cyborg in itself — it's only natural the progenitors of pop music are celebrated for image above all else.

Now, I'm not naive. I know Marvin Gaye was a handsome fellow, and his good looks undoubtedly helped him sell records. But Gaye had a singularity that defied easy copying, and his physical beauty never was rendered secondary to his musical technique. What a technique it was. Such singing!

And, perhaps most importantly, it's never given me a headache to hear it.

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## Should we torture?

**STAFF EDITORIAL**  
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(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Presidential candidate John McCain urged President Bush Wednesday to veto a bill that would prohibit the CIA from using waterboarding and other "harsh interrogation methods" on suspected terrorists. This is a controversial subject in the current political climate.

Should America, the self-proclaimed leader of the free world, utilize methods of interrogation that are essentially torturous in nature on its enemies? Some people condone the practice of torturing individuals for information who have already freely confessed to being terrorists, as long as torture is not used in order to coerce this confession.

They believe torture should only be used against rogue enemy agents, and should not, under any circumstances, be employed against members of a recognized foreign military force.

There are others who argue that using torture, under any circumstances, sets a precedent for bad policy that would eventually cause our country to lose more

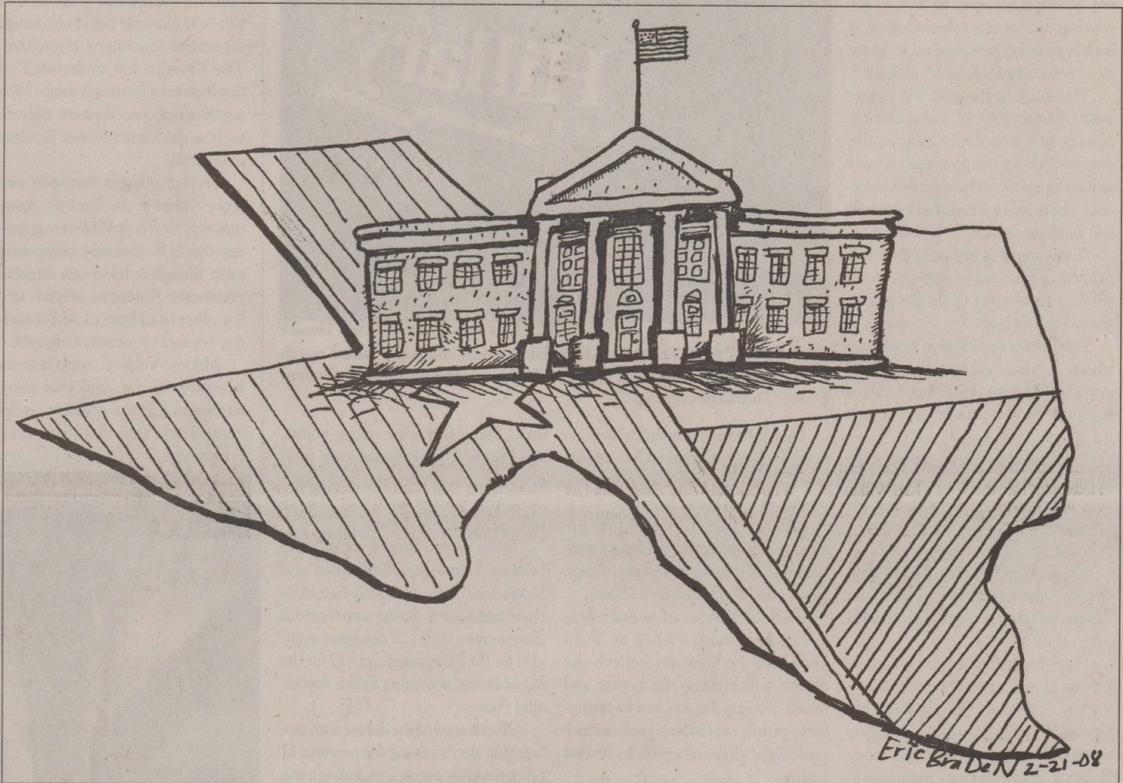
face in the international community. They argue the practice of torture is inherently inhumane, and our active engagement in it would make us no better than our enemies.

It has not been indisputably established that torture is an effective interrogation method, as many individuals subjected to torture will sincerely admit to anything to cause the torture to end.

If torture were allowed under specific circumstances, it would be left to the discretion of the government to determine the set of criteria an individual would have to meet to qualify them for these methods of interrogation.

The question of determining who qualifies as a "terrorist," a word thrown around in the same vague tenor as the word "communist" was, not 50 years ago, is more complicated than it appears on the surface, and could easily be used to refer to any sworn enemy of the United States.

In an age where our nations' leaders employ the politics of fear so frequently, we should ask ourselves as citizens of a free nation whether it would really be in our best interest to sanction our government's use of these questionable interrogation tactics.



## Former President was entertaining, though not convincing

Last Saturday, I had the interesting opportunity to listen to former President Bill Clinton campaign on behalf of his wife at my old high school's gymnasium. I probably would not have gone, had I not been press and luckily able to avoid the incredibly long line that wrapped around the school and back down a few city blocks.

The affair was fairly impromptu, since everyone only had been given a few days notice. This fact didn't hinder attendance, with a few hundred people being turned away at the door because the gym didn't have enough seats to hold everyone. Aside from a few hisses and heckles at our KFYO station vehicle, because it has Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity on the side, the crowd was mostly sedate and fairly cheery.

Inside, the only real incident occurred when a Lubbock police officer attempted to confiscate a "Stop Hillary" sign a man had in the audience. The man holding the sign, Steven Moncrief refused to hand it over. The

**Cole Shooter**



officer made a phone call and looked down at the press area, which was filled with staring reporters such as myself, and left Mr. Moncrief alone to enjoy his freedom of speech.

After a few other speakers, Clinton spoke. Like some others I had discussed the issue with, I had guessed he would speak for a half hour or so, then jet off to his final event of the day in Austin. He ended up speaking for more than an hour, talking about everything from Buddy Holly to in-depth explanations of Hillary Clinton's plans.

Bill Clinton remained upbeat about the other candidates, having little bad to say about Barack Obama or even John McCain. His main focus, outside of doing his techniques,

was to remain on topic about Hillary Clinton's campaign. However, I didn't agree with anything he said.

The crowd responded wildly to his charges that if elected, Hillary Clinton would stage a massive pull-out of troops from Iraq. They did not react the same way when he said that it would not be a total withdrawal of troops, but some special forces troops would remain. According to *The DT*, Bill Clinton likened the U.S. forces in Iraq to having neighbors in need over.

"Even if you didn't have a guest room and they had to sleep on the couch, you would take them in," he said. "If they had to stay a month, you'd let them stay. If they had no money and they had to stay six months, both of you would let them stay, wouldn't you? But if they're still there after five years, that is not about the house burning down anymore."

It's a shame he and his candidate

wife don't feel the same way about illegal immigration and those staying on expired visas — but I digress.

Of course, Bill Clinton made sure to remind everyone of the thought that most of the world is "mad at us for a whole lot of reasons." Again, according to *The Daily Toreador*, Bill Clinton says his wife will fix the fact that many people hate the United States.

Apparently, Hillary Clinton "will begin by adopting the advice of military officials, which calls to reestablish a

policy within the armed forces that "honors the code of law." By that of course, I took it

to mean they plan to switch back to the original Bill Clinton military tactics. Decimate the military, send a few troops here and there and not really accomplish anything, leaving us vulnerable to terrorist attacks. It sounds like another golden age to me.

Bill Clinton also discussed energy issues and the development of even more efficient hybrid vehicles. "Once you get to the 100-

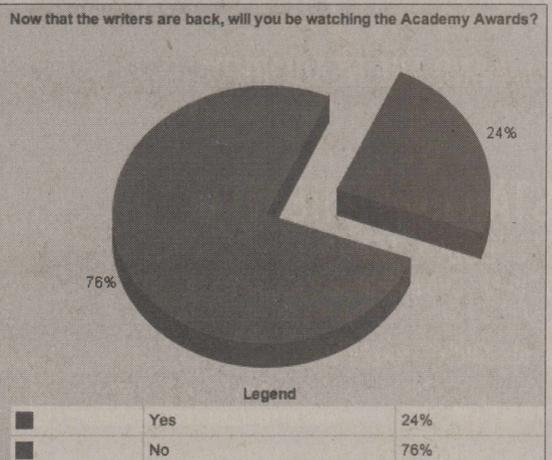
miles-a-gallon car, you won't care if oil is \$100 a barrel. You won't care if oil is \$200 a barrel. You can say to all the oil stuffers, we're taking our \$300 billion back home, thank you, and investing it in American jobs and America's future."

It's quite a trite statement, but still interesting. Why, the money you save on petrol for these cars may come close to countering the astronomical expense of having them fixed.

While Bill Clinton is an excellent speaker, he's still the same ol' Big Government Billy, and his wife is worse. Bill Clinton gave an enjoyable speech overall, but I kept being reminded of Harold Hill in "The Music Man."

Entertaining, exciting, and I didn't buy a word of it.

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# LAVIDA

## Review of 'Professor Layton and the Curious Village' for the DS

So there you are, in the mansion of a rich widow who wants you to help her solve the mystery of her husband's inheritance. You just chased down her beloved cat, and have returned to find that a murder has taken place there in your absence.

**Britton Peele**



"No one leaves this room until I question them," says the detective in charge of the murder case. How shocking! You turn to the butler next to you, who says quite casually, "You know, this murder reminds me of a brain teaser I once heard..."

Such is the world of "Professor Layton and the Curious Village" for the Nintendo DS.

The game is an interesting mix of classic, "point-and-click" adventure games and a large collection of puzzles, riddles, and brain teasers. The title character, Professor Layton, renowned for his intellect and ability to solve puzzles, has been summoned to the village of St. Mystere. There, he and his apprentice, Luke, must solve a variety of puzzles to help the residents of the town with various problems.

The game is controlled entirely with the touch screen. You wander around the village by tapping in various directions and locations, and talk to people and search objects in the same manner. When you talk to people, trying to find clues to the mysteries Professor Layton is attempting to solve, it is rare for a character to give you any items or useful information without having you first solve a puzzle of some kind.

Everyone in St. Mystere apparently thinks of little else other than brain teasers, and is obsessed with having you solve them to prove that you're worthy of hearing, "Oh, the cat went over by that fence."

This crazy setting is complimented nicely by some beautiful

artwork that initially may remind you of an old children's cartoon. Don't be put off by this, though, as it's extremely fitting and really is easy on the eyes. It also allowed the developers of the game, Level 5 — known for many great titles such as "Dark Cloud" and "Jeanne D'Arc" — to provide a fair amount of full motion cut scenes in the game, complete with voice acting.

But the puzzles themselves are the main draw of this game. If you're a big fan of riddles and brain teasers, you may recognize several of them. You're presented with classic quandaries such as getting three wolves and three chickens across a lake using only a small raft (and without the wolves eating the

chickens), or identifying who is telling the truth amongst a group of liars. All these provide for some entertaining game play, as well as some great mental exercise.

There are more than 100 puzzles in the main game alone, which easily could keep you busy for 14 hours or more, not including some of the side events such as finding pieces of a broken painting and putting them back together. After the main game, you unlock a separate set of more challenging puzzles, which provides even more play time. Finish those? Well, Nintendo and Level 5 are releasing weekly puzzles for download over the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection, free of charge. There's a whole lot of incentive to

come back to the game.

It's not a game for everybody. If you absolutely hate using your head, doing simple math or thinking about certain questions that may remind you just a little too much of the SATs, then you may not enjoy Professor Layton. However, if you have any love at all for puzzles and brain teasers, you'd be wrong to not at least give this game a look. Do yourself a favor and check out "Professor Layton and the Curious Village." As the good Professor says, "Critical thinking is the key to success!"

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## Kellerman's Academy Award picks

Okay, I realize most of you didn't see a lot of the films on this list. The Academy Awards are not judged on box office receipts but on quality. Then again, studios will lobby for their films to win in certain categories.

This makes it very difficult to predict who will win, but it doesn't stop me from trying. Here are my votes and predictions for the top eight categories.

Actor: George Clooney, "Michael Clayton"; Daniel Day-Lewis, "There Will Be Blood"; Johnny Depp, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"; Tommy Lee Jones, "In the Valley of Elah"; Viggo Mortensen, "Eastern Promises".

Who Should Win: Daniel Day-Lewis.

Who Will Win: Daniel Day-Lewis. You may as well take a nap when they announce this. Day-Lewis has it in the bag. The other actors were fantastic this year, but Day-Lewis was perfect.

Supporting Actor: Casey Affleck, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"; Javier Bardem, "No Country for Old Men"; Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Charlie Wilson's War"; Hal Holbrook, "Into the Wild"; Tom Wilkinson, "Michael Clayton".

Who Should Win: Casey Affleck.

Who Will Win: Javier Bardem.

I have no problem with Bardem's performance, but his creepiness mainly was due to the excellent direction of the film. Casey Affleck showed us who is the real actor in the Affleck family.

Actress: Cate Blanchett, "Elizabeth: The Golden Age"; Julie Christie, "Away from Her"; Marion Cotillard, "La Vie en Rose"; Laura Linney, "The Savages"; Ellen Page, "Juno".

Who Should Win: Julie Christie. Who

**Chris Kellerman**



Will Win: Julie Christie.

I know most of you haven't seen "Away from Her," but you should. It is heartbreaking, and Christie is a master.

Supporting Actress: Cate Blanchett, "I'm Not There"; Ruby Dee, "American Gangster"; Saoirse Ronan, "Atonement"; Amy Ryan, "Gone Baby Gone"; Tilda Swinton, "Michael Clayton".

Who Should Win: Cate Blanchett.

Who Will Win: Amy Ryan.

I think Cate Blanchett has won too many Oscars lately to win again this year, although she certainly deserves it. A woman as Bob Dylan? Sheesh.

Adapted Screenplay: "Atonement"; "Away from Her"; "The Diving Bell and Butterfly"; "No Country for Old Men"; "There Will Be Blood".

Who Should Win: "Away from Her"

Who Will Win: "No Country for Old Men"

Anyone who read "No Country for Old Men" by Cormac McCarthy could have written the screenplay. It reads like a script. However, "Away from Her" is crafted beautifully and has dozens of many memorable moments—all of which are

due to the brilliant screenplay.

Original Screenplay: "Juno"; "Lars and the Real Girl"; "Michael Clayton"; "Ratatouille"; "The Savages".

Who Should Win: "Juno". Who Will Win: "Juno".

Diablo Cody's script is the most acclaimed of the year. There's no chance she'll lose.

Director: Paul Thomas Anderson, "There Will Be Blood"; Joel & Ethan Coen, "No Country for Old Men"; Tony Gilroy, "Michael Clayton"; Jason Reitman, "Juno"; Julian Schnabel, "The Diving Bell and Butterfly".

Who Should Win: Joel & Ethan Coen.

Who Will Win: Joel & Ethan Coen.

This movie wouldn't have been anything without the Coens at the helm.

Picture: "Atonement"; "Juno"; "Michael Clayton"; "No Country for Old Men"; "There Will Be Blood".

Who Should Win: "Juno". Who Will Win: "No Country for Old Men".

I'm glad I don't have to vote in this category. "No Country for Old Men" probably deserves it, but "Juno" possesses something that has been missing from light-hearted comedies the past 10 years or so. "Juno" is smart, sassy, hilarious and heartwarming. I'll be rooting for it on Oscar night.

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## Bringing the boys home: Weekend concerts

Punk rock, heavy metal, emo and ska are all genres of music influential to our modern day culture, and all possess angles of enjoyment to some extent. However, here in Texas, our roots are firmly and proudly planted elsewhere.

Here in Texas, we know better because we've got the blues. Cellus and The Loose Grip, the good ol' boys from Austin, are bringing the blues to Lubbock at 11:00 p.m. today at Jake's Backroom, and you're all encouraged to help us welcome them back. We've all heard the saying "there's no place like home," and according to bassist Joel Smith, "this is home."

Members of The Loose Grip began their journey together in Lubbock, but on account of growing popularity, the band made the big move to Austin just over a year ago. Though sorely missed in Lubbock by all, the move was a decision they do not regret. Though

**Chelsea Roe**



Lubbock will always be their home, Austin is where they belong.

Since their arrival in the city that's become notorious for its talent output and strong emphasis on roots music, The Loose Grip boys have been playing non-stop around town and touring through Texas. These days, you can find them working hard all over Austin in bars such as The Lucky Lounge and the One to One Bar on Fifth Street. Cellus and The Loose Grip also recently released its EP "The Life and Times of Sir Guffery," copies of which will be available for purchase at today's show and are available for purchase on the band's Web site, [www.thehoosegrip.com](http://www.thehoosegrip.com). To check out the band or its stellar EP beforehand, you also can find it on Myspace.

Not only do they put on a killer show, but the Loose Grip guys happen to be amazing songwriters as well. Whether it be the strong soulful vocals of Marcellus Roberts, the driving rhythm of Smith's bass, Mike Burdall's precise timing on the drums, Blake Atwell's flaming fingers on the lead guitar or Josh Brandenburg's sturdy support on rhythm guitar and back up vocals, it's promised to be damn good stuff.

If you feel like dancing, drinking, listening to some face melting blues and just having a good time in general, join us today, because it's your chance, and you really don't want to miss out on this one. Bring it on home boys.

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8:30	Saddle		Strawberry	Housecalls	Johnny Test	Replace	TMNT FF
9 AM	Dragonfly	Jacob 2-2	Cake	Paid Prog.	Titans	So Raven	TMNT FF
9:30	Heartland	Diagon	Horseland	My Lubbock	Eon Kid	So Raven	Dinosaur
10 AM	TX Parks	Rabbit	Paid Prog.	Legion	Hannah	Zack	Adrenaline
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8:30	Masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice"	News	News	Friends	Sex City	News	MADtv
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# Tech softball heads to Lobo Invitational still search for win No. 1

By ALEX YBARRA  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball coach Teresa Wilson took a page from the NFL's New York Giants and the season they endured before defeating the undefeated New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII and compared it to her team's 0-8 start this season.

"A lot of people wondered about the Giants' 0-2 (start)," she said. "I told our kids, '0-2 in a football season isn't really that much different than 0-8 in a 60-game season.'"

Tech will try to turn things around when it competes in the Lobo Invitational against No. 22 Washington (4-4-1) at 1:30 p.m. and New Mexico (4-3) at 9:00 p.m. today in Albuquerque, N.M.

Wilson said Tech's struggles stem from several things, most importantly big hitters — such as seniors Jennifer Corkin, Jennifer Bowers and Whitney Riley — putting too much pressure on themselves early in the season.

"When those three kids get hot, it's gonna be a lot of fun," Wilson said. "I think a lot of it is, we have six seniors, and when a person gets to be a senior, there's a sense of urgency that's never been there before. You suddenly realize that your career is four months long. I really think that the first two weeks

they've wanted it so badly, and they've tried so hard that you end up freezing yourself in critical situations."

Wilson said for the most part, her younger players are doing their part.

She highlighted freshman pitcher Tye Coats, who contributed with a home run, a double, a walk against California and a hit by pitch that brought in a run, all in Tech's last tournament.

"I think it's a matter of our six seniors relaxing," Wilson said. "(It's) the old adage, when you play the game they say, 'Play ball,' they don't say 'Work ball,' and right now we're working a lot."

As a team, Tech is batting .181 while getting outscored 42-13 by the opposition, but Wilson said once her best hitters get their bats back, then everyone else will follow.

"I am fully aware that hitting is very contagious," she said. "So once a couple of those upperclassmen relax and things start happening for them, I think it's going to be contagious and everybody else will catch that fire."

Tech will get back to work against Washington, who beat the Red Raiders in the first game of the season, 8-1.

In that game, senior pitcher Sarah Losleben was in the circle and gave up 10 hits and eight runs in five innings

of work. Wilson said she believes Losleben also could be struggling from experiencing her senior season and said with one game against Washington already in the bag, the Red Raiders have a good shot to get a win.

"I definitely think with the adjustments we've made," Wilson said, "we're capable of coming out and giving them a much better battle, if not putting ourselves in a position to win the game."

Tech will match up against Missouri (6-4) at 12:30 p.m. and Wichita State (5-4) at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Led by 2007 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year Ehren Earlywine, the Tigers finished with 40 wins and earned their 11th trip to an NCAA Regional Tournament a season ago.

This season the Tigers lost senior outfielder Micaela Minner to an ACL injury. Minner batted .366 in the cleanup spot in 2007 and was named to the All-Big 12 First Team.

"They're definitely a force to be reckoned with," Wilson said. "Taking one hitter out of the lineup isn't gonna change much. We are gonna have to play a very good game to solve the Missouri issue."

Sophomore pitcher Ashly Jacobs (0-3), who has a 2.78 ERA in 22.2 innings pitched, said one win is all

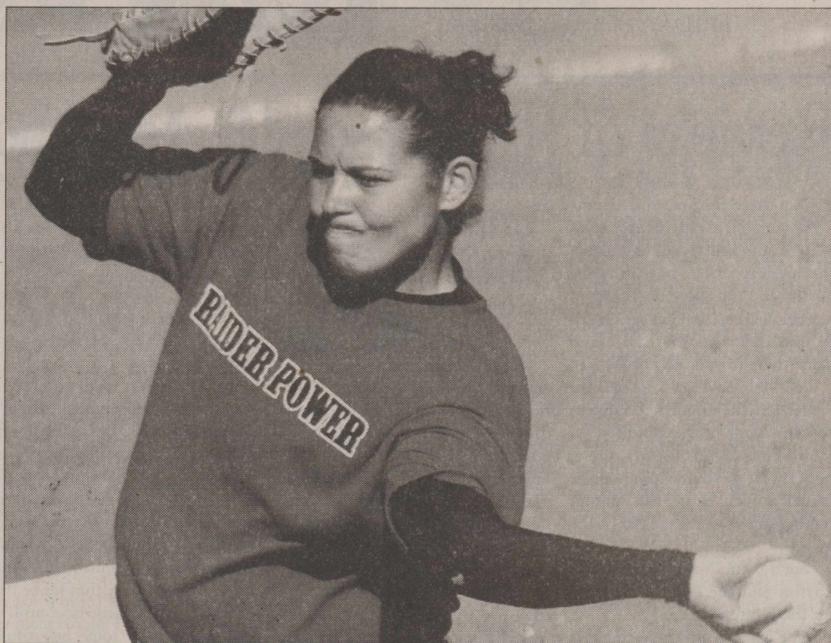


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TEXAS TECH'S JENNIFER Corkin and the Red Raider softball team will try to earn their first win this weekend at the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

Tech needs to restore the team's confidence.

"It's only gonna take one win for

us to turn it around, and we're gonna start winning more," she said. "We're just gonna focus really hard on getting

that one win. We just need to put everything together."

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## Tech men on the road while Tech women enjoy week off

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams are coming off a weekend against challenging opponents.

While the Tech women have the weekend off, the Tech men continue their trip on the road against No. 57 New Mexico and New Mexico State Saturday and Sunday in Las Cruces, N.M.

"We had some early wins against some teams that weren't ranked," Tech men's coach Tim Siegel. "I know our

schedule is strong every match, and we don't have an opportunity to look forward or look back. We just have to look at the match that we're playing right now. New Mexico is very strong. This might be the best team they've had there in over five years. If we're not ready, we will lose that match. The best thing about our team is I don't think we have played a complete match yet. I'm looking forward to having all six players go out there and play well."

The Tech men had their share of success last weekend, despite suffering their first loss of the season to No. 46 TCU.

Siegel notched his 200th career victory after a 5-2 win against Arkansas-Little Rock.

This accomplishment is not on top of Siegel's list of high points in his career.

Siegel said the 200th victory shows no significance, as this is a record of longevity and not success.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, a lot of coaches will say it," he said, "but I honestly believe that it means nothing except for the fact that I just (have) been here for a long time. I didn't even know my record. I have no idea (of) my record from one year to the next."

The Tech men's No. 1 singles player, Bojan Szumanski said he was unaware of the achievement, but it shows what kind of coach Siegel has been over the years.

"I'm really happy for him," Szumanski said. "It's great. I think it's a great achievement for him. He's been here a long time. Siegel's doing a great job. I've been here for five years. I've got to know him well. He's a really great guy and a great coach."

In the TCU loss, the Red Raiders lost the doubles point for the first time this season. Despite the loss, the doubles team of Szumanski and Christian Rojmar jumped up the rankings to become the No. 2 doubles team in the nation.

Siegel said he is amazed at how much better the duo is this season than last season, but he knows the ranking creates a target on their back.

"It just shows they had a good fall," he said. "They've had a good spring so

far, being undefeated. In a doubles pro set, anything can happen. You can't just sit back and relax. Every match, people are gunning for you."

The Tech women suffered two losses to two ranked teams last weekend. The Tech women dropped a match against No. 57 Boise State 5-2 and lost to No. 56 Brigham Young 4-3.

This week has been all about rest and preparation for the Red Raiders.

After practicing this week, the Tech women have the next three days off until they continue practice again Monday.

Tech women's coach Cari Groce said Brenna Jackson will make a return to the doubles lineup next week.

Groce said the week off will give Jackson a chance to be comfortable and her a chance to see if the Red Raiders can find a solid No. 6 singles player.

"With Brenna Jackson back in the doubles lineup and coming back out, it gives her some extra time to get that doubles combination of her and Simone (Templeton) working and playing some extra matches," Groce said. "It gives us a little bit longer time to check out that No. 6 position. We gotta try to find somebody who we can bank on at No. 6 because those are a couple of crucial points we feel we should be winning, and we aren't."

Tech lost at No. 6 in both matches against BYU and Boise State.

The Tech women next face SMU at noon Feb. 29 and TCU at noon March 1.

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## Hornets get Wells, James from Rockets, send Jackson to Houston

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Looking to solidify their bench and protect their perch atop the Western Conference, the New Orleans Hornets acquired swingman Bonzi Wells and guard Mike James on Thursday in a trade that sent veteran guard Bobby Jackson to Houston.

"We wanted to add a little bit of presence on our bench in the form of players who could give us some scoring punch," Hornets general manager Jeff Bower said. "This trade dramatically improves our team by giving us proven veteran scorers at the backup guard and swing positions."

The trade involved three teams. The Hornets also sent rookie guard Adam Haluska and second-year forward Marcus Vinicius to Houston, then Houston sent Vinicius, the rights to Malik Badiane and cash to Memphis in exchange for the rights to Sergei Lishouk.

New Orleans and Houston agreed to exchange second-round draft picks if the Hornets' second pick is higher than Houston's.

The Hornets also received cash from Houston so the combined salaries of James and Wells would not exceed Jackson's salary by more than the NBA mandated threshold of 25 percent.

Jackson is earning \$5.7 million this season and \$6.1 million next season.

Wells' contract expires after this

season, but James is signed through 2009-10 and is scheduled to be paid \$12.7 million during the final two seasons of his contract.

The deal means the Hornets now have two open spots on their 15-player roster, allowing them also to pursue free agent and former Hornets power forward P.J. Brown, who is mulling offers from several contending teams as the stretch run of the regular season begins.

New Orleans also is interested in center Chris Anderson, who was suspended for drug use in 2006 but recently applied for reinstatement.

Jackson has averaged 7.1 points this season backing up Chris Paul, but has proven he can still be an explosive scorer. He hit five 3-pointers, including two in the fourth quarter, and finished with 17 points Wednesday in a victory over Dallas.

The trade reunites Jackson with Houston coach Rick Adelman, who was with him for five seasons in Sacramento. Rockets general manager Daryl Morey said that relationship was a big factor in the trade.

"We've always liked him as a player, but having his familiarity with Coach, Coach's system, he's a guy that can step right in," Morey said. "With the West the way it is, you don't want to have a big transition period. I think a lot of the teams that added players are going through that right now. We're hoping with Bobby that transition is a little shorter than others."

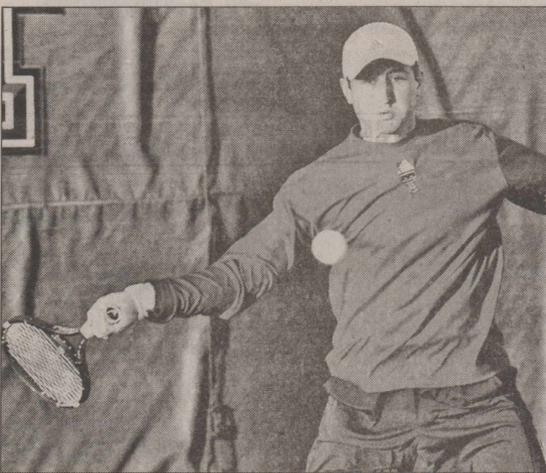


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TEXAS TECH'S BOJAN Szumanski will lead the Red Raiders against New Mexico and will attempt to bounce back from a loss to TCU.

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## Tech women's golf begins season in Puerto Rico

By KEVIN CULLEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's golf team begins its spring season Sunday in Puerto Rico at the Purdue/Puerto Rico Invite.

Tech coach Stacey Totman said the team is ready to begin after a long offseason between fall and spring.

"I think we are one of the only teams (that will be) there that hasn't competed yet; a lot of teams have already been out there," she said. "They are really, really ready to go and excited, of course; they get to go to Puerto Rico."

Totman said the time between

the seasons has benefited her team members because it gave them extra time to train.

"They've been in the weight room working on strength and conditioning," she said. "When you work really hard in that area and improve in that area, I really think you become a little bit more mentally tough. A lot of them had a chance in the off-season to go home and work with some strength coaches and fine tune golf swings. I think they all feel pretty good about where they are at right now with their games in general."

Juniors Ulrika Van Niekerk, Megan Dowdy, and Gloriana Soto will be

competing in Puerto Rico along with freshmen Stephanie Smith and Robyn Scott.

Dowdy carries the team's leading stroke average, 75.83, from the fall season into a tournament with a course

distances and things like that. This year they will be able to go down there and actually just play the golf course and get a feel for the rough, the speed of the greens and just get a really good feel about being back there on that golf course. Nothing should be a surprise for my returners."

Arkansas, Georgia, Purdue, Tennessee and Alabama are the highest-ranked teams competing in Puerto Rico, all ranked in the Top 20 according to Golfweek. Totman said this field of teams is the strongest the Red Raiders will face all season.

"It's a big field — a lot of competition there," she said. "But we have been outside, some of the schools are from the North, so I think we need to take advantage of the fact that we have been able to be outside on a regular basis."

Totman said she hopes the team will be able to be consistent and will not start out too slow in the three-day tournament.

"I think the only thing they need to guard against a little bit is that it has been a while since we've played," she said. "They may be a little over-anxious to get started. I'm hoping that those first nine holes we can just get out there and get off to a steady start. I think once they get out there and get relaxed and get the first nine holes under their belt, they will settle in and do pretty well. They are all hitting it well. The greens down there are a different kind of grass, so if we get a good feel for the greens in the practice round and calm the nerves off the first tee, then I think they should be okay."

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"We played there last year, so we kind of know what to expect."

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# Lady Raiders attempt to maintain balance on offense against Nebraska

By **ALEX YBARRA**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry has seen her team restore a certain level of balance in the past two games.

She said guards Keisha Walker, Tiny Henderson and Jordan Murphree shouldered the offensive load that forwards Dominic Seals, Stanecia Graham and center Erin Myrick normally handle.

"I am so tired of them depending on Dominic and Erin and Stanecia and throwing the ball inside," Curry said of her backcourt. "When things aren't going good for you, you just got to continue to shoot the ball, you got to be aggressive with your actions. You got to step up and make plays."

The guards made plays against the Jayhawks and the Aggies recently, outscoring the frontcourt 74-47. An improvement from games against Oklahoma State Feb. 14 and Baylor Feb. 9, in which Tech's frontcourt combined to score 67 of Tech's 101 points.

During the second half in Tech's 65-61 win over Kansas Wednesday,

the Lady Raiders shot 61.5 percent from the field, and in a 70-56 loss at Texas A&M Sunday, they shot 51.3 percent.

Curry said the good guard play has transferred from practice into the games, particularly in Murphree and Walker.

Murphree scored 17 points and Walker scored 11 points against Kansas, well above their season averages.

However, point guard Maria Moore played a big role in turning around the Kansas game. She scored five consecutive points at one point in the second half to give the Lady Raiders a lead they never relinquished.

"What you saw from those periods of very, very good moments is what you see in practice," Curry said. "It's learning to transfer that practice into game situation, and that was so bright for our team to see (Wednesday)."

Tech (15-11, 3-9 in Big 12 Conference play) will have the first opportunity to win back-to-back games since December when Nebraska (17-8, 6-5) rolls into town for a 2 p.m. tipoff Sunday at the United Spirit Arena.

As far as preparing for Nebraska,

Curry said the defensive style of Tech's last two opponents has sufficed.

"I think one positive about this three-game stretch with Texas A&M and Kansas and Nebraska is how they all play defensively," she said. "So, 'A' has been preparation for 'B' and 'B' has been preparation for 'C.' So it's not like we have to drastically change what we're trying to do and what we're wanting to do offensively."

With the win against Kansas, Tech snapped a five-game losing streak and eliminated any kind of burden that surrounded the team, Seals said.

"We didn't have any frustration," she said. "We just knew that we couldn't hang our heads low about nothing."

Nebraska junior forward Kelsey Griffin, who was a First Team All-Big 12 performer in 2006-07, ranks sixth in the conference with 15.9 points per game while averaging 7.6 rebounds per game.

Senior forward Danielle Page and sophomore forward Cory Montgomery average 12.4 points and 10.6 points per game, respectively, for Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers have never won a game in Lubbock, and Curry said a win against them can lead to more confidence and salvaging a rough Big 12 season.

"That would definitely be a huge positive for us as we continue to put one brick on at a time," Curry said. "There's no question that we're building it back, and it's not the easiest chore in a league like this."

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## Combs

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"I played volleyball, did track, and I did cheerleading," she said. "I'm pretty much the only one in (athletics). People didn't really take me seriously (at first) in boxing. A lot of older people — guys — really didn't take me serious. 'Girls shouldn't be boxing' is what it was."

Mike Combs said if Kayla Combs told she cannot do something, she will do it regardless of the challenge.

"You piss Kayla off, she is gonna prove you wrong," he said. "If you tell Kayla she can't do it, she's going to do it. I'll guarantee you."

Her boxing career got off to a rough start, Mike Combs said. That is what made him realize she would be special.

"Kayla was getting eaten up there for a long time," he said. "She stayed with it. When I knew that she would stay with it after — she probably lost her first eight fights before she won one — and I knew she kept staying with it after eight losses; that told me right then to just get on the bandwagon. I have always backed her."

Upon moving from New Mexico to Lubbock, Kayla Combs, then ranked No. 8 in the nation in the 125-pound weight class, contacted Hernandez about joining his boxing club, The Lubbock Warriors, which trains at the Boys and Girls Club. He said he was skeptical at first about training her.

"I didn't know who she was (beforehand)," Hernandez said. "I didn't have any girls at that time. I had had a few girls but they just weren't making it. There were a lot of problems personally; I had not been used to working with any girls."

Kayla Combs said she saw the training regimen of the Warriors and decided she wanted to be a part of the team.

"I called around, and I came here. I looked at their practices, and I saw how hard that they practice, and I thought to myself, 'Can I do that?' So I came in and talked to coach (Hernandez). They really didn't want girls on the team because they had just kicked off about eight of them. He gave me a two-week trial period, and they put me through some tough workouts, and I ended up making it on the team."

She quickly made an impression on Hernandez when he saw her first tournament in Lubbock.

"I told her, 'Don't leave this up to the judges to have to give you this fight,'" he said. "She gets out there, I mean first round, and she jumps on this girl and knocks her out. She did exactly what I told her, and she stopped that girl. Then she went into the championship round, and I knew that conditioning-wise we were ahead (of her opponent). I told Kayla, 'This girl is going to be real strong that first round. What we are going to do is push her to the limit that first round.' She is smart and she listened. That is what impressed me. She did everything I asked of her."

Her first two fights with the Warriors were knockouts.

It was Kayla Combs' determination and work ethic that caused a change in Hernandez's policies regarding female boxers.

"The interest (among) the little girls here at the Boys and Girls Club has increased dramatically," Hernandez said. "They're all wanting to train now and compete, but it's because she has created that. I learned from her. What I learned from her is that you cannot treat a female any different than you do a boy in the way you train them."

Kayla Combs said she estimates she has won 60 trophies, as well as three or four belts and a couple jackets throughout her boxing career. Her current ranking of No. 3 in the nation is one of her proudest accomplishments, as well as the Ringside National Title she won in 2003.

Along with everyone in Kayla Combs' hometown of Bloomfield, her father said he could not be prouder of his daughter.

"She is everything," Mike Combs said. "She is the perfect kid. She has never been rebellious. We can always talk about anything. I raised my kids to be open-minded, and she is. Like I said, she is everything a daddy could want. She is an awesome kid; I'm real, real proud of her. That is my baby girl. She's a Rock'em, Sock'em Robot."

Kayla Combs' most recent victory Feb. 16 in the Texas USA boxing championships earned her the Texas state title. Her win allows her to advance to the USA Boxing national championships March 8-16 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a chance to earn a spot on the U.S. national team.

Kayla Combs said she wants to make the U.S. national team at least once before she turns professional in boxing.

"I want to finish up this engineering (degree) and get a job in that — have something to fall back on," she said. "I'll probably end up working somewhere along with my dad; he works in the oil fields. I want to go pro, I want to try it out. My goal first is to try to make that USA team and see if they let girls in the Olympics, which they haven't done yet. That is what we are pushing for — they said maybe (in) 2012."

Hernandez said she is scheduled to fight around 8 or 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the City Bank Coliseum in Lubbock's annual Texas State Regional Golden Gloves competition. She will be fighting the 125-pound division Texas state champion, Alexandria Cardenas from San Angelo. The 125-pound division is one weight class above Kayla Combs' regular weight class.

The fight this weekend may be the last time Combs will be fighting locally, and if she wins, she said she will advance to the National Golden Gloves competition in Florida.

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## Tech men's face quick turnaround after delay in Colorado

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech is running on short rest heading into its game against Iowa State at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

After the Red Raiders (14-11, 5-6 in Big 12 Conference) earned their first road win against a conference opponent this season Wednesday, they had to wait to return to Lubbock Thursday morning because of inclement weather conditions in Boulder, Colo.

No matter what, Tech forward Damir Suljagic said the team knows the Cyclones (14-12, 4-7) will be prepared to play a team that plays well at home.

"We couldn't fly in last night," he said. "I think we were supposed to. We had to stay over there in Colorado until this morning. (Tech coach Pat Knight) is going to take care of us. We'll probably just going to watch film and walk through some stuff and do a couple of drills here and there, but I don't think it's going to be a really hard, intense practice."

Suljagic said the team had to wake up at 6 a.m. Thursday to make it back to Lubbock, go to class and be prepared to practice.

This is a part of being a Big 12 player.

Tech assistant coach Bubba Jennings said this is the type of pace Tech players have to get used to as it deals with being a college basketball player in the Big 12.

"It's just a little change in our routine," Jennings said. "Normally we get right back right after the game. Due to the weather, we weren't able

to come in till (Thursday) morning. They just have to adjust to it. Things are tough in the Big 12. When you have something like that happen, (you) just have to adjust to it and do the best you can do."

After suffering their first loss at the United Spirit Arena, the Red Raiders gave Colorado a 87-69 loss, earning their first road win since Dec.

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—BUBBA JENNINGS  
TEXAS TECH  
ASSISTANT COACH

15 against New Mexico.

The 18-point win also is the largest against a Big 12 opponent this season.

Against the Buffaloes, Tech had productive contributions from guards John Roberson and Alan Voskuil. Suljagic also chipped in with a double-double after coming close to the

achievement on some occasions this season.

Voskuil and Roberson earned 20 points each, while Suljagic had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"(Voskuil and Roberson) played really well," Jennings said. "(They) handled the ball well, shot the ball well, just did a really good job overall. Guard play was really good."

Suljagic said his first double-double as a Red Raider is significant, but not as much as Tech getting back to .500.

"It means a lot," he said. "I think winning the game meant a more to me than just the double-double. Honestly, I really don't care how many points or anything I score, as long as we all win."

While Tech will enter Saturday's game on short rest, Iowa State is coming in on extra rest.

The Cyclones defeated Nebraska 60-52 win last Saturday to end a four-game losing streak.

In this game, Iowa State had the lowest scoring half in Big 12 history with 11 points heading into halftime.

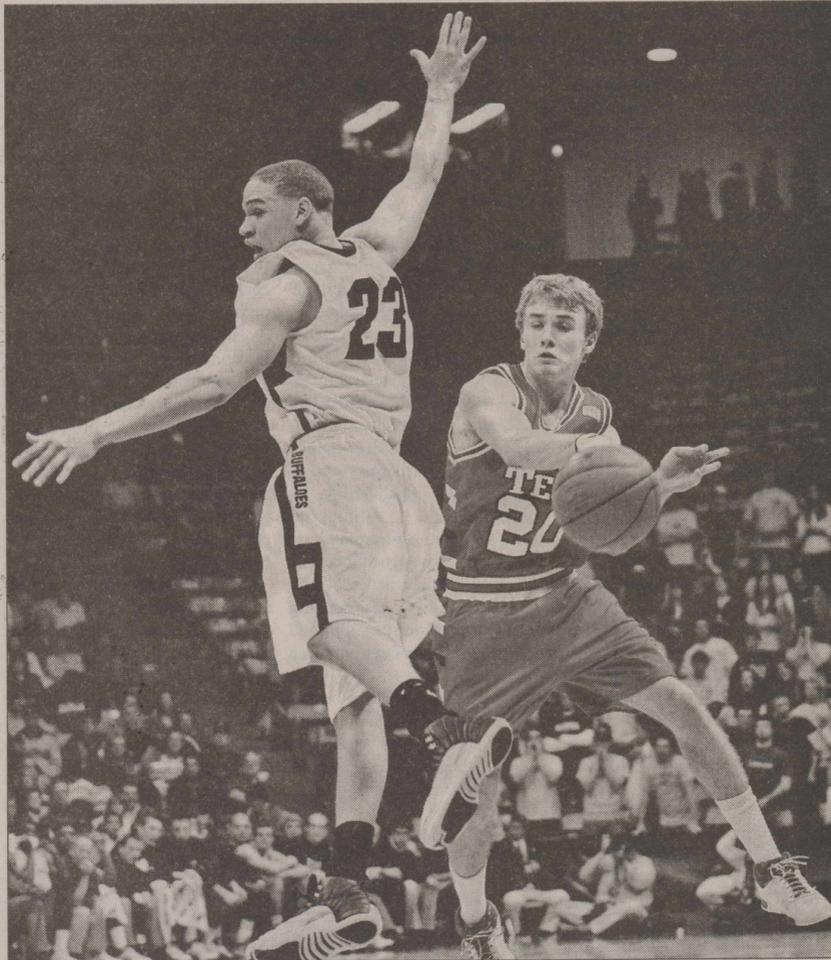
Iowa State will be playing a Tech team it recently has had trouble with, as the Cyclones have lost six of the last seven against the Red Raiders.

Jiri Hubalek leads the team in scoring with 13.1 points, followed by Wesley Johnson who averages 13 points per game.

Against conference opponents, the Cyclones are 11th in the Big 12, averaging 61.9 points per game. Iowa State holds Big 12 opponents to 67.7 points per game, good for fifth in the conference.

Tech's game against the Cyclones is scheduled to air on ESPN Plus.

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TEXAS TECH'S ALAN Voskuil attempts to pass around Colorado's Richard Roby during the game Wednesday night at Coors Events Center in Boulder, Colo.

## Texas Tech baseball opens season on Saturday at UTSA Baseball Classic

By BEN MAKI  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTSA Baseball Classic starts today, but Texas Tech will have to wait another day before it can begin its season.

Tech, who finished the 2007 season with a 28-27 record, opens with No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette at 10 a.m. Saturday in San Antonio.

The Rajun Cajuns are coming off a 2007 season in which they finished 40-17 and lost in the championship game of the NCAA Regionals championship game to Texas A&M. The Red Raiders also will face another team that made it to last year's NCAA Regionals in Oral Roberts, who also went 40-17 in 2007. The rest of the tournament lineup comprises UTSA (36-22 in 2007) and Army (25-23-1 in 2007).

Tech coach Larry Hays said he would have liked to have started the season at home, but he will take any games that become available.

"The big thing is not playing at home with your fans," he said. "We got parents coming in, and we had just everything set up, but (we) get to play four teams like this — we can make that a positive. We'll be out of our comfort zone a little bit. We got so many news guys, I was hoping we could play at home, (and) kind of

get comfortable before we go on the road, but this way we'll make this work, too."

Tech associate head coach Dan Spencer said he believes the road games will help the team mesh together better.

"It's good from the standpoint of you're with your team, there's less distractions," he said. "You've got a chance to maybe get tougher, come together a little more. The home crowd and those things are nice, and we were set for that, but I think you learn more on the road than at home, so we'll find out where we're at — we'll have a little better idea next week."

Tech will send out junior pitcher A.J. Ramos to start the season against the Rajun Cajuns. Ramos was 8-5 with a 4.70 ERA in 17 starts in 2007.

He will be followed by freshman Chad Bettis, who was drafted in the eighth round of the 2007 MLB first-year player Draft by the Houston Astros, who will start against Army at 10 a.m. Sunday and sophomore Nate Karns, who will be making his first start as a Red Raider after transferring from NC State in 2007, will start against Oral Roberts at 2 p.m.

Cory Large (2-1 with a 6.62 ERA in six appearances in 2007) rounds out the starters as he will take the mound against UTSA at 2 p.m. Monday.

Spencer said he wants to see his

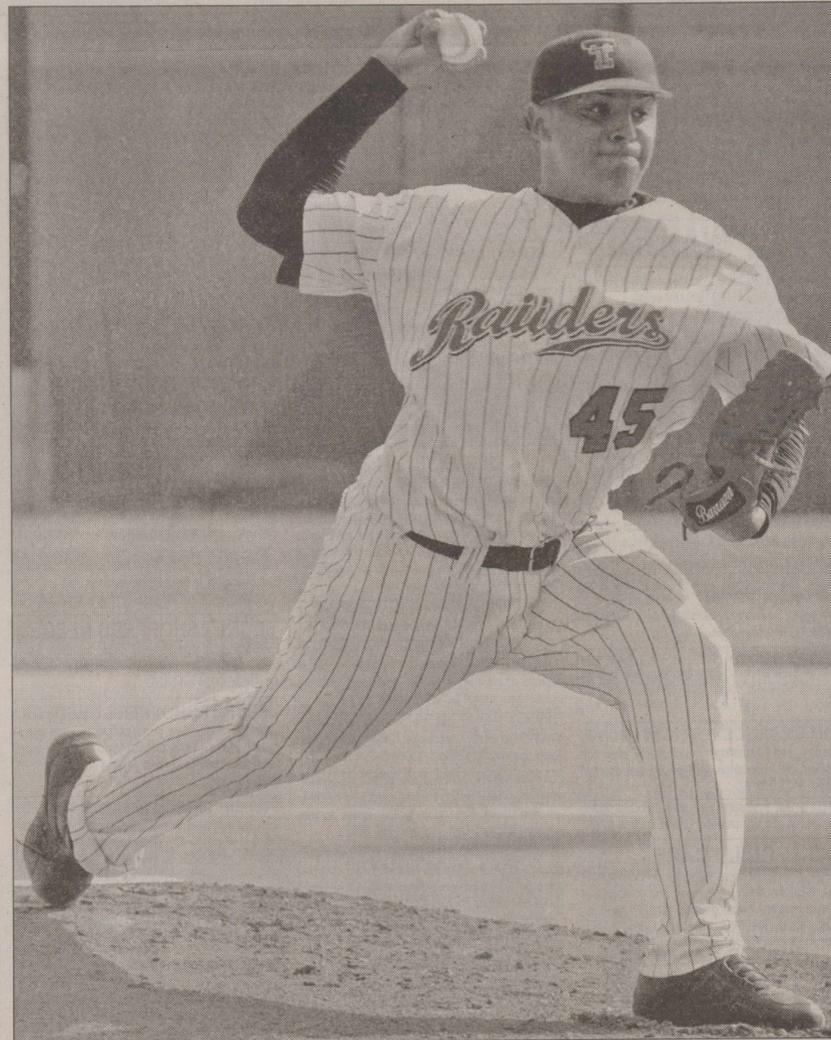
pitchers perform like they have in the intra-squad scrimmage and not try to do more than they are capable of doing.

"However they've done, I just want them to take it from the 'pen to the scrimmage, which they've done, and take it from a scrimmage to (the game)," he said. "What I'm not looking for is somebody that's been doing something here in a scrimmage well and have them lose that in a game just because it's a game. The first time out is always going to be different, but you'd like to see them get over that in two or three pitches and just get back into the role of things."

Hays said the tournament does not change the team's preparation, but it will provide an opportunity to give players such as Preseason Second Team All-American Roger Kieschnick and 2007 Texas Collegiate League MVP Chris Richburg could get an opportunity to have more at-bats in the opening weekend of the season.

"We get to play the four games, so we'll handle the pitching just like before," he said. "The difference is we know we're going to get to hit every inning, and playing at home sometimes you don't get to hit those last innings, so our offensive guys oughta like that part."

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TEXAS TECH PITCHER A.J. Ramos will take the mound in the season opener against No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette in the UTSA Baseball Classic this at 10 a.m. Saturday in San Antonio.

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