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Retirement System chief forgoes \$168K

AUSTIN (AP) — Following legislative outrage over investment bonuses at some state trust funds, the chief investment officer of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas will forgo nearly \$168,000 in incentives due to him based on the trust funds performance last year.

Britt Harris, who oversees the investment of the \$81 billion pension fund, offered Friday to give up the incentives.

Also, the retirement system Board of Trustees decided in a 6-to-2 vote that payment of the \$2.5 million in incentives due to more than 80 other employees in the investment division will be deferred until the fund generates a positive return, the Austin American-Statesman reports in its Saturday online editions.

NATION

Plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A federal aviation official says the plane that crashed into a house near Buffalo, killing 50 people, was on autopilot when it went down, a possible violation of airline policy in icy weather.

Steve Chealander of the National Transportation Safety Board says Colgan Air recommends pilots fly manually in icy conditions. Pilots are required to do so in severe ice.

Pilots of the doomed plane discussed "significant" ice buildup on their wings and windshield just before crashing Thursday night.

WORLD

Israel's Livni cool to deal with Netanyahu

JERUSALEM (AP) — Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni said Sunday that if she doesn't become Israel's next prime minister, she will lead her governing Kadima Party into the opposition — a move that could indefinitely stall Mideast peacemaking.

It wasn't clear whether Livni, Israel's chief negotiator with the Palestinians, was ruling out a coalition headed by Benjamin Netanyahu's hawkish Likud Party — or angling for better terms for her centrist party should it choose to enter such a coalition.

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Stimulus signing on Obama agenda

By **STEVEN R. HURST**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keeping the economy front and center, President Barack Obama heads west this week to sign the \$787 billion stimulus bill and tackle the home mortgage foreclosure crisis. The direct appeals for public support follow scant GOP backing in Congress for his agenda and increasing partisan bickering.

Passage of the stimulus measure — unprecedented in its cost — was a major triumph for Obama as he struggles lift the country from a financial nosedive unseen since the Great

Depression of the 1930s. Top aides said Sunday the skyrocketing unemployment rate would fall once the money begins to flow. But they also said the economy will continue its downward spiral in the short term.

"I think it's safe to say that things have not yet bottomed out," press secretary Robert Gibbs said. "They are probably going to get worse before they improve. But this is a big step forward toward making that improvement and putting people back to work."

The stimulus package, which passed with no GOP support in the House and three Republican votes

in the Senate, aims to save or create as many as 3.5 million jobs through massive government investment while boosting consumer spending through modest tax cuts.

The president's determination to sign the stimulus bill into law in Denver on Tuesday suggests Obama will continue taking his economic message to the American people, who are giving him high marks for handling the crisis. The symbolism is obvious for Colorado, where a growing green-energy industry will draw major benefits from the stimulus.

"He is determined to keep in touch with the American people who sent

him here to do this job," senior adviser David Axelrod said.

Gibbs said the president had taken "unprecedented" steps in a bipartisan effort to include Republicans in the legislative process. But Sen. John McCain was highly critical, declaring the stimulus would create what he called "generational theft" — huge federal deficits for years to come.

McCain, who lost the presidential race to Obama, said the Democrat had backtracked on promises of bipartisanship and was off to a bad start. "Let's start over now and sit down together," McCain said.

Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., put

it more bluntly: "If this is going to be bipartisanship, the country's screwed."

With the stimulus victory in hand, Obama planned to shift to the housing crisis with an announcement Wednesday in Phoenix about reversing that sector's collapse.

Late last summer, Americans began feeling the pinch of the recession and left the housing market in huge numbers. That coincided with a sharp increase defaults on home mortgages, a devastating combination that triggered the financial crisis. Lending froze as banks and investment houses realized they were holding trillions of dollars in bad assets.

Searching for role models

Students provide male mentors to children affected by domestic violence

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech graduate students will begin a mentor program later this month for children who do not have male role models to look up to.

The group of MBA candidates will kick off the program for children who live with their mothers in the care of Women's Protective Services in Lubbock on Feb. 25.

The students visited the shelter Thursday night for a trial run. They met the children, played games with them, and helped them make valentines for their mothers.

One mother, who lives at the shelter with her three children, said visits from students will be beneficial and provide an outlet for the children.

"It is venting time for them and good because they get to see the different views of the students," she said.

The mother, who wished to remain anonymous to protect her and her children's safety, said the children could choose to be a part of the program and many were eager for it to begin.

"For my sons who are more mature and older," she said, "it is nice for them to have older students to relate to."

Her oldest son is 11 years old and struggles with school, she said. She hopes the college mentors will help make a difference in his life and improve his view of men.

Jennifer Stout, group leader and an MBA candidate concentrating on health organization management, said the group's goal is to set up a steady line of mainly male volunteers to visit the shelter from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

"All the kids are victims of domestic violence," the Arlington native said, "so it is important they see the interaction between men and women and know not all men are bad."

Group members plan to gather enough volunteers to have about 15 to 20 students for each visit, Stout said.

Students and adults who pass a background check are welcome to volunteer, she said, and volunteers will be required to take a training course to teach them how to handle children who have experienced domestic violence.

The group's biggest priority is recruiting as many volunteers as they can, Stout said, and although men are preferred, women volunteers also are wanted.

Andrew Cotney, an MBA candidate with a health organization management concentration, said the execution of the mentor program is part of an organizational behavior class.

Last semester's class proposed several programs, including the mentor program, Cotney said, but it was his class that was divided into eight groups and assigned to implement them.

Women's Protective Services houses children who have never had a stable male role model, said the Abilene native. Most of them have witnessed their fathers abusing their mothers and need a male to look up to.

He said during the weekly visits volunteers will play games and do activities with the children whose ages range from 7 to 13.

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PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Treador
HENRY DHANIAICHON, A graduate finance major from Bangkok, Thailand, assists children as part of the Male Mentor Program at Women's Protective Services Thursday.

Tech Wellness Center short on staff, supplies for flu

By **KENDYL SEBESTA**
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A sharp increase in the number of Texas Tech students with the flu was reported by university Student Health Services, which already has run out of supplies.

"We are experiencing a flu crisis right now," Dr. Kelly Bennett said. "More students have the flu than we have doctors; in fact we have even had to borrow some doctors from other clinics to help us."

Bennett said she personally sees five to seven flu cases a day. The Tech Student Wellness Center as a whole is seeing about 50 to 70 flu cases a day.

Lubbock Health Department

Public Health Coordinator Beckie Brawley said the number of reported flu cases in Lubbock tripled between Jan. 17 and Feb. 7 from the previous year.

From Jan. 3, 2008, to Feb. 2, 2008, more than 400 flu cases were reported, Brawley said, rising from 336 reported cases during November 2007.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Web site, at least half of the regions in the state are experiencing widespread flu activity, while flu-related doctor visits in Texas exceeded the regional baseline during the week of Jan. 31.

"It's still not too late to get a flu shot," Bennett said, "The Wellness Center has run out at the

moment, but local pharmacies and primary care providers should still have them."

Brawley said the Lubbock Health Department offers flu shots to the general public for \$15, with flu shots typically costing between \$10 and \$25 locally.

Hospitalization resulting from the flu can cost anywhere between \$20,000 and \$80,000 for a single person depending on his or her case Brawley said.

The Lubbock Health Department typically orders between 1,500 and 2,000 flu shots, she said. The department ordered 3,000 flu shots this year and has 800 left. In 2007, the Lubbock Health Department ordered 2,000 flu shots, Brawley said.



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador
THE TEXAS TECH Student Wellness Center is running short on staff and already has run out of flu shot supplies, although more have been ordered.

The department does not offer partial flu vaccine doses for adults, she said, because they are not FDA approved for adults. However par-

tial doses of the flu vaccine are approved for children, Brawley said.

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Suspect in stabbing arrested

The main suspect in a Friday morning stabbing was arrested Friday night in Brownfield.

Robert Joe Mata, 39, was arrested Friday night for allegedly stabbing two people at 5439 42nd St.

An emergency medical call was made at 3:30 a.m. Friday to report that two people were stabbed.

Mata was wanted for aggravated assault, burglary of a habitation and is a registered sex offender. Before being captured, he was believed to be armed and dangerous, according to a Lubbock Police Department press release.

Officers, medics and homicide detectives responded to scene of the stabbing and were unable to locate the suspect near the scene. The two

victims, Susan Perez and Jacob Mojica, were transported to Covenant Medical Center and University Medical Center, respectively. Both were admitted with critical injuries.

Covenant Medical Center and UMC said they were unable to comment on the status of the patients for legal reasons.

To report any information about the crime or the suspect, contact detective Jeremy Jones with the Lubbock Police Department at 806-775-2409 or at 806-300-6736.

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VP for research candidates announced

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The search committee for the Texas Tech vice-president for research announced three finalists for the position Friday afternoon, including a Texas native and two candidates who have held similar positions.

Thomas Farris of Purdue University, Colin Scanes of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and T. Taylor Eighthy of the University of New Hampshire were announced as the finalists for the position.

Bob Stafford, a member of the Tech Board of Regents and chairman of the search committee, said the committee narrowed the search to three after interviewing eight candidates.

"In the estimation of the com-

mittee," he said, "they were the Top-3 finalists."

Because Scanes and Eighthy have held similar positions before and been successful, Stafford said, they were good picks as finalists.

Farris also has a strong research background, he said, and secured a large amount of funding for Purdue University.

"They're looking at us as well as our looking at them," Stafford said. "I feel very confident about our pool that we have."

The three candidates also have diverse backgrounds in research, he said, and have ideas about how to help the university reach \$100 million in research funding, which



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university officials would like to attain in the next five years.

Scanes, the vice chancellor of research at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will be visiting campus at 4 p.m. Monday to speak with faculty, staff and students in an open forum in the Escondido Theater in the Student Union Building.

Eighthy, interim vice president for research at the University of New Hampshire, will speak in the open forum at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Escondido Theater, and Farris, the head of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University, will have an open forum at 4 p.m. Feb. 23 in the University Library.

Tech President Guy Bailey, who will make the decision on which of the three finalists will become the next vice president for research, said he has not spoken with the

candidates yet but has looked at their credentials.

"I think they're good," he said. "They bring different kinds of strengths, each one."

In the case of Scanes and Eighthy, Bailey said, the experience they have with the position is helpful. However, he would be willing to hire someone with less experience if he thought that candidate was a "rising star."

All three candidates are knowledgeable, he said, and each could help Tech become a research university.

Among the tasks of a vice president for research include recruiting researchers, helping them find funding opportunities, and retaining contact with the sources of funding, Bailey said, and each of the candidates are capable of these tasks.

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Flu

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Flu data from Covenant Medical Center, University Medical Center, the Tech Health Sciences Center and the Lubbock Heart Hospital is compiled on a regular basis by the department and sent to the State Health Department, which updates the public on a weekly basis through its Web site, she said.

Of the reported flu cases occurring through Tech Student Health Services, all cases treated

by Bennett occurred with students who were not vaccinated for the flu, she said.

Tech students who have the flu should stay isolated for five to seven days due to the infectious nature of the flu, Bennett said, and should listen to their individual doctor's orders.

Several types of medications such as Theraflu also are available at the Student Wellness Center to people who live with someone who has the flu, she said, that can lessen the symptoms of the flu if the person becomes infected.

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Pakistan, pro-Taliban group agree on peace deal

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani officials on Sunday hammered out a peace deal with a Taliban-linked group that could lead to the enforcement of elements of Islamic law in parts of the northwest, prompting militants in the blood-soaked Swat Valley to declare a 10-day cease-fire as a goodwill gesture.

The agreement, expected to be formally announced Monday, could re-spark U.S. criticism that Pakistan's truces with insurgents merely gives them time to regroup. Although several of its past deals failed, Pakistan says force alone cannot defeat al-Qaida and Taliban fighters sowing havoc in its northwest and attacking U.S.

troops in neighboring Afghanistan.

Swat is a former tourist haven that has fallen under heavy militant sway despite a lengthy army offensive. Regaining Swat is a major test for Pakistan's shaky civilian leadership. Unlike the semiautonomous tribal regions where al-Qaida and Taliban have long thrived, the valley is supposed to fall fully under government control.

Provincial government leaders confirmed they were talking to a pro-Taliban group about ways to impose Islamic judicial practices in the Malakand division, which includes Swat. Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan said the militants would adhere to any deal reached with the group if Islamic law was actually implemented

in the region.

Khan announced the militants had freed a Chinese engineer held captive for nearly six months as a positive gesture. Long Xiaowei — who was kidnapped in August — was freed Saturday, days before a planned visit to China by Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari.

Khan also announced the 10-day cease-fire.

"We reserve the right to retaliate if we are fired upon," he said. "Once Islamic law is imposed there will be no problems in Swat. The Taliban will lay down their arms."

But provincial law minister Arshad Abdullah said the agreement would require the pro-Taliban group to convince the militants to first

give up violence. Then, existing laws governing the justice system can be amended or enforced, he said.

"Our agreement is conditioned with peace," Abdullah said. "They have to succumb to law. They have to put down their arms."

The agreement was reminiscent of past deals that required militants to stop fighting, but which eventually unraveled amid militant complaints that the government was not meeting their demands.

The pro-Taliban group — known as the Tehrik Nifaz-e-Shariat Mohammedi, or the Movement for the Enforcement of Islamic Law — is led by Sufi Muhammad, who Pakistan freed from custody last year after he renounced violence.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil prices have fallen to new lows for this year. So you'd think gas prices would sink right along with them.

Not so. On Thursday, for example, crude oil closed just under \$34 a barrel, its lowest point for 2009. But the national average price of a gallon of gas rose to \$1.95 on the same day, its peak for the year. On Friday gas went a penny higher.

To drivers once again grimacing as they tank up, it sounds like a conspiracy. But it has more to do with an energy market turned upside-down that has left gas cut off from its usual economic moorings.

The price of gas is indeed tied

to oil. It's just a matter of which oil.

The benchmark for crude oil prices is West Texas Intermediate, drilled exactly where you would imagine. That's the price, set at the New York Mercantile Exchange, that you see quoted on business channels and in the morning paper.

Right now, in an unusual market trend, West Texas crude is selling for much less than inferior grades of crude from other places around the world. A severe economic downturn has left U.S. storage facilities brimming with it, sending prices for the premium crude to five-year lows.

But it is the overseas crude that goes into most of the gas made in the United States. So prices at the pump will probably keep going up no matter what happens to the benchmark price

of crude oil.

"We're going definitely over \$2, and I bet we'll hit \$2.50 before spring," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service. "This is going to be an unusual year."

On the last day of 2008, gas went for \$1.62 on average, according to the auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express, a company that tracks transportation data.

The recession in America has dramatically cut demand for crude oil, and inventories are piling up. So prices for West Texas crude have fallen well below what oil costs from places like the North Sea, Saudi Arabia and South America.

Obama faces tough decisions on US auto industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration faces difficult choices on the fate of the U.S. auto industry, weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jump-start the economy.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are racing against a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government to show how they can repay billions in government loans and return to viability despite a sharp decline in auto sales.

The terms of the federal loans set "targets" for concessions, largely from debt-holders and the United Auto Workers union, but concession talks have made little progress with just a couple days left before the initial deadline.

Negotiations between GM and the UAW broke off Friday night but were to resume Sunday, still focusing on exchanging the company's cash payments into a union-run retiree health care trust for GM stock, according to a person briefed on the talks who didn't want to be identified because the bargaining is private.

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Chinese lion dance, kung fu performed by martial arts schools

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Two lions gave luck to an audience on Valentine's Day.

The J.K. Wong Academy performed the lion dance and a variety of kung fu moves Saturday at the International Cultural Center Auditorium at Texas Tech.

Lin Chi, a graduate part-time instructor in nutrition, hospitality and retailing, said the lion dance is performed to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year along with other special occasions.

"We do the lion dance because it does bring us good luck and fortune."

LIN CHI
TEXAS TECH
GRADUATE STUDENT

The academy performers consisted of four boys, two men and one woman. Each member exhibited different kung fu moves in the beginning of the performance. At the end, the four boys dressed as lions while the rest of the members beat drums.

The hour-long performance also included the Northern Kung Fu Systems. The Lubbock martial arts school consisted of two men who demonstrated different styles of kung fu performed between the J.K. Wong Academy

performances.

Hahn Yeung, a performer for the academy, said the lion dance originated hundreds of years ago when thieves tried to rob a Chinese town.

"The villagers built the lions to scare the robbers away," Yeung said.

"The lion dance has been a tradition since then."

The academy's Web site reported the lion dance wards off bad luck, scares away evil spirits, and ushers in good luck.

The academy travels to El Paso and other places to perform the lion dance and other kung fu demonstrations, said Yeung, who is from Dallas.

"We do weddings, birthdays, restaurant grand openings," Yeung said. "The academy has been open about 20 years."

According to the academy's Web site, they also offer class, group and private Tai Chi lessons.

Chi said this is the second time the academy has come to Tech's campus to perform.

Ricardo Morales, a computer science graduate student from Chihuahua, Mexico, said he attended the performance last year, and it was good to see it again.

"It was very nice," Morales said. "The lions at the end were the funniest part."

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

STUDENTS FROM THE J.K. Wong Academy in Dallas perform a lion dance in celebration of the year of the ox on Saturday in the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech.

Sooie! Alabama college students eat BBQ for grades

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Four college students walk into a smoky restaurant, sit at a table under a blaring TV and order up their class work for the day — two slabs of spare ribs dripping with reddish sauce, white bread on the side.

But this isn't lunch. It's writing about barbecue for an A.

The four spent January visiting some of the South's best barbecue restaurants for course credit from Birmingham-Southern College in a self-designed class that combines heaping mounds of meat with academics, all spread across five states.

They've eaten sweet sauces and dry rub, ribs and sandwiches, cole slaw,

potato salad and banana pudding. "You want sweet tea with that?" a waitress asked at Dreamland Bar-B-Que in Tuscaloosa, stop No. 17 on the journey.

After cleaning their plates and licking their fingers, the group would leave each joint with bulging bellies to document their experience with stories, photos and video posted on a blog and the Web site they built, southernbbqboys.com. Those components, along with a final essay each one is currently finishing, are being graded by the English instructor who helped them design the class.

So what do you learn in such a course? Eat enough barbecue and you'll gain weight, get sick, or both. And 3,100

miles is a long, long way to drive for dinner in a 1998 Ford Expedition with a plastic pig's nose attached to the front.

"It's been great," said senior Art

Richey, who came up with the idea for the epicurean odyssey. "But I'm definitely not going to have barbecue for a while after this."

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Love is how you celebrate it Not having sex OK

So I'm writing this on Valentine's Day. I've got a headache, my vision is not normal, Twitter is dead, and I'm single: perfect formula for a rant on love, wouldn't you say?

Feb. 14 is a profoundly divisive holiday. For 24 hours society intentionally amplifies the split between the single and the coupled. Pink and red pervade our world, chocolate and flowers fly off the shelves, and condom sales swell.

For couples, Valentine's Day is usually an exercise in blissful tedium. They maintain that careful balance between flirting and teasing throughout the day, set up the perfect romantic evening, and close the night with a lovingly affectionate climax.

For singles, the day is a stark reminder of their lack of companionship. Many choose to celebrate their liberation from the shackles of love. Others wallow in self-pity and nostalgia, usually facilitated by alcohol and sitcom reruns. Some just try to ignore the day and bury their loneliness under layers of busy work.

Whatever your favorite flavor of observance, there's no denying that Valentine's Day conjures strong

Stephen Torrence



feelings. It can be either extremely uplifting and productive, or it can bring down even the sturdiest and most steadfast of heart in an emotional avalanche.

And love. "Love" is the operative word in all of it. That powerful little word that everyone knows but few (if any) understand. Far be it from me to attempt to define it. We do not agree on what love is, yet some opinions might shed a bit of light nonetheless.

Ayn Rand envisioned love as the highest rational expression of admiration for the qualities one finds perfect in another person. Soren Kierkegaard saw it as a willing suspension of rationality for the purpose of giving up one's identity in devotion to another.

Personally I have experienced neither of these varieties of love. Granted, I'm 21, and I have an unimaginably huge way to go in my

grasp of the subject. Nevertheless, "love" strikes me perpetually as such a foreign curiosity. Others around me seem able to "fall" in and out of love so easily, almost trivially. They understand love, though it remains ineffable when I ask them to describe it.

From an outsider's perspective, Valentine's Day seems the most terribly frivolous and destructive practice. It hardly influences genuine couples, since they would do such romantic things anyway. And it places singles in a painful isolation from those around them.

On the other hand, Valentine's Day does serve as a sort of trial for weaker relationships. It forces couples on the fence to recognize and form a stronger bond or else face the fact that they have been faking it all along.

Yet does Valentine's Day serve any sort of deeper purpose? Does it help us discover the essence of love? Do we wake up on Feb. 15 more certain or more confused? Enlightened or jaded? Satisfied or anxious?

Perhaps I'm expecting too much from such a heavily distilled, packaged and marketed holiday. Still, it holds such a great place in our lives

that I feel like we deserve more.

Perhaps the significance of Valentine's Day comes not from the expected rituals that we perform at society's behest, but rather from the specific ways in which we articulate it for ourselves. In essence, how we celebrate the holiday — the actions we take, the things we buy, the phrases we say — forms the meaning of "love" for our time.

Do we "need" Valentine's Day in some ultimate sense? That is hardly for me to say. However, it seems to serve a purpose in our lives right now. Divisive as it may be, the holiday brings us together in a sort of collective attempt to grapple with the mysteries of our humanity — with love and the lack thereof.

When we scrape off the pink and red varnish every Feb. 14, we reveal something that frightens and excites us all at once. And perhaps that, above all else, makes it a holiday we will keep for a very long time.

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By CONRAD MURPHY
THE GW HATCHET
(GEORGE WASHINGTON U.)

When you're new to college, it's easy to get caught up in the sexually charged culture that seems to be everywhere.

Fraternities and sororities, peers and professors, even the sex column of this very newspaper can make sex seem like a normal part of any healthy dating relationship and essential to having a good time at college. Although these so-called "norms" are prevalent, you shouldn't give in to peer pressure so easily; it is okay not to have sex.

When you look at sex on a purely scientific level, two facts become immediately apparent. Sex is extremely powerful and not to be taken lightly, and it is meant to be between two people in a married relationship. When two people have sex or are even sexually aroused, the body releases a hormone called oxytocin, which acts as a human superglue, bonding the two people in a tight emotional bond, according to a study at Rockefeller University.

This hormone is released in only one other instance in humans, which is to help a mother bond with her newborn child. Oxytocin is specifically tailored for bonding in a stable, lasting

relationship. Studies have shown that as the number of sexual partners increase, the levels of oxytocin decrease, making it more difficult for one to emotionally and psychologically bond with later partners.

According to a report from the Abstinence Medical Council, "People who have misused their sexual faculty and become bonded to multiple persons will diminish the power of oxytocin to maintain a permanent bond with an individual."

According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control, women having no non-marital sexual partners had an 80.47 percent chance at a stable marriage. By contrast, when a woman had just one non-marital sexual partner that chance dropped to 53.6 percent. If a woman had five sexual partners outside of marriage she has only 29.70 percent chance of stable marriage.

That's why it hurts so much when you break up with someone you have been especially close with: Your body has created a strong bond with the other person and when you rip that apart the pain is bad.

Don't worry, if you are not a virgin you still can have a happy future, but it may be tougher. That's why it is more than okay to wait to have sex; it's the smart and considerate thing to do.

Scandal tells children, 'don't get caught'

By TAYLOR TRUNDON
THE DAILY CAMPUS (U. CONNECTICUT)

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. In Michael Phelps' case, a picture is worth a couple million dollars in endorsement deals.

Every four years, I find myself continually wrapped up in the Summer Olympic Games. Actually, "wrapped up" is an understatement; I can't count how many nights I stayed up until 2 a.m. watching the gymnastics finals, rooting for the divers and cheering for the swimmers. Last summer was no exception.

The Olympics are a great international unifier of athletics, with both athletes and spectators alike looking forward to seeing the best athletes in the world perform. I think it is safe to say that this year was Phelps' year, and you don't need to know the difference between the butterfly and the breaststroke to know that the 23-year-old swimmer took home eight gold medals from Beijing, broke world records and easily became the world's poster boy for

swimming practically overnight.

Just as easily, Phelps may have tarnished his career overnight, when a photograph of him inhaling from a bong was recently printed in a British tabloid with the bolded headline, "WHAT A DOPE." Clearly, the picture shows that Phelps is at a party participating in illegal drug activity. And clearly, Phelps chose to ignore the fine print when he signed away to be Role Model of the Year — which is a pretty heavy title.

Phelps screwed up. Badly. But was his mistake smoking some pot at a party with friends, or was the real mistake being careless enough to allow someone to take his picture while doing it?

How many of you have taken an illegal sip of a substance while being underage? Or how many of you have been at a party and have taken a hit because you could?

Now, imagine that really embarrassing Facebook photo of you doing a keg stand at last week's party, with your hair in your face and your almost too-revealing shirt, was printed on the front pages of newspapers and magazines across the country. Imagine your parents seeing that photo. Your first

reaction might be, "Crap." Your second reaction might be, "They weren't ever supposed to see that." Just like the world was never supposed to see America's Golden Boy smoking pot.

But the truth is, it happened. You can say that Phelps should be stripped from his medals and his Speedos should be burned, or you can argue that Phelps is just being a kid and having some harmless fun at a party and to cut him some slack. No matter how you slice it, he made a poor choice and will face the consequences.

Nonetheless, do I think Phelps is going to go home and put all his bongs in a plastic bag and throw them in the trash for next week's garbage collection? No. Do I think Phelps is going to steer clear from ever going to another party? Definitely not. I do think, however, that Phelps will never underestimate the power of a photograph.

So while it's unlikely that a snapshot of you from last Saturday night will wind up on the cover of The New York Post, take a hint from Michael Phelps.

Should parents freely name children?

By IAN MCPHAIL
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

In December, a New Jersey couple made national headlines when the local Walmart refused to write their 3-year-old's name on his birthday cake. Although the couple insists that Adolf Hitler Campbell is much too young to be an actual Nazi war criminal, the store refused his parents service, saying that wishing Hitler a "Happy Birthday" was inappropriate.

In January, the same couple had their three children, Adolf Hitler Campbell, Joycelynn Aryan Nation Campbell and Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell, taken into protective custody by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services. As no evidence of child abuse has been released, and with testimony of neighbors and local police indicating

the Campbells have neither physically or sexually abused their children, many have wondered if the parents' choice of names triggered the investigation.

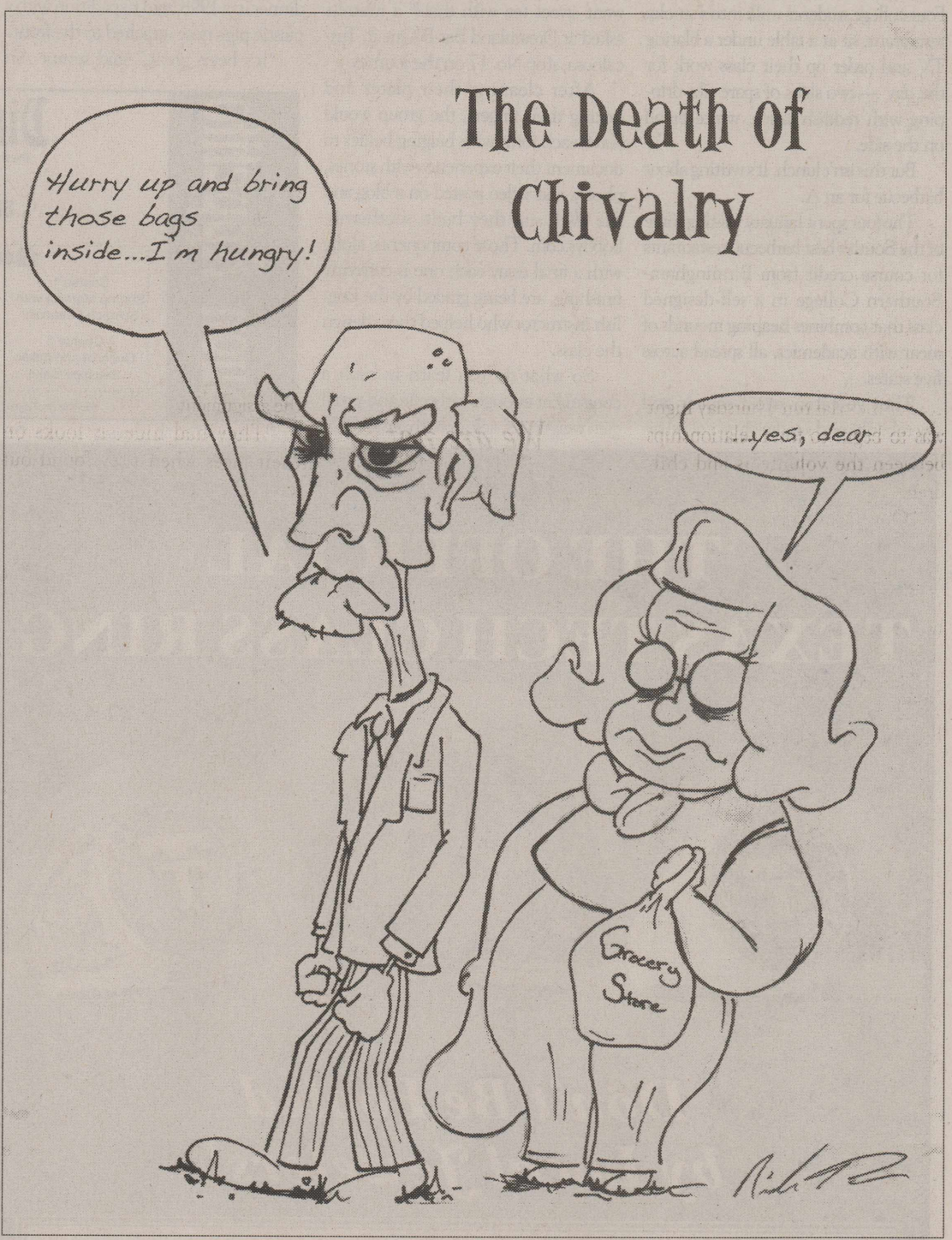
Certainly, no one will argue that the names the Campbells have chosen for their offspring are reasonable or in good taste, but the names reflect horrible ideas they have the constitutional right to believe.

Some would argue that names have such a high importance in the early developmental years that naming a child after Adolf Hitler would prove the Campbells are unfit parents. A few countries, such as Germany, go so far as to enforce laws restricting what parents can name their children. At the very least, Adolf Hitler Campbell has a couple of rough junior high years ahead of him.

"A name can be stigmatizing and

open a child to ridicule and physical sanctions" said Howard Kaplan, distinguished professor of sociology at Texas A&M. "People can resent the child in the same way they hate the actual person the name represents. A name can also represent the expectations for the child. By giving you this name, we expect you to honor this person and live up to the expectations."

Given the nature of Hitler's accomplishments, raising a child to live up to his legacy is a harrowing thought. Imagining the isolated childhood Adolf Campbell has in front of him, it seems reasonable that Adolf may feel more accepted at home and within the Aryan Nation than with a normal life. If there is a case that points toward a policy of regulating the naming process, it is the Campbells'. Increasing legisla-



tion, especially ones that dampen freedoms, is a slippery slope, though.

"Even if empirical evidence existed that some names have adverse consequences for a child, the question should be raised as to whether the greater good would be served by forbidding the names and so forestalling the adverse consequences, or by not prohibiting certain names when the prohibition would constitute a further constraint

on individual freedom," Kaplan said.

Although the future may seem bleak for Adolf Campbell, his name may not be a life-ruining curse. Despite various Republican attempts to draw negative attention toward him, Obama was able to overcome the name Hussein. The Campbells have the right to idolize Hitler and to pass those beliefs onto their children free from allegations of child abuse.

It seems more than a coincidence that

less than a month after the Campbells' feud with Walmart appeared in national papers, their home was investigated and their children taken. The New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services either needs to release their evidence of child abuse or release the Campbells' children. Otherwise, the Campbells will continue to look like political victims in a country that is supposed to be above prejudiced persecution.

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Tech organization raises money with date auction

By **CHRISTAL GRANT**
STAFF WRITER

National Society of Black Engineers hosted its annual date auction Friday to raise money for its national convention in March.

"We are really trying to promote the name of NSBE around campus, as well as raise money for the convention," said Christopher G. Davis, a sophomore industrial engineering major from Houston. "I would really like more students to be aware of the organization and its purpose."

The purpose of the organization is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who are academically successful and to promote community awareness, said Davis, who also is the date auction committee chair.

Date auction nominees were voted for online, he said, and nine men and nine women were selected to participate in the auction in which Tech students bid on potential dates.

"In the past NSBE selected the members, but this time we decided to do it over the Internet," Davis said. "It removed a bias and allowed the opinions of non-members to input."

The date auction was led by Alfred Ford, a member of the black engineers organization, Davis said.

"I enjoyed hosting the event," said Ford, a junior mechanical



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EILEEN MACIAS, A senior psychology and criminology major from El Paso, gets auctioned in the date auction hosted by National Society of Black Engineers on Friday at the Frazier Alumni Center.

engineering major from Houston. "I like to make people laugh. So, I felt like I could entertain students throughout the auction."

Ford entertained guests by interacting with the crowd, telling jokes and asking date auction participants questions about their dating preferences.

The bids started at \$5 and increased as bidders continued to bid.

Travon Hill-Chadwick, a junior civil engineering major from Baltimore, M.D., and a mystery participant, was bought for \$90 — the highest bid.

"We had a number of high bids throughout the night," Ford said. "I did not expect such a great turnout."

The auction included a raffle

with giveaways such as DVDs, T-shirts and a cell phone, Ford said. Also, Gia Eason, a sophomore from Houston, performed the song "At Last" by Etta James.

"Overall we had a great time," Davis said. "I think everyone enjoyed themselves, which was most important."

Date auction participants and their dates were given free tickets to the Kappa Alpha Psi Masquerade Ball following the auction as well as a dinner in the Student Union Building.

"The auction was just a fun way to raise money and interact with students around Valentine's Day," Ford said. "I hope to see a great turnout again next year, if not better."

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M.I.A. announces birth of baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Call her Mamma M.I.A.

The Grammy- and Oscar-nominated rapper has announced on her MySpace blog that she has given birth to a son.

The rapper wrote Saturday that her baby is "healthy, fine,

beautiful" and the most amazing thing on this planet. She jokes that the two are working together on a tour.

The father is her fiancé, musician Benjamin Bronfman. A representative says the couple have declined to release the baby's name.

The "Paper Planes" singer had a scene-stealing performance at the Grammys on Sunday. She strutted on stage with her swollen belly during a performance with Kanye West, Jay-Z, T.I. and Lil Wayne. The rapper says she started going into labor hours later.

Urban avoids 'Days of Thunder' plug at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Country music star Keith Urban performed a surprise two-song set for reporters to kick-off his day at the Daytona 500, where he was the featured artist for Sunday's pre-race concert.

"First time playing a press room," he quipped before launching into "Sister Golden Hair" by America.

It was the first press room concert performed by any of the musical acts that Daytona International

Speedway officials have brought before the media. Urban said he wasn't trying to one-up previous music guests Big & Rich, Bon Jovi or Brooks & Dunn, but played because "I just wanted to get in my comfort zone."

Kevin Costner, wife welcome another son

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin Costner and his wife are proud parents of a baby boy.

Costner's wife Christine Baumgartner, 34, gave birth to Hayes Logan Costner on Thursday night in Los Angeles, said his publicist Arnold Robinson.

He weighs 8 pounds, 15 ounces. Costner went back to the old West to find a name for his new son. The 54-year-old actor told AP Radio before the baby was born that he would call him Hayes after "a cowboy character" in a Western he plans to film. Cost-

ner calls Hayes "a great Western name."

He's the second son for Costner and Baumgartner. Their other child, Cayden, is 21 months old.

Costner also has three grown children from a previous marriage.

Speed it up! A-Rod book out sooner than planned

NEW YORK (AP) — An unauthorized and highly anticipated book about Alex Rodriguez is coming out a month sooner than planned.

Publication of Selena Roberts' "A-Rod: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez" has been

moved up from May 19 to April 14 as scrutiny builds on the New York Yankees slugger after he acknowledged using banned substances from 2001-2003 while playing for the Texas Rangers.

"A-Rod," which reportedly includes salacious details about

Rodriguez's private life, was originally titled "Hit and Run: The Many Lives of Alex Rodriguez." Publisher HarperCollins, which this week listed the new release date on its Web site, has announced a first printing of 150,000 copies.

Conan O'Brien packing up for move West

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly two dozen guitars are scattered on the floor and sofa in Conan O'Brien's office in Rockefeller Center, most of them gifts from musicians like Eddie Van Halen, Los Lobos, Les Paul and Brian Setzer.

O'Brien is about to pack up the guitars — and himself — for the trip West, when he replaces Jay Leno as

host of NBC's "Tonight" show in June. First things first, though, as a nostalgic O'Brien prepares for the last week of his 16-year run at "Late Night." Feb. 20 is his last show before turning it over to Jimmy Fallon.

He usually enters his office from the Sixth Avenue side, where Rockefeller Plaza is indistinguishable from any other New York office building. Lately, though, he has looped around to the Fifth Avenue side, walking past

the skating rink into the far more impressive eastern entrance.

"For a while, I was in denial — 'Oh, we'll just stop doing this show and we'll move on to the next one,'" he says. "That's very me, very male. Men don't like to say goodbye. My wife told me about six months ago: 'I think you have to admit that you have mixed feelings about leaving this late-night show, it's very emotionally charged for you. That's OK.'"

Fashion Week opens with celebs, few concessions

NEW YORK (AP) — Celebrities? Check. Over-the-top fashion? Check. Unlimited expense accounts? Well, not so much.

New York Fashion Week kicked off Friday with a few concessions to the economic downturn, but for the well-heeled crowd and even better-heeled models, it was mostly fashion as usual.

Top fashion editors including Anna Wintour jammed into a packed show for Jason Wu, the young designer who was little known before he designed first lady Michelle Obama's inaugural gown and the dress she wears on the March cover of Vogue.

"The fact that Michelle Obama is wearing Jason Wu makes him hotter than hot," said Suze Yalof Schwartz, Glamour magazine's fashion editor at large. "I've never been to his show before, but it was the only show I wasn't going to miss this season."

Role models

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Roy Rios, coordinator of communication education and development for the protective services, said the goal of the trial run Thursday night was to begin to form relationships between the volunteers and children.

"One of our greatest needs is more male role models to show the kids there are good men out there," Rios said, "as well as women to show how men and women should work together."

He said he believes the children will gravitate toward the program because they enjoy visits from students.

"They are going to love it," Rios said.

Every Wednesday night the shelter hosts a relaxation class for the mothers, Rios said, and the mentor program will take place at the same time, which will be helpful for the mothers.

Claudia Cogliser, an assistant professor who teaches the organization behavior class, said the focus of the assignment was social responsibility.

"We are all aware of what goes on

"We are not solving world problems, but making a difference one person at a time."

CLAUDIA COGLISER
Texas Tech assistant professor

around campus and this side of town," Cogliser said, "but other parts of town have programs that really need business administration expertise."

The class focuses on leadership, teamwork and motivation, she said, and the assignment is an interdependent task that forces the students to work as a team.

At first, Cogliser said, students did not react with much enthusiasm to the assignment.

"They had hideous looks on their faces when they found out what they were doing," she said, laughing. "They did not like it because it was very conceptual and ambiguous."

However, Cogliser said, their excitement increased when their proposals began to gain momentum.

"We are not solving world problems," she said, "but making a difference one person at a time."

Those who are interested in volunteering need to fill out an application at the Women's Protective Services Web site. The first training session will be Feb. 23.

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Beyonce, Hudson win Image Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was a dreamy night for a couple of "Dreamgirls." Beyonce and Jennifer Hudson both glided away with trophies Thursday and wowed the audience with individual performances during the 40th annual NAACP Image Awards.

Beyonce, who opened the show with a wind-swept rendition of her song "Halo," won the female artist category while Hudson, who performed "The Impossible Dream" for President's Award recipient Muhammad Ali, picked up the new artist award. They costarred in the 2006 film "Dreamgirls."

"This is where we come from," Hudson said, accepting the trophy. "So it's always an honor to come home and feel welcome and to feel the love. I really cherish this and appreciate it."

Along with Beyonce and Hudson, will.i.am and Seal performed on stage at the Shrine Auditorium ceremony, which was hosted by actress Halle Berry and actor-screenwriter Tyler Perry. The show coincides with the 100th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and kicks off a year-long centennial celebration.

"The Secret Life of Bees" won for motion picture. "Grey's Anatomy" won for TV drama. Several of the winners were awarded before the live ceremony, including Chandra Wilson from "Grey's Anatomy" for actress in a drama series, Columbus Short from "Cadillac Records" for supporting actor in a motion picture and singer-actor Jamie Foxx for male artist.

Chris Brown, who's accused in a domestic dispute that reportedly involves pop superstar Rihanna, was up against Foxx with Common, John Legend and will.i.am for the male artist trophy. Rihanna was competing against Beyonce with Alicia Keys, Jennifer Hudson and Mariah Carey for the female artist award. Neither Brown or Rihanna were in attendance.

Sean "Diddy" Combs picked up the TV movie actor trophy for his role in "A Raisin in the Sun." Other acting winners included Hill Harper for "CSI: NY," Tracee Ellis Ross for "Girlfriends," Taraji P. Henson for "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" and Will Smith and Rosario Dawson for "Seven Pounds."

The awards honor achievements and performances of people of color in TV, film, music and literature. Former

Vice President Al Gore and Kenyan activist Wangari Maathai received the Chairman's Award. Boxing legend Ali won the President's Award. Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons was given the Vanguard Award.

"I discovered that giving made me happy," Simmons said during his acceptance speech alongside daughters Ming and Aoki, who precariously held up his trophy and counted down his remaining speech time. "As you get older, that's the easy route, so it's always been such an easy thing. It seems kinda crazy to be honored for it."

The inspirational evening was accented with praise and appreciation for President Barack Obama, who received the Chairman's Award in 2005 but was not in attendance at this year's glitzy star-studded ceremony. Smith and others used their time in the Image Awards spotlight to show their love for the newly elected president.

"This is a rare opportunity for me," said Smith. "I stand on this stage today after a dream that I've dreamed for a long time because we have an African-American president. As a child, my parents always told me you could be whatever you want to be."

Joaquin's Letterman appearance instant classic

NEW YORK (AP) — One night after his memorably weird interview with actor Joaquin Phoenix, David Letterman made a joke in his "Late Show" monologue questioning whether Phoenix was on drugs.

The actor had appeared to forget the name of his "Two Lovers" co-star, Gwyneth Paltrow, stuck gum under the edge of Letterman's desk and apparently cursed at bandleader Paul Shaffer for laughing at him during Wednesday night's show. The appearance put Phoenix up with Farrah Fawcett on the list of late-night TV guests memorable for the wrong reasons.

Letterman on Thursday said that since so many of today's stars appear screwed up on one substance or another, "we've put together the 'Late Show' celebrity drug update."

Video of Olympics swimmer Michael Phelps appeared with the caption, "Michael Phelps: Weed." Baseball star Alex Rodriguez followed, captioned "Alex Rodriguez: 'Roids."

Then came a picture of Phoenix from the night before, wearing sunglasses and a long, black beard and the caption: "Joaquin Phoenix: ??????"

Phoenix's older brother, actor River Phoenix, died of a drug overdose outside a Los Angeles nightclub in 1993.

Hours after Joaquin Phoenix's Letterman appearance, which was punctuated by intervals of uncomfortable silence from both, it became an Internet sensation. By Thursday evening, it had been viewed more than 180,000 times on YouTube.

"I'm sorry you couldn't be here tonight," Letterman said at the interview's end.

Phoenix, a two-time Academy Award nominee, announced last October that he was quitting acting to concentrate on a career as a hip-hop musician. He has said that "Two Lovers," a romantic drama, is his last movie. It's such an odd career switch that some are wondering if it's all an

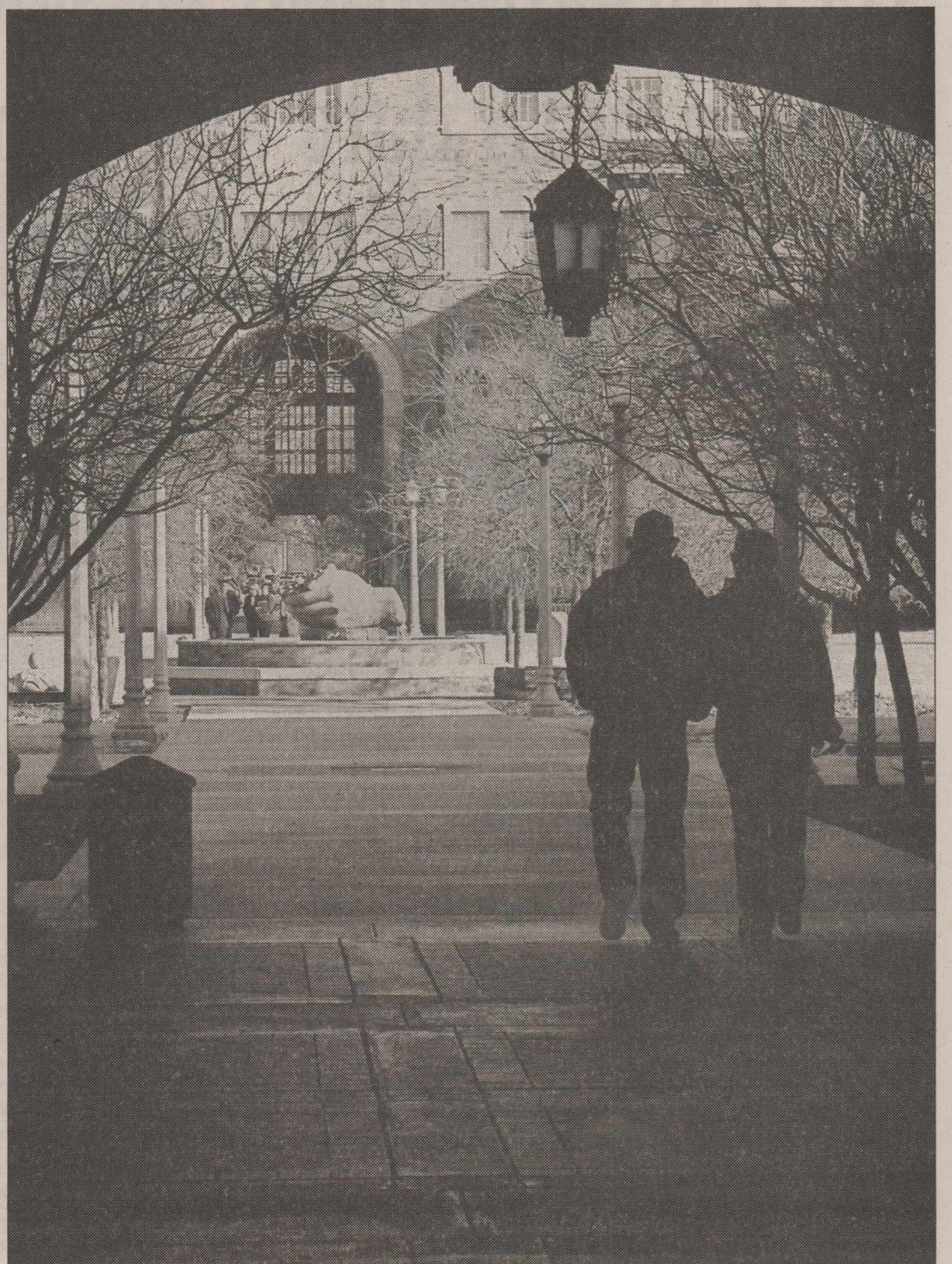
act, particularly since Casey Affleck was following Phoenix with a camera to film him at the "Late Show." Phoenix has insisted it isn't.

Letterman drew immediate attention to Phoenix's appearance when the actor sat down for his interview.

"I will just say right off the top here, you look different than I remember you," the talk show host said. When he asked, "How is the beard?" and the audience laughed, Phoenix mumbled something about being made to feel weird about his appearance.

Phoenix appeared on the show to promote his movie. Letterman asked about Paltrow and momentarily forgot her name. Phoenix couldn't, or wouldn't, help him. Following a few seconds of uncomfortable silence, Letterman said, "Can you tell us about your days with the Unabomber?" Phoenix didn't reply, but allowed the slightest hint of a smile at the joke.

SERENE SCENE



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TWO TEXAS TECH students walk through the English building archway, Friday near the Headwaters fountain.

Texas A&M researchers say chocolate causes mixed emotions in most women

By KATY RALSTON
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

Valentine's chocolates do more than say "I love you."

Texas A&M psychology professor Antonio Cepeda-Benito said his research on chocolate cravings has had unexpected results. The research suggested that though women report the regular positive emotions associated with chocolate such as comfort and satisfaction, it can have negative emotional effects as well. For some women, this sweetly enticing dessert evokes guilt and anxiety rooted in body image issues.

The study engaged two groups of U.S. and Spanish college women identified as "high cravers" and "low cravers," according to the Food Craving Questionnaire-Trait, which was

developed by Benito and is widely used throughout Europe.

The women were shown three different categories of pictures - one set to induce positive feelings, the second to provoke negative feelings and third of chocolate. The assumption was high cravers would react positively to their object of desire but that, Benito said, is where the experiment got interesting.

Benito said the subjects' reactions were measured by common arousal indicators; heart rate, skin conductance in the form of increased perspiration and "the startle response" associated with viewing negative images.

Both high and low cravers displayed positive reactions, categorized by lower heart rate, to the positive images and negative reactions, categorized by increased heart rate, perspiration and startle

response to the negative images. However, Benito said the chocolate images produced only positive feelings for low cravers while producing positive and negative feelings for women labeled high cravers.

These findings suggested this tempting dessert entails a more complicated relationship for some women.

"Chocolate represents an inherent conflict within these high-craving women," Benito said. "They desire it, but at the same time might have a problem controlling it."

Junior sociology major Amanda Yarbrough, a self-proclaimed low craver, illustrated one of the positive feelings chocolate can stir up for its consumers.

"Chocolate is like my comfort food," Yarbrough said. "It makes me happy, especially M&Ms because I like the colors."

Research proves watermelon may increase sex drive

By HUNTER LOCKHARD
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

Research suggests watermelon may be a better recipe for love than chocolate this Valentine's Day.

"When I think of Valentine's Day, I think more of whipped cream and strawberries, not watermelon," said Courtney Hynek, a Texas A&M sophomore industrial engineering major.

Eating watermelon delivers Viagra-like effects to the blood vessels in the body and may even increase libido, according to the research of Bhimu Patil, director of Texas A&M's Fruit and Vegetable Improvement Center.

"The more we study watermelons, the more we realize just how amazing a fruit it is in providing natural enhancers to the human body," Patil said. "We've always known that watermelon is good for you, but the list of its very important healthful benefits grows longer with each study."

Watermelons have naturally occurring nutrients that can produce healthy reactions in the body. One of those nutrients is citrulline, which is converted to arginine through reactions initiated by enzymes. Arginine is a compound known to improve blood circulation throughout the entire body.

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Tech baseball prepares for season with final weekend scrimmages

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The final scrimmages of the offseason means the Texas Tech baseball team is a step closer to the first pitch of the 2009 season.

The Red Raiders spent the final pre-season weekend scrimmaging on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tech coach Dan Spencer said he tries to schedule scrimmages into practices as much as he can.

"Baseball is a play sport," he said. "You do all your fundamentals and everything you do is to get ready to play. In order to simulate it, you've gotta scrimmage."

Spencer said earlier in the preseason practice phase, the scrimmages are based on innings, but in the final phase leading up to the season, the team usually practices for an hour and 15 minutes to an hour and 30 minutes a day followed by a two-hour scrimmage.

Scrimmages show the coaching staff which players are best for any given gameday situation, Spencer said. The only downside to scrimmaging is that the players see too much of each other.

"When you get to about now, our guys have seen our pitching and our pitching have seen our hitters," he said. "It gets a little stale from that standpoint, but it's what we've got."

To limit the "staleness," Spencer said the scrimmage teams frequently are changed.

Scrimmaging also is an important time for newcomers to the baseball team, including junior college transfer Kellen Monreal who is practicing at third base and right field for the Red Raiders.

Monreal, who is from Ennis, transferred to Tech after a stint at New Mexico Junior College where he was a catcher. Monreal cited the main reasons for his transfer were his desires to return to Texas and to play Big 12 Conference baseball.

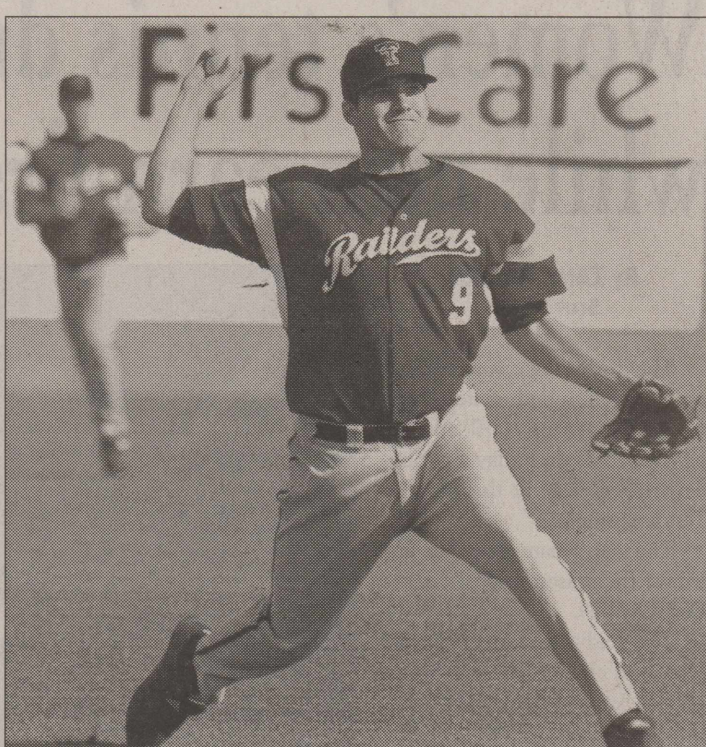


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KELLEN MONREAL FIELDS the ball in a intrasquad scrimmage Sunday at Dan Law Field.

Monreal redshirted one year and played the following season at New Mexico State prior to his transfer to New Mexico Junior College.

"Scrimmaging, it's a time to just go out there and show what you have," he said, "batting for a job. Hopefully you win. I feel like I'm getting better and better every day (during the scrimmages). I'm finally getting back to being comfortable at third."

Monreal also said he was not sure whether he would be in the starting lineup on Friday.

Scrimmaging also is important to senior pitcher AJ Ramos whose junior season was cut short by a Ulnar Collateral Ligament injury. He said his recovery time was supposed to take up to a year, but recovery

was ahead of schedule. Scrimmaging is helping him get used to the speed of the game again.

"There's no other way to emulate pitching to hitters other than scrimmaging," Ramos said. "Runners on base, stuff like that, it helps you get back up to speed and get adjusted to playing."

Ramos, who is projected to be in the starting pitching rotation this season, threw 51 pitches in a scrimmage on Saturday.

Tech opens its season on Friday at Dan Law Field with a double-header against Southern Utah and Texas-Pan American at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

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You've been tagged: Interesting thoughts on today's sports world

Whether you have been on Facebook once this month or 15 times today, you undoubtedly have seen several of the popular "25 Things" notes everyone seems to be writing.

With far fewer than 25 interesting things to list about myself, I have decided to list a number of interesting thoughts on the current world of sports.

I will list as many as I can in the span of 700 words and then shut her down since that is about the amount of space saved for this article.

Consider yourself tagged.

1. Alex Rodriguez did the right thing by admitting he used performance enhancing drugs between 2001 and 2003. By coming clean he may have saved himself from being rebuked by Hall-of-Fame voters.

In retrospect, he would have been better served to give a preemptive admission in his interview last year with Katie Couric, but no player has the guts to own up to it before getting caught. A-Rod better be telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth. If there is any other history of him juicing, it eventually will come out and his career numbers, character and legend will be crushed. Hopefully, he did not do something so "stupid and naive" again, so help him God.

2. Larry Fitzgerald is only the fifth player in history to play in the Super Bowl

Brett Talley



and win the Pro Bowl MVP award in the same year. Only one of those five was on the Super Bowl winning team. That was Garo Yepremian, placekicker for the Miami Dolphins in 1974.

3. Pitchers and catchers report to Major League Baseball's Spring Training next week and Manny Ramirez, Adam Dunn and Bobby Abreu all are jobless. Those players hit a combined 97 home runs and drove in 321 runs last season.

4. The Phoenix Suns are going to do all they can to trade Amare Stoudemire before the NBA's trading deadline.

5. The Phoenix Suns also are going to do all they can to trade Shaquille O'Neal. Ford's most interesting match? Shaq back to the Lakers for Lamar Odom, Chris Mihm and DJ. Mbenga.

The Suns will do anything to get additional cap relief by unloading Shaq's contract, but Los Angeles would be taking an enormous risk by bringing Shaq back.

If Andrew Bynum was not injured, this would not even be a possibility. It will never happen, but it is fun to think

about.

6. Michael Phelps took a hit off a water bong.

Big deal.

He should have been smart enough to not get caught on camera, but most of us have made similar mistakes.

People say he is a role model and should not be involved in this type of behavior. True, but no matter what he says, Phelps did not choose to be a role model. He chose to be a historic Olympic champion so he could be rich and famous beyond his wildest dreams.

Any claim of wanting to be a role model is just good public relations so he can be a media darling and make even more money. This little incident was just a snapshot of him enjoying the lifestyle he has worked hard to attain.

7. Tiger Woods and his beautiful wife, Elin, just had their second child, Charlie Axel Woods.

First of all, if you name your kid Charlie you are comfortable with him being called "Chuck." Depending on the last name, Chuck can be a disastrous name for a child, but Chuck Woods is awesome.

On top of that, it just sounds like a golfer's name. And Axel? He has to be named after Axel Rose, right?

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Quintero fighting for spot on Houston Astros roster

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) - Houston Astros manager Cecil Cooper felt catcher Humberto Quintero had earned a spot on last year's roster out of spring training. The numbers, however, didn't add up in Quintero's favor.

"It was a hard conversation to

have," Cooper said of having to send Quintero down to Triple-A Round Rock last spring. "He earned a spot but the numbers wouldn't allow it."

This spring Quintero is again fighting for a spot alongside J.R. Towles, who won last year's starting spot, and a host of other candidates.

As it stands right now, Quintero won't have to pack his bags for Round Rock when the Astros leave Kissimmee.

"He'd have to have a terrible spring and have someone really, really step up and take it away from him," Cooper said.

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Myers rejects Leach counteroffer

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers made a firm rejection on Friday to the most recent counteroffer by football coach Mike Leach's agents, making it clear that the two sides remain far from any kind of agreement toward a contract extension.

In a Feb. 10 e-mail sent by Matt Baldwin, an International Management Group Coaches representative for Leach, it is apparent Leach and his agents are prepared to sign an altered extension which does not sit well with Myers.

Baldwin wants both sides to agree on a five-year contract worth \$12.7 million, with some direct changes to the early termination clause that has been a sticking point in recent negotiations.

If Tech terminates Leach's contract, he will receive 40 percent of his remaining base salary and outside income. That is less than the 50 percent proposed in IMG's Jan. 20 offer but more than Myers' final offer made Jan. 9.

If Leach leaves, then he pays



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\$500,000 and must provide notice to Myers when planning to interview with another university.

Although asking for permission to interview with another university is something both sides agreed on, the buyouts differ from Myers' Jan. 9 provisions, which state each side pay \$300,000 for each remaining contract year.

"This so-called proposal is simply an offer for us to guarantee that coach Leach could never be fired," Myers said in the statement. "It would cost us a maximum of \$4.4 million if we wanted to change coaches in the first year. It would cost Texas Tech millions in subsequent years of his five-year contract."

"If Leach left Tech he would only pay Tech \$500,000. Our proposal is a fair offer of \$12.7 million for five years. Both Leach and Texas Tech would pay the same annually decreasing buyout figures. Leach's agents' proposal is not fair. We will not even respond to such a proposal."

Also, IMG proposes \$1 million less in bonus incentives that were included in a Jan. 20 counteroffer.

The biggest difference was a \$750,000 decrease if Leach wins a national championship. The Jan. 20 offer had Leach collecting \$1 million for winning a title, and the recent offer rescinded that amount significantly, making it \$250,000.

One bonus that was added in the Jan. 20 offer and stayed in the recent offer was a \$150,000 payout for Leach if he reaches the national championship.

The deadline for Leach's agents to sign Myers' final offer is Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Tech President Guy Bailey said he believes both sides still have enough time to come to an agreement — Leach still has two years remaining on his current contract — but he added that it would be beneficial if talks "cool down" for a little bit.

However, the amount of publicity these negotiations have garnered, Bailey said, makes them look more contentious than usual.

"At most universities," he said, "you don't see what's going on behind the scenes."

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Women's tennis drops two, while men earn first victory

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The Texas Tech women's tennis team fell in both matches this weekend to Arizona (5-0) and No. 69 Rice (8-2) on Friday and Sunday, respectively, at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

The men's team earned its first win of the season against No. 48 Denver (4-4).

The Lady Raiders (2-4) had plenty of chances to win Friday against Arizona, but could not finish the Wildcats off losing, 4-3.

Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty still was optimistic, as he said he was pleased with the effort and intensity he saw from his team despite the loss.

"I thought they played as hard as well as they have all year," he said. "I think that match right there truly shows that they're buying into the philosophy, that they do belong, that they fight every point, and they never let up when we're down."

The Lady Raiders started the match by taking the doubles point, winning two out of the three matches. The No. 1 team of Samantha van der Drift and Kelsy Garland dominated Arizona's Natasha Marks and Claire Rietsch winning, 8-4.

Playing together for the first time this season in the No. 2 spot were Simone Templeton and Natalie Leitch. They were winners over Arizona's Ariane Masschelein and Jane Huh with a score of 8-5, clinching the doubles point for the Lady Raiders.

"I think we did really well," Garland said. "Even though we came out with a 4-3 loss. I think everyone fought their hardest. Everyone just kept fighting until the end."

All Tech needed to do was split the singles matches, but the Lady Raiders only came away with two out of six.

The two singles wins came from No. 2 Garland and No. 5 Peana. Garland defeated Arizona's Masschelein in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2.



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TEXAS TECH'S KELSIE Garland returns a serve during the Lady Raider's 4-3 loss to Arizona Friday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Peana defeated Arizona's Rietsch also in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

Falling in a three-set thriller was van der Drift to Arizona's No. 91 player in the country, Danielle Steinberg, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6(7-2). Leitch at No. 3 and Potgieter at No. 6 took the other two losses.

On Sunday the Lady Raiders came out flat and the Owls made them pay, 5-2.

Tech lost all three doubles matches and only managed to take two of the six singles matches.

Improving their season records were van der Drift and Garland at 4-2 apiece. Garland defeated Rice's Ana Guzman in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6 and van der Drift disposed of Rice's Julie Chao in a competitive two set tiebreaker 6-3, 5-7, (10-6).

"I thought we played better against Arizona," Petty said. "I thought we came out flat in the doubles against Rice. But, overall I would say in a lot of spots we were very competitive. I thought we fought hard."

The Red Raiders (1-2) bounced back from two losses to get their win over Denver, 4-3.

Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel was pleased with the win but knows his team has a long road ahead

of them.

"I'm pleased that we won, but I know that we've got to play better to be a tournament-type team," he said. "To be a team that has the opportunity to play higher ranked teams, better teams."

For the first time this season Tech won the doubles point. The No. 2 team of Michael Breler and Sinisa Markovic defeated Denver's Benny Althaus and Yannick Weihs, 8-5. The No. 3 team of Gonzalo Escobar and David Gonzalez also took down Denver's Johan Gunnarsson and Varun Gunaseelan, 8-5.

The Red Raiders split the singles matches with the Pioneer. Tech's No. 1 player Raony Carvalho took care of No. 83 David Simson in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Playing at the No. 5 spot, Milos Kustudija defeated Denver's Gunnarsson also in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. Also notching a win was the No. 6 player David Gonzalez, who easily beat Denver's Gunaseelan, 6-0, 6-2.

"We've got to play better, especially next week," Siegel said. "We will play better, we'll get better where we need to get better, and that is all there is to it."

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Griffin has career game against Tech

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — After seeing a performance by Blake Griffin that will go down in Oklahoma history, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight was reminded of another being so methodical and determined.

"Have you guys ever seen the movie, 'The Terminator'?" That's what that kid is like," Knight said. "That kid has no facial expressions. He just plays and it's like every kid out there on him is like Sarah Connor, and he's just going to take his time and kill him."

"That kid is good." Griffin set career highs with 40 points and 23 rebounds to break a school record with his 22nd double-double of the season, and No. 2 Oklahoma throttled Texas Tech 95-74 Saturday for its 13th straight win.

Griffin became only the third Oklahoma player to record at least 40 points and 20 rebounds in a game, joining Wayman Tisdale

and Alvan Adams. Those two have their jersey numbers hanging in the rafters at the Lloyd Noble Center. It is also the first 40-point, 20-rebound game in Big 12 history. There were only 12 other 40-point games in Big 12 history entering this season.

"There are certain times certain guys say they were in the zone," Griffin said. "I thought I was kind of in that zone today."

Griffin threw down a pair of two-handed jams off lobs and scored eight points during a 10-0 run that put the Sooners (25-1, 11-0 Big 12) ahead 61-41 in the second half. And he wasn't done.

He added a few more prouetting layups under the basket and finished his scoring with a two-handed jam that resulted in a three-point play with 6 minutes left. The Sooners went on to lead by as much as 28.

Oklahoma matched its best start in

conference play, equaling its 11 straight wins at the outset of Big Eight play in 1985. The only other team to start Big 12 play 11-0 was Kansas, which ran the table in 2002.

"We can't get complacent. We've got to keep being hungry, keep playing hard and not stop until we get our final goal," Griffin said.

Cade Davis went 5-for-9 from 3-point range and added 17 points, and Willie Warren scored 15 for Oklahoma.

Nick Okorie set a new career high for the second straight game with 24 points and Mike Singletary finished with 16 points for Texas Tech (12-13, 2-8) in its 11th straight road loss.

The Red Raiders are below .500 for only the second time since Bob Knight took over the program in 2001. Tech had a losing record for the final five games of the 2005-06 season. Bob Knight handed over the reins of the program to his son last season.

Lady Raiders can't knock off Nebraska on road

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cory Montgomery recorded her sixth double-double of the season with 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead Nebraska past Texas 62-56 Saturday.

The Cornhuskers (11-12, 2-8 Big 12) snapped a 12-game losing streak against the Red Raiders and got double-digit scoring from Dominique Kelley with 15 and Yvonne Turner with 12. Kelley was

6-of-6 on free throws.

Jordan Murphree led Texas Tech (14-10, 4-6) with 18 points. Kierra Mallard had 13.

Nebraska led 28-23 at halftime and took control with a 13-4 run to start the second half.

The lead grew to 19 with 7:47 remaining before Texas Tech came back. The Red Raiders had a chance to pull within two late, but Mallard missed a jumper with 29 seconds remaining.

Elvis Andrus ready to go at Rangers spring camp

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Rangers rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus took a deep breath before addressing the small group of reporters at his locker.

"Here we go, huh?" Andrus said, with a bit of a wide-eyed look.

The eyes of Texas are on Andrus, the 20-year-old who arrived at spring training Saturday as the anointed starter at shortstop. The move shifts five-time All-Star

Michael Young to third base despite Andrus never having played above Double-A.

"That's what I heard," he said. "I still have a long way to go and a lot of things to show that I can play."

Young, the AL Gold Glove winner last season, initially balked at the offseason decision and asked for a trade. He later agreed to accept the move, though he made it clear he still didn't agree with it.

"It wasn't my choice," Andrus

said. "I'm going to be the same person and he's a great person. We're playing baseball and we're trying to have the best team. I feel good and I think he's going to help me a lot. I'm going to ask him so many questions because he's the kind of player you want to be in the future."

Rangers pitchers and catchers reported to camp Saturday, a day before their first scheduled workout.

The first full squad workout isn't until Thursday, but Andrus was among a group of position players already settling into the clubhouse and working out in Arizona.

All-Star center fielder Josh Hamilton has there since early January. Second baseman Ian Kinsler, who missed the final six weeks last season with a sports hernia, and designated hitter Hank Blalock are also already in camp. Young is expected to arrive early next week.

Andrus' locker is next to Omar Vizquel, the 11-time Gold Glove-winning shortstop who signed a minor league contract with Texas. Vizquel is expected to be a utility infielder, but the 41-year-old's most important role may be to mentor the fellow Venezuelan half his age.

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