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## (IN BRIEF) STATE Legal aid seeks \$40 million from stimulus

AUSTIN (AP) — Falling interest rates could cause the collapse of Texas' legal aid system if the Legislature doesn't take action, the state's legal aid foundation said Wednesday.

Leaders of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, which directs state and federal funds to legal aid for low-income Texans, said they plan to ask lawmakers for a \$40 million "bridge loan" from the federal stimulus package. The foundation, funded in part by Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts, or IOLTA, projects that drops in interest rates will decrease 2009 IOLTA funding to \$1.5 million from \$28 million in 2007.

## NATION Fed says US economy will get worse in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve warned Wednesday that the nation's crippled economy is even worse than thought and predicted it would deteriorate throughout 2009, with no sign that the housing market will stabilize.

The Fed's bleak estimates indicated that unemployment could climb as high as 8.8 percent this year and that the economy would contract for a full calendar year for the first time since 1991.

## WORLD Israel says no cease-fire until soldier comes home

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel declared Wednesday that it will not open the Gaza Strip's blockaded borders until Hamas militants free a captured Israeli soldier, dealing a blow to Egyptian efforts to broker a long-term cease-fire.

The decision was condemned by Hamas, which is desperate for border crossings to be opened in order to start repairing destruction from Israel's military offensive in the coastal territory last month.

In parallel, the prime minister of the rival Palestinian government in the West Bank announced plans to stream reconstruction money directly to the people of Gaza. That would effectively sideline the Hamas administration in Gaza.

## DEATH TOLL

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# Behind the white coat



Study finds medical students suffer from higher rates of depression

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FIRST YEAR MEDICAL school students from the left Kim Le from Houston, Kweku Hazel from Ghana, Kyle Miller from Plainview and Natalie Frien from Salt Lake City, Utah, discuss a patient with chronic hypertension with Dr. Fredrick Onger, associate professor of family and community medicine, Tuesday afternoon.

By CAYLOR BALLINGER  
STAFF WRITER

The diagnosis for some future medical doctors may be depression.

A study published in the February edition of Academic Medicine titled "Depressive Symptoms in Medical Students and Residents: A Multischool Study" reported that 21.2 percent of medical students suffer from depression. Comparatively, 8 percent to 15 percent of other graduate students and young adults in the general public suffer from depression.

First year Texas Tech medical student Kyle Miller said stress from the amount of information medical students learn can lead to depression.

"Medical school is like trying to take a drink from a fire hydrant," said Miller, who is from Plainview.

Students sometimes lock themselves away and study for six or seven hours at a time, he said, and the loneliness can have a strong effect without strong ties of friendship.

Different medical students handle the stress in different ways, Miller said. For him, his friends provide a stress-relieving outlet.

In addition to playing on an intramural football team called Scrubs, Miller said he enjoys painting, swimming and listening to music — all of which keep him from becoming depressed.

"Tech has done a really great job in dealing with depression," Miller said.

Tech has a student assistance program set up for medical students, he said.

The Tech Health Sciences Center program provides free counseling, Miller said, but the benefits only help students who realize they suffer from depression.

During medical school orientation at Tech, he said, he and other incoming students were told depression is common among medical students.

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## Telemedicine reimbursement for Medicare, Medicaid to change

By KENDYL SEBESTA  
STAFF WRITER

Proposed changes in April 2009 to telemedicine Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement policies will allow the Texas Tech Telemedicine Center to offer increased medical services to 105 West Texas counties.

Telemedicine allows physicians to consult examinations and medical procedures occurring over a great distance through live interactive video, according to the Tech Center for Telemedicine Web site.

Debbie Voyles, director of the Tech Center for Telemedicine, said the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement policy changes will expand the number of health care service providers that can present patients to physicians using telemedicine and will allow physicians to offer services in diverse locations like community centers.

"The new policy changes will allow Medicare and Medicaid to cover basic consultations, medical checks for mental issues, and follow-up consultations," she said.



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DEBBIE VOYLES, DIRECTOR for Telemedicine at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, demonstrates the capabilities of the telemedicine cart by using its peripheral otoscope to view her eardrum Wednesday in the HSC.

"However, it is not at the point where it includes surgeries yet."

Voyles said patients who receive care through telemedicine services are not charged extra for the service.

Claudia Cortez, clinic coordinator for the Tech Telemedicine Center,

said the center saw 1,002 burn, school-based, rural and pharmacy telemedicine patients in 2008, with 120 patients in the rural and burn telemedicine divisions being non-funded or Medicaid patients.

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## GOP governors consider turning down state funding from stimulus

By MELINDA DESLATTE  
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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A handful of Republican governors are considering turning down some money from the federal stimulus package, a move opponents say puts conservative ideology ahead of the needs of constituents struggling with record foreclosures and soaring unemployment.

Though none has outright rejected the money available for education, health care and infrastructure, the governors of Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alaska, South Carolina and Idaho have all questioned whether the \$787 billion bill signed into law this week will even help the economy.

"My concern is there's going to be commitments attached to it that are a mile long," said Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who considered rejecting some of the money but decided Wednesday to accept it. "We need the freedom to pick and choose. And we need the freedom to say 'No thanks.'"

U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., the No. 3 House Democrat, said the governors — some of whom are said to be eyeing White House bids in 2012 — are putting their own interests first.

"No community or constituent

should be denied recovery assistance due to their governor's political ideology or political aspirations," Clyburn said Wednesday.

In fact, governors who reject some of the stimulus aid may find themselves overridden by their own legislatures because of language Clyburn included in the bill that allows lawmakers to accept the federal money even if their governors object.

He inserted the provision based on the early and vocal opposition to the stimulus plan by South Carolina's Republican governor, Mark Sanford. But it also means governors like Sanford and Louisiana's Bobby Jindal — a GOP up-and-comer often mentioned as a potential 2012 presidential candidate — can burnish their conservative credentials, knowing all the while that their legislatures can accept the money anyway.

Jindal said he, like Perry and Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, is concerned about strings attached to the money even though his state faces a \$1.7 billion budget shortfall next year.

Barbour spokesman Dan Turner, for example, cited concerns that accepting unemployment money from the stimulus package would force states to pay benefits to people who wouldn't meet state requirements to receive them.

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## Retailers see increase of DTV box sales

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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Local retailers said Wednesday they have seen a rush in Digital Television Converter box sales since the original Feb. 17 deadline to terminate analog broadcast passed.

Kendrick Johnson, a sales associate with Best Buy, said all of their digital converter boxes that were in stock were purchased Tuesday, the day after most Lubbock TV stations ceased their analog broadcasts and now broadcast exclusively in digital format.

"We had been selling a moderate amount," he said. "We saw a big rush (Tuesday). We probably went through 80 or 90 boxes. We'll get a new shipment either (today), or if not then Saturday."

Consumers who rely on TV antennas that do not have digital televisions or digital tuners will require a DTV converter box to convert digital broadcast signals into an analog format, according to the The Digital Television Transition Web site. All U.S. households are eligible to request

for up to two coupons for the boxes. The coupons are valued at \$40 and go towards the purchase of a DTV converter box. Manufacturers estimate the boxes to cost between \$40 and \$70 apiece.

The Feb. 17 deadline was extended by the U.S. Congress to June 12, according to the Web site.

However, all English-language Lubbock TV stations stuck to the original deadline except for KCBD, the local NBC affiliate.

Vinij Sitthigram, a sales associate at the Wal-Mart at the intersection of 4th Street and Avenue Q, said his location also ran out of DTV converter boxes.

"We've been selling them like crazy," he said, "over 60 to 70 per day. We'll probably get a new shipment in the next two or three days."

Linda DeLeon, District 1 representative with the Lubbock City Council, said it's important to get the DTV converter box because citizens without it could be cut off from news in the community.

"It's very important," she said,

"they lose contact with the news and what's happening in the community (without the box)."

Alan Pollack, a Radio Shack manager at 3207 50th St., said all Lubbock Radio Shack locations received a large shipment of DTV converter boxes Tuesday morning.

"We have a lot of converter boxes on the floor," he said. "We're really buffed right now. We have two four-foot (wide) sections stacked almost to the ceiling. We ran out (Tuesday) night, I think most retailers did judging from the people coming into the store and asking if we had them."

Pollack said she thinks it is important for people who are not cable or satellite subscribers to purchase a DTV converter box.

"It's real simple," he said. "In West Texas, only NBC works in analog and that's only until June. If we have a bad storm in Lubbock, which we do quite often, you won't know about it if you still have analog."

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## US commander: troops 'stalemated' in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan offered a grim view Wednesday of military efforts in southern Afghanistan, warning that 17,000 new troops will take on emboldened Taliban insurgents who have "stalemated" U.S. and allied forces.

Army Gen. David McKiernan also predicted that the bolstered numbers of U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan — about 55,000 in all — will remain near those levels for up to five years.

Still, McKiernan said, that is only

about two-thirds of the number of troops he has requested to secure the war-torn nation.

McKiernan told reporters at the Pentagon Wednesday that the extra Army and Marine forces will be in place by the summer, primed for counterinsurgency operations against the Taliban but also ready to conduct training with Afghan police forces.

McKiernan said what the surge "allows us to do is change the dynamics of the security situation, predominantly in southern Afghanistan, where we are, at best, stalemated."

"I'm not here to tell you that there's not an increased level of violence, because there is," he said.

The 17,000 additional troops, which President Barack Obama approved Tuesday to begin deploying this spring, will join an estimated 38,000 already in Afghanistan.

Another 10,000 U.S. soldiers could be headed to Afghanistan in the future as the Obama administration decides how to balance its troop levels with those from other nations and the Afghan army.

## UBS to pay \$780M, open secret records

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banking giant UBS has agreed to pay \$780 million and turn over once-secret Swiss banking records to settle allegations it conspired to defraud the U.S. government of taxes owed by thousands of American clients.

As part of the deal struck in federal court in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., UBS has made the unprecedented step of agreeing to immediately turn over

to the U.S. government account information for U.S. customers of the bank's cross-border business.

In doing so, federal authorities have struck a big crack in Switzerland's vaunted bank secrecy laws.

UBS will pay \$780 million in fines, penalties, interest and restitution for conspiring to create sham accounts to hide the assets of U.S. clients from the U.S. government.

## Medicine

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"A specific number is hard to say," she said, "but rural clinics typically don't take Medicare or Medicaid patients because they are concerned about proper reimbursement. Say if there's a \$120 bill, they may only get \$80 for example, but of course they still have to treat the patient."

Cortez said 152 Medicaid and Medicare patients were treated by Tech physicians in 2008 through telemedicine, but she did not know whether the billing department for the Tech Telemedicine Center billed each individual.

Adriana Villagrana, El Paso Centro San Vicente Health Center business officer, said San Vicente accepts Medicare and Medicaid patients due to the nature of their clinic.

"We treat Medicare and Medicaid patients because we are a family qualified

## Higher One confusion prompts new communications program

By MATT COBB  
STAFF WRITER

Confusion with Texas Tech's new refund system has prompted Higher One to send a team of employees to the university to answer students' questions and clarify how the program works.

Higher One representatives will be meeting with Tech's Student Government Association Student Senate Thursday night to talk about issues students have had with the new refund system.

Beverly Cotton, interim vice president for administration and finance, said confusion about how the new program operates has caused problems for students. The university is implementing a new program to help make the refund policy more transparent.

"We've got a whole new communications plan," she said. "It should help clarify misunderstandings students have had with what the card does."

Higher One is a third-party vendor that now handles refunds done through the university. Students are given a refund card — which can function like a debit card — through which they can access their money. Also, students can choose to opt-out of using the card and instead have refunds mailed in a check or deposited directly into a bank account.

The new communication program Tech is implementing will bring Higher One consultants to campus in future semesters to help explain how

the refund program works, Cotton said. Tech will also run advertisements in *The Daily Toreador* and put more information on the university's Web site.

New students also will be mailed the card in a letter that bears the official Tech emblem so it does not get mistaken for junk mail, she said. Many students initially mistook the refund card for a credit card offer and threw it away.

The university is paying about \$30,000 a fiscal year to implement the Higher One program, Cotton said. The program is meant to get students their money in faster and safer ways.

"We're here for the students," Cotton said. "It's not a money-making scheme for Texas Tech."

Higher One can maintain better confidentiality and provide more refund opportunities than Tech, she said. Kelli Stumbo, a student regent with the university, said she has received a large amount of complaints from students about issues involving the new refund system.

Some students complained about not receiving their refunds, while others accidentally threw their card away, she said. Other students did not understand how the new program operated or how to get money to transfer directly to their bank accounts.

Stumbo said university officials told her the program initially was intended to be implemented during a summer school session to serve as a trial run with a smaller group of

students. Instead, the program began last fall in conjunction with the new Banner system, which students use to register and pay for classes.

"Tech's main campus is so large, implementation (of the new program) is a huge feat to begin with," she said. "The fact they didn't really advertise it and relied mainly on e-mails — though a good attempt — was not successful."

In addition to being more confidential and having faster refund period, the card allows international students to access money without having to open a bank account, Stumbo said. They can put money on their Higher One card and use it as a debit card.

Stumbo said students should contact members of the SGA and express their thoughts and concerns about the new refund program.

"I encourage students to communicate with their SGA senators and explain what their experience has been," she said. "Good or bad."

Lee Bobbitt, president of the SGA, said hundreds of universities have moved to third-party vendors to handle their refund policies.

"Universities don't want to be banks anymore," she said.

Overall, the program was not well communicated, Bobbitt said. The policy has affected the student body as a whole, and the SGA also is working to make the program better.

"Tech is looking at options to enhance and evaluate its effectiveness overall," she said.

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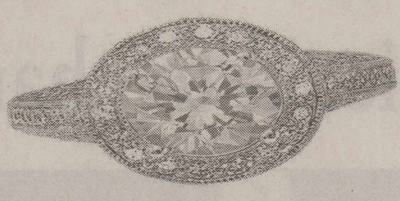
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25 His in Hyeres  
26 Old sailor  
30 "Barney Miller" co-star  
32 Shout of pain  
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37 Suffers defeat  
41 Essential acid type  
42 Explorer Johnson  
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By Adele Mann  
New York, NY  
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## Performance boosts awareness about violence against women

By GARRETT SALZMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech chapter of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance performed its rendition of "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" on Monday and Tuesday night.

Bryony Mirrl, vice president of the alliance, said the play compiles monologues about violence against women edited by Eve Ensler, who is famous for her play "The Vagina Monologues."

Mirrl said the ability to choose the monologues that performers read makes it a personalized experience.

"This play is about women's lives being full and complex," Mirrl said. "It talks about love, community and all the things that make up the lives of men and women. It really advocates that by changing and improving women's lives, we can improve how humanity lives as a whole."

Actors performed eight monologues chosen for the event in front of displayed shirts designed by women who had survived acts of violence.

The monologues included performances from two male actors and discussed violence against women, incorporating publicized events and personal experiences.

Roy Rios, coordinator of community education and development for Women's Protective Services in Lubbock, performed a monologue titled "The Closet."

Although he is not a member of the alliance, he said he came to support the cause and represent his organization.

"We do lots of outreach at Texas Tech, and the reaction there has been great," he said. "We're blessed with lots of student volunteers, so I wanted to be sure to get involved."

Rios said he chose his monologue for its advocacy of action in preventing violence against women.

"It mirrors my own experience, but I really chose it because it has such a strong



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

AMANDA EVANS, A senior psychology major from Las Cruces, N.M., performs "In Memory of Imette" by Periel Aschenbrand at a performance by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Tuesday at the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

call of action to the audience to get involved," said Rios whose performance told the story of a boy who witnesses his father hit his mother with a cardboard tube.

Meg Flick, a communication design major, said she came to the event to support the other male monologue, which was performed by her brother.

After watching the performance, she

said she believed the play had a message that needed to be heard by students.

"I think it's important," the senior from Oklahoma City, Okla., said. "We need to have things like this to inform more people who are out partying about what's going on in the world and behind closed doors."

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## African-American culture inspires local art exhibit

By CARRIE THORNTON  
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Students had the opportunity to view African-American inspired art created by a diverse group of artists Wednesday in the Texas Tech University Library.

The theme of the Tech and Tech Health Sciences Center Black Faculty and Staff Association's Third Annual Black History Art Exhibit was "Inspiring Hope in Our Community."

"We wanted to showcase black artists and art," said Wendy Ross, an associate law professor at Tech, "because there are not a lot of venues for that."

The exhibit presented pieces from a diverse group of artists, not just African-Americans, said Ross, who also works in the Office of Institutional Diversity.

She said the art focused on black history, ranging from depictions of people to depictions of African-American culture.

Aretha Marbley, president of the association, said the exhibit featured contributions from faculty members and the community.

"It (was) a celebratory show with various expressions of culture and life through art," the education professor said.

A "rich variety" of artists were represented at the exhibit, Marbley said, from grade school children to internationally renowned artists.

"The diversity of artists tied in the exhibit's theme of pulling the community together," she said.

Betty Jenkins, a local artist,



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

H.R. NICHOLS, LEFT, discusses a painting titled "I Wanna be Heard" by artist Jared L. Applegate with local artist Willis Bagley at the Black History Art Exhibit sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff Association Wednesday at the Texas Tech University Library.

said she loves to exhibit her work, especially to students who have never seen anything like it before.

"I do folk art," Jenkins said. "My work is different."

Folk artists are self-taught with no professional training and usually create pieces portraying a message or story, she said. They paint what they know.

"I focus on African-American folk art," Jenkins said, "and my specialty is color and texture."

Dennis Fehr, the exhibit's curator, said he was surprised to find the exhibit would not include any pieces of President Obama from professional artists or school children.

"When the work came in, I thought it was interesting there was nothing about Obama," the Tech Art professor said.

One of Fehr's classes, Visual Arts in Contemporary Context,

includes graduate students who do not have much knowledge of art, he said.

The lack of art representing Obama gave him the idea of assigning his contemporary context students an assignment to draw the 44th president's face.

He taught the class a basic drawing lesson and gave them a week to find a picture of Obama to draw, he said. The class' drawings were displayed on a panel at the exhibit.

Josh Britt, a music graduate student, said he enjoyed viewing the exhibit.

The art represents a race as a whole, the Lubbock native said, and not necessarily a specific culture.

"It represents a whole bunch of different cultures," Britt said, "some depict American culture while others represent African."

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# OPINIONS

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## High school history shouldn't be racist

By JUSTIN LOLLMAN  
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Have you ever looked back on your high school education and felt somewhat cheated? Although I am generally satisfied with the quality of my secondary education, certain experiences during my college education have caused me to re-evaluate some of my former teachers and the curriculum I was taught.

I began questioning the quality of my high school education last semester during Minorities in American Politics class. It exposed to me a history that I was largely ignorant of — America's long history of violent and divisive racial oppression.

My high school American history teacher never taught me about the Bloody Sunday March, the Birmingham Bus Boycotts, the heinous murder of Emmett Till or any of the significant victories of the Civil Rights Movement. My Oklahoma history teacher never taught me about the Tulsa Race Riots, or how Clara Luper staged the first sit-ins in a major American city at a Katz Drug store in downtown OKC. In short, I was never taught about the history of a large segment of the American population.

My teacher spent more than three

weeks discussing how the Revolutionary War freed the colonists from the tyranny of unrepresented taxation, yet he spent less than 10 minutes discussing how the Civil Rights Movement helped free people from the social, economic and political bondage of discrimination and segregation.

Although I am criticizing the high school I attended, this problem is not unique to my school. It is endemic of high schools across the nation. Fortunately, some states have begun addressing this issue. In recent years, Florida, New Jersey and Illinois have passed laws requiring African American history be taught in their states' public school systems.

In 2005, Philadelphia became the first major U.S. city to require an African American history course as a prerequisite for graduation. In a New York Times article, school officials said the course would benefit students by exposing them to a "perspective of American history that has been largely absent from most contemporary teaching guides."

Most educators and legislators argue that the limited time in American history courses restricts how much African American history can be discussed. However, I offer a different prognosis for this problem: White Americans tend to ignore and avoid lengthy discussions of America's

violently racist past. Examples of this behavior are relatively common throughout American society.

For example, the Arkansas legislature recently rejected a resolution to congratulate President Obama on his historic election as the 44th president of the United States. The resolution failed because many legislators took issue with the fact that it recognized our nation was founded by slave owners.

Many legislators chose to contend that not all of the founding fathers were slave-owners, and many of the founders detested the institution. Although this may be true, it does not change the fact that the overwhelming majority of the founders owned slaves.

While I recognize the motives behind Philadelphia's plan to require African American history, the state's proposal is less than perfect. By ignoring the history of African Americans in American history courses and only addressing it in designated classes, black students are being told their history is not part of the broader American story. The ideal solution would involve better incorporation of African American history into an American history course.

If high schools really want to teach American history, the entire history must be brought forth.

## Bionic woman brings us one step closer to super heroism

By DAN SMITH  
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In 2006, Amanda Kitts from Knoxville, Tenn. lost her left arm in a debilitating car wreck. But now, thanks to modern scientific technology, it's been replaced with a prosthetic that can actually move at her whim, making her bigger, faster, stronger. At least in her arm.

She can throw a football, change diapers and give massive, bionic bear hugs (at her own chain of day care centers) by simply thinking about it. In a new procedure, called targeted muscle reinnervation, she's able to move her hand, wrist and elbow all at the same time.

This is possible by connecting remaining nerves in the arm to electrodes planted in the chest. The electrodes act as antennae to signals from the brain sent to the chest, and it all goes from there.

Un-freaking-believable. Do you know what this means? If you're five years old like I am, it means it's never been more possible to be a superhero. Upon reading this story in the New York Times, I couldn't help but wonder if scientists are accepting volunteers to have limbs removed to be replaced with robotic ones. I'm sure the initial quality of these bionic limbs would be sub-par, but we're well on our way.

After all, it's been done before. In 1974, astronaut Steve Austin was sent into space in a lifting body craft. As he returned to earth, the computers malfunctioned and he was sent crashing to Earth at incomprehensible speeds. They rebuilt him; they had the technology. Sparing no expense, \$6 million to be exact, the Office of Scientific Intelligence crafted a mechanical body for Austin.

With his new bionic parts, his strength and vision were increased to levels once found impossible, and he could run at a top speed of 60 mph. Could you imagine that? Sixty miles per hour.

In 1987, a young Ashley Williams went to his cabin in northern Michigan where he inadvertently (for a second time, the first being in 1981) awoke the evil dead spirits that just happened to be dormant in the woods, awaiting the cursed words of the Necronomicon to be spoken in order to return to this realm. Again. A spirit entered Williams' body, concentrating its energy into his hand.

Slapstick humor

and a chainsaw amputation followed, one thing led to another, and Williams drifted through a time portal that sent him back to medieval

“Upon reading this story in the New York Times, I couldn't help but wonder if scientists are accepting volunteers to have limbs removed to be replaced with robotic ones.”

Britain. In order to combat the evil dead one last time, he was

forced to create a bionic hand. Through basic modern chemistry and medieval steel craftsmanship, a prosthetic substitute was created that could crush a bronze chalice with the greatest of ease.

In 2000 A.D., the distant future, officer Alex P. Murphy will be brutally murdered in the line of fire

by vicious cop killers in crime-ridden Old Detroit, Mich. In a waiver signed with Omni Consumer Products, a corporation with its hands

in the Old Detroit Police Department as well as the United States military, he will be revived and fitted with a CPU and an entire anatomy's worth of bullet-proof, mechanical appendages.

The project, code named "RoboCop," short for "Robot Cop," will regulate crime levels in Old Detroit and, although bigger, scarier models will eventually come out of the woodwork, i.e. RoboCop 2, none will prove more dedicated or useful than the original RoboCop.

I'm only trying to illustrate the possibilities here. Who wouldn't like to be 10 feet tall and bulletproof? Unless you're leaving anonymous comments on a message board online, the feeling has only yet to be experienced. I, for one, wouldn't mind joining the ranks of the superhuman, even at the cost of my own obsolete body.

## Facebook terms change sparks debate

STAFF EDITORIAL  
THE DAILY VIDETTE (ILLINOIS STATE U.)

Untagging yourself from that awful photo doesn't get rid of it, so deleting it entirely will ensure it's gone forever, right?

Not necessarily.

Facebook updated its terms of service a couple weeks ago, re-igniting a debate on the policy of information sharing over the Internet.

Unlike rules in other media that are rather black and white, the rules governing a social networking site tend to operate without a precedent.

The old and new terms of service both state that users give Facebook a license to use content "on or in connection with the Facebook service or the promotion thereof."

The new agreement, however, eliminates language saying the license would "automatically expire" if users delete accounts or remove information.

Much of the controversy stems from the fact that Facebook posted the change on its official blog rather than sending out a notification to inform users.

In other words, current Facebook users are subjected to the new terms of service, perhaps unknowingly, without ever having been asked to sign off on the changes.

This raises more serious questions about what future changes Facebook could make to the site's terms and conditions without informing users.

"We wouldn't share your in-



formation in a way you wouldn't want," Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote Monday in response to the controversy. "The trust you place in us as a safe place to share information is the most important part of what makes Facebook work."

But under the terms of service, Facebook has the rights to freely use anything people add to the site, and users surrender control of any pictures or messages sent to friends.

So could Facebook exploit the site's users to profit? Zuckerberg is worth about \$1.5 billion, according to Forbes. If you take into account Microsoft's 2007 purchase of a 1.6 percent stake in Facebook for \$240 million, the social networking giant is worth an estimated \$15 billion.

But other than revenue from its investors, Facebook has fallen under sharp criticism because of

a lack of a clear plan to make money.

They might be walking a fine line, but legally, Facebook might be able to get away with incorporating user-posted content into target advertisements. Maybe Zuckerberg will author a "Best of" book of college party stories, written by students everywhere.

The moral of this story?

Don't put anything on Facebook you wouldn't be comfortable with your mother seeing. Or a future employer.

The Internet is a public medium, and anything you do or say could essentially be stored forever.

Now, more than ever, it seems as college students we need to be careful about monitoring our online content.

Unless we want to beat Facebook to the punch and write that "Best of" book first.

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### EXPERIENCE POINTS

By Britton Peele, opinions editor

We're only in the second month of 2009, yet it's crammed with awesome video games already.

Currently, I'm spending a ton of time with "Street Fighter IV," "Grand Theft Auto IV: Lost & Damned," and "Fire Emblem: Dragon Shadow." Reviews will no doubt make their way into the print and online editions of *The Daily Toreador*, but I'm going to try to post impressions on the "Experience Points" blog as well. Later in the month I have a copy of "Killzone 2" on its way, and I'm trying to obtain a review copy of "Dawn of War II" for the PC.

Next month? "Halo Wars," "Resident Evil 4," and "Grand Theft Auto: Chinatown Wars" make their way to store shelves.

And the madness doesn't end there. EA just announced "Dead Space Extraction" for the Wii, and Microsoft is already sending out invites for their E3 press conference. Strap in. It's going to be a crazy year.

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## Depression

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"It meant a lot that they were so honest about depression," Miller said. "They say that so we recognize the problem."

JoAnn Larsen, assistant dean of Student Affairs at the Tech Health Sciences Center, said about 98 percent to 99 percent of all medical students eventually graduate from Tech because of strong student-support systems.

"They start classes and go everyday together," she said. "So, the students are a strong support system for each other."

Larsen said the student assistance program benefits medical students who take advantage of it, and it's completely confidential.

"The program deals with unique problems students have," she said, "and helps with issues they have."

The help students receive from faculty and staff contribute to their success, Larsen said. The role of Student Affairs is to provide direction to students with counseling in career, academic and disciplinary areas.

"We're kind of a surrogate mom — broad shoulder, (listening) ear," she said, "and we know when to direct

them to the right place for help if we think they need it."

Dr. Kelly Cukrowicz, head of the Suicide and Depression Research Program at Tech, said it makes sense that medical students may be more depressed than other young adults.

"In addition to having difficulty of concentration and loss of sleep, a lot of demands with high expectations leave them overwhelmed and anxious," said Cukrowicz, who also is a psychology professor at Tech. "They are also prone to feel guilty when they take off time from studying."

A decrease in fun, not enjoying previously enjoyable activities, or disturbances in sleep patterns can contribute to depression, Cukrowicz said. Depression has several major symptoms to look for, she said, and students should be aware of the stages of depression.

"If someone is really experiencing severe depression it may affect their day-to-day activities," Cukrowicz said. "Therapists would need to help a person severely depressed."

As far as medical students and doctors are concerned, she said, depression would not affect professional care unless the depression

### Symptoms of depression

- Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- Feelings of hopelessness and pessimism
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities that were once enjoyed, including sex
- Decreased energy, fatigue and a feeling of being "slowed down"
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions
- Insomnia, early-morning awakening or oversleeping
- Appetite and/or weight loss or overeating and weight gain

Source: National Institute of Mental Health

becomes too severe.

However, Cukrowicz said depression should not go unacknowledged.

"Most of us are defensive about feeling depressed," Cukrowicz said. "It needs to be managed properly."

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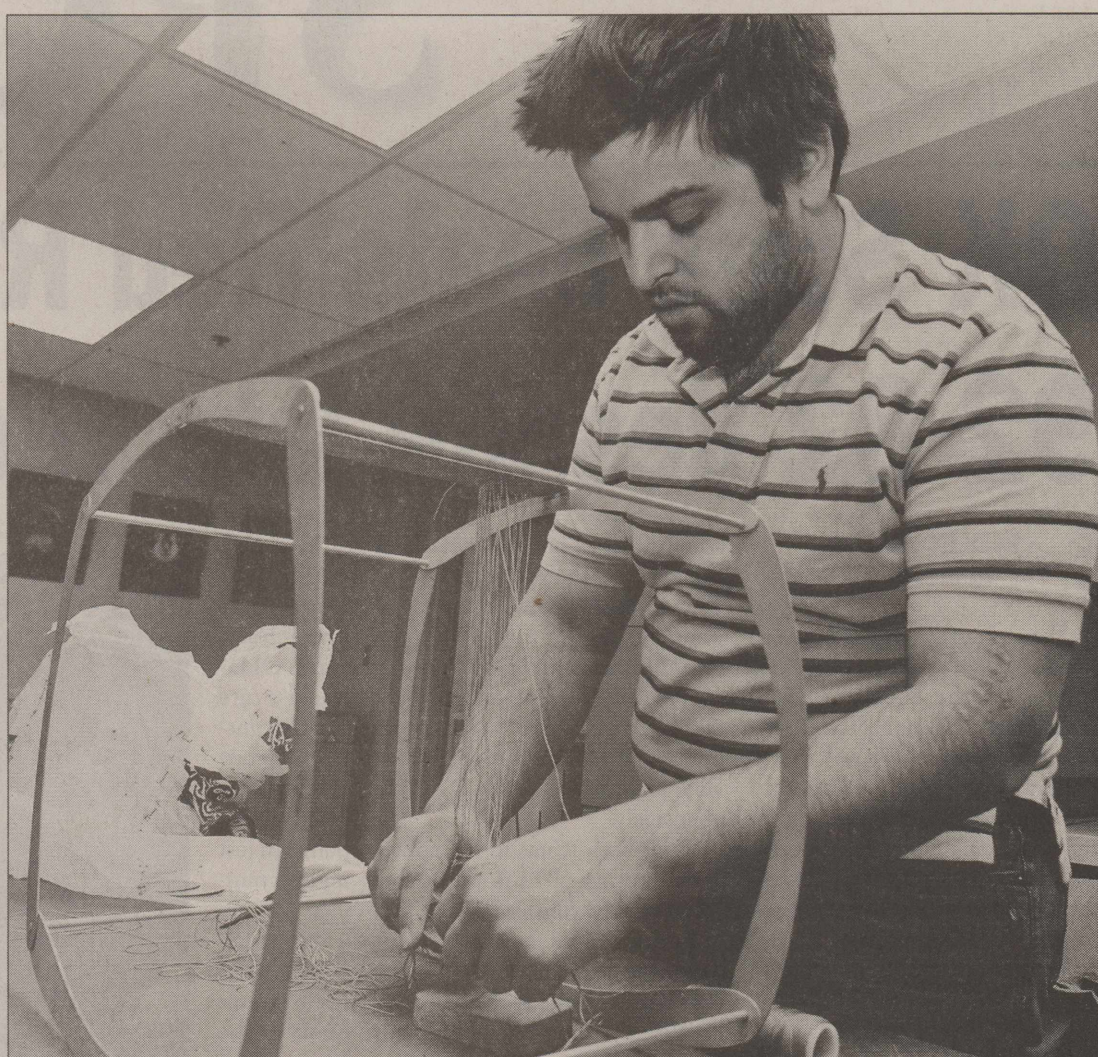


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BRYAN HARP, A senior art photo major from Bedford, works on a metal sculpture Monday in his jewelry and metal smithing class in the 3D Art Annex Building.

## NY Post cartoon of chimpanzee stirs outrage

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York Post cartoon that some have interpreted as comparing President Barack Obama to a violent chimpanzee gunned down by police drew outrage Wednesday from civil rights leaders and elected officials who said it echoed racist stereotypes of blacks as monkeys.

The cartoon in Wednesday's Post by Sean Delonas shows two police officers, one with a smoking gun, standing over the body of a bullet-riddled chimp. The caption reads: "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The cartoon refers to a chimpanzee named Travis who was killed Monday by police in Stamford, Conn., after it mauled a friend of its owner.

Some critics called the cartoon racist and said it trivialized a tragedy in which a woman was disfigured and a chimpanzee killed. Others said the cartoon suggests that Obama should be assassinated. Many urged a boycott of the Post and the companies that advertise in it.

"How could the Post let this cartoon pass as satire?" said Barbara Ciara, president of the National Association of Black Journalists. "To compare the nation's first African-American commander in chief to a dead chimpanzee is nothing short of racist drivel."

State Sen. Eric Adams called it a "throwback to the days" when black men were lynched.

The Rev. Al Sharpton called the cartoon "troubling at best given the

historic racist attacks of African-Americans as being synonymous with monkeys."

The cartoon set off a furious response against the Post. Its phones rang all day with angry callers. Protesters picketed the tabloid's Manhattan offices, demanding an apology and a boycott and chanting "shut the Post down."

Col Allan, editor-in-chief of the Post, defended the work.

"The cartoon is a clear parody of a current news event, to wit the shooting of a violent chimpanzee in Connecticut," Allan said in a statement.

"It broadly mocks Washington's efforts to revive the economy. Again, Al Sharpton reveals himself as nothing more than a publicity opportunist."

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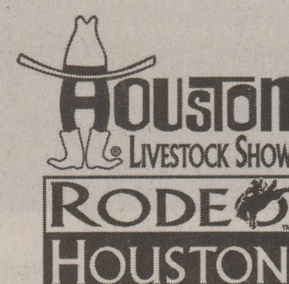
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# SPORTS

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## OK State beats Red Raiders 92-82 despite late Tech rally

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

Terrel Harris' jumper bounced three-feet high off the rim, skimmed the top of the backboard, and nicked the iron again before diving through the net.

It was obvious the shooter's roll was in effect Wednesday for the Oklahoma State guard, but he didn't need it very often. Most of his shots bypassed the rim and dropped through with no suspense.

Harris scored a career-high 27 points and James Anderson added 24 as the Cowboys escaped with a 92-82 victory against Texas Tech Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Cowboys, Harris included, had the hot hand from the 3-point line all game, going 12-of-25.

OSU guard Obi Muonelo had 16 points and went 4-for-4 from behind the arc and Harris finished 4-of-6.

The Red Raiders (12-14, 2-9 in Big 12 Conference play) lost their third-straight game, but went down only after a late comeback bid fell short.

Oklahoma State (16-9, 5-6) had a 68-46 lead with just under 11 minutes remaining in the game when Tech stormed back with a 26-10 run led by forward Mike Singletary.

He finished the game with a

season-high 24 points, 14 of which came during the run that brought Tech within six points twice in the waning minutes.

During a six-and-a-half-minute stretch from the nine-minute mark to the 2:30 mark, the Cowboys were held to three free throws and no field goals, while Tech caught fire offensively.

With both teams in the bonus, Tech went 11-of-13 from the free throw line, playing aggressively and with much more intensity than it had in the first half, when the Cowboys led 15 points at the half.

With Tech trailing 78-72 with under two minutes remaining, Muonelo hit a dagger three from deep with a defender in his face, giving the Cowboys enough of a cushion to keep Tech at a distance despite both teams going to the free throw line every other possession.

Tech went 32-of-43 from the free throw line and Oklahoma State finished 26-of-39.

For OSU, forward Marshall Moses and guard Keiton Page fouled out late in the second half, and three other Cowboys finished with four fouls.

Tech's Robert Lewandowski and Alan Voskuil had 12 points each while guard Nick Okorie continued his hot shooting, adding 17.

After the first half, it looked as if Tech was going to get routed by the Cowboys.

Tied at 11 with 13:26 remaining until half-time, Oklahoma State started getting comfortable, scoring seven straight points in just under a minute.

After Lewandowski hit a jump-hook in the lane, Tech missed its next five shots. However, the Cowboys could not take advantage. They turned the ball over twice before Anderson was able to knock down a 3-pointer.

OSU grabbed a double-digit lead a few minutes later and kept it secure.

With nine in the first half, turnovers plagued the Red Raiders once again, but Oklahoma State did a great job of jumping into passing lanes and had nine steals — seven in the first half —

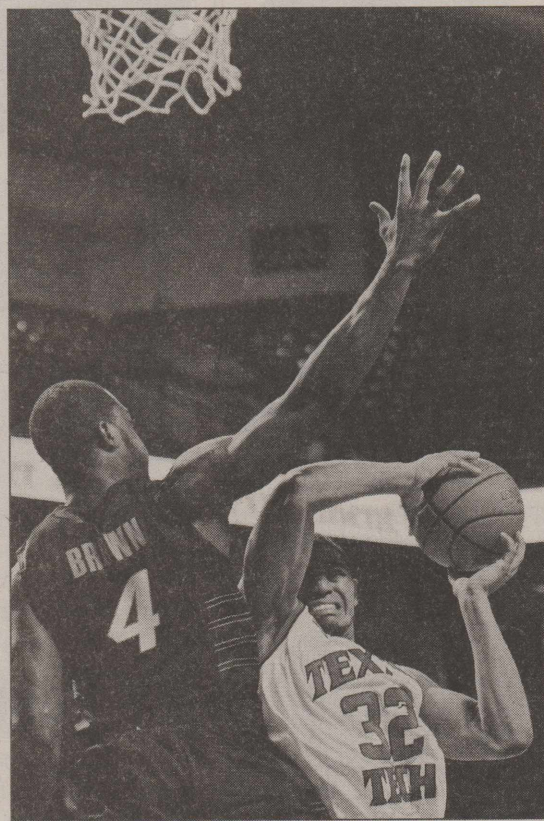
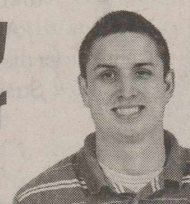


PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary struggles to shoot from beneath Oklahoma State forward Anthony Brown during the Red Raiders' 92-82 loss to the Cowboys on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

## Knight deserves time, patience

Landry Locker



In the midst of another mediocre season for the Texas Tech men's basketball team, it has become apparent the Red Raiders will not be participating in postseason play for the second straight year.

After taking over for his father, Bob Knight, in the middle of Big 12 Conference play last season, Pat Knight provided excitement for Tech fans with upset wins against No. 18 Kansas State and No. 5 Texas. However, his first full season as head coach of the Red Raiders has not produced similar exciting results for Tech basketball fans.

The Red Raiders are near the bottom of the Big 12 standings, and the only consistency at the United Spirit Arena during games this season has been the lack of students in the seats.

However, while Pat Knight has not provided the immediate success most of the Red Raider faithful hoped, patience is a virtue, especially when it comes to coaching college basketball.

The college basketball record books would be rewritten if each program gave up on coaches early.

Legendary coaches, Mike Krzyzewski (Duke) and Jim Calhoun (UConn) did not make the NCAA Tournament in their first three seasons at their current schools and are two of the best coaches in college basketball history.

Making Pat Knight's transition even more difficult is the fact he runs a style totally opposite of his father's. While Bob Knight preferred to play man-to-man defense and a motion offense, Pat has showed a willingness to play zone defense and an up-tempo offense.

When teams change from one style to another, the transition usually is difficult, and initial struggles should be expected no matter what the sport.

Just look around the world of sports today.

The Phoenix Suns were a Western Conference powerhouse in the NBA this decade under the fast-paced style of Mike D'Antoni, resulting in three Western Conference Championship appearances from 2004 to 2008.

When D'Antoni left Phoenix to coach the New York Knicks prior to the start of this season, the Suns hired Porter, a coach committed to defense and half-court offense, which is the opposite of D'Antoni's up-tempo style where defense takes a backseat.

The Suns clearly struggled to adapt to the extreme change, and earlier this week Porter was fired by the Suns after only 51 games.

The difficult transition to opposite

styles-of-play doesn't only exist on the hardwood, but on the gridiron as well.

Look at Michigan's football program. After running Lloyd Carr's pro-style offense for over a decade, the program hired Rich Rodriguez and brought his spread offense with him. The personnel were not suited for Rodriguez's offense, and the Wolverines finished the 2008 season with a 3-9 record, the program's worst finish in more than four decades.

However, the people in Michigan know to be patient with Rodriguez. He went through a similar transition in 2001 when he took over for the legendary Don Nehlen at West Virginia and went 3-8 during his first season as coach at WVU. The patience eventually paid off at West Virginia, and Rodriguez went on to win four Big East titles during his seven years there.

That lesson can be brought to Lubbock.

If fans will give Pat time to implement his style and get the players that fit his system, I think positive results will follow. While recruits were hesitant to play for Bob Knight because of his tough coaching style, Pat's fun style could eventually land some top-level recruits on campus.

We just have to be patient.

Everyone talks about the exciting style of the Tech football team, but Tech basketball plays a style that is very fun to watch as well — although it has not produced results on the scoreboard yet.

It is important for the fans to be patient with Pat Knight, and it would help if people would actually start showing up to the games.

I know West Texas is predominately a football region, but the attendance at basketball games this season has been inexcusable. It is hard to believe the same student body that showed up in record-setting numbers during this football season cannot even fill the front section at the basketball games. It makes the student body at Tech look like front-runners. Patience does not mean that you take a break from supporting your team until they start winning. These guys might not be winning, but they deserve the support of the students.

Pat Knight eventually will implement his style and be a successful head coach, but he deserves the patience — and attendance — of students and fans.

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# Tech baseball hopes Rueda will be catalyst for offense in 2009

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech baseball coach Dan Spencer calls senior infielder Willie Rueda the team's lightning rod.

The skipper wants the preseason All-Big 12 Conference infielder to help jolt the squad's offense into gear this season.

"If Willie has a good year, which I expect he will, then we should be good offensively," Spencer said. "He's going to give guys a chance to hit with a man on base. You're a better hitter with a man on base. There's more space in the infield."

Spencer said Rueda's base-stealing skills pose problems to an opponent's defense as well as make him a distraction to the pitcher.

Rueda said he didn't know he had been named to the All-Big 12 Team until the day after the team was announced.

"It's an honor to be named, especially in this conference," he said. "It kind of gives me a chip on my shoulder a little bit, something to prove."

Rueda, as a junior, led last season's 25-30 squad with 70 hits through 194 at-bats for 33 RBI and a .361 batting

average. He also had a .965 fielding percentage. It led to a Big 12 honorable mention selection and second-team All-Big 12 honors according to The Dallas Morning News.

Rueda's sophomore season was cut short by an ulnar collateral ligament injury that left him without a spot in the starting lineup at the beginning of his junior season.

Tech third baseman, Joey Kenworthy, said Rueda brings a strong leadoff hitter to the team, and the other infielders respect his leadership.

"I think he interacts well with the guys," he said. "He's an easy person to get along with, and he's just a team guy on and off the field."

Infield coach Trent Petrie said if Rueda was healthy at the time of last season's preseason All-Big 12 Team, he probably would have earned the selection.

"When he hurt his arm, it pretty much took him out of any honors he would receive," he said. "If you can't throw, you obviously can't play. I would venture to guess that if he stayed healthy, there's no doubt in my mind he would have received those types of accolades."

Rueda also was named to the Brooks Wallace Award watch list. The award is named after the former Tech shortstop and assistant coach, and is given to the best college baseball player of the year by the College Baseball Foundation.

Rueda is the only Tech player to earn any type of preseason honor.

"A lot of times they just look at numbers and what numbers do for a team," Kenworthy said. "What they overlook a lot of the time is the people that work hard inside the program that push other people to get better."

But Spencer said preseason respect comes with a team's recent success.

"To the victor go the spoils," he said. "When you win, when you finish in the top part of your league, you have more good players and that means you have more guys on the list. When you don't, you probably don't."

Tech starts the 2009 season with Southern Utah at 1 p.m. and Texas-Pan American at a scheduled time of 4 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field. Tech faces Southern Utah again at 3 p.m. Saturday and UTPA for a second time at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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TEXAS TECH INFIELDER Willie Rueda enters the season as an All-Big 12 Conference selection.

## Tech golf looks forward to next two weeks off

By **ADAM COLEMAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The next two weeks for the Texas Tech men's and women's golf teams could be crucial to how the two look at season's end.

Tech men's coach Greg Sands and Tech women's coach Stacey Totman can agree on one thing: the time off is always welcome.

While the Red Raiders are coming off a first-place finish at the UTSA Invitational, the Lady Raiders had a fifth-place finish at the Aztec Invitational.

Both teams finished its respective tournaments Tuesday, leaving a little more than two weeks for rest and any improvement needed.

The Lady Raiders' next tournament is the UNLV Invitational March 9, followed by the Mountainview Invitational March 28 and the Canes/Cardinal Classic April 6. After that, the Big 12 Conference Championships arrive in Lubbock.

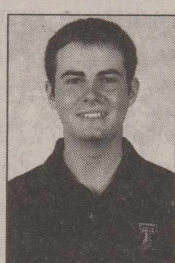
"Next two weeks are gonna be huge," Totman said, "because we have after that four events coming up to really prove to the NCAA selection committee that we deserve a spot in postseason."

In the Aztec Invitational, Megan Dowdy and Rosalyn Kim led the Lady Raiders. Both earned their Top 10 finishes this spring in a tie for ninth place. Dowdy shot a 74 in the first round, 77 in the second, and 75 in the third, good for a 226. Kim carded a 75 in the first and second rounds along with a 76 in the third.

But Totman said there still are concerns heading into the break.

"The main thing we're gonna work on is our wedges because we really need to start peaking at the end of par 5 and make birdies on them," he said. We've been making bogeys and missing greens 60 yards."

The Red Raiders carded a school-best 226 in the second round of the UTSA Invitational, which helped pushed them to the win. It was the first win for the team since tying for first at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate in fall 2007. They finished with a total score of 824.



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Tech had four players finish in the Top 10. Chris Ward took first carding a 202. His first round of 65 is the fifth-lowest in school history. In the second round he shot a 66, setting him up to take the tourney. Nils Floren finished second with a 205 and Garrett Merrell — ranked No. 16 in the nation — shot a 210 while tying for third. Santiago Rivas shot a 212, good for a sixth-place tie.

UTA finished second with a total score of 844.

Sands said the competition will get a little tougher, which is a welcomed challenge.

"We played a really tough schedule in the fall and we always want to play against the best teams we can," he said. "We're pretty much getting to play one of the top-ranked schedules in the country. That's always been our philosophy."

As far as Sands is concerned, the next two weeks will not be wasted for his team either.

"We know that there's always room for improvement in golf," he said. "Our challenge now is to just keep working on staying sharp, getting better."

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## Tech softball enjoying early production from freshmen

By **ZANE TURNER**  
STAFF WRITER

The 2009 edition of the Texas Tech softball team has many new faces on the roster.

The Red Raiders have six freshmen on the squad and all play a role in the early stages of the season.

All six have seen significant playing time with five being in the starting lineup, and they have shown they are worthy of the playing time thus far.

The freshmen consist of Stephanie Drewry, Emily Bledsoe, Ashley Hamada, Karli Merlich, Skyler Peterson and Holly Gentsch. All except Peterson have started; however, Peterson has come in as a pinch hitter in several games. Bledsoe has been solid at shortstop with two hits and three runs. Drewry leads the team in batting average at .429 with three hits and two runs. Hamada has played well in the outfield bringing speed and energy.

"They are hungry to win, and they bring a lot of energy," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "They're young and excited, and they want to get things going. On the field they're going to make a big

impact this year and they already have."

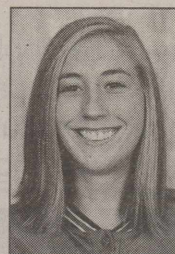
Suiter, who was a catcher at Washington, has been a teacher to a lot of the young players, but the one probably learning the most is Gentsch.

Gentsch has been steady behind the plate at catcher with six hits, two doubles, one home run and a team-leading seven RBI. She has also caught two runners stealing and picked off a runner.

"Whenever we first came in the fall, the upperclassmen helped us a lot and taught us a lot about what to expect," Gentsch said. "So whenever we came into the season it wasn't as difficult as we thought it would be."

Despite the 2-6 start for the Red Raiders, the team is going about their business every day in practice, while making their play on the field a higher priority than the record.

Junior pitcher Ashly Jacobs, the most experienced pitcher on the roster with 28 career wins, said she is pleased with the play of her young teammates.



GENTSCH

"They're good players, they're good people," she said. "They all work really hard and it motivates everybody else to work hard. So as long as everybody works hard we are willing to do it."

Suiter said coaching this group of freshmen has been a great experience, because they want to win.

"They've been great to work with," she said. "Challenging wouldn't be the word I would use to describe them. They're hungry and they want information; it makes my job a lot easier."

Tech is coming off an 0-4 performance at the Florida Lipton Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., with a loss to No. 2 Florida, two losses to Florida Atlantic and another loss to Georgia Tech. Tech's game against South Alabama on Feb. 15 was cancelled because of rain.

The Red Raiders next are on the road in the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

They face Drake and Wisconsin at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, on Friday, followed by New Mexico and a second game against Wisconsin at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, on Saturday. The tourney ends with another game against New Mexico at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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