

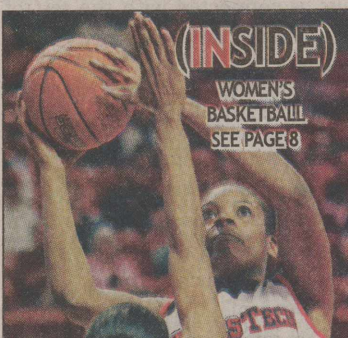
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STATE

Perry seeks fed drought help for all 254 counties

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is seeking a federal disaster declaration for all 254 counties dealing with the devastating Texas drought.

Perry's office released a copy of Friday's emergency request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If approved, qualified farm operators would be eligible for low-interest USDA loans.

Perry says Texas farms and ranches have suffered economic and physical losses due to severe drought conditions. He also cited an "extremely high number" of wildfires across Texas.

NATION

Orszag: Wait until next year for earmark reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to dealing with all those pet projects in the big spending bill before Congress, President Barack Obama's budget chief says wait till next year.

White House budget director Peter Orszag says the Obama administration isn't happy with the billions of dollars aimed at lawmakers' pet projects — also known as earmarks. Obama had campaigned on changing the way such money is appropriated by Congress.

Yet Orszag says Obama doesn't want to revisit the spending bill Congress put together before he was elected and wants to move on. Next year, according to Orszag, when Obama is fully involved in the next budget from the start, earmarks will be handled differently.

WORLD

US announces 12,000 troops to leave Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military has announced that 12,000 American and 4,000 British troops will leave Iraq by September.

Maj. Gen. David Perkins says that will reduce U.S. combat power from 14 brigades to 12 brigades. He also said Sunday that the U.S. is turning over more facilities to the Iraqi military as part of the drawdown.

President Barack Obama has decided to remove all combat troops by the end of August 2010 with all troops gone by the end of 2011. The 4,000 British troops due to leave are the last British soldiers in Iraq.

There are about 135,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Regents cap tuition hike at 9.9 percent

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents set a 9.9 percent tuition increase cap Friday in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

The increases in the proposed global fees, total tuition and mandatory fees for 2009-2010 were capped at a maximum of \$350.95 per semester by the board.

Increase of fees, according to proposed changes in the 2009 Global Fees Document, will include a \$5.93 per semester credit hour Designated Tuition increase, a \$10 per semester

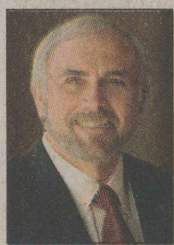
credit hour Library Fee increase, a \$10 Recreation Center Flat Fee increase, and a new \$4.50 per semester credit hour Distance Education Fee.

President Guy Bailey said the increase in Designated Tuition is attributed to faculty salaries and giving students more scholarships.

"(Tuition money) goes to maintain and hire new faculty and a portion is used to enhance scholarship dollars," he said. "In a situation like this (where the economy is in recession) we have a bigger need for scholarships."

The Recreation Center increase will help with the completion of the leisure pool construction that began May 2008.

The Library Fee increase includes \$2 to replace the money taken out for the 2008-2009 energy fee, \$6 to replace the Higher Education Assistance Fund allocation, and \$2 for increased operation and salary costs. The purpose of the new Distance Education Fee is to provide incentives to colleges that teach at least 50 percent of courses at off-campus sites or electronically to establish operating revenue.



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Chairman of the board Larry Anders said he will do what he can to keep tuition as low as possible for students.

Chancellor Kent Hance said the changes depend on how much money Tech receives from the state for this school year.

"Our goal is to provide an affordable quality education to our students," he said. "This board is committed to keeping tuition low."

"We just have to wait and see what the legislation will give us money-wise," he said.

Tech will be advised of the state-issued funding amount no later than June 1. By state law, Texas public universities are required to set a tuition

cap by April 1 before the next fiscal year to provide students registering for the following year with an estimate of what they will pay. Tech system regents will meet May 7 and 8 to set the official tuition and mandatory fees amount for 2009-2010.

The tuition cap is 5.5 percent more than the cap set in March 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year. However, the board did not raise tuition for the 2008-2009 school year, which Hance said in a previous interview with *The Daily Treador* was intended to help alleviate the financial burden on Tech students.

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UNDERGROUND REVOLUTION

Student group's religious faith fuels desire to improve conditions for local homeless

By GARRETT SALZMAN
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Every Friday night the Underground Revolution meets in a dark parking lot on 13th street, gathers supplies, and heads to downtown Lubbock on what its members consider a mission of faith.

Although the name and meeting place may suggest more diabolical activities, the Texas Tech student-led group is one of the few organizations created to assist the homeless in Lubbock.

Sara Beckham, a freshman psychology major from Princeton, said the idea for the group came from a similar organization she belonged to while attending high school in Dallas. After moving to Lubbock to attend Tech, she said her brother suggested starting a similar mission to feed the homeless in Lubbock.

She decided it was a good idea and named it the Underground Revolution.

Beckham said the group of students who feed the homeless are all members of The Bridge, a Christian organization for college students she helped start. Although the group averages about seven members a night, she said there are times several cars are needed to transport the group to the different locations where they hand out the bags, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Ryan Burden, a sophomore personal financial planning major from Lubbock,

said although he believed it was best to keep the group small, the organization would welcome any other students interested in joining the Underground Revolution.

"We really think we can be more effective in these smaller groups," he said. "The thing is, we don't want to overwhelm any of the homeless people, but we'd love to have anyone who would like to help out and find a way to use them."

Although the majority of the food is paid for by the group members, Beckham said there have been several donations from outside sources.

"If we ever need anything, we always get it," she said. "Someone always comes through for us. And if one of the homeless people requests something, we will always have it for them by the next time we see them. We usually chip in amongst ourselves, but it's been a real blessing to have others help out."

Burden said he believes individuals and local churches provide many services to the homeless Lubbock does not offer.

"It's not that the city is doing a bad job, it's that they aren't doing a job," he said. "But I think, because this is the Bible Belt, people can step in and do a great job of helping these people. It's a smaller town. So, the citizens care. The smaller the community, the more people realize the need."

Although it is the faith of the group that directed them to their work, Burden said



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

RYAN BURDEN, A sophomore personal financial planning major from Lubbock, gives a bag of food to Mark, who declined to give his last name, Friday behind the Mahon Library. Burden, along with several other Tech students, spent Friday night passing out food and socializing with Lubbock's homeless population.

they are not solely interested in converting anyone or only helping Christian homeless people.

Group members tell the homeless about the Christian beliefs they represent, he said, but they do not feel a need to preach to the homeless.

"Whenever we talk with them, we throw in something about God," he said, "but a lot of times we don't have to initiate it. A lot of them are really spiritual already and will bring it up with you."

After meeting in their usual parking lot

on Friday, the group drove to a motel room where a woman was allowed to stay without paying rent. When their knocks on the door went unanswered, they left a bag of food and a water bottle for the woman and continued to the Mahon Library.

Beckham said the library is a refuge for about 500 homeless. Because there is no city-sponsored shelter, she said, the homeless are left to find a place to sleep at night and often congregate outside the library.

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Board of Regents extends Hance's contract

By CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents chose to extend Chancellor Kent Hance's contract Thursday evening in an executive session at the Student Union Building.

The announcement, made Friday afternoon during the regents meeting, was commended with applause and a special appearance by Attorney General Greg Abbott. The Attorney General was in the Lubbock area addressing issues on the Plainview peanut plant recall.

The original contract, set to expire December 2009, will be replaced by a new contract ending December 2011.

Although Hance has not officially signed the new contract, he will meet with newly-elected Vice Chairman Jerry Turner within the coming weeks to work out the details.

According to Turner and

Chairman Larry Anders, Hance was insistent about not seeing a pay increase.

The board has agreed, however, to increase Hance's deferred compensation by 4 percent or 5 percent, which will give him an additional \$127,000 upon completion of his contract.

Turner said the board extended Hance's contract because of his performance since December 2006, when he became the third chancellor of the Tech system. Turner also said they did not want to see Tech's progress hindered by another leadership transition.

President Guy Bailey said he is "thrilled" that Hance's contract was extended.

"He's been very good for the institution," Bailey said. "He is a terrific fund raiser, his legislative

and Congress skills couldn't be matched."

Hance, who received his bachelor's from Tech in 1965, was a partner at Hance Scarborough Wright, an Austin and Dallas law firm before accepting the position as chancellor in 2006. He also served as a professor at Tech, as a Texas State Senator in 1974, and was appointed as a member of the Texas Higher Education Board in 1987.

Since arriving at Tech as chancellor, Hance has voiced several goals to make Tech a more prominent university, including a push to 40,000 students by 2020, lobbying for Tech to be labeled the next flagship university in Texas and reaching for a goal of \$100 million in research funding.

Hance also was involved in bringing Bailey to Tech, recommending him to the search committee after former President Jon Whitmore left the university in Spring 2008.

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HANCE

Philips named VP for HSC Rural and Community Health institute

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The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center announced the appointment of Billy Philips as the vice president for Rural and Community Health Friday.

Dr. John Baldwin, president of the Tech Health Sciences Center, said Philips also will act as the director of the Tech F. Marie Hall Institute and will hold the Marie Hall Chair in Rural Health.

"Dr. Philips has distinguished himself at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in preventative and community medicine," Baldwin said. "He brings a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to the program and has received many awards for his work. He is an expert in rural health issues and is superbly qualified."

Philips was selected through a national search committee, he said, and will begin working at the HSC in April.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech School of Medicine, said Philips will work specifically with the Rural and Community Health Center to develop research programs in rural health communities.

"Dr. Philips will acquire several rural health projects and will bring his own projects to the position," Berk said. "He is very involved with cancer prevention in rural communities, and that may be one of the projects he will work on as well."



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TODAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers
High 77 Low 52	High 78 Low 33	High 53 Low 28	High 41 Low 28	High 49 Low 30

Attorney General visits Tech, discusses cyber safety

By STEVEN SCHWARTZ
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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott visited Texas Tech on Friday to discuss the topic of Internet safety for Texas children.

A luncheon was held in the Jones AT&T Stadium club area, in which the Attorney General received a warm welcome from the crowd as he made his way up to the podium to give his speech.

Abbott's speech, titled "The Power of Connectivity," dealt with the dangers surrounding children surfing the Internet in today's culture, and what the Texas gov-

The neighborhood where (children) spend most of their time is going to be the neighborhood of cyberspace.

GREG ABBOTT
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

ernment is doing to help solve this problem.

"The neighborhood where (children) spend most of their time is going to be the neighborhood of cyberspace," Abbott said.

"The people that have recognized this the most and the fastest are the people who intend to harm others on the Internet."

He said the Attorney General's office was attempting to counteract the efforts of the online predators.

"In our office we try to deal with this ongoing threat," Abbott said, "so we set up a new unit called the Cyber Crimes Unit."

The Cyber Crimes Unit is a group

of investigators that attempt to catch online predators before they can do harm, he said. They are utilizing the latest methods available to make the Internet as safe as possible for today's young people.

Making a presentation along with the Attorney General was the CEO and founder of the Family Online Safety Institute, Stephen Balkam. The institute, founded in 2007 and based in Washington D.C., is an advocate of the cause. Its mission is to raise awareness about online safety and to help people utilize the best tools and methods available to protect their families.

Balkam's speech dealt with the education aspect of online safety and the state of online safety education.

"One of the things when I talk to kids, is to wake them up to the responsibility they have to their behavior," Balkam said.

The speech covered all types of cyber threats, from cyber-bullying to posting overly-exposing photographs on Facebook. The institution's goal is

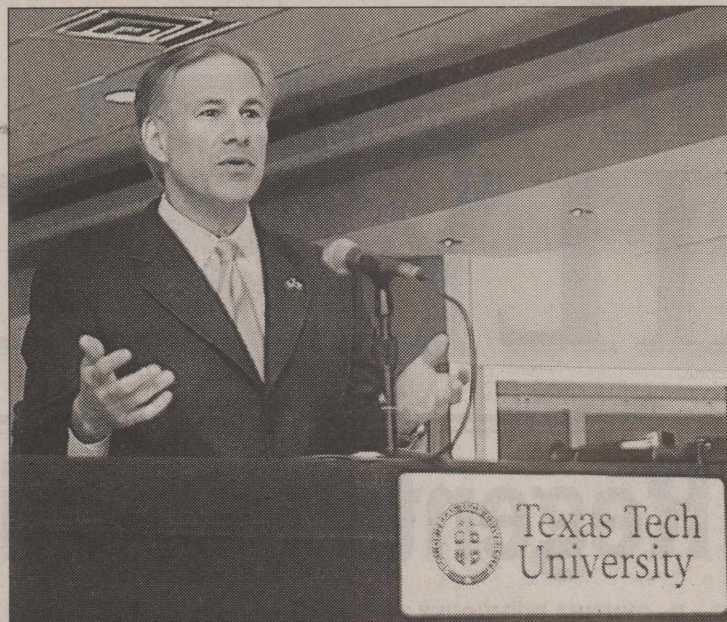


PHOTO BY BETH MCELHANNON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL, Greg Abbott, speaks about online safety and convicting sex offenders Friday afternoon in the Club Area of Jones AT&T Stadium.

to help the children understand what they should or should not do when it comes to keeping themselves safe

on the Web.
"We need to incorporate and continue to ensure that we've got

the stranger-danger message down, and that the kids get that," Balkam said. "We also need to incorporate media literacy and understanding what kind of content is coming towards them."

The event was organized by the Texans for Economic Progress organization. Robert Howden, the executive director for the organization, said it was an easy decision to make Lubbock a stop for the Attorney General's presentation.

"Lubbock is a large city that is just as connected with the rest of the world as any other city," Howden said.

Lubbock is the sixth stop for "The Power of Connectivity" presentations. Texans for Economic Progress is a non-profit organization based in Austin that works with government officials in Texas to put together presentations such as this.

"Our goal is to make sure all Texans are safe when they log onto the Internet," Howden said.
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Use Your Spring Break or Spring Semester to Earn a Scholarship! The Texas Tech Faculty Legal Action Association (TTFLAA) invites all currently-enrolled Texas Tech students to compete for a \$1,000 Academic Scholarship for use in Academic Year 2009-2010. The scholarship will be awarded to the currently-enrolled undergraduate or graduate student submitting the best original essay on "The Role and Importance of Academic Freedom in the University" TTFLAA was formed in 1985-1986 when then President Lauro Cavazos sought to replace the existing tenure system with a system of rollover contracts. The scholarship was created with money contributed by many faculty members to a fund that could be used to challenge the proposal in the courts. Since that proposal was later modified, and tenure and academic freedom are still protected, interest from the fund has been used to fund the scholarship.

Typed entries must be no longer than 1,000 words with a cover sheet that indicates the name of the student.

The essay should be submitted in three copies by

Monday April 6, 2009.

Typed entries with a

cover sheet that includes the name of the student may also be submitted to Prof. William G. Hartwell, School of Music, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tx, 79409-2033.

A faculty committee will judge the essays.

The winner will be announced by April 28, 2009

Deanna Kramer of Spring was the 2008 winner

Eric Braden from Katy was the 2007 Winner

Joshua Lyte from Lubbock was the 2006 winner.

Amy Westfall from Lubbock was the 2004 winner

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Projects available to Philips include the development of a telemedicine program aimed at developing pediatric care in small towns in West Texas, a grant regarding the study of childhood health in small towns and grants to develop health care programs in elementary, middle schools and high schools, he said.

"Dr. Philips will be able to take over and expand any of these programs," Berk said. "He will also bring his own and will be able to work with other research programs as well."

Mike Ragain, chairman for the F. Marie Hall Institute national search committee, said the committee began searching for a candidate nearly a year and a half ago.

"The committee interviewed numerous people by phone and in person," Ragain said. "Dr. Philips was the only name put forward by choice, and the decision was unanimous."

The committee's search included applicants from across the nation and focused on selecting candidates who would best serve the Rural and Community Health program, he said.

"Dr. Philips had the best combination of what the committee was looking for," Ragain said. "We conducted a very thorough search and he came with very high credentials."

Philips previously acted as a professor and as Chair of the Department of Preventative Medicine and Community Health at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, according to the University of Texas Medical Branch Web site.

Berk was the acting vice president for Rural and Community Health before Philips was named to the position.

According to the HSC Rural and Community Health Web site, the institute helps educate local health care providers, enhances access to health care and contributes to a better quality of life for the region.

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Minn. Senate race leaves voters tired of law drama

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — What lasts longer than a Minnesota winter? The struggle to choose the nation's 100th senator.

More than four months after Election Day, Minnesota voters are only marginally closer to knowing whether Democrat Al Franken or Republican Norm Coleman will represent them in Washington.

The stakes go beyond Minnesota: Franken would put Democrats in position to muscle their agenda through with barely any Republican help, and he could be a difference-maker on the federal budget and a proposal giving labor unions a leg up on management when organizing.

Some Minnesotans, like actor Jared Reise, are past caring who wins and just want the state to regain its second senator.

"This is a very important time to have everybody there, with the way the economy is," said Reise, of suburban Eagan, who didn't vote for either man on Nov. 4. "It's a little long-winded, this whole recount."

The statewide recount ended two months ago, with Franken ahead by 225 votes out of 2.9 million cast. Coleman had held a similar sized lead heading into the recount. The campaigns are now arguing in a special court whether the latest tally is accurate.

Coleman, whose term expired Jan. 3, argues that absentee voters were treated differently based on where they lived and that officials made mistakes that gave some people two votes. Until those and other irregularities are accounted for, his lawyers say, it's impossible for the public to have faith in the result.

Obama appoints 3 for Treasury Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has chosen three people to join the senior ranks of the Treasury Department, where a slow pace of hiring has put the agency on the defensive.

The White House on Sunday said Obama is nominating David S. Cohen to be assistant secretary in dealing with terrorist financing; Alan B. Krueger for assistant secretary for economic policy; and Kim N. Wallace as assistant secretary for legislative affairs.

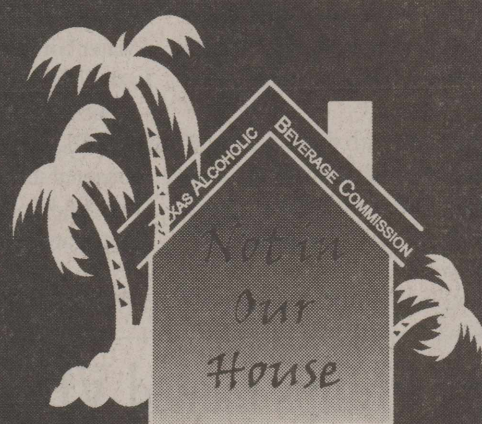
Each nominee is already serving as a counselor to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. All three are now subject to Senate confirmation.

"With the leadership of these accomplished individuals and our whole economic team, I am absolutely confident that we will turn around this economy and seize this opportunity to secure a more prosperous future," Obama said in a statement.

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Red Raiders shave heads to raise money for cancer research

By **GARRETT SALZMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Nineteen Texas Tech Health Sciences Center students and one professor had their heads shaved Saturday at McGillicutty's Irish Pub in Lubbock to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Out of the 19 students who left the pub bald, only one was female.

"I'm a little nervous," Natalie Frieh said before taking a seat in one of the two chairs at the front of the pub to have her head shaved, "but at the same time it's a great cause, and it's definitely worth not having hair for a little while."

Frieh, a first year medical student from Salt Lake City, Utah, said her experience working with a disabled child with cancer motivated her to do what she could to assist in raising funds for childhood cancer research.

Frieh's boyfriend Ryan Breighner said she refused his offers to take her place in the barber's chair. The mechanical engineering graduate student said although he was apprehensive at first about his girlfriend becoming bald, he understood why she felt the need to go under the clippers.

"When she told me why she was doing it and what it was about, I accepted it pretty quick," he said. "I realized she was going to do it anyways, so I didn't

really have a choice but to accept it."

After Frieh was shaved bald, Breighner said he was proud of her and the \$1,300 she raised from family and friends.

"I'm still kind of in awe of it all," he said. "I mean, really, it's a really beautiful thing."

Aimee Wendelsdorf, a first year medical student and president of the Tech chapter of the American Medical Association, said the event was held in support of St. Baldrick's Foundation. The foundation encourages volunteers to host events where participants collect pledges by promising to shave their heads. She said the foundation began in New York City eight years ago as a bet between friends and has grown to 27,000 shaved heads last year.

Wendelsdorf said the foundation collected more than \$7 million for fellowships for young doctors last year. She said Tech was one of the medical schools where the money raised was given to support fellowships for cancer research.

"The fact that we got some of that money locally should really help us grow this event," she said. "You can see the results right here."

Wendelsdorf said she set a \$5,000 goal for the event, which was almost achieved before the event Saturday. After the success of the first shaving she

was a part of, she said she envisioned an expansion of the event to the entire Tech community.

"Next year I'd like to get undergrads, athletes and visible members of student government to join us and help the event grow," she said. "It's a solidarity thing to the children who lose their hair, and it's a lot better than going door to door."

Mike Barry, a first year medical student, said his son Cody asked to help when he heard his father was getting his head shaved for cancer patients. He said Cody, who attends the Child Development Research Center at Tech, raised \$324 with the help of his class by selling homemade ice cream outside the center.

"It was fun," said Cody, who is 4, after being shaved along with his father. "We raised money for the sick kids in the hospital to pay for their doctors bills."

Tyler LeVick, a first year medical student from Levelland, said his experience as a survivor of childhood cancer contributed to his desire to attend medical school. He said after five years of chemotherapy, shaving his head to help children with cancer seemed easy.

"It lets kids know we're thinking about them and that we care," he said. "Anything to make them feel like they're living a normal life is a big

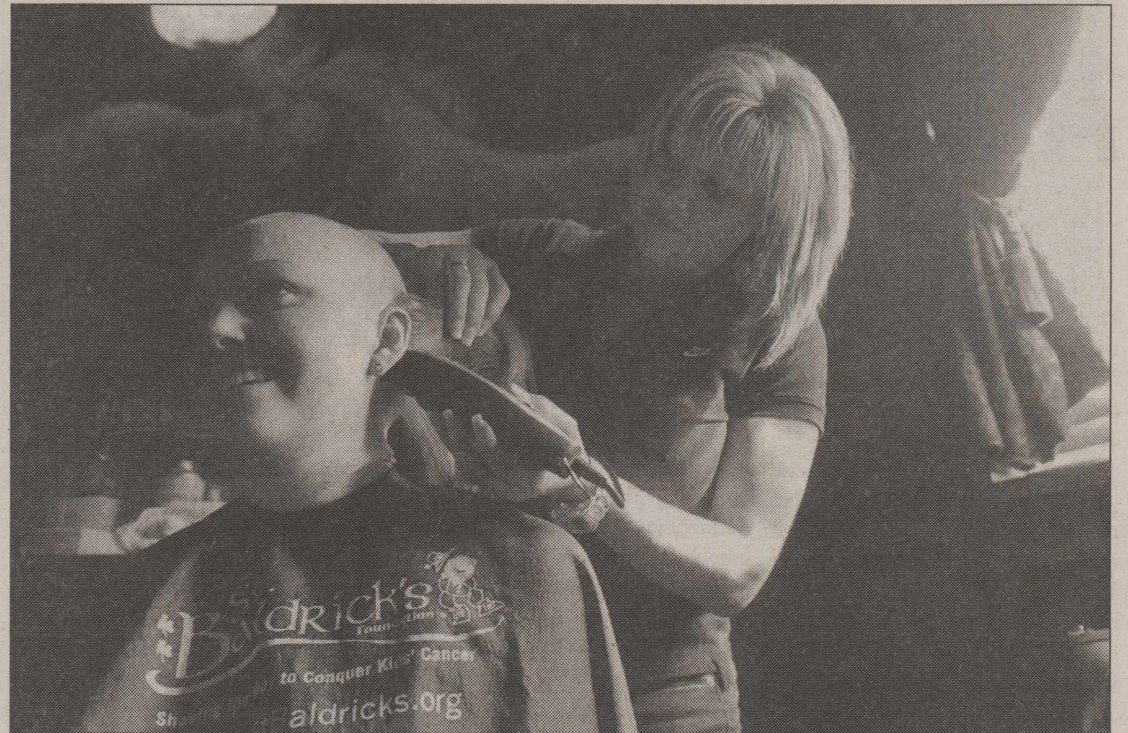


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Natalie Frieh, a first-year medical student from Salt Lake City, Utah, gets her head shaved by Natalie Craig from Regimen Salon Saturday at McGillicutty's Irish Pub to raise money for childhood cancer research.

plus. Kids should not have to be going through this."

Although she was sure she would continue to support the event, Frieh said she did not know if she would continue shaving her own head.

"I'll definitely be involved again," she said, "but I don't know in what

capacity. I mean, we'll see if it's OK to have a bald girl working for them." with bosses and people like that to

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Feds OK gray wolves' removal from endangered list

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said Friday he was upholding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to remove gray wolves from the federal endangered list in the Northern Rockies and the western Great Lakes.

Wolves would remain a federally protected species in Wyoming because the state's law and management plans were not strong enough, he said. But management of the predator will be turned over to state agencies in Montana and Idaho and parts of Washing-

ton, Oregon and Utah, in addition to the Great Lakes states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Obama administration had ordered a review of the decision made by the Bush administration shortly before departing. Salazar said he had concluded that dropping the wolf from the list was justified by its strong comeback in the two regions, which together have a population of nearly 5,600 wolves.

"The recovery of the gray wolf throughout significant portions of its historic range is one of the great suc-

cess stories of the Endangered Species Act," he said in a conference call from Washington, D.C.

Wolves elsewhere in the Lower 48 states remain on the endangered list.

An influential lawmaker questioned the move and promised to investigate whether Salazar's decision is consistent with the Endangered Species act.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, the California Democrat who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, said her staff would gather information to determine whether the move met the "letter

and the spirit" of the law.

Courts have overturned previous attempts to remove the wolf from the list, and future legal battles appear likely.

Environmental groups immediately pledged a lawsuit over the estimated 1,600 wolves in the Northern Rockies. A federal judge in Missoula, Mont., last year sided with the groups when they filed a lawsuit saying the animal's long-term survival remained at risk, particularly in Wyoming.

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Lubbock swing dancers keep American tradition thriving

Dance has been around since the beginning of human social grouping. It has evolved from religious and narrative bases over thousands of years and finally exploded during the past few centuries into the plethora of forms and styles we know today.

One particular type of social dance, commonly called swing, has retained a special presence in American society since its inception in the 1920s. Swing encompasses a wide range of styles, including Lindy Hop, Charleston, Balboa, shag, boogie-woogie, Jive, and more.

Most of these styles have their origin in early 20th century Harlem. African-Americans introduced unique rhythms and timing, modifying earlier dance elements and improvising new ones into what would become the many interrelated styles.

The different forms of Swing spread beyond the African American communities to the greater United States in the '30s, '40s and '50s. As they spread, Anglo-Americans adapted the styles into additional unique forms such as Balboa and West Coast.

Today, dozens of Swing dance

Stephen Torrence



styles continue to survive and thrive both worldwide and here in the United States. Swing music or "swing jazz" has maintained a corresponding popularity, with many modern bands such as Big Bad Voodoo Daddy still producing and performing original music in the swing style.

Swing has become a key component of American social dance. As a teenager I learned the basics of swing — along with waltz and two-step — in preparation for my senior prom. Of all the partner dances we learned, I found swing to be the most energetic and enjoyable.

Unfortunately, I've noticed that many American youth never get the opportunity or never care to learn more than the typical "bump and grind" that is such a

staple of the American club scene. While I can appreciate the accessible simplicity of undulating one's body like a mutant Jell-O telephone pole, I feel that club dance lacks the rich connection to our diverse heritage afforded by swing.

I suppose many see swing, ballroom and such as having lost their relevance to modern society. They are dances for senior citizens, whereas hip-hop and its derivatives

are dances of the young and vital. This is hardly a case of generational exclusivity, however. Swing remains popular among our generation as well.

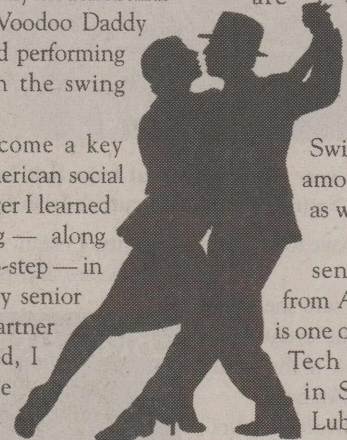
Gary Stinnett, a senior physics major from Albuquerque, N.M., is one of a number of Texas Tech students involved in Swing Dancers of Lubbock, a group dedicated to keeping Swing thriving in the South Plains. He has taught multiple swing classes at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center during his time here.

The Swing Dancers of Lubbock have held regular dances in recent years, typically at local venues such as the Silent Wings Museum. Tonight they will be hosting the Spring Swing Fling, a giant event at the Legacy Center Grand Ballroom at 14th and Avenue O featuring live jazz ensembles and even an introductory lesson.

During the past several weeks, I have rediscovered my love of Swing through Stinnett's classes and learned more than I ever thought possible. I feel like I could practice for a million years and never be good enough, but as he constantly reminds me, "Swing dancing is the art of making your mistakes look good."

I'm not of the opinion one dance style should take precedence over all others. Individuals will naturally gravitate to their own preferences and those of their peers. I feel, rather, we can enrich ourselves immensely by learning and appreciating as many different forms as possible, especially those like swing that derive from America's unique cultural diversity.

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Get ready for the end of the world

By KRISTINE GILL
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I try to avoid giving advice in this space too often. If I preach too much, you aren't likely to take any of it to heart. So know when I tell you to do something, I mean it.

The end of the world is coming, and we must prepare.

The Mayans predicted it a while back and marked Dec. 21, 2012, on their stone calendars. Then they had a good laugh because they knew they'd be long gone by then. I watched a Discovery Channel special that said we must find 12 crystal skulls hidden on Earth by aliens before 2012 if we want our planet to keep on spinning. I'm guessing we'll have to then present the skulls to the aliens or something ... DO NOT ROLL YOUR EYES.

Yes, it's possible the Mayans were drunk when they came up with that date, and it's possible they made up the whole idea as some elaborate Armageddon hoax. (The Mayans had a very different sense of humor then.) It's also possible the idea of finding these skulls to stave off the end of the world is a bunch of baloney, but none of those possibilities scare me. The one that does give me the willies is the possibility that by Dec. 21, 2012, we won't have found all of them.

If this sounds ridiculous, it's because we're safe and sound in the year 2009. Maybe you'd be more worried if it were March

of 2012 and you had a few short months left to live. I've already scheduled a nervous breakdown for Dec. 20, 2012, on my Gmail calendar. I suggest you do the same.

It is better to try giving potty before the 12-hour car ride than it is to just hold it. It is better to buy a third gallon of milk and let it rot, rather than forgo your weekly calcium intake. It is better to spend the next three years scouring the globe for these damn skulls than it is to waste hundreds of dollars on gifts for a Christmas 2012 that we're going to miss by a hair.

If this column isn't convincing you of the imminent danger, check out the Discovery Channel special. It is riveting. It will have you scrambling to construct imitation crystal skulls to present to those aliens.

Remember the first Bigfoot special you saw? If you're like me, you spent the first 10 minutes laughing alone in your dark basement. Then a commercial came on, the house creaked and the TV announcer's abrupt voice sent shivers up your spine. Suddenly you realized you'd rather be watching a special about the capture and dismemberment of the sole Bigfoot creature that - up until a few minutes ago - you knew for a fact did not exist.

That's how I feel about the end of the world. I wish I were writing a column about the billion-dollar worldwide crystal skull hunt that resulted in the excavation of the remaining skulls. That's not the case — yet. If we all take a small portion of the planet and dig it up, we can find these skulls. We have four years. Go.

Politics can strain parent-child relationships

By ERIN BOLTON
DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

Lately, all I hear is a jarring cacophony of political rhetoric from both the right and the left. I have noticed growing political polarization and rising anger for some time, but these toxic extremist attitudes have finally made it home, adversely affecting my relationship with my mother.

My mother has a fierce intellect, and although at times is overzealous, her passion is well-founded and enlightening. Still, over the past year her disgust for the imminent economic and political path of our country has caused her rhetoric to take a fanatic turn.

My "liberal" bent is no doubt an underlying point of contention with her, and she makes that fact known to me freely and frequently.

For instance, on Halloween I bought a Wonder Woman costume and retrofitted it into an Obama superhero outfit, complete with an Obama hope logo and Obama superpowers I fashioned out of felt and velcroed to blue, fingerless gloves ("diplomacy," "charm" and "rhetoric").

Frolicking around downtown Lincoln that night was a blast. At one point, I was in my costume, standing in line at Chipotle when someone jokingly asked, "Are you change I can believe in?"

But when my parents saw a picture of my costume, what I believed was hilarious and cheeky turned into days of political debate.

The costume was never meant to project such a strong political position, yet my mother's response was, "Had I been there, my costume would have been 'Israeli Policy: your kryptonite.'" I couldn't help but giggle at that.

Yet, the conversations only worsened as the election drew near, and by the time it was over I was utterly exhausted. I could not validate my political viewpoints to my parents.

The growing anger weighs heavy on my heart because I truly strive to honor my parents. How my parents view my choices and whether they are willing to give me their blessing is astonishingly important to me.

However, at what point am I allowed to break away from their overshadowing world views in order to construct my own? Can I do so without aversions from them and without guilt for somehow estranging their principles that have shaped my life and provided me with incomprehensible opportunities?

I'm moving to Boston, and this has my parents up in arms. I have lived in a number of cities since I left home — Chicago, Austin and Barcelona — but for some reason, my parents are not supportive of this move. They have become convinced that Massachusetts politics will largely influence my thinking, potentially turning me into an irrational extremist, namely those they feel are to blame for the economic crisis.

Tuesday night, the conversation took an ugly turn. In an attempt to leave emotion out of the equation — rationality is all I possessed at the moment — I went ahead and attempted to state my case to my mother:

"I respect your opinions, Mother, and applaud your willingness to express them. However, people will not listen to you if you go off like you do. I'm not asking you to be a pansy about it, or not have any passion for what you're talking about, but you're getting extremely angry, and I honestly don't even want to talk to you about anything pertaining to the subject right now."

"Your gross overgeneralization of entire groups of people, 'them' or 'the other,' makes conversations with you about anything pertaining to the state of the nation extremely exhausting."

I was confident in my approach. I assumed my mother, being the rational, thoughtful person she usually is, would

understand where I was coming from.

Her response:

"All that I will say is that I am 48. You are 25. I am your parent. You are the child. Don't you ever, ever take a lecturing tone with me again. In all my years, I have never, ever presumed such a tone with my parents, and I won't tolerate it coming from you."

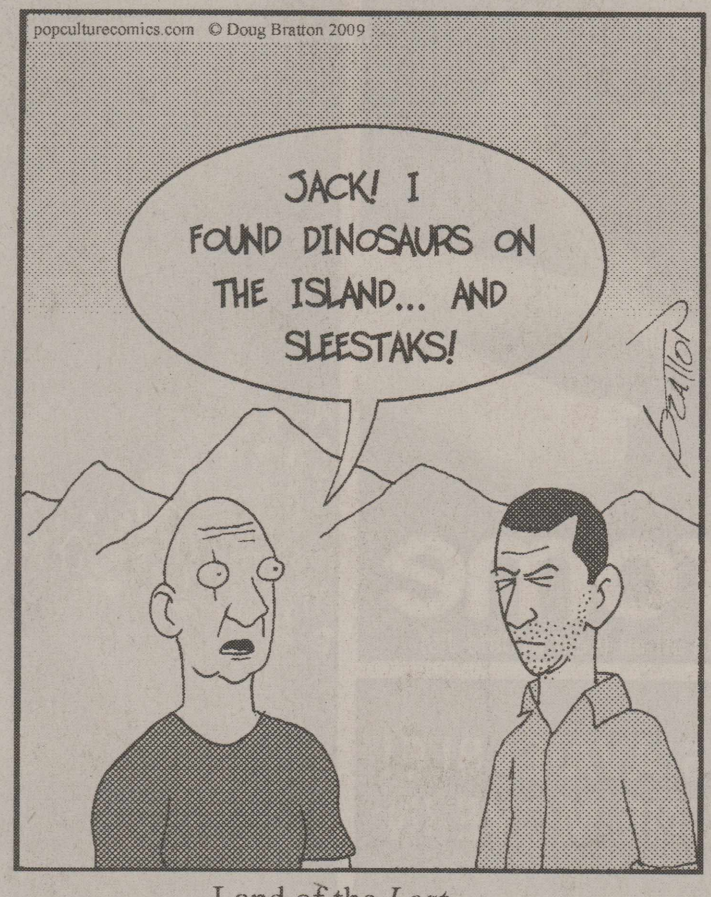
Unexpected. Why must I carry the weight of my family's rising hatred for all ideas remotely un-Republican? I suspect I'm not the only university student confronted with the idea of potentially disappointing my parents with my straying political ideas. I have no party affiliations, after all, yet I am confronted

not only from my mother, but also from fellow students and faculty who hold equally fanatic viewpoints on the left.

On March 2, New York Times columnist David Brooks urged moderates to take a stand against growing extremism in his column, "A Moderate Manifesto."

"Moderates are going to have to try and tamp down the polarizing warfare that is sure to flow from Obama's uber-partisan budget ... if they can do that, maybe they can lure this White House back to its best self — and someday offer respite from the endless war of the extremes."

I cringe at the thought of joining in; the battlefield of ideas only leaves me exhausted. Frankly, I'm not sure I have it in me. Does anyone at this point?



GOP must say more than 'Reaganomics'

By RYAN QUINN
THE DAILY GAMECOCK
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The Republicans have made their stand against President Barack Obama's stimulus bill, and, like kosher chefs, they have successfully cut out the pork.

Well, the definition of pork is debatable, just like it is in real life. Ham is definitely pork, but what about Spam? Government-purchased lobster traps are definitely pork, but what about educational reform programs? Has the GOP simply carved the prized pig of the Obama administration, or has it reduced the stimulus bill to a size that many economists warn will not provide the jolt this country needs?

The coming years alone will prove whether or not a big-government stimulus bill will cure our ills. The GOP, though, in keeping with tradition, is not giving the bill a chance. They have made clear, via new RNC chairman Micheal Steele and Bobby Jindal's recent speeches, that they are sticking to the Reagan platform of lowering taxes, government spending and the national debt simultaneously. But the Reagan legend is only a myth: In reality, the small-government trinity never actually existed.

When Ronald Reagan became

president, he definitely brought home the bacon. The economy actually grew by more than a third in size. American wealth increased by \$15 trillion. Every income group increased its wealth. Real median family income grew by \$4,000. And get this: Reagan took office in a period of economic downturn and stagflation. Theoretically, Reaganomics could pull us out of this tough spot, too.

But if Republicans want us to support their plan, they are going to have to tell us the whole truth. Lowering taxes does not reduce debt — just look at Reaganomics.

During the Reagan administration, the national debt grew from \$700 billion to an astounding \$3 trillion, a feat that Reagan described as his "greatest disappointment." The largest debt since World War II occurred under a president who really wanted to save money.

Of course, trillion-dollar stimulus packages do not save money either. So which path are we to take — more government intervention or the GOP's hands-off approach? Most Americans currently favor government help, but is this due to their complex understanding of Keynesian economics, or is it because Obama has been realistic and clear about his economic package? The Republicans' plan is not lacking in support, evidence or content. It simply needs someone to tell the truth — the whole truth — about it.

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Child soldiers return to Congo traumatized

KIWANJA, Congo (AP) — Some beat their heads against the wall until doctors inject them with tranquilizers. Others remain mute for days, their eyes darting around like frightened animals.

In recent weeks, hundreds of child soldiers in eastern Congo's catastrophic war have returned home, sometimes to the same villages where they killed and pillaged. Some have been forced back out with threats of vengeance, and even ostracized by their own families.

These children were kidnapped by rebels and used as fighters, laborers, porters and sex slaves in a war that has torn the mineral-rich region apart for years. Children helped slaughter some 150 civilians in a two-day massacre in Kiwanja in November, one of the latest atrocities in a relentless cycle of ethnic warfare.

But in January, President Joseph Kabila invited troops in from neighboring Rwanda to help end the conflict. Rebel leader Laurent Nkunda was

arrested and his fighters integrated into the army — and child advocates are seizing upon the relative stability to persuade militias and rebels to let go of those under 18. At least 478 children, including 15 girls, were demobilized in eastern Congo in January and February, according to UNICEF.

Stripped of their camouflage uniforms, guns and machetes, many of the youngsters still have raw aggression programmed into them through years of being pumped up with drugs and thrown into battle. Some have scars on their arms from knife cuts where herbs and other concoctions were rubbed under the skin to convince them that bullets would ricochet off their bodies.

Aid workers took an Associated Press reporter to speak to some demobilized child soldiers on condition that no questions be asked that might upset them. Their names are being withheld to protect their identities and to avoid reprisals.

Aid workers say child soldiers have

been programmed to lie by the militias and rebels — about their ages, names, where they are from and how they were recruited.

Four of them described how they willingly joined the Mai-Mai Patriotic Resistance a month before the Kiwanja massacre. The former child fighters say they were between 15 and 17 and were in their fourth year of school.

"Our land was invaded, so we were obliged to fight. We decided to go and fight together," said one, a teenager wearing new white track-suit pants who taps one knee up and down nervously.

His friend said he was encouraged by his parents to fight.

Joseph N. Giza, who works with the Congolese group Heal Africa, said that was not unusual. "Can you imagine? Sending your children to a war you are busy running away from? The children were used as cannon fodder. We have found some as young as 10 years old."

MINI-MOTOCROSS



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CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE O'Reilly Motocross Nationals competition rush past the gates at the beginning of a heat Friday in City Bank Coliseum.

Teachers ditching class chairs for stability balls

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Talk about a teacher's dream: No more slouching, no more wiggly little boys and no more snoozing at desks.

All teachers have to do is ditch the classroom chair. A growing number are replacing them with exercise stability balls more associated with pilates classes than schoolroom lectures as an innovative way to improve student posture and attention.

"They're awesome," gushed 10-year-old James Howell, a fourth grader at Bauder Elementary School whose class switched to purple stability balls in January. "They help you focus, they help you keep your structure. And sometimes you get to bounce on them, get the wiggles out."

The kids in Tiffany Miller's class sound like little pilates teachers when they talk about their new chairs, dropping phrases like "strengthen your core" and "engage your center." They don't roll around wildly or play games with them except in gym class. Instead, they've taken to their rubbery seats as naturally as older office workers

who sit on stability balls to alleviate back pain.

"The whole theory with the brain is that when your body's engaged, your brain's engaged," Miller said. "I call it actively sitting. They're maybe moving their legs a little, wiggling some. But their upper body, they're focused on writing, on the teacher. It really works."

Can Web site offer homeless man hope?

HOUSTON (AP) — Until a few weeks ago, Tim Edwards was just another one of the men begging for change at a busy Houston underpass, ignored by most drivers who sped on past without a glance.

Now, thanks to an Internet marketing campaign and unlikely allies, Edwards has become the human face of homelessness to thousands of online viewers drawn to his Web site by its deliberately controversial name — Pimp This Bum.

During regular Webcasts, dozens of visitors to <http://www.pimpthisbum.com/> ask questions about Edwards' life and his slow fall from office

manager with a home, a car, and a future to an outcast short of hope and with little prospect of help.

The Web site also is a venue where visitors can donate money, services and goods to help Edwards yank himself out of homelessness.

Some homeless advocates say it makes Edwards a victim of exploitation, but the organizers say that edgy tone is what makes the project succeed.

"We wanted to insult people's sensitivities so that they would go to the site and see Tim, and people seem to have fallen in love with him.

He's funny and doesn't blame the world for his situation," said Kevin Dolan, 55, a marketing specialist from the Houston suburb of Katy who started the Web site with his 24-year-old son, Sean.

If the site had been called "Help the Homeless," many Web surfers might just have clicked on past, says Sean.

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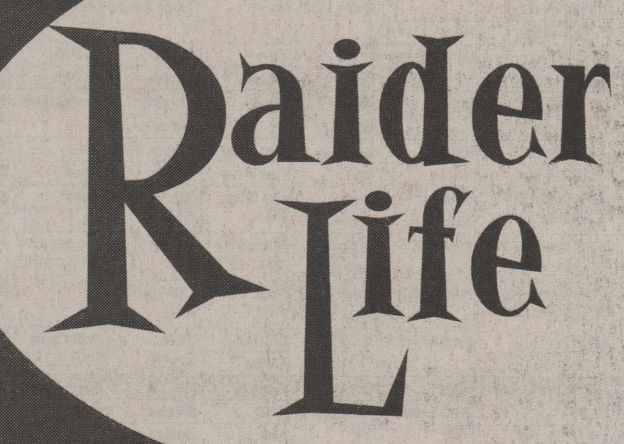
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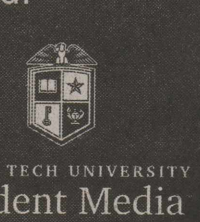
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Women walk runway for local Top Model auditions

BY GARRETT SALZMAN
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Twenty-seven of Lubbock's aspiring models participated in an audition for the 13th season of America's Next Top Model on Saturday at Ashley Furniture.

This season included a new twist. According to the show's Web site, aspiring models applying for the 13th cycle of the show are required to be 5 feet 7 inches or shorter, which reverses the usual trend of the show only allowing girls above this height to audition.

Lubbock local Larissa Spores said an exception was made for her despite this new rule.

"I honestly think it defeats the purpose of modeling," said Spores, who attended New Mexico State University before taking the year off from school to model in New York City. "I was told I was too short in New York. I'm 5 foot 8 and a half, but they told me they'd waiver me on through anyways."

At the Lubbock auditions, modeling hopefuls answered questions in front of three local judges with connections to the Miss Lubbock pageant during a closed-door interview. After this interview, the girls then had the opportunity to strut their stuff by walking down a catwalk in front

of their family and friends.

Branden Waits, the promotions manager for Ramar Communications, said The CW Television Network, which airs the show, allows any of its local affiliate stations to host auditions for America's Next Top Model.

He said he thought the change to the height requirements would allow more girls who previously thought they were too short to model to pursue the profession.

"It really changes the talent that shows up," he said. "I think if you're shorter, as a female, you don't think you can be a model. This changes the game completely. We're excited about that."

Waits said he believed auditioning for the show required both "cockiness and confidence" to make girls stand out from the crowd.

"To say 'I'm a model' is one thing, but to get up and audition means you're serious about it," he said. "The more confident ones always end up shining and the judges are really looking for that personality."

According to the grading criteria the aspiring models were given, judges evaluated girls on body type, face, overall appearance, character and how the questions were answered.

Sara Milligan, a 19-year-old from Lubbock, said she was surprised at how friendly the models were to each other. She said her goal while auditioning was to show confidence while staying humble.

"If you're cocky in something like this, karma is going to come back to bite you in the ass," she said. "There are a lot of us comparing ourselves to everyone else. Everyone says they want everyone else to win, but secretly we all want to win for ourselves. It's the truth, but they won't say it."

Mary-Frances Moore, a Texas Tech sophomore psychology major from Richmond, said her motives for auditioning went beyond a desire to be on the show.

"I came here because I want girls to know they can be who they want to be and still be beautiful," she said. "I'm very unique, and I'm into a lot of diverse things. I'm a plus-sized girl, and I like who I am."

Moore said she was encouraged by the way the girls treated each other at the auditions.

"People think there's that Naomi Campbell I'm-gonna-hit-you-in-the-face-with-my-phone kind of vibe with models," she said. "But honestly, I have met some really sweet girls out here."

Eighteen-year-old Stephanie Machen, was chosen as the winner of the event and will be invited to Dallas for regional auditions and a chance to appear on the show.

Although Machen is the only girl guaranteed an audition in the regional try-outs, Waits said every applicant's video interview will be sent for casting assistants to review.

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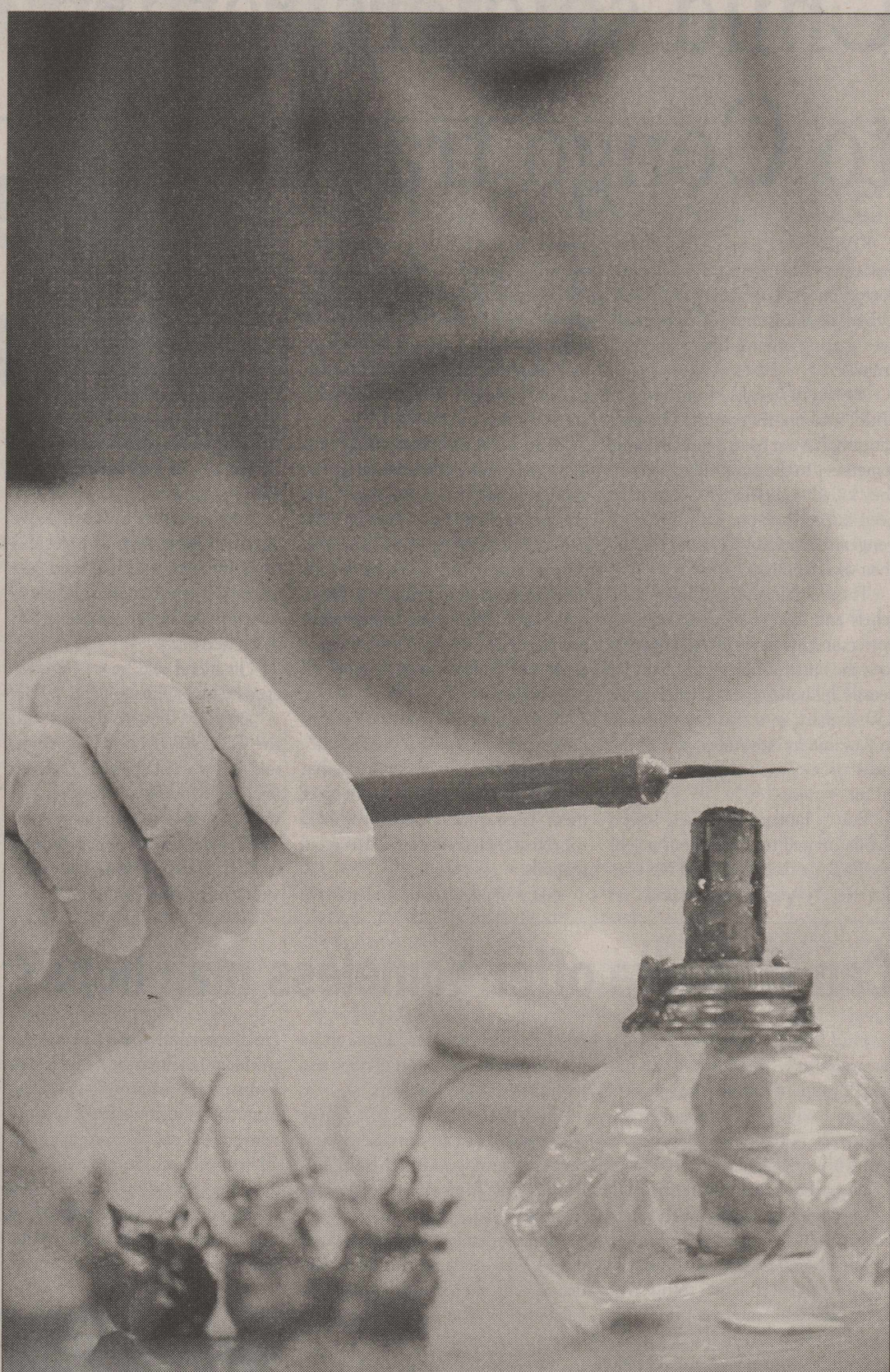


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ESTELLE KIOWSKI, A senior metal jewelry design major from Lubbock, heats a blade to make wax molds which will be used to cast human fetus statues out of bronze Thursday in the 3D Art Annex. The statues, bottom left, will be made into an abortion rosary.

Homeless

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While handing out meals at the library, the group spoke with Mark, a man who sleeps at the library with several other homeless people.

Mark, who has been living in homeless in Lubbock for eight years and did not want to reveal his last

name, told the student group he believed they were doing God's work.

"What they do is beautiful," he said while lying down on his sleeping bag on the steps of the library. "They're God's angels."

Mark, who said his homelessness was a lifestyle choice he made independent of financial factors, said he was grateful for the efforts of private

citizens to help him where the city of Lubbock has "let him down."

"I mean, are you people blind? I mean, the mayor should come down here and see us, if there are no homeless people," he said, laughing. "Either that, or I can tell you I'm just here for the beautiful view from the library."

Despite the size of the group and the location of its mission, all the members of the Underground Revolution said they have never

felt threatened while handing out bags.

"We always feel safe," Beckham said. "Even when I was doing this in Dallas, I never once felt unsure about what we were doing or where we were."

After handing out bags to about 10 homeless people at the library, the group drove to Carpenter's Church. The church, which Burden described as "the closest thing to a homeless shelter in Lubbock," has

made an effort to assist homeless people by providing them with a place to sleep and essentials to survive.

Inside the church, about 20 homeless people ate a buffet prepared by church members. Members of the Underground Revolution walked from person to person, greeting them and asking them about how their week went.

August Bass, who said he has been in Lubbock for about two weeks, said he comes to Carpenter's Church to sleep and hear Bible lessons. Bass said he is the exception to the rule when it comes to the homeless in Lubbock.

"I am a sober, celibate and clean homeless man," he said. "I view myself as a hard-working individual who just needs that break to get a job and prove myself. Now, that's not common among the homeless. A lot of them are pampered when they should be reprimanded and held accountable."

Bass said he does not plan on staying in Lubbock long. The politi-

cal atmosphere of a college town is not compatible with his personal beliefs, he said, and as a result he aspires to attend seminary to become a minister.

Although he does not feel he fits in Lubbock, he said, the members of the Underground Revolution have become an inspiration to him.

"Sarah's group is just powerful, you know?" Bass said. "I really envision myself behind the pulpit in the next few years. So, I really look to what they do and appreciate it."

Jim Clayton, the head volunteer for the Carpenter's Church shelter, said the church would be closing after Friday because the warmer weather allows the homeless to survive without sleeping indoors.

"The most attention these homeless people get is when they're run off in Lubbock," he said. "Every homeless person is welcome here, regardless of faith."

Burden said ultimately he wants the Underground Revolution to be a consistent and reliable help for the homeless population in Lubbock.

"It's not showing pity," he said. "What we do is show the homeless people that there is someone who loves them. It's our faith that allows us to do it, but we want to be there for everyone that needs help."

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Tech soccer turns in strong outings against UTEP, OSU

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech soccer team continued its successful spring season against UTEP and Oklahoma State on Friday and Saturday, respectively, at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

The Red Raiders defeated the Miners 1-0 on Friday and tied the Cowboys 1-1 in shortened 70-minute games.

Tech is 3-0-1 in its spring matches this season, previously defeating Houston, 1-0 and Miami, 2-0 in a double-header Feb. 28.

The spring season allows inexperienced players to receive beneficial playing time and veteran players to hone their skills and maintain their conditioning. Against Oklahoma State, Tech started five underclassmen to give them experience against an OSU team that finished No. 13 in several polls last season.

"Everyone plays and everyone gets to show what they have," senior defender Brittney Harrison said. "It's also a great chance for us to show the coaches what we have, but it's pretty much just to build for the fall season."

Harrison showed her offensive skills in both matches.

She scored the lone goal against UTEP 2:19 into the game off an errant clearance by the goalkeeper that she drilled into the top left corner of the net. Against Oklahoma State, she sent a header over the goalkeeper's reach in the 39th minute.

Tech has played all the players on its roster this spring including two freshmen, Conner Williams, who started the game against Oklahoma State and Jordyn Young.

Tech coach Tom Stone said the game experience his players get from the spring matches is invaluable to



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FORWARD KATIE HINDS clears the ball in front of Oklahoma State's Bridget Miller Saturday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

their careers and is key to developing young talent and a cohesive unit.

"These are the games when young players are being given minutes," he said. "You've got players out there that usually aren't in those pressure situations. So that's their chance to say, 'Hey look, if you call on me I'll come through for you.'"

The spring season also is a great opportunity for teams to see what future opponents will bring to the table in the fall season, which was the case against Oklahoma State — the defending regular season Big 12 Conference champion.

"It's a bit of a feeling out process when you play a conference team in the spring," Stone said. "You're both kind of seeing what adjustments they've made, what younger players

are getting a chance to play."

The Red Raiders have seen great play from their defense this spring and from junior goalkeeper Colleen Pitts.

Pitts has allowed only one goal in four matches and gave up only one goal against Oklahoma State despite 10 shots on goal from the Cowgirls.

The Red Raiders will have three weeks off before traveling to Canyon where they will face West Texas A&M on March 29. Tech will conclude its spring season April 4 against TCU.

"It is a big building part of what we do," Pitts said. "It's just a continuation of what we've done so we can build on what we had last fall and kind of take it into this fall and make ourselves better."

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Men's tennis continues success at HEB Classic

By ZANE TURNER
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For the second consecutive year and the fourth out of five, the Texas Tech men's tennis team are champions of the HEB Classic.

The Red Raiders (7-3) defeated host-team No. 52 TAMU-Corpus Christi (5-4), 4-0 to take home the trophy.

With the win against the Islanders, Tech improves its winning streak to six matches.

This was the second straight year Tech met TAMU-Corpus Christi in the final of the HEB Tournament of Champions Classic and came out on top.

"I can't say enough about how well we played and how focused we were all weekend," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "I think we played better this weekend than we did last weekend at home. This was a real important win for us."

The Red Raiders also were dominant in doubles, taking each doubles point in their three matches. Tech is now 7-0 when it takes the doubles point.

Tech advanced to the championship round with victories over No. 65 BYU (8-6), 4-0 and South Alabama (6-7), 4-0 Friday.

Despite the No. 10 tandem in the country of Raony Carvalho and Christian Rojmar losing to TAMU-Corpus Christi's Mikhail Pavlov and Dmitry Novikov, 8-5 in the championship match, the Red Raiders still took the doubles point.

Sinisa Markovic and Carvalho continued their dominance and their winning streaks in Corpus Christi. Markovic, playing No. 1 against TAMU-Corpus Christi, defeated the Islander's Pavlov in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2 making it seven straight for Markovic.

Carvalho recorded the third point for the Red Raiders disposing of TAMU-Corpus Christi's Laurent Montois in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Carvalho now has won his last five matches.

Clinching the match and the championship for Tech was Michael Breler taking care of the Islander's Jaume Farras in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

"We needed to show how good we are," Gonzalo Escobar said. "Everybody played at the best level we can play and

it showed in the result." Rojmar recorded his second victory of the season notching a win against South Alabama's Leo Dominguez in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1.

Also going undefeated was David Gonzalez at the No. 6 spot, handling BYU's Daniel Hwang in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and South Alabama's Daw Kruger also in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

After struggling at the beginning of the season, Markovic said the Red Raiders have found confidence in each other.

"We fought every match," she said. "We're going to continue to build more confidence as a team and continue to play well."

The Red Raiders stay on the road next week to face No. 8 USC on March 12 in Los Angeles and concludes the week in San Diego against No. 54 San Diego State and No. 72 UNLV.

"We were such a team out there," Siegel said. "It's really coming. It's great to see how all nine guys have contributed. I thought this was the best match from top to bottom that we've played all year."

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Terrell Owens shuffling off to Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Terrell Owens needed only two days to find another place to play.

The Buffalo Bills decided to take a chance on the talented but high-maintenance receiver, signing Owens to a \$6.5 million, one-year deal Saturday.

The 35-year-old Owens caught 69 passes for 1,052 yards and 10 touchdowns last season with Dallas. But the Cowboys were looking to improve the atmosphere in the locker room and

decided they would be better off without him.

"I'm leaving America's team (for North America's team)," Owens said at a news conference.

The Bills will be Owens' fourth stop. He started with San Francisco, bounced to Philadelphia — where he helped the Eagles get to a Super Bowl — and then to Dallas.

"I must move on, and it's another beginning for me," Owens said. "If I can

be that extra added piece to get them to the playoffs, then that's what I'm here for. I looked at the defensive side of ball and offensive side of the ball, and these guys have all the pieces."

The Bills were in need of a receiver to take the pressure from Lee Evans. They got one of the biggest names out there.

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Tech baseball grabs 1st road win on West Coast

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team remained patient and positive through a difficult California road trip.

The Red Raiders found the win they were looking for Saturday after dropping their first six games, defeating Gonzaga (6-5) 7-1 in Palm Springs, Calif.

"We've just been trying to stay in it," Tech catcher Jeremy Mayo said. "It just had to break our way and (Saturday), it did."

Strong pitching from AJ Ramos (2-0) and Chad Bettis helped lead the Red Raiders (6-7, as of press time) to victory.

The pair of pitchers combined to pitch the entire game, allowing eight hits, no walks and just one Gonzaga (6-5) run.

Ramos pitched six complete innings on just 75

pitches — the coaching staff's designated pitch count for the senior — who is returning from an Ulnar Collateral Ligament injury last season. He allowed three hits for no runs and tossed nine strikeouts.

Ramos has not allowed a run this season through 13 innings of work.

From there, with a 4-0 Tech lead, Bettis took over on the mound and allowed five hits — one for a run in the top of the ninth inning. But Bettis earned the save, his first of the season.

Offensively, only four Red Raiders had hits on the day. However, Joey Kenworthy, Mayo and Taylor Ashby

had multiple hits and each scored at least one run.

With Tech leading 4-0, Mayo hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to put the game all but out of reach for Gonzaga. It was his first homer of the season and the second of his collegiate career.

Mayo said he is fully recovered from a dislocated thumb injury he sustained Feb. 21.

"It felt good to get out my recent batting slump," he said. "My thumb is feeling fine, a lot better since we got to Palm Springs."

The Gonzaga win was preceded by three and two-game sweeps by Cal State-Northridge and California-Riverside, respectively, and a narrow 2-1 loss to San Francisco Friday.

Against San Francisco, Tech took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and held on until the fourth inning. But USF tied it in the fourth and took the lead in the sixth.

Tech had an opportunity to win the game in the ninth with the bases loaded, but with two outs, a fielder's choice play ended the game and handed the Red Raiders their sixth consecutive loss.

Tech had a chance to even their record with a win against Oregon State — Tech coach Dan Spencer's former team — Sunday. However, results were not available as of press time.

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Missouri win pits Lady Raiders against OSU in first round of Big 12 Tourney

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Even though it was 11th place Missouri, Saturday's game was a must-win for Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry and the Lady Raiders.

Tech is fighting for an NCAA Tournament berth, a loss would give them a four-game losing streak to end the season and the Lady Raiders needed momentum heading into the Big 12 Conference Tournament. Not to mention, it was Senior Day.

In the middle of the second half, it looked as if Mizou would make Tech's uphill climb a little harder.

But the way the Lady Raiders fought back for a 63-56 win Saturday in the United Spirit Arena could be indicative of how they need to play when a guaran-

teed spot in the NCAA Tournament is on the line.

"It was emotional for a lot of reasons," Curry said. "First of all, how we played at first wasn't so good, so the emotions weren't good at all. But how we finished was very characteristic of what we've been trying to do all along and it just came together today and no doubt it was a must-win situation and they took care of what they had to."

The win gives Tech a 6-10 record in conference play — two more than they had last season. It also clinched the No. 7-seed in the Big 12 Tournament, which begins on March 12. Tech's opponent is No. 10-seeded Oklahoma State and one of the Big 12's most potent scorers in Andrea Riley.

Tech took a 65-60 loss to Oklahoma State on Jan. 31 in Lubbock, but avenged

the loss with a 74-70 win on Feb. 21 in Stillwater, Okla. As the season comes to an end, Tech and Oklahoma State are the only two unranked Big 12 South teams.

The winner of that game will face Baylor in the second round, who both teams have lost to twice.

So Tech could get a third shot at Baylor, fall into a WNIT berth or the Lady Raiders' season will be in the hands of the NCAA selection committee.

But now, the win against Mizou has a little momentum on their side.

"Oh we definitely wanted it real bad," said Jordan Murphree, who had a game-high 21 points Saturday. "But we're also fighting for a NCAA bid. There was a lot on the line (Saturday)."

A 6-10 conference record might not be much to consider when an NCAA Tournament berth is on the line.

But Mizou coach Cindy Stein and Curry both believe that kind of record should be considered an achievement because it was accomplished in the Big 12.

Curry also pointed out that the 6-10 record was achieved in the Big 12 South, which boast four teams that have been among the Top 25 all season.

So Curry said she believes eight Big 12 teams in the NCAA Tournament should not be out of the question.

Stein said the talent in this conference could match up with any in the nation — whether it is OU or bottom feeder Colorado.

"I tell you what," she said, "they take all of us and I guarantee we'd probably almost all win our first game in the NCAA Tournament. This is a tough league. Ev-

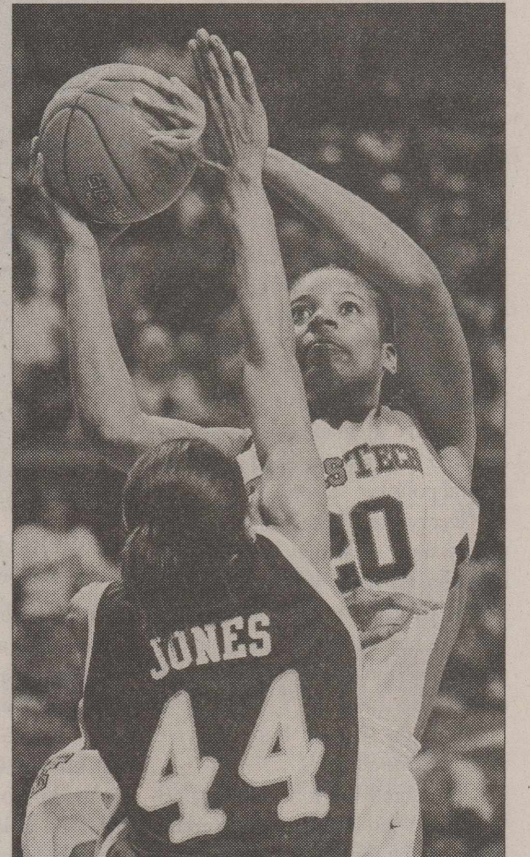


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TEXAS TECH'S KIERRA Mallard shoots over Missouri's Shakara Jones in the Lady Raiders' 63-56 win against the Tigers Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

erybody that I go across in recruiting and everything else, they're so happy they're not in the Big 12."

Although she believes eight Big 12 teams should be taken into the tourney, Curry said a realistic number is seven. Last season, the selection committee took eight.

But Curry said no matter what, the opportunity to make the NCAA Tournament lies right in front of the Lady Raiders.

Four wins and Tech will be back in Lubbock for the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We control our own destiny and we're the only one's who control the last impression we give," Curry said. "That's what this time of the year is about, it's March Madness, just like a new season, anything can happen. It'll be a great time."

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"We've just been trying to stay in it. It just had to break our way and (Saturday) it did."

JEREMY MAYO
TEXAS TECH
CATCHER

Tech student wins free tuition thanks to Lady Raider forward

Mitchell Parnell was attending a Texas Tech volleyball game when he received some advice that made things a little easier for him as a student.

Lady Raider forward Jordan Barncastle just happened to be at that same game and noticed Parnell was a loyal fan who showed his face often in support of the volleyball team.

So Barncastle suggested Parnell enter his name in a contest that gave a Tech student free tuition for a year if he or she attended 10 or more women's basketball games.

"He's always at the volleyball games, so I said, 'Are you gonna start coming to the basketball games?'" Barncastle said. "And he was like, 'Yeah I usually come to most of them or I try to or whatever.' And then over Facebook he said something like, 'I can't come to this game' and I kind of jokingly gave him a hard time about it. Then he said, 'Well I won't miss anymore.' And he really didn't. He wasn't lying."

Just so happens, Parnell is the one

taking home the \$7,500 check.

In the middle of the first half of Tech's game against Missouri Saturday, Parnell was awarded a \$7,500 check for two semesters at Tech for attending a minimum of 10 games this season after entering the contest.

Parnell said he attended every game except two during the Christmas break and one of the exhibition games.

His parents also attended the Lady Raiders' game against Mizou to see their son receive the check. Parnell said his parents were in disbelief when they heard he won free tuition for a year.

He also said when he first saw Barncastle after he received the news, all he could do was express his gratitude.

"I'm still kind of in shock," the senior architecture major from Midland said. "I didn't think that I would be the one who'd get it and I did. Now it's just like, it's excitement. A lot of stress that I don't have to deal with anymore, worrying about where's that money coming from."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Homers help US edge Canada

TORONTO (AP) — With big league stars on both sides and national pride at stake, the United States and Canada gave their World Baseball Classic opener an October feel.

Adam Dunn and Brian McCann each hit a two-run homer, and Team USA held off feisty Canada 6-5 on Saturday to avenge a surprising loss three years ago.

"This is a playoff atmosphere," U.S. pitcher Jake Peavy said. "Everything is on the line, you're doing everything you can to win and advance in this tournament, and playing for your country just takes that through the roof. It's as good an atmosphere as it gets, I believe."

Kevin Youkilis added a solo shot and J.J. Putz closed it out in a nervous ninth inning for Team USA, which was upset by Canada in the inaugural WBC.

Despite a roster loaded with major league All-Stars, that U.S. squad stumbled to a disappointing eighth-place finish — a big reason this club has talked about taking back America's game.

THIS WEEK IN RED RAIDER SPORTS



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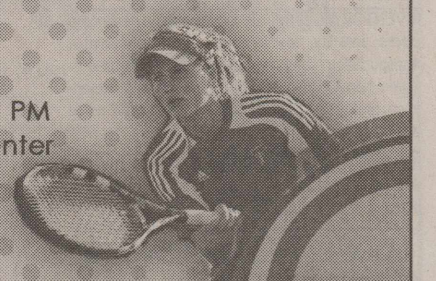
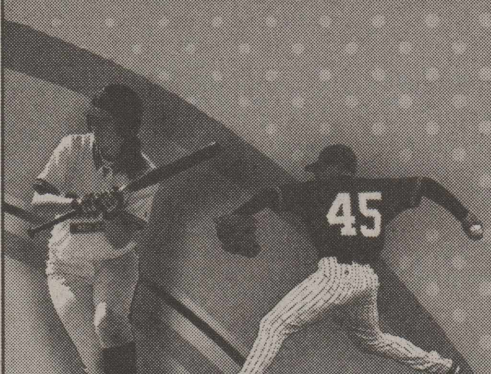
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