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Senate adopts \$182 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Wednesday voted to adopt a \$182.2 billion state budget for the next two years, including \$11 billion in federal stimulus spending.

The Senate voted 26-5 to adopt the two-year budget, the most important bill lawmakers will consider during the five-month legislative session.

Using the federal rescue money, senators were able to craft a spending plan that would not dip into a projected \$9 billion balance in the state's Rainy Day Fund. Still, officials cautioned that economic conditions could worsen before the budget can become law.

NATION

Blagojevich indicted on corruption charges

CHICAGO (AP) — Ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich was indicted Thursday on charges of trying to auction off President Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat along with new corruption allegations that he tried to extort a congressman.

A sweeping 19-count federal indictment alleges that Blagojevich discussed with aides the possibility of getting a Cabinet post in the new president's administration, substantial fundraising assistance or a high-paying job in exchange for the Senate seat.

Obama's deputy press secretary, Josh Earnest, said the White House would not comment. The indictment does not allege any wrongdoing by Obama or his associates.

WORLD

16 killed in helicopter crash in North Sea

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) -Energy company BP PLC said Thursday it was suspending flights with a company that runs transport to offshore oil rigs after one of the firm's Super Puma helicopters crashed in the North Sea, killing all 16 people aboard.

Eight bodies have been recovered after Wednesday's crash. Coast guard boats and other vessels were searching the sea off Scotland's northeast coast for more bodies and wreckage.

The grim reality is that the crew of 16 on board has been lost," said Colin Menzies, assistant chief constable of Grampian Police.

DEATH TOLL



U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Honors College offers unique classes for students seeking interesting electives

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Students searching for a unique topic to study, look no further than the Texas Tech Honors College.

The college offers courses that cover a variety of topics and students are not required to be a student of the Honors College to participate.

With a permit from the Honors College and a GPA of 3.0 or higher, any student may enroll in an honors course, space permitting.

Honors College Dean Gary Bell said he takes pride in offering unique courses for Tech students. Most classes are smaller and more interactive than those in other colleges or departments on campus.

"We take a look at the world from an interdisciplinary perspective," he said, "and these classes are not to be thought of as too difficult for a student outside the Honors College."

Bell said most courses within the college do not require prerequisites and would fulfill some basic course requirements for all majors.

Courses such as Buddhist Life and Thought or Science and Society, both taught within the Honors College, offer students an opportunity to gain knowledge and insight on topics rarely discussed in other departments on campus, he said.

"The Honors College's role on campus is to innovate completely new courses," he said, "ones that take on topics not normally taught in any other curriculum."

In taking on that role, Ambassador Tibor Nagy, vice provost for international affairs, will teach a course based on his 32 years of experience as a U.S. diplomat and 25 years living in Africa.

Nagy will teach Africa's Role in the Contemporary



PHOTO SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado

MARIOLA SCHMID, RIGHT, a graduate nursing student from Plano, gets advice on her floral design, "Hades Inferno," from her professor, Judith Wilmington, Thursday in the Horticulture Greenhouse. Schmid said she took the class because it was a chance to exercise the creative side of her brain amidst all of her math, and science, based classes.

World within the Honors College in the fall. He said what American diplomats learn prior to a first visit how African culture affects other cultures.

"The course is very adult," he said. "We talk about war, famine, rape as a weapon, HIV/AIDS, poverty."

The material taught in the course is similar to

his experiences have given him valuable insight into to Africa, Nagy said, and would provide students an education on a topic people in the United States know little about.

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Check out non-honors electives recommended by the University Advising Center on the DT's Web site

Obama issues warning as NKorea readies launch of comms satellite

By PAULINE JELINEK ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — As North Korea fueled a multistage rocket Thursday for its threatened satellite launch, President Barack Obama promised a "stern" response and Japan vowed to press for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council.

Senior U.S. defense officials said that trailers and vehicles carrying rocket propellant were in place at North Korea's coastal launch site and that fueling had begun.

A U.S. counter-proliferation official said the fueling process could take "up to a few days." But a senior U.S. intelligence official

By ANDREW TAYLOR

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Democratic-controlled House ap-

proved a budget blueprint drawn to

President Barack Obama's specifi-

cations Thursday and the Senate

hastened to follow suit after admin-

istration allies rejected alternatives

from liberals and conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

projected Saturday launch

The American officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence issues.

At the G-20 summit in London, Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak issued a statement agreeing on "a stern, united response from the international community if North Korea launches a long-range

Robert Wood would not address the meeting late Thursday with Japan's U.S. intelligence reports. But he repeated earlier warnings for the North Koreans not to take any "provocative"

Japan's ambassador to the U.N. said his nation will request an emergency session of the Security Council if North told The Associated Press that Korea proceeds with the launch. Yukio launch that is widely believed to be a Pyongyang was on track for a Takasu said he raised the possibil- test for a long-range missile.

Congress votes on budget alternatives

The country wants "real change,

and we have come here to make a

difference," House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, D-Calif., said as both cham-

bers worked on plans to boost spend-

ing on domestic programs, raise taxes

on the wealthy in two years' time and

clear the way for action later in the

year on Obama's priority items of

health care, energy and education.

Republicans in both houses ac-

deficit of \$1.2 trillion.

ity during closed-door council talks Thursday.

Takasu and other council diplomats say they anticipate a possible emergency session as early as this weekend.

Chinese President Hu Jintao urged Japan to handle the expected firing of a rocket by North Korea over Japanese territory calmly, though he says Beijing is working to avert the State Department spokesman launch. Hu made the comment in a prime minister, Taro Aso, on the sidelines of the G20 meeting, said Osamu Sakashita, Aso's deputy cabinet secretary for public relations.

> China says it is trying in various ways to dissuade Pyongyang from conducting the communications satellite

help it, and saddle future genera-

simply taxes too much, spends

too much and borrows too much

at a moment when we can least

afford it," said the Senate Repub-

lican leader, Mitch McConnell of

no suspense as lawmakers engaged

in an annual budget ritual destined

to end in approval of the blueprints

drafted by Obama's supporters and

supported by the White House.

Despite the rhetoric, there was

"The administration's budget

tions with too much debt.

Summit OKs loans, denies economic rescue stimulus

In life there are

no guarantees; in

economics there are

BARACK OBAMA

U.S. PRESIDENT

no guarantees.

By TOM RAUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON (AP) — Anxiously assembled at the most perilous moment for the global economy since the Great Depression, the world's financial powers pledged more than \$1 trillion Thursday for emergency loans to contain the contagion. But they rebuffed President Barack Obama's bid for new stimulus spend-

ing and made no guarantees of success.

"This was the day the world came together to fight back against global recession," declared British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the summit host, as he led a choreographed

show of unity designed to boost confidence in homes and boardrooms everywhere. "This is just the beginning," added Obama.

No one promised an immediate impact, and all agreed much remained to be done.

Besides promising \$1.1 trillion for lending to less-well-off countries — an effort to erect an economic firewall and prop up remaining markets for bigger nations' exports — the Group of 20 industrial and developing countries vowed major efforts to clean up banks' tattered balance

sheets and get credit flowing again, to shut down global tax havens and to tighten regulation over hedge funds and other financial high-flyers in the U.S. and elsewhere. But French President Nicolas

Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel failed to get the powerful "global regulator" they sought with authority across borders, an idea opposed by the United States. The leaders did agree to some expanded international oversight, in-

cluding cracking down on hedge funds and tax havens.

Collectively, the measures were an attempt to free the clogged pipes of capitalism, so spending, lending, borrowing and

manufacturing can expand instead of continuing to retreat.

European and U.S. markets surged ahead of the concluding summit communique, and Wall Street held most of its gains after the results were announced late Thursday.

Unlike previous Western-dominated summits, this gathering included China, India and other economic giants as well as rising powers. Said Brown: "I think the new world order is emerging, and with it the foundations of a new and progressive era of international cooperation."



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Saturday Sunny Low

The vote in the House was 233- cused Democrats of drafting plans

196, largely along party lines, for a that would hurt the recession-ravaged

\$3.6 trillion plan that includes a economy in the long run, rather than



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CAMPUS NEWS FLASH

College of Mass Communications

• Metro USA, a media company with daily newspapers in New York, Boston and Philadelphia canceled Associated Press contracts effective April 1. Texas Tech professors said printed news will come to extinction or evolve. Mass Communication Chairman Randy Reddick said smart and adaptable media will survive and come out as a different product.

College of Agriculture

• COWamongus! Creamery and Meat Co. located inside the Animal and Food Science building is having a meat sale for Easter. The sale will last through April 9 and includes such meats as steak, ground beef, sausage, lamb chops and ham.

College of Human Sciences

- Deena Katz, personal financial planning professor testified at a U.S. Senate special committee on aging. Katz provided input on actions the government can take to help baby boomers. According to the news release, Katz said the housing crisis, failing social security system and economic conditions have left them without the retirement nest they planned on.
- Wealth Manager Magazine named Deena Katz as one of the 50 most influential women on wealth management. Wealth Manager is a leading publication for registered investment advisers.
- Sandra Huston, associate professor of Texas Tech's personal financial planning program coordinated a 26-question telephone survey about financial decisions. Texas was deemed financially illiterate; only one in four respondents out of 502 Texas residents were considered financially literate. Respondents from the Dallas and Houston regions were among most financially literate.

College of Education

• The Tech Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research will host its Annual Autism fundraiser walk at 2 p.m. April 5 at Coronado High School's Willie McCool Track and Field. The event will include walking or running, games and music. Proceeds will fund the center's eight Family Fun days. Visit educfmk.educ.ttu.edu/ applications/autismwalk2/ for more information and registration.

Rawls College of Business

• The Board of Regents has granted the following promotions to the following faculty.

Finance: Jeffrey Mercer promoted to full professor; Management: Keith Brigham promoted to associate professor and granted tenure, Tyge Payne promoted to associate professor and granted tenure, Jeremey Short granted tenure; Marketing: Donna Davis promoted to associate professor and granted tenure; HOM Program: Eric Ford granted tenure

College of Performing and Visual Arts

- The Tech Jazz Festival will feature the Dizzy Gillespie Alumni All Stars. The performance, which is part of the Presidential Lecture and Performing Series offered by the College of Visual and Performing Arts, will be hosted at 8 p.m. April 4 in the Allen Theatre.
- Raider Red One-Act Play Spectacular ends April 5. The series of plays are an original one-act plays by Tech Students. • Closing receptions of the 22nd Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition is today 5 p.m. to 7 pm. The last day to view the exhibit is April 5.

College of Engineering

• Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering will host its 43rd Annual Distinguished Engineer Awards Luncheon. The college will honor Blake W. Augsburger, Chi-Ming Chang, James A. Edmiston, Shelby Johnson and J.G. "Greg" Soules at 11:30 a.m. today at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion,.

Department of Psychology

• David Rudd, Tech Department of Psychology chairman, has been appointed to head the \$1.97 million study for the U.S. Department of Defense to test possible treatment solution for suicidal veterans. According to the news release, he will work in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, the Warrior Resiliency Program at Brook Army Medical Center and the University of Pennsylvania.

Alcohol sales PACs argue about campaign tactics

to a volunteer who misspoke on behalf of the public from the vote. the Truth About Alcohol Sales political action committee.

In a recording distributed by the Lubbock County Wins PAC, a woman who said she was calling on behalf of TAAS described the issue as one that would allow packaged liquor sales in grocery stores, although the proposition only would allow packaged alcohol sales in grocery stores.

The two major opposing groups on Truth About Alcohol Sales PAC, said the issue of alcohol sales expansion held the issue was an isolated issue and only treasurer for Lubbock County Wins, press conferences Thursday in reference was a way for the opposition to distract said the PAC assumes the woman spoke

> "That's a ridiculous criticism," he said, "and just a tactic to defer from the

O'Hair said although the initiative the facts.' would allow for packaged liquor sales, the sales would be limited to stores designated for liquor and not grocery stores. However, he said the group will continue calling people to spread their message, and the PAC also

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the sale and purchase of liquor in grocery Brant O'Hair, co-chairman of the provides scripts and trains the callers. stores and drug stores. If these limitations are lifted, he said, Lubbock also will be **Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle** affected if the county passes the alcohol sales expansion initiative May 9. cited the Texas Elections Code, 501.029, which states a person commits an offense if that person misrepresents the purpose of a petition, and an offense under the section is a Class B misdemeanor. » jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

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UMC transfers records, **HSC** to seek IT funds

By KENDYL SEBESTA STAFF WRITER

NEWS

The University Medical Center Health System began integrating its nursing records this week as part of an ongoing process to complete a full transition to electronic medical records in the upcoming years.

According to the National Cancer Institute Web site, electronic medical records refer to a collection of patient medical information in a digital format that can been seen on a computer and shared by patient care providers.

Craig Bradley, assistant professor for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Department of Family Medicine and medical informationist at University Medical Center, said UMC began instituting the the software's many system aspects in the ing, the amount of technological support following years.

"This has been an ongoing process for some time," he said. "The student network services at University Medical Center and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center encompass several thousand users, which makes it challenging to get to a point where all labs and charts are able to work together."

Bradley said integrating University electronic medical records system software will allow medical staff to offer an the backing of federal resources. increased level of care and efficiency to their patients.

more accurate picture of the patient when compared to the old method of medical record keeping."

According to the American Health Information Management System Web site, medical records traditionally were kept in the form of a paper chart combined with supporting information such as radiology films until the transition to

the electronic medical record system in 1993.

Tom Wise, managing director of information management at the HSC, said although electronic medical records can be beneficial in some ways, factors such as cost and installation also can create complications and barriers for hospitals and institutions.

"Making the transition to electronic medical records can cost quite a few million dollars," Wise said. "Here at the Health Sciences Center, all four campuses decided to do their own thing in terms of the electronic medical records system they would use because of cost. Interfacing is definitely a challenge, too, because data may be different between each user."

According to the American Association of Family Practitioners Web site, the see whatever is happening along the way



DONNA CANTU, PATIENT services supervisor for student health services, is shown at a computer running PyraMED, the new electronic medical records system used at the Student Wellness Center, University Medical Center and the Health Sciences Center.

mid-1990s and has continued to integrate records system is based on product licens-there is better clinical differentiation." required and the cost of the system itself, Sciences Center to electronic medical therefore causing the cost to vary from one records was made by key figures and physipractice to another.

Under President Barack Obama's current health care plan, \$10 billion a year during the next five years will be invested in the adoption of standards-based electronic health information systems, including electronic health records, the the Health Sciences Center. White House Web site reported. This also Medical Center nussing records into the will include eventual requirements regarding full implementation of health IT with

Wise said the Health Sciences Center may seek opportunities for funding in light "Electronic medical records are typior of Obama's plan, but he does not expect cally more efficient and work to prevent the Health Sciences Center to make any errors in patient care," he said. "They also immediate changes to their implementahelp to preserve patient care by providing a tion of an electronic medical records

"I think we'll

the process," he

said. "Right now

we are doing ev-

erything that they

say we should be

the right track."

single integrated

Wise said

They get records to physicians faster, eliminate the need to deal with physician handwriting...

TOM WISE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AT THE HSC

completely at either location.

"We'll be transitioning the (OBGYN) division in August 2009 to be able to input patient details and that sort of thing," he said. "But in terms of the system itself it won't cost anything to perform updates. It only costs us something when we install it the first time."

Wise said the transition to electronic medical records will impact all clinics sooner or later within the Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center, software. despite costs and complications.

"I think all clinics are going to go to electronic medical records sooner or later," he said. "They get records to physicians faster, eliminate the need to deal with physician handwriting and can let doctors being used.

use of electronic medical records in the cost of instituting an electronic medical as it is documented in the system so that

The decision to transfer the Health cians within the Health Sciences Center during the 2004 to 2005 period, he said.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, Tech Student Health Services medical director, said Student Health Services began the transition to electronic medical records prior to

'We use electronic medical records that are run by a group called Media Highway," Bennett said. "We are one of 50 to 70 schools that use the system in the United States and Student Health Services can actually use the electronic medical records simultaneously between the two."

According to the Media Highway Web site, the company specializes in providing software and services for college health and counseling clinics within the electronic medical records technology just continue with area.

Bennett said while the use of electronic medical records has allowed doctors to access patient information at home and while on call, there are complications within the system that have prolonged its doing. We are on complete integration at Student Health

"The big problem is that there are although the about 100 different companies that have made these electronic medical records," Health Sciences she said. "So there's a steep learning curve Center shares a when you start the system and it means electronic medi- electronic medical records have a hard cal records system time communicating unless you buy an with the Uni- interface, which can be very costly. That versity Medical will be the next big thing they have to Center, it also has figure out — getting them all to comnot been installed municate."

Bennett said Student Health Services paid \$1,000 for an interface system that would allow communication with lab electronic medical records, but have not begun connecting to charts due to the increased cost.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, about 2 percent of U.S. hospitals have completely functional electronic medical records, with cost cited as the main barrier to instillation of the

Health information systems typically cost between \$20 million and \$100 million, the journal reported, with variations in cost occurring due to the size of the hospital and the complexity of the system

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Electives 🕌

Melissa Pierce, chairwoman and

to more than one person and may not

have stuck to the script in other cases.

issue," she said. "You need to stick to

unteer referring to packaged liquor

technically was incorrect, O'Hair said,

lobbyists in Austin are working to make

The Lubbock County Wins PAC

"That's the whole point of this

While the phrase used by the vol-

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"It's history and culture of current global issues," he said. "The stories people usually hear about Africa tend to be extremely superficial. This is a way to fill the gap.'

He recommended any students who have a desire to learn about cultures outside their own to take the course, and he said students who do will be encouraged throughout the semester to think internationally and globally without ever leaving the country.

Susan Tomlinson offers a course for students who are interested in artistic aspects

Her fall courses, Bones, Botanicals and Birds and Mother Earth Chronicles explore nature through art and writing within the Honors College.

Besides gaining interesting information about nature, Tomlinson said students will find her courses, along with several other honors courses, to be helpful in other areas of education.

"I see my students' writing improve a lot," she said. "They not only have fun

Assistant Honors College professor but they are reading and writing in a way is meant to provide a variety of options range of topics and learn about subjects to study. that fuel other discussions.'

AJ Travis, an honors student and Seeing Films Philosophically and Landscapes through the Honors College.

He has thoroughly enjoyed taking classes within the Honors College, he said, and would recommend any student a unique way to earn credit.

"The professors are a lot more committed to their classes and to the success of the students," he said. "Teachers are much more accessible. He has learned lessons in his honors

courses he can apply to all other areas of study, and he said his experience with the college has made him a better overall student. "I've learned how to think more criti-

cally," he said. "The subjects are more in depth and there is more work involved, but it's so much more rewarding." Besides honors courses, Joshua Barron,

associate director of academic advising in the University Advising Center, said every college on campus offers unique ways to gain elective credit.

getting the catalog off the shelf and blow- on an unconventional topic. ing the dust off it can lead to something

Barron said the university's catalog good teachers.' Web site has a Google search engine that

they've never done before. We study a for students searching for a unique area

Any student interested in exploring a specific area of study to use toward an sophomore political science major from elective credit could benefit from search-Harker Heights, is currently enrolled in ing through the university course catalog, Barron said.

We have 120 hours in most degree plans," he said. "That leaves just a little bit of room for electives. You have to use those wisely, but look for the classes try an honors class if they are looking for that really give you an introduction to something you can go look at more on One way to get that introduction,

Barron said, is through taking an honors course. He said he is "a huge fan" of the courses because they offer smaller classes that study focused themes. "In terms of looking to see things

that are really different or new," he said, 'you will get a little bit deeper in these

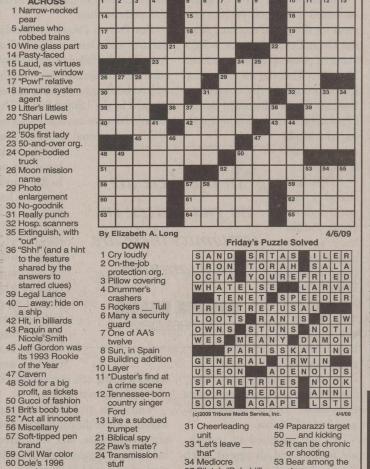
Bell said students should be encouraged, not intimidated, to take honors

"It's not going to be more difficult," he said. "These classes won't wipe you out or kill your GPA. The courses should be different, not harder."

Bell said the classes usually cater to 'A lot of times," Barron said, "just students interested in becoming educated

"They're unusual and interesting classes," he said, "taught by exceptionally

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Lubbock Fire Department soaks field after grass fire

At 6:43 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the Z-6A parking lot in which a Texas Tech vehicle struck an illegally parked vehicle. No injuries were reported.

At 9:47 a.m., an officer documented of the Tech Health Sciences Center.

At 11:04 a.m., officer investigated an accident in the 1800 block of Knoxville Avenue. No injuries were reported.

an accident in which an unattended vehicle was struck in the Z-2B parking a 2005 Lexus. lot. No injuries were reported.

March 28

two students in the Z-1B parking lot, one for possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia, and the other for public intoxication. Both students were transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 3:07 a.m., an officer detained a student for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor after an observed traffic violation in the 300 block of Tech Park- an accident in which an unattended

600 block of North Vicksburg Avenue. Avenue Parking Garage was struck. The student as released after the citation

At 4:12 p.m., an officer investigated

At 7:49 p.m., an officer investigated At 6:20 p.m., an officer investigated Z-5A parking lot of Tech in which a person or persons intentionally damaged

At 9:01 p.m., an officer investigated harassment by telephone that occurred At 1:47 a.m., two officers detained on a cellular phone of a student on Tech

March 30

At 10:20 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of a WD portable hard drive from the stacks in the Tech Library.

At 2:30 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-11 parking lot. No injuries were reported.

At 3:15 p.m., an officer investigated

way and a subsequent traffic stop in the vehicle on the fourth floor of the Flint

At 4:58 p.m., an officer investigated was issued and the vehicle was released to an unattended death in Murray Residence Hall. The cause of death is undetermined, but no foul play is suspected.

At 5:18 p.m., an officer arrested and damage to a door windowpane in a room harassment by telephone that occurred released three minors at the Rawls Golf on a cellular phone of a student on Tech Course for minors in the possession of

> At 11:57 p.m., an officer detained a criminal mischief that occurred in the student in Bledsoe Residence Hall folstudent was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's office for possession of marijuana. March 31

> > County Sheriff's Office warrants following the report of a suspicious person in the Sky View Restaurant at the Texas Tech Plaza. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning for all Tech property and was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

At 9:03 a.m., an officer arrested a

information concerning two students to the Lubbock County Jail. who had previously been in a dating relationship. A student was concerned about the other student's alleged history the burglary of a vehicle in the Z-5B

grass fire on the southwest side of the Tech reported stolen. Law School. The Lubbock Fire Departgrass area after the fire was out.

At 7:38 p.m., an officer detained three lowing a report of a suspicious odor. The students following a traffic stop in the 3000 block of Main Street. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance (ecstasy/MDMA). One of the passengers was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The of marijuana. All three students were the area. transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

> At 10:01 p.m., an officer detained a student in Clement Residence Hall after Several items of clothing were taken from a theft that occurred in Sam's Place at a report of burning marijuana coming from the room. The student was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession a theft at a north bicycle rack at Bledsoe

April 1

At 9:40 a.m., an officer investigated parking lot. The driver's side window At 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to a was shattered and an iPod Touch was

At 10:47 a.m., an officer investigated ment dispatched a water truck to soak the criminal mischief in the R-3 parking lot. The right rear quarter panel of a vehicle

> At 12:05 p.m., an officer investigated theft at the Carpenter/Wells complex. A Next bicycle and cable lock were reported stolen from a bicycle rack.

At 12:17 p.m., an officer documented damage to the Pod A basement of the Tech Health Sciences Center. A water pipe burst during maintenance causing

a theft at Weymouth Residence Hall. a dryer in the basement laundry room.

At 2:15 p.m., an officer investigated

At 11:26 a.m., an officer documented of drug paraphernalia. He was transported Residence Hall. A secured bicycle was reported stolen.

At 2:46 p.m., an officer investigated a theft at a south side bicycle rack of Murray Residence Hall. A secured bicycle was

At 3:08 p.m., an officer investigated false alarm or report at the Engineering building. The first floor fire pull station was pulled and the building was evacu-

At 5:42 p.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of Ninth Street and Flint Avenue. No injuries were reported.

At 5:45 p.m., an officer investigated a theft at the Carpenter/Wells Complex. A secured bicycle was taken.

At 5:48 p.m., an officer investigated damaged property in the R-14 parking non-student for two outstanding Lubbock other passenger was arrested for possession an undetermined amount of damage to lot. A vehicle's front fender had a dent in it and the owner was unsure when or At 1:38 p.m., an officer investigated where it occurred.

At 2:30 a.m., two officers investigated Chitwood Residence Hall. An employee was accused of stealing food.

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Senate passes bills relating to drunken driving

BY HALIE HARTMAN STAFF WRITER

Two bills aimed at reducing drinking and driving incidents in Texas were approved by the Texas Senate Monday, and will head to the House of Representatives to receive approval before becoming law.

Senate Bill 261 by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, would add four more situations in which a person would be required to take a breathalyzer or blood test if suspected of driving while intoxicated. Under current law, a person only is required to take a breathalyzer or blood test without a court order if they are involved in an accident that results in death or

person to refuse a test if they were driv- analyst and staffer working on the bill. ing with a child in the car, had prior intoxication felony convictions, two DWI the amount of drunken driving incidents Metropolitan Statistical Area's popula-

caused an accident that led to someone cidents," she said. being taken to a hospital.

Capt. Greg Stevens, public information officer for the Lubbock Police Department, said new enforcement measures proposed by this bill would not be too difficult for the police to implement.

"We already have procedures in place for taking mandatory specimens under other circumstances pursuant to existing DWI laws," he said.

Senate Bill 298 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, would give Texas state and local law enforcement agencies the authority El Paso. to establish checkpoints on highways or streets in order to determine if people are driving while intoxicated.

It is a solid bill that would help with The bill would make it illegal for a said Erika Akpan, Sen. Carona's policy

'We believe we will see a decrease in

alcohol-related crash every five hours, Economic Development Alliance, which making the state among the leaders when places Lubbock within the range to be it comes to traffic deaths involving alco- included in the bill. hol, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Akpan said the use of checkpoints would be limited to counties with populations greater than 250,000 or cities greater every year on Lubbock roads, just as in limitations, including Houston, Dallas, the country, and Lubbock police officers Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and make hundreds of DWI arrests each year,

Lubbock County would not be included because as of the U.S. 2000 Census, the population is only about 242,000.

When the 2010 census is done and Texas' problem with intoxicated drivers, if Lubbock County reaches 250,000 or over, then it will be included in this bill,"

Between 2005 and 2007 the Lubbock convictions, or in the situation that they and fatalities due to drunk driving action increased 3.14 percent to 263,045

and growth is expected to continue in the In Texas, someone is killed in an next few years, according to the Lubbock

Stevens said drunken driving is a nationwide problem, from which Lubbock is not exempt.

"Many people are injured and killed than 500,000. Six cities fall between these other cities around the state and around

Locations of checkpoints would be determined by each city or county and restricted to areas where alcohol related incidents commonly occur, Akpan said. But there would be no limits on the time of day that checkpoints could be set up.

Both bills must be approved by the Texas House of Representatives before going to the governor.

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NATO summit draws protests, riots

- Riot police used tear gas and rubber bullets to beat back a crowd of several hundred anti-France, host of the alliance's 60th anniversary summit, readied for the arrival of world leaders.

Police lobbed hundreds of tear gas canisters during clashes between about 40 riot police and some 200 masked protesters in the neighborhood of Neuhoff, in the southern part of the city near the German border.

The masked protesters had been among a crowd of about 800 demonstrators when they broke away and repeatedly pelted officers with rocks and bottles. There were no immediate reports of injuries. Police said a dozen protesters were arrested. At one point, protesters set fire in the

STRASBOURG, France (AP) middle of a street to building materials they had scooped up from a nearby construction site.

By late Thursday, calm had NATO protesters in Strasbourg returned to Strasbourg, but two on Thursday as the city in eastern more full days of planned protests

Tens of thousands of demonstrators have descended on Strasbourg and two southwest German towns to protest the cross-border summit of members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which begins Friday. In Strasbourg, many shops and small businesses have shut down during the summit.

Twenty-eight world leaders will attend the two-day summit, including President Barack Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

In a bid to prevent violence, France has temporarily reinstated border controls with its immediate neighbors for the meeting.

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Thanking Texas Tech football

By PAUL WILLIAMSON DAILY TOREADOR COLUMNIST

would like to thank Michael Crabtree, Graham Harrell and Mike Leach for being money, donors and prestige. such an integral part of my undergraduate education.

And while I'm at it, let me thank Wes Welker, Zach Thomas, Marsha Sharp, Bob Knight, and all past, current and future athletic stars. And the Elite 8. Now each year we see team, would anyone know about images and distracts the student every student at Texas Tech should a mid-major make a magical run Duke? People know about them, population, thus devaluating educa-

ity to support a student body as large top recruits. as it does.

the students, the employees wouldn't uted it all to the basketball program. of Oklahoma, University of Texas paul.w.williamson@ttu.edu

competing school.

Successful athletic programs are a key to increasing enrollment rates,

Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington was just an unknown Jesuit school in the mid-1990s, until etc. are using football to do the a better education for all. 1999 when they had a successful same. And honestly, if Duke didn't by beating some powerhouses like and now they know the academic Why am I doing this? Was Crab- Duke, North Carolina, Kansas, etc. tree my algebra tutor last year? Did But Gonzaga didn't stop there. They Thomas lend me a hand with my kept winning. They are constantly biology studies? No. But without in the Top 25, dominate the West across the nation. High school stu-

Due to this success, Gonzaga Big collegiate sports are absolute- has grown academically. Accordly critical to the ability of institutions ing to the March 30 issue of Sports to provide the best education money Illustrated, "In the last decade, 18 can buy. And yes, in the end, every new buildings have gone up on university is pretty much a business campus, the school has raised \$240 that needs to be profitable in order million, applications are up 143 to provide the services it does. The percent, enrollment has increased students are the paying customers, by 62 percent (to over 7,000), and and the professors are the employees. the average SAT score has gone up searches by students breeds compeother. Without the paying customers, president, Robert Spitzer, has attrib-

ees, the students would just go to a Gonzaga University which draws new recruits, they are competing interest in the school.

prestige the school has.

Sports also diversify the student athletic program. population. It attracts students from when they graduate. They have to decide exactly what they want to do in life and then do some research into what schools provide the best access to that. They do not just look into random schools. They look into a nationally recognized school.

The increased diversity of

have jobs, and without the employ- People get to know that there is a and Texas A&M University for with many universities across the And Gonzaga isn't the only nation. And because this is essenmid-major to take on this formula. tially a business, it forces schools to Xavier is doing the same, as is improve their services to make their Memphis. Schools like Appalachian institution the most desirable op-State, Utah, BYU, Ball State, TCU, tion for new students which fosters

Some argue big time college basketball year and made it into have such an amazing basketball sports increases certain commercial tion in the community and putting a sole emphasis on the success of the

But the reality is this is no longer high school. We are all adults on them, Tech wouldn't have the abil- Coast Conference, and compete for dents have tough decisions to make this campus. You are responsible for you. Tech is not responsible for you. Everyone has an individual responsibility to balance the excitement of a beating of the Longhorns with their school work.

> Education is still the number schools they know about and hear one priority for any educational about. That is where it helps to have institution. Sports are just a facilita-

Williamson is a They are both dependent on the 24 points to 1,176." The university's tition by universities. So instead of sophomore broadcast journalism Tech trying to beat out University major from Crosby. E-mail him at

Tired of Obama in only two months

Derek

tanding before his officers prior to battle, Alexander the Great roused them to action with a speech worthy of note in history. They soon routed their Persian enemies and went on to further annihilate other foes in becoming the most dominant empire of the age.

they - Darius!"

Conservatives: Take confidence in your ideals. Remember the rights of a republican state. Do not allow socialism to omit those things that have caused the success of this nation. Consequences of such oversight would indeed be terrible.

The media rants and pants about AIG trouble, Michelle Obama's toned arms, a global currency, whether the Obama children will get a dog, our celebrity president's appearances on Leno, or the state of his NCAA bracket. While they flounder about these inane items, we conservatives must remain loyal to our principles. We must take heed and remember the documents our founders inscribed.

President Obama is backing legtroops employed by this nation. In order dictatorial government. to save \$540 million, he is proposing to take away insurance for wounded soldiers in private-employ of the government, like the American Legion. He not only spends exorbitantly, but also proposes universal health care while renouncing the same rights for our soldiers. This is, as the commander of the Legion said, unconscionable.

President Obama proposes creating a Civilian National Security Force that is "just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded (as our own military)." Where is allowance made for such a force in our Constitution? More importantly, where in history is there precedent for a free nation making such a commitment?

To be brief, there is no such prec-

In fact, the only countries that fund such a force are inherently oppressive. **nim at derek.cou**

The most crucial words of his mes-Research the Soviet Union, Cuba, Vensage were those proclaiming confidence ezuela, North Korea, Nazi Germany or in leadership: "You have Alexander, Fascist Italy if you have any doubts about where such proclamations lead.

Reviewing the Constitution, the only right I see pertaining to civilian arms is that of the Second Amendment. And that is included to combat such presentations as a "Civilian Security Force."

Again, the hypocrisy of a president who will not fund our own troops, yet proffers such organizations in direct contradiction of our nation's law is blatant. The next steps of such a government are restrictions on gun rights, of dissenting voices and on property. Those are the key cogs of a socialist and Marxist state. Are you paying attention, America?

These policies serve only to further elaborate how foolish and oppressive this administration aims to be! We must not remain silent at this tyranny, the same tyranny Thomas Jefferson spoke of when islation to take medical services from he mentioned silent mouths before a

> Contact your senator, your representatives and your local officials. Alert these figures that you refuse to be burdened by a socialist state. Take exception with the dictates of our president. Remember where your freedoms are elaborated from: the founders who framed our original laws, and the God that gives all men life.

> The dream is the United States will not persist if weighed with socialist senselessness. Never in history have these ideas succeeded. Never have such doctrines been effective. Reminiscent of Alexander, take heed of histories charges. Conservatives: Pay attention to this degradation of our freedom, it must not meet the silent lips and stilled hearts of well-intentioned men and women. We have liberty, they — tyranny!

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Being upset at Facebook's new format is beyond trivial

By TREY IRBY THE CRIMSON WHITE (U. ALABAMA)

most outright depressing periods display of people merely saying scheme of things or even in the of history. If we're not broke, we're wondering if we are getting work days of a social networking site like the intricacies of the best or if any companies will take a that most people did not get on show on television (that being chance on young college gradu- until about 2007 or so is such a "Eastbound and Down," for the ates. The economy still sucks, and piece of the past. it won't get better by the end of 2009. So we, as in college students, of you that currently talk about is that if you outright hate somehave to focus on something to take your pure vitriolic hatred for Fa- thing, like people allege they our minds off of this.

format" and demand that people on what a Cleveland Brown is and According to Alexa.com, 17 per- won't do that, because everyone

e, as in the American as bad, one look at blog.facebook. people as a whole, com at the comments for suggeslive in one of the tions and you will see a continual "change it back," as if the halcyon scheme of discussing trivial things

Now, let's get this straight. All We all love Facebook. Except me. You amaze me in that I, a man format, then leave it. Except no then surely, you can either deal we don't. Or we "hate the new that has at the past had a debate one's apparently left Facebook. with it or just stop going. But you should change the format back to whether or not there are actually cent of all Internet users are using else isn't leaving with you.

on Facebook all over and while the ally felt like I could not give a crap the beginning of 2009. This means past few days haven't been nearly about a menial change in format that all of the people who cried

It does not matter in the grand

cebook's new format, you amaze do about Facebook's change in perience of one patron of the site,

how it used to be. So we post this Bengals in Cincinnati, have actu- Facebook, 4 percent more than at on a Web site that I just carouse that they would leave the dreaded social networking site have not

> I won't go into any crass and unjustified statements about seeking attention, because it's probably not the case, but I don't mind the changes too much. It doesn't ruin the essence of what Facebook is, The theory about these things if anybody can somehow get an essence from the site.

> > And if it doesn't ruin the ex-

forward: Darwinism is a theory.

theory is a proposed explanation whose their political platform. Interesting. status is still conjectural, problematic. phenomena of the world.

with some good explanations, but there have faith in our creator. are many fallacies to his points and the

Braden's article was he used the term allot money for education.

n response to Eric Braden's actually being hypocrites to what they money for education. Ever wonder April 1 column, "Don't mess are trying to prove. Natural selection is where Texas schools get most of their with Darwin," let's get one very formed on the basis that only the strong important truth straight before moving will survive and the weak shall perish. The Lottery, a charitable organization idea of letting the weak perish goes against created to help with the improvement The basic dictionary will tell you a everything the left-leaning weasels use as of Texas.

In math there is a right and wrong and has a sense of faith in religion comes answer, as well as in English and many to one simple truth: God created the great country in return for their diliother subjects. When it comes to sci- Heavens and the Earth in six days and ence, we see theories to explain the on the seventh day, he rested. The six days is not a typical 24-hour day where These theories were conjured by the sun comes up and then soes down men who are trying to prove their life's and then we start the day all over. Each Christians have devoted our lives to work correct. Darwin was a human like of God's days could have lasted months, you and me who may have come up years, to decades and beyond. Yet, we leaning weasels can express yourself

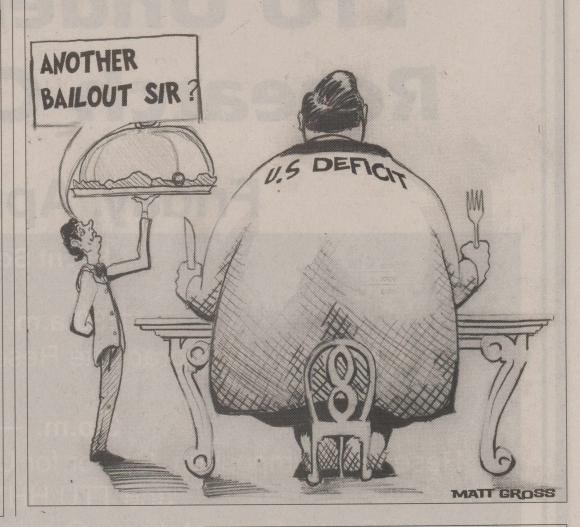
The argument Braden tried to sole basis of his theory of evolution has make deals with separation of church alienable right granted not through major flaws. As students we should and state since schools are government not want to have our ability to ques-funded. Well let me clue you in to one tion theorists taken away, we should very important fact that is irrefutable: be able to refute claims and form our Nowhere in the U.S. Constitution is a law, expressed powers or an amendment prayed for Darwin to help you? God One interesting undertone to that grants the government the power to Bless America!

"left-leaning weasel." Leftists and most Doubt me? Article I Section 8 is the Bradley Madison is a political of the scientific community are trying expressed powers for Congress. Read science and human development to create a social society, Karl Marx it, and you will not find any verbiage and family services major from style. But the left-leaning weasels are which allows Congress the power to allot

funding? It comes from the Texas

Our country was founded by Any person who studies the Bible groups seeking the glory of God, and the Founding Fathers were given a gence so that we, as Americans, can be the light for the rest of the world. Braden says we Christians tamper with your life. Well be thankful we our country so that you confused leftfreely under the freedom of speech.

The freedom of speech is an unthe works of man but through the works of God. Did Darwin turn water into wine, heal a blind man, or have you ever gotten on your knees and



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FRIDAY FITNESS Q&A

During the course of the Fitness Friday columns in The Daily Toreador, I have received a few e-mails regarding training, nutrition, injuries, etc. Although I answer these questions as soon as I receive them, I'd like to write about some of the more frequently asked questions:

· The other weekend I bent my wrist the wrong way wakeboarding. now it hurts anytime I try and work out with it. What can I do, man?

you outside of that is to let it rest. With keep your end goals in mind. any athletic injury, remember RICE (rest, ice, compression, elevation).

• I feel like over the last few years I've added some pounds. I used to be a state swimmer and cross now. I drink a lot and think that's probably contributing. How can I regulate my weight and stay without sacrificing going to the bars?

a woman, with a drink consisting of 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of distilled liquor. By drinking in tizer at the rec? moderation, there are some benefits, but drinking in moderation all the time may be difficult for some college students. How- Have a fitness related quesever, if you frequent bars, I'd be willing to tion? John Miller is an ACE certibet you also spend a lot of time going to fast fied personal trainer at the rec food restaurants afterwards and eating a lot of junk food before you go to sleep.

Doing this is probably the most detri- at john.j.miller@ttu.edu

Education, celebrating 25 years of women's

Calkins, director of Tech's Women's Stud-

and ethics issues," she said, "and when we

studies at Texas Tech.

rights and civil rights.

along to Lubbock often.

of all of those lists."

RIDAY



It didn't hurt that much then, but mental thing you can do for your physical health and well-being. Try to start improving your health by limiting your nights out First and foremost, I'm not a doc- and cutting your late-night eating down. tor and any medical advice should be Working out and good nutrition go hand taken from your primary health care in hand. So, this is going to also become professional. The best advice I can give a self discipline issue. Stay motivated, and

> • I'm getting married in a couple months and I want to look good for my wedding, try and fill out my suit a little, any advice?

Congratulations on your wedding. As country runner in high school but I've said before, if you're looking to bulk get winded running half a mile up, you're going to need to start spending some regular time in the weight room. If you're looking to slim down, you'll need to spend some more time doing cardio. You can check out The Daily Toreador's Moderation with drinking consists online database of previous Friday Fitness of two drinks for a man or one drink for articles to find more in depth information on both those topics.

Is it safe to use the hand sani-

Yes, it is.

Activist to speak at women's studies event

Steinem, a member of the second-fields," Flueckiger said. "She is an icon

wave feminist movement in the 1960s, is of feminism. Hearing what she has to say

best known for her investigative journal- will only help you form your own ideas,

ism detailing her experience working for maybe change your mind or maybe not,

the New York Playboy club, according to but that's our duty at a university — to

a news release. She founded Ms. Magazine interface with this kind of discourse and

"She rocks, really she does," said Laura one, not women or men exclusively.

ies Program. "To hear someone who will be work together on all kinds of issues," she said.

remembered as one of the most important "We may have different perspectives on these

people of the 20th century doesn't come issues, but we must work together on them."

sat down, Gloria Steinem was at the top free and can be obtained at the Escondido

the convention hosted Thursday, said >>> garrett.saizman@ttu.edu

Carol Flueckiger, an art professor Building. Tickets for the general public

"We wanted to bring someone with a Friday in the Lubbock Memorial Civic

the Advancement of Women in Higher voice to learn from.

in 1972 and strives to improve women's test our ideas against it."

very high profile in social justice, gender Center Theater.

who presented research during part of cost \$10.

center and graduate of the U.S. **Army Ranger School. E-mail him**

Calkin said social justice affects every-

"It's about humanity and our ability to

The lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Calkin said tickets for students are

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Theatre box office in the Student Union

Medieval display comes to a close at Tech library

By GARRETT SALZMAN STAFF WRITER

students to see a medieval exhibit of before the items are returned to storage crates and respective owners.

Southwest: Manifestations of the Old World in the New," has been on display in the Southwest Collections Library at Texas Tech since August.

Lynn Whitfield, an archivist for the university, said the exhibit has attracted school children and senior citizens.

"I've led tours from ages 7 to 70," amazing. We've had magazines, newspapers, students from other schools centuries. and at Tech coming through during

Whitfield said the exhibit was designed to showcase the influence of medieval European settlers on the United States and Lubbock today.

"We want students to know that Texas didn't just appear," Whitfield said. "The Spanish roots of this area are evident in our art, religion, music and culture in general. We may be talking about Europe in this exhibit, but it all relates to here in Lubbock."

Bruce Cammack, an associate special collections library," Whitfield said.

brary, said the exhibit provides an identity and unique that we for the cultural heritage of West Texas.

Tech students may not be aware almost a year.' Today is the last opportunity for of the history of the area we're in and also how we're connected with Europe connection to the historical artifacts displayed on campus through hundreds and hundreds of years," he said. "This exhibit proves our history and culture here is important. There is The exhibit, titled "Medieval a fascination with it and something we in front of replicas of should all be proud of."

The exhibit features artifacts such as tion building blue-16th century Italian armor, an 80-pound hymnal and crossbow bolt points left by Coronado's expedition while it traveled through Blanco Canyon. The exhibit also University of Alcala a diverse audience, including Lubbock features music in the style of the Medieval in Spain. period composed by Tech musicians.

The music plays from several dis- ter plan was impleshe said. "The response has really been plays and showcases the work of Tech mented to keep the researchers in regard to the 15th and 16th design consistent and

Whitfield said one of the most interesting artifacts on display was the "Lubbock Dagger," which was discovered in an alley behind a Coca-Cola Co. bottling plant in Lubbock. The dagger has been identified as being of Spanish origin and made from 1500 to 1575. However, it is unclear how the dagger arrived in Lubbock.

Although displays usually are rotated roots." every three to six months, she said the scale of the Medieval Southwest exhibit

"deserved more time to be enjoyed." "We always have exhibits here at the

decided to leave it up

She said the Spanish world is especially apparent at Tech. While standing Tech's Administraprints, she compared the drawings to the blueprints for the

"A campus masto ensure our campus is cohesive," she said. "And the style chosen for that master plan closely mirrors the Spanish style of architecture with the brick, arches and roof

tiles. All of this came from our Spanish to increase the links between Tech and

one of the organizers of the exhibit, said it has brought many of the colleges and departments at Tech together.

"As a university, we're always interlibrarian for the special collections li- "For this exhibit though, it's so valuable" ested in doing things for the community >>> garrett.salzman@ttu.edu

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado A SUIT OF armor sits on display Thursday in the Southwest Collections Library's Medieval Southwest exhibit. The Medieval Southwest exhibit closes

John Howe, a history professor and

the community," he said. "We do a good job of linking with the community with our athletics, but not always with what the different colleges are doing. This has been excellent to put a lot of our work together

Comedian featured on Comedy Central performs at Tech

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

Author, feminist and civil rights ac- she hoped Steinem's lecture would allow Comedian Steve Byrne's perfortivist Gloria Steinem will speak today as students to formulate their own opinions mance was greeted with screams, part of the All-University Conference on while providing them with an experienced laughter and applause Wednesday "In a university setting you are allowed Student Union Building. to bring in the icons of many different

Byrne's stand-up has been featured on Comedy Central, NBC's the Tonight Show, ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live and CBS' The Late Late Show.

Tech's own student comedy troupe, Alternative Fuels, opened the show, which was hosted by the Tech skits and games.

of jeopardy, they involved audience up with corresponding questions.

One member of the audience member of the troupe responded with, "Who is good looking even though he is 150 years old?"

show, Byrne's plane broke down in from Houston, who Byrne randomly Dallas, but that did not stop him from selected from the audience. bringing his act to Tech students.

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he rented a car and drove, arriving a members of Man-tastic. few minutes before his performance was scheduled to begin.

farms," he said about his drive. "There at Tech. night in the Allen Theatre of the were patches where I smelled cat food for 60 miles."

> Byrne's routine jumped from guitar hero humor to sexual jokes to racism and stereotypes.

> said. "My stomach would outweigh my

When the troupe played a game like for the culture it comes from. The end of his show concluded dif-

categories while the performers came he said, which usually end with a "randy material was in good humor." sexual joke."

perform in a boy band. The band, dubbed "Man-tastic," performed their first and only routine for comedian," she said. On his way to Lubbock for the Michelle Novelli, a sophomore art major

"It was hilarious," she said, recalling

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Instead of waiting for another flight, the lap dances she received from the

Novelli said she had never seen any of Byrne's material, and she hopes more "I've never seen so many wind high-energy comedians will perform

"It was definitely an experience I never thought I'd have," Novelli said, "but it was great."

One of the members of Man-tastic shared his brief experience of being a "I don't understand racism," he member of a boy-band, admitting he was not embarrassed at all.

Justin Williams, a sophomore fi-For example, Byrne said if he were nance major from Angleton, said he Activities Board, with improvisation racist toward Mexicans, his like for saw Byrne's routine on Comedy Central chimmy changas would override his dis- and decided he wanted to see a live performance.

members who shouted out topics or ferently than most of his other routines, said. "He had a lot of good stuff. All of his said, and opening for Byrne "worked out

Liz Kociolek, Tech Activities Board This time, Byrne chose six un- nightlife coordinator, said she was not Tech and the environment of a collegeshouted, "Sean Connery," and a suspecting boys from the audience to stressed about Byrne's late arrival and student dominated audience is unique. felt the show went well.

The student group approached the >> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The DT COMEDIAN STEVE BYRNE performs Thursday in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building.

It was great and really fun," Williams activities board about doing a show, she

perfectly." Byrne said he enjoyed performing at

"First of all, there is no liquor," he

"I was so excited to see my favorite said with a laugh. "So, I'm handicapped, but they are a little more vibrant and The show was a great opportunity energetic. There is definitely not a for Alternative Fuels to perform, Ko-morose spirit among a crowd of college students.'

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Red Raiders looking to halt streaking Aggies

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

A pivotal series at home against the conference's top team may be team needs.

home in the month of March, the the year at home. Red Raiders start a three-game series against No. 14 Texas A&M at not save the Red Raiders from a 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. strong-armed Texas A&M (19-9, The second game is scheduled for 6-3) team that started the season 6:30 p.m. Saturday and the final ranked No. 1 in the nation, accordcontest starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"I think for the most part, our guys are a confident and resilient fensive as they were last season," bunch and understand we can Spencer said, "but their pitching beat anybody and anybody can is very, very good. They've got as beat us," Tech coach Dan Spencer much as anybody. It'll be a tough, said. "The good thing about hav- competitive series." ing young guys and youth is they difference playing at home yet, and this season have a combined ERA our older guys have stayed with of 3.34 and last an average of about that (mentality) too."

On the road, Tech (12-18, 4-5 in Big 12 Conference play) is 4-15, having played 11 of the last 12 games away from Dan Law Field.

Tech boasts an 8-3 record at just what the Texas Tech baseball Dan Law Field and its only conference series victory of the season After playing just five games at came against Nebraska earlier in

> But playing well at home will ing to Baseball America.

"I don't think (A&M) is as of-

A&M starting pitchers who haven't figured out things like the have pitched more than 30 innings six innings before A&M coach Rob



PHOTO BY RYAN GARCIA/ New Mexico Daily Lobo

NEW MEXICO'S RUDY Jaramillo pitches to Texas Tech's Michael Reed during the Red Raiders' 8-4 victory Tuesday. Tech begins a three-game series against Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Childress looks to the bullpen. (5-0, 1.80 ERA) taking the mound staff has an ERA of 4.21 and has ERA) starting Saturday and Barheld opposing hitters to a .253 av-ret Loux (1-0, 4.83 ERA) starting erage, while allowing just 138 runs Sunday. through its first 28 games.

Combined, the A&M pitching Friday, Alex Wilson (2-3, 3.41

A&M is not lacking on the the past two seasons. The Aggies have Brooks Raley offensive side either, with four

above .300.

'They're going to challenge the tournament." us," said Tech starter AJ Ramos, who will take the mound Saturday. "We're going to have to play defense, pitch good and be confident at the plate. We have to be we know we can beat them, that's when we win the ballgame."

The Tech-A&M series will be pivotal for both teams as conference play reaches its half-way point. Texas A&M is sitting in first place followed closely by Oklahoma.

The Red Raiders now are in a four-way tie for fifth place. Only the top eight Big 12 teams will make the postseason conference tournament in Oklahoma City. Tech has missed the tournament

"We definitely know where we >>> michael.graham@ttu.edu

batters hitting above .300. How- have to make our hay," Spencer ever, Tech has six players hitting said. "We have to win some (conference) games if we want to get to

Tech will be playing at home for the first time since March 23, when former Tech coach Larry Hays had his No. 27 jersey retired.

The baseball team will be a confident at all positions. Once part of school history again tonight when Tech's Masked Rider, Ashley Hartzog, the 48th Masked Rider, will lead the Tech baseball team onto the field on her horse, Midnight Matador.

> The ride onto Dan Law Field will be the first time in the Masked Rider's 54-year history that the famous mascot leads a Tech athletic team on the field, with exception to the football team.

> The Masked Rider will be available for autographs and photos with Midnight Matador behind the stands on the first base line.

Tech athletes prepare for 4th annual Red Raider Play Day

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

If the Lubbock area children want be accompanied by an adult. to meet their favorite Texas Tech athletes, they'll have the chance relay drills, football and balloon tosses,

to 5 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T and games of "Simon Says". Children Day as well.

The purpose of Red Raider Play Day is to give children the opportunity to spend the day participating in activities with Tech athletes from various sports. Jones AT&T Stadium will provide the space for what is expected to be 500 participants Saturday.

linebacker Brian Duncan, who helps at Dan Law Field. organize Red Raider Play Day. "The word has gotten out. We expect 500. That's our max number we expect. But sometimes we get less, sometimes we get more."

of the Student-Athlete Advisory Raider Play Day. Committee that helps organize the event, said children will have the athletes are in the middle of a season, with the event." chance to use Jones AT&T Stadium it is sometimes difficult to get repre-

as a playground free of charge. The sentation from all teams. event is aimed toward first through

Some of the activities will include pop-a-shot basketball, tug-o-war, also will receive goodie bags.

There will be an autograph session after Red Raider Play Day ends around 5 p.m., but that doesn't mean the activites should conclude, too.

All participants, including parents, in Saturday's Red Raider Play Day gain free admission to the Tech baseball "It has gotten bigger," said Tech game against Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m.

> Along with Tech athletes, the CHAMPS/Life Skills program also is involved in organizing the event.

Angie McKinnell, Life Skills coordinator, said most of the Tech Duncan, who also is a member sports teams will be represented at Red

Although the application and fifth-graders and those children must consent form needed to participate is available at www.texastech.com, McKinnell said parents and children can register at the event Saturday.

Duncan said players such as re-The Fourth Annual Red Raider obstacles courses, and face painting. ceiver Austin Zouzalik, a Lubbock Play Day takes place from 2 p.m. There also will be a fly bouncer castle native, will attend Red Raider Play

> Former Tech cornerback Antonio Huffman started Red Raider Play Day in 2005 when he still was a player and later brought Duncan on board to help with the event.

Huffman said he is proud of the way the event has blossomed into what it is today, and the idea came from the desire to bring all athletes together for a good cause.

"Football would do their thing," he said. "Women's basketball, soccer, they'll go out and do their own outreach community-type deal separately. There wasn't one event where every sport was represented and all the athletes out there at one particular Duncan said considering many time. That's what made me come up

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Softball hosts two-game series with Kansas

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

The name of the game is consistency.

The Texas Tech softball team and Kansas have had their ups and downs this season, but will strive for progress this weekend.

The Red Raiders (12-28, 1-6 their first conference game against Jayhawks (11-20, 1-3) at 2 p.m. Saturday before squaring off at noon Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The Red Raiders are riding a two-game win streak - their fourth multiple-win streak of the season — with their first conference win against Iowa State and the Big 12 against Kansas.

and 23 RBIs. "We want to extend our winning streak to hopefully that we're just going out in prac- play from its senior leaders. tice and trying to build off of what we cut this pass weekend."

bottom two spots of the Big 12, so plate, Watkins has won her last two

this series could breathe life into the team who comes out on top.

The Jaystruggling despite winning

in Big 12 Conference play) start Missouri on Wednesday. The victory a two-game series against the over the Tigers snapped a sevengame losing skid for Kansas.

Kansas coach Tracy Bunge said her Jayhawks have struggled so far but knows they are capable of im-

"Looking at our record, we have been very inconsistent this year," said the 13-year head coach and winningest coach in KU softball a victory against UTSA and will history with 388 victories. "And we "In this conference series, we got from our win against Missouri we're taking it personal this time and take that into the weekend. And around," said Alex Watkins, who obviously we're feeling a little bit leads the team with five home runs better about ourselves, and hopefully we can take care of business."

Tech only has won four of its last four games after Sunday, and to do 10 games but has been receiving solid

Elizabeth Eimen leads the team with a .379 batting average and 44 Tech and Kansas sit in the hits, along with her solid play at the



solid all-around with only one error all season BLEDSOE long. The Red Raiders remain positive though. Shortstop Emily Bledsoe said

needs to be more consistent. "We know what we're doing and what we need to be doing, but now we're becoming more comfortable. with it," she said. "But it's all mental for us. We're coming off some good wins, and we're gonna be fine this

Tech has what it takes to win but

Consistency has been a problem for the Red Raiders but with only try to improve their standings in have been struggling as of late. We're 10 home games all season, a break hoping we can carry the momentum from travel could do wonders for

> "Being at home for more than a week will be priceless," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "We have constantly been on the road, and there is something about sleeping in your own bed that gives you a bit of an advantage. We're looking to extend our streak to four wins, and if the kids continue to hit the ball right and play the game well that will happen."

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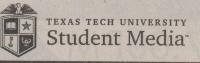
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Nadal upset by del Potro

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — As 6-foot-6 Juan Martin del Potro stood scream that only he heard because the 2-6, 7-5. fans were roaring too.

the top-ranked Nadal 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3) Thursday in the quarterfinals at the Verdasco. Sony Ericsson Open.

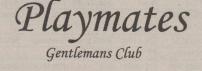
"Wonderful for the crowd," Nadal said. "Terrible for me."

Del Potro had lost all nine sets in their four previous matches, but he was buoyed by a home-court advantage, with many transplanted Argentines in the crowd singing "Del-Po" between points.

Also drawing cheers was 19-year-Rafael Nadal trudged to his chair, old Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who earned a berth in the women's final near the net and unleashed a jubilant by beating Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3,

The No. 6-seeded del Potro's op-The 20-year-old Argentine de- ponent Friday will be the winner of lighted a partisan crowd by upsetting the last quarterfinal between No. 4 Andy Murray and No. 8 Fernando

Del Potro showed patience in long rallies and used his looping forehand to keep Nadal deep as their three-hour match built to a dramatic finish. Nadal was up two breaks in the final set at 3-love, but del Potro climbed back into the match by winning 12 of the next



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Tech tennis battling Big 12 Conference foes Broncos agree to trade

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

Big 12 Conference play for Tech tennis is now in full swing.

The Texas Tech men's tennis team begins its Big 12 schedule this weekend, while the Tech women's tennis team continues conference play.

The No. 32 Red Raiders (11-6) begin play against No. 14 Texas A&M (11-5, 2-0) at 6 p.m. today in College Station and against No. 11 Texas (14-3, 2-0) at 1 p.m. in Austin.

'We know every match in the Big 12 is tough," Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said. "If we play well, we certainly match up well with these teams. They're both two of the Top 15 teams in the nation, but we feel confident that we can win these matches."

In the Red Raiders' first 17 conincluding four in the Top 25. However, Tech has won four of its last five matches with the only loss coming to then-No. 4 Tennessee.

are a combined 22-8 this spring. The spots. The Aggies also have the No. 3 at No. 38. Red Raiders also have played well in doubles duo in the nation as Pollock doubles, winning the doubles point and Krajicek are 13-2 this spring. in nine of their last 10 attempts. As a team, Tech is 29-14 in doubles play.

But the Aggies and Longhorns both and two ranked doubles teams.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreado

tests, they faced 14 ranked opponents, TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Breler and the Red Raiders begin Big 12 Conference play against No. 14 Texas A&M at 6 p.m. today in College Station before facing No. 11 Texas at 1 p.m. Sunday in Austin.

The Longhorns also have a stacked lineup with two ranked singles players

A&M has three players ranked in Dimitar Kutrovsky is 10-5 at the do is go out there and play hard." the Top 60, led by No. 19 Conor Pol- No. 1 spot, and No. 54 Ed Corrie is

lock, who is 8-7 at the No. 1 spot for 14-2 at both the No. 2 and 3 slots. solid play from the No. 54 duo in the Tech has received solid play from A&M. No. 30 Wil Spencer and No. The Longhorns ranked tandems are nation of Samantha van der Drift the top of the lineup, as No. 1 Raony 51 Austin Krajicek are a combined Corrie and Kellen Damico at No. Tech's all -time wins leader — and Carvalho and No. 2 Sinisa Markovic 18-9 splitting time at the No. 2 and 3 30 and Kutrovsky and Josh Zavala Kelsy Garland, who are 12-5 this

> the conference matches," Christian 12 play. Rojmar said. "We have a great team,

This is the last set of home matches >> zane.turner@ttu.edu

of the season for the Lady Raiders.

The No. 63 Lady Raiders (7-10, 2-4) continue their Big 12 schedule against Kansas State (3-9, 0-5) at 3 p.m. today and against Kansas (8-8, 3-3) at 11 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Tech has five more Big 12 contests before the conference tournament begins, so the Lady Raiders' chances to make a push toward the NCAA Tournament are running out.

"We've been playing very good on the first day of these weekend doubleheaders and not giving 100 percent on the second match," Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said. "It's going to be important to keep that rhythm going on the first day, but also carrying that over into the second day."

The Lady Raiders are in a three-way tie for sixth place with Nebraska and Oklahoma State. Two wins this weekend could push Tech into the upper echelon of the Big 12.

The Lady Raiders continue to get spring. In singles, at the No. 2 slot, "I expect us to do great going into Garland is 10-7 overall and 4-2 in Big

"We need to stay mentally tough," this is our year I believe. There are some she said. "Everyone needs to be acvery good teams, and all the matches countable for themselves and win every The No. 14 player in the nation, are going to be real close, but all we can match we can because they all count this time of the season."

Jay Cutler to Chicago

quarterback for the first time in about the trade talks. decades.

Jim McMahon was calling plays relationship.

with two first-round draft picks and a third-rounder.

The Broncos get the Bears' top pick in this year's draft, which is (No. 84 overall). Denver also gave second season as a starter. up a fifth-rounder this year.

home phone had a message asking wasn't returned.

Josh McDaniels soured when 37 interceptions.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) the new 32-year-old coach talked — Jay Cutler got his wish Thurs- to other teams about trading him. day: a ticket out of Denver. And Cutler and his agent didn't think the Chicago Bears have a franchise McDaniels was upfront with them

Two meetings designed to clear The Broncos announced the air only raised Cutler's level of Thursday that they had agreed to distrust. Still, McDaniels insisted trade their disgruntled Pro Bowl over and over that Cutler was his passer to the Bears, who've gone guy and he said at last week's NFL through a bevy of quarterbacks owners meetings that he would do without much success ever since everything he could to repair their

When the rocket-armed but The Broncos will get quarter- thin-skinned passer didn't return back Kyle Orton in return, along the Broncos' phone calls, however, team owner Pat Bowlen said enough was enough. On Tuesday night, he announced he had given his new brain trust of McDaniels and general No. 18 overall, and Chicago's first-manager Brian Xanders the go-ahead round draft pick in 2010 along with to seek a trade for the quarterback a third-round selection this year who made the Pro Bowl in just his

Although Cutler is 17-20 as a Calls to Cutler's agent, Bus starter, he's been victimized by dismal Cook, went unanswered. His office defenses in Denver, and he was an imin Hattiesberg, Miss., was closed pressive 13-1 when the Broncos held because of bad weather and his opponents to 21 points or fewer.

Last year, Cutler threw for a callers to call back later. An e- franchise record 4,526 yards, 25 mail sent by The Associated Press touchdowns and 18 interceptions. In his 37-game career in Denver, Cutler asked for a trade last he completed 62.5 percent of his month after his relationship with passes for 9,024 yards, 54 TDs and

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Three tips for fantasy baseball

I love fantasy baseball. It is a great way to kill time in class or at work, and it gives you something to look at every time you open your Internet

I play in a head-to-head points league a head-to-head 5X5 league, a standard roto league, straight pointsbased league, and even a couple of if you are lucky. salary cap leagues.

It is a borderline addiction.

But maybe something positive can come out of the countless hours I have spent doing mock drafts and

Maybe I can share some of the knowledge and strategies gained with you. If you think fantasy baseball is for losers, then you should stop reading now (actually, you probably should have stopped after the first sentence), round out your starting staff. but if you are sticking with me, then should know.

Rule No. 1: Draft Strategy

Do not draft a pitcher before the seventh round, and you can wait a few rounds longer if you'd like. Pitching is such a deep position while other positions are extremely shallow. Plus, you still might be able to get an ace of a Felix Hernandez or Francisco Liriano, else.

If you do not mind taking a chance, then you can wait and go for the previously injured Milwaukee the days worth of time lost over the get an ace somewhere in the first 10 on the bench for a start or two can third, stay away from David Wright last couple years managing all these rounds, target another solid starter really hurt you in the standings. who plays for a good team and will win games (Ted Lilly or Matt Garza each position for example) or a big strikeout guy middle of the draft.

Guys like Andy Sonnanstine, Parra are not even being drafted in at that position. If you miss out, grab most leagues. In daily leagues where you are streaming starters, all of these guys are playable options. Which brings me to my next point.

starter early in the seventh round like managing your team than anyone

50 percent knowledge and 50 percent Martinez.

more likely you are to win. In daily leagues (leagues where your lineup can be adjusted day-to-day as opposed to once a week), make sure you set your lineup each and every day.

Brewers ace, Yovani Gallardo (aka with an off day in your lineup, and

Then use your last five picks to players at each position, and have a the ninth round. backup plan for each position.

five rounds, and guys like Bronson Ar- or Jimmy Rollins because after them, at third. royo, Wandy Rodriguez and Manny there is a steep drop off in production someone like Michael Young or Troy Tulowitzki later on down the line.

Russell Martin or Geovany Soto your league. Rule No. 2: Spend more time around the sixth or seventh round if you can. If not, Chris Iannetta and Ryan Doumit also are viable options. brett.talley@ttu.edu.

Being good at fantasy baseball is By the way, you should pass on Victor

If all five guys fall through the The more time you spend trolling cracks, grab Matt Weiters and a the waiver wire, researching splits and veteran backstop who can hold you monitoring pitching matchups, the over until the rookie phenom gets called up.

At second base, go for Utley in the second round if he falls out of the first, or Ian Kinsler in the third, again, if he makes it that far. If not, You cannot afford to have guys .steer clear of Dustin Pedroia and go for Jose Lopez in the 14th or Mark YoGa) as late as the 10th round. So accidentally leaving your best starter DeRosa in the 15th. And finally, at simply because you need to grab one Rule No. 3: Have a plan for of the three shortstops in the first round. Try to get Evan Longoria You need to know which positions in the third, Kevin Youkilis in the (Javier Vasquez) somewhere in the are shallow (C, 2B, SS, and even 3B, fourth, or Aramis Ramirez in the fifth.

Do not get caught with your pants For example, at shortstop you down at third base by missing out on here are the three fantasy baseball tips Andy Pettitte, Joe Saunders and have to get one of the three first round these options, but don't take a flier (emphasis on the draft) I think you Gavin Floyd are going in those last guys in Hanley Ramirez, Jose Reyes on Alex Rodriguez being your answer

I could go on for another 2,500 words about this stuff, but this is not the Internet. So go online (ESPN is récommended), take what you hope-At catcher, grab Brian McCann, fully have learned, and dominate

■ Talley is a senior marketing major from Odessa. E-mail him at

Track has dissapointing first day at Texas Relays

By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

AUSTIN — The Texas Tech track team's first action in the Texas Relays this year did not go as planned.

The Red Raiders saw their first competition in the 82nd annual Thursday in Austin.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said final turn. he usually does not like to be negative on the first day of a competition, but it was disappointing the way his team performed.

is Texas Relays, this is not TCU (Invitational)," Kittley said. You've got to get after it."

the competition was the women's relay. hammer throw.

Junior Ozie Okolie, who set a school record 207-foot, 3-inch mark at this event last year could not repeat her performance this time around.

Okolie took fifth in a tal-Stevi Large and Virginia Tech's, the race in second place. Dorotea Habazin, with a throw of 192'-04".

Up next for Tech was Sandra Iwunze in the 400-meter hurdle preliminaries.

Iwunze finished well ahead of the group in her heat but her 1-minute, 1.51-second time was day. not good enough to make the

Kittley said she let up at the end after realizing she had first in her heat.

'She didn't get after it," he said. "She just was kind of running relaxed and didn't make the finals. Hopefully she learned something from today. You can't

Mason was next, competing in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

Mason led the pack entering the final 100-yard stretch but clipped two hurdles and finished second in

His 53.8-second time did not qualify him for the finals.

Continuing Tech's troubles in the 400-meter hurdles, Brandon Tucker was in second and closing Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays on Stanford's Amaechi Morton but hit a hurdle coming around the

> After picking himself up, he finished the race in seventh.

Kittley said running into the 30-mile-per-hour wind in the home "We just didn't realize this stretch most probably caused the

The lone bright spot the day for the Red Raiders came in their final The Red Raiders first event of event — the women's 4 x 800-meter

The team, consisting of Asia Diaz, Shannon Jackson, Kearci Jobe and Gladys Kipsang, led the race for the first two legs. Jobe was passed in the third leg by LSU's Brittany Hall. In the final leg, Kipsang managed to gain a little ground on LSU's LaTaented field, including Akron's via Thomas, but eventually finished

> The 8-minute, 52.46-second time also was a school record for

> The event, which began Wednesday, kicked off with the multiple events and distance runs, but Tech did not compete the first

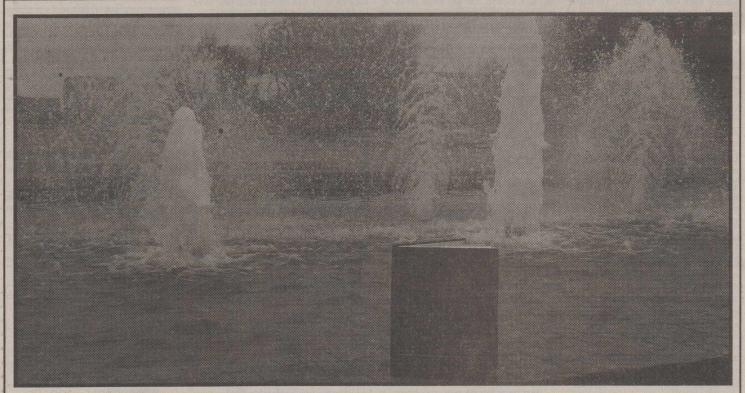
> Tech athletes were unavailable for comment Thursday.

The Red Raiders pick up action again today at 9:30 a.m. for the first full day of competition.

Kittley said he believes the team's main problem Thursday was a lack of focus, but that should change soon enough.

"We'll have a team meeting todo that, you've got to come ready night, and I assure you we're going to realize this is serious business," he Freshman standout Jamele said. "I really hope and I am expecting a lot better day (today)."

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emerge from bankruptcy, which career. Vick, who left a federal prison coaches.

— An agent for suspended NFL was in court for the first time in the case.

To return to a team, Vick still must the ex-Atlanta Falcons quarter- apply to NFL Commissioner Roger back could return to the league by Goodell to be reinstated. He hasn't vet done so, Seg Joel Segal testified as part of to finish his 23-month sentence for a hearing to assess Vick's plan to bankrolling a dogfighting operation.

He will return to his family and was designed with the goal of Vick community, and when he is ready, start returning to a professional football working with strength and quarterback

