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STATE

Senate passes bill to help clean appliance, car buys

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate approved a sweeping clean-air bill Wednesday that would give Texans rebates when buying energy-efficient appliances and plug-in hybrid cars.

The legislation, which passed on a preliminary vote of 22-9, also would set higher standards for efficiency in building codes and provide financial incentives for emissions-reducing technologies and the use of clean

The bill, which faces more hurdles before becoming law, would use over \$300 million from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, funded by vehicle title transfer fees, officials said.

NATION

Congress to look at gay marriage after DC vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next battleground over gay marriage could be the U.S. Capitol.

A preliminary vote by the District of Columbia city council to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere puts the issue on a path to Congress, which has final say over D.C.'s laws. That may force lawmakers to take up the politically dicey debate after years of letting it play out in the

"Let's be clear, this is a new era," openly gay D.C. Council member David Catania said Wednesday, expressing optimism that the city's law would clear Congress after a final council vote in May.

WORLD

Suspected US missile kills 3 in Northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A suspected U.S. missile struck a car in a lawless northwest Pakistani tribal region Wednesday, intelligence officials said, killing two insurgents and a civilian a day after the country again told visiting U.S. officials it opposes such attacks.

The strike was a less-than-subtle hint that the Obama administration won't give up a Bush-era tactic that Washington says has killed a string of al-Qaida operatives along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, even if it strains already-shaky relations with Islamabad.

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U.S. military deaths in

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Tech announces \$2 million for fellowships

By JON VANDERLAAN NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech officials announced the dedication of \$2 million to a Doctoral Fellowship Initiative increase the number of doctoral students at Tech.

According to a news release from the university, the fellowships will go to doctoral students in Fall 2009, and each fellowship totals \$25,000. The colleges must sign a four-year contract with students, which states the college must fund the student for each year, including after the initial \$2 million of fund-

the funding will create spots for about sources, said his 100 more graduate students, which college already ultimately will help the university reach the \$100 million goal in research funding, as well.

According to the release, the fellowship offer. Wednesday, which is intended to fellows in the program also will be required to apply for individual, na- is a very stratetionally-competitive fellowships at gic and very wise least once during the first two years of move to increase doctoral study.

The colleges that initially will garner more focus from the initiative will be the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the College of Engineering, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School, according to the news release.

has identified the 13 students who will receive the

"I think this

the doctoral students at Tech," he said. "It has been done at other universities and it has worked."

The 13 students who will be offered the fellowship initially were accepted into the college's doctoral program, Burns said, but it does not bring students to the university if it

those students.

He also said each of the 13 students have the possibility to move to another the college.

The program will help the university gain doctoral students because one of the most difficult parts of the process is attracting the students to the university, Burns said. Because this program does not require them to teach and will allow them to focus on their studies, it is more attractive to students.

The students in most cases also will state formula funding to the university, John Burns, dean of the College of cannot support the students. The he said, which will more than make Tech President Guy Bailey said Agricultural Sciences and Natural Reprogram allows the college to support up for the money used for the new

initiative.

Tech Provost Robert Smith said along with the initial \$25,000 fellowsource of funding by next school year, ship money, the college will sign a which would free up the money for contract with the graduate students, other doctoral candidates to come into guaranteeing students four years of funding.

Colleges should use judgement and think about the needs of students when signing the doctoral candidates for fellowships, he said. Depending on how many students receive fellowships, the colleges may not be able to fund the students for more than one year through the initiative, which may pose a problem for departments bring in about \$26,000 to \$27,000 in that have a more difficult time finding

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Secondary undergoing facelift after last year's departures

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

During one of Texas Tech's practices this spring, receiver Ed Britton was slashing through the secondary, and just as he was securing a crisp pass from quarterback Taylor Potts — he got absolutely trucked.

Britton fell to the ground, the ball flew in the air and safety Cody Davis - who laid the hit — made the interception and sprinted downfield.

It was a remember-his-name moment for spectators watching the practice.

"That's what I try and do," said Davis, a 6-foot-2, 205-pound redshirt freshman from Stephenville. "I think that's an up-andcoming staple of my game, I guess, just trying to make a loud hit and come downhill."

That was one of Davis' big hits on the day, and his first-team partner, safety Franklin Mitchem, has turned in some haymakers this spring as well.

Tech will need more of those plays if it plans to adequately replace the loss of dynamic duo Daniel Charbonnet and Darcel McBath, who were both seniors last

12 interceptions and three touchdowns in 2008, but while statistics are a visible part far," Davis said, "is just communicating all of the game and worthy of noting — the the way through and making the changes chemistry and communication from the in the defense whenever the offense motandem will be sorely missed.

"That's probably been the hard thing so



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH REDSHIRT freshman safety Cody Davis works on his hands during Wednesday's practice at the practice facility across from Jones AT&T Stadium. Davis is one McBath and Charbonnet combined for of several safeties expected to fill the void left by Darcel McBath and Daniel Charbonnet.

tions or something like that."

This is where the expertise of safeties

coach Carlos Mainord, a veteran of 40 years, comes in. His next task is to rebuild a deple-ted secondary that also lost its career. second stringers.

The first step?

Ease these talented, young safeties into their new starting roles and try to get all the safeties, including Jared Flannel, Brett Dewhurst and recently converted linebacker Julius Howard acclimated to their defensive assignments.

"We're just having to make a little more calls on our own," senior linebacker Marlon Williams said. "Having to help them get the checks, but they're just growing up, maturing real fast and they're making a lot of plays."

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin Mc-Neill said he doesn't worry about the progress of the safeties because he knows they're in good hands, not only with Mainord, but by facing a potent, popular Big 12 Conference offense every practice.

"(Mainord's) done well everywhere he's been, from college to pros and back to college," McNeill said. "So they're being coached by one of the best. (The safeties) face a top offense in the country every day passing-wise, and total offense-wise, so anything that they'll see in the fall, they will have no doubt have seen in the spring from our offense."

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Mitchem had a solid year on special teams last season and finished the campaign with 15 total tackles and two forced fumbles in 12 games. In 2007, he broke his ankle and sat out the campaign, adding some adversity to his young Tech

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HSC hires 101 new researchers in year and a half

By KENDYL SEBESTA STAFF WRITER

obtain Research Intensive Univer- and experiences."

sity status. faculty members hired by the Health Grant Program. Sciences Center in the last year and

and National Institutes of Health he said. "This inrecognition.

"One of the major missions of the The Texas Tech Health Sciences Health Sciences Center is research," Center will add additional research- Baldwin said. "We can't be at the ers to its pharmacology department forefront unless we conduct effective this July as part of an increased effort research, and more importantly we to advance research, increase state want to give students the opportunity and federal funding, and attempt to to experience different research areas

Baldwin said Henderson has ex-Dr. John Baldwin, president of tended experience in research relating the Tech Health Sciences Center, to the biology of substance abuse and said Dr. George Henderson will addiction and holds four NIH grants become one of 101 new research at the RO1 level, or Research Project

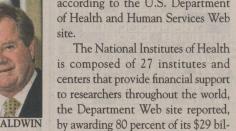
"Dr. Henderson is actually quite a half from institutions such as Johns impressive in that he has very exten-Hopkins University and Harvard sive experience in his research area University for their experience and holds four NIH grants or RO1s,"

dicates that he is conducting the highest quality of research pos-According to

the University of Texas Health Science Center Web

site, Henderson works as a professor of medicine and pharmacology at the University of Texas in San Antonio and has a doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University.

The National Institutes of Health is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research,



BALDWIN

competitive grants to researchers and universities globally.

Center has hired only those researchers who have received NIH funding based on their use of competitive and peer-reviewed research or who have shown a high probability of receiving researchers as of late," Baldwin said.

lion annual contributions in 50,000

The National Institutes of Health

"From 2007 to 2008 we saw 48

according to the U.S. Department percent (increase in hired researchers) with NIH funding," he said. "Our research expenditures currently are \$27 million. When I say research expendiis composed of 27 institutes and tures, I'm talking about funding that centers that provide financial support is awarded on a competitive basis. So right now it looks like we are on track with the goal I set to reach \$100,000 in five years."

Baldwin said in addition to NIH funding, the Health Sciences Center also is recruiting researchers based on Baldwin said the Health Sciences the current strengths of the Health Sciences Center and its existing research.

"I believe Membrane Protein Research has hired at least a dozen or so

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Alcohol sales PACs discuss economy, social problems

By HALIE HARTMAN STAFF WRITER

The debate between two political action committees, the Truth About necessarily be recognizable." Alcohol Sales and Lubbock County draws closer.

The Truth About Alcohol Sales recently sent out a promotional mailer picturing a convenience store in Wolfforth selling alcohol near a residential neighborhood.

Melissa Pierce, chairwoman and treasurer of Lubbock County Wins, said the Truth About Alcohol Sales manipulated the picture on the mailer by putting the word "liquor" on the sign in front of the store when the sign actually says "Danny's."

picture, the Truth About Alcohol Sales is misleading the public because liquor is according to the law it cannot be sold in from a value of \$37,587 to \$55,736. convenience or grocery stores.

Truth About Alcohol Sales PAC, said the picture is legitimate and the name of the store was replaced out of courtesy.

to the owner of that convenience store," spoke about the results of a study he he said. "We took the name off and even conducted, which looked at how Lubchanged the color so that it would not bock's economy would be affected if the

Replacing the store name with the Wins, is heating up as the voting day word "liquor" was legitimate because passing these propositions would be a the election includes packaged liquor very positive thing to do for the comsales, not just the sale of beer and wine, munity," he said. O'Hair said.

"On one side you have a commercially zoned property, right across the street is receipts would generate an additional residential zoning, and common sense dictates that those houses immediately across \$157.3 million in annual output. the street will be negatively impacted in value and other quality of life issues by the presence of that store," he said.

Lubbock County Wins said although the mailer and Truth About Alcohol Sales officials claim property values will Pierce said by putting the word in the decline, the value of the house pictured

not going to be sold in neighborhoods and Appraisal District, the house has gone Lubbock County Wins also argued the

Brant O'Hair, co-chairman of the sale of alcohol would positively impact

In a press conference Tuesday for time getting alcohol in Lubbock." Lubbock County Wins, Ray Perryman, an

"We took the name off as a courtesy economist from The Perryman Group, vote on alcohol sales passed.

"From an economic perspective

The study reports that gains in the Lubbock area business activity and tax \$251.6 million in annual spending and

O'Hair said the social problems associated with alcohol outweigh the economic benefits, and along with the increase in spending and output, taxpayers will pay more tax dollars in the costs for enforcement, cleanup and repairs associated with alcohol use.

"I am aware that there are social According to the Lubbock County problems with alcohol, there is no question about that, excessive use of it being the case," Perryman said. "The bottom line is the social cost is already being paid, because I don't think there is anyone that thinks that you have a hard

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US to attend group nuclear talks with Iran

The Obama administration said an axis of evil. Wednesday it will participate

WASHINGTON (AP) - toward a nation he labeled part of Security Council and Germany

directly in group talks with Iran the United States would be at Bush administration had genover its suspect nuclear program, the table "from now on" when erally shunned such meetings, another significant shift from senior diplomats from the five although it attended one last President George W. Bush's policy permanent members of the U.N. year.

meet with Iranian officials to The State Department said discuss the nuclear issue. The

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However, most departments should not have trouble finding such funding for the doctoral students, Smith said.

for research enterprise, he said, and will variety of other possibilities to bring help with research because it allows stuggraduate students to Tech, including dents to have one year to devote to studies outreach and distance education possi-

following years. In addition to the initiative, Smith in forensic sciences.

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The program provides a base support said, the university is looking at a so they can focus more on research in the bilities for master's and doctoral degrees and increasing the numbers of students

> Arindam Mazumdar, the vice president for graduate and professional affairs with the Student Government Association, said the initiative will help students and help Tech recruit top graduate students.

Mazumdar also said the initiative will have a constant effect on enrollment because more students will consider Tech.

The way the initiative is configured also allows for doctoral students to focus more on studies and research, he said. It also will allow the research adviser to apply more money to research because previously they would have applied the money from their personal research for a teaching assistant.

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CAMPUS NEWS FLASH

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

• Texas Tech has added a degree specialization in viticulture and enology, the study of grapes and wine, because of a growing need in wine production and retail. The college also will introduce courses in winemaking, viticulture and wine tourism in the fall, and will expand to winery business planning, wine marketing and vineyard management by 2010.

College of Engineering

• Patrick Helfer, an electrical/electronics option program student in the Department of Engineering Technology, was selected as the Outstanding Student for Spring 2009. The selection was made by the Industrial Advisory Board for Engineering Technology.

College of Human Sciences

 The college will host TechStyle, a silent auction and fashion show featuring senior student design portfolios, at 5:30 p.m. April 22 in the Lubbock Memorial Center Theater. The work of 29 apparel design and manufacturing students and 34 interior design students will be featured at the show and auction.

Miscellaneous

- According to a TechAnnounce release, the 2008-2009 University Catalog requires students submit in writing a request to be excused for a religious holiday to an instructor prior to that day. A student may be excused for an absence for this reason without penalty.
- The university still is looking for staff members for the leisure pool, and the last meeting for information about instructor and guard positions is at 5 p.m. April 16 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Room 201.
- One of the most recent attempts to gain remote access to computers has been detected by the Tech IT Division. The code is hidden in a PowerPoint file, sent as an e-mail attachment, and modifies the computer so hackers can grant remote access. For more information, contact IT Help Central at 806-742-4357 or via e-mail at
- In a program sponsored by Tech, more than a dozen full-time employees from the University Student Housing department, Hospitality department and recreational sports department are working to earn GEDs. The classes began Jan. 13 and prepare employees to pass the GED test for free.

HSC Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

 Pharmacology and Neuroscience Graduate Student Ashujit Tagde will host a student seminar at 1 p.m. April 14 in Health Sciences Center Room 5AB100. The seminar will discuss the optimization of high alcohol consumption in a mouse model and the use of gas chromatography to determine Blood Ethanol Concentration. The seminar is open to all interested students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, with additional student seminars taking place throughout the remainder of the semester.

Health Sciences Center

- Health Sciences Center President Dr. John Baldwin will host a forum on international health at noon April 15 in Academic Classroom Building Room 120. Guest speaker Timothy R. Huerta will discuss Visions of the Future: Health Care in the Obama Era, with additional discussions occurring at the Health Sciences Center El Paso, Abilene, Amarrillo and Odessa locations. Any interested individuals are invited to attend, and a free lunch will be provided to the first 35 attendees of the Lubbock forum by the Texas Tech Federal
- Demolition of Health Sciences Center 5B148 Lecture Hall will begin in mid-April and will last about two months. Significant noise and debris can be expected after normal working hours and on weekends. The affected areas will include Health Sciences Center Rooms 5B144, 5B145, 5B146, 5B147, 5B147A, 5B148A, 5B148B, 5B150, 5B150A, 5B151, 5B152, 5B152A and adjacent areas that may experience some disruption during the construction period
- The financial group ING will host a seminar discussing smart financial decisions in the current economic climate from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 14 in Academic Classroom Building Room 220. The seminar is open to all Health Sciences Center employees participating in TRS, ORP or Tax Sheltered Annuity programs. No reservation is required, and additional retirement programs from similar vendors are expected to be announced at a later date.
- Healthy research volunteers are needed at the Health Sciences Center for a project regarding the Identification of heritage-related genetic determinants of cardiovascular diseases in Mexican-Americans and Caucasians. To set up an appointment, or for more information, contact Chris Scott-Johnson at 806-743-4222 ext. 313.

The Center for International and Multicultural Affairs

• The Center for International and Multicultural Affairs will show the film "The Power of Forgiveness" at noon April 14 in the Academic Classroom Building Room 250. The film was awarded Best Documentary at the Sun Valley Spiritual Film Fesitval in 2007 and examines the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals under a variety of conditions. The film is part of an ongoing monthly film series provided by the Center for International and Multicultural Affairs and is open to all staff, faculty and students.

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

• Dr. Teresa Woodruff, director of the Institute for Women's Health at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, will host Pushing the Boundaries of Women's Health Research at noon April 15 at the Health Sciences Center. The presentation will be Techlinked to the Amarillo campus Health Sciences Center Room 4713, the El Paso campus Health Sciences Center Room 212 and the Permian Basin Health Sciences Center Room 2C91. Lunch will be provided in Lubbock and Amarillio upon RSVP via e-mail to the campus contact, which

School of Medicine

• The School of Medicine Student National Medical Association will host a banquet at 7:30 p.m. April 17 in the University Medical Center McInturff Conference Center. Tickets for the event may be purchased at \$20 for students and \$40 for faculty, a table may be sponsored or a donation may be made with proceeds benefiting student scholarships. Cocktail attire is recommended.

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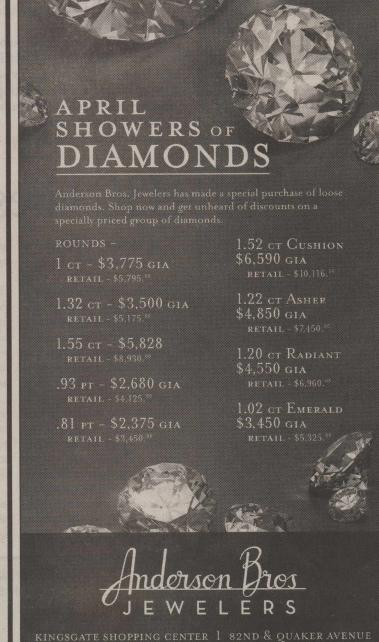
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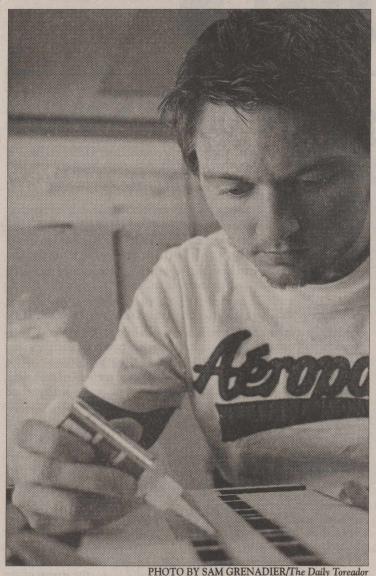
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Final decisions on survey, categories and winning entries will be made by The DT.



SCALED DOWN



NATHAN MOELLER, A graduate architecture student from San Angelo, works on a model for his project "The Life Cycle of a School" Monday in the Architecture building.

POLICE BLOTTER

Leak causes flood in Health Sciences Center

A backpack and its contents were intoxication. taken from the back passenger seat. There were no signs of forced

unknown object.

tigated an accident that occurred County Jail. in the C-1 north parking lot. No injuries were reported.

ing lot of the Texas Tech Health text messages. Sciences Center. No injuries were

injuries were reported.

At 7:36 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-4 parking lot. An unknown person or persons keyed a vehicle that was Garage. legally parked.

April 4

tained a white female student in the Stangel/Murdough Residence

Hall lobby for public intoxication. gated a hit-and-run accident in the to a disturbance at the International At 7:51 a.m., an officer investi- The student was released to a respon- Z-6A parking lot. No injuries were Pain Clinic. A non-student was using gated burglary of a vehicle, which sible party and was released pend-reported. occurred in the Z-5A parking lot. ing the filing of charges for public

At 1:55 a.m., two officers arrested a student for driving while intoxicated in the 2500 block of At 10:00 a.m., an officer inves- 22nd Street following an observed Flint Avenue Parking Garage. also arrested another student who reported. A vehicle was damaged with an was the passenger of the vehicle for public intoxication. Both students

At 3:05 a.m., an officer investigated harassment in Gates Residence At 2:44 p.m., an officer investi- Hall. A non-student suspect sent gated an accident in the B-2 park- numerous unwanted phone calls and mented damage to a Tech vehicle

vestigated a hit-and-run accident Residence Hall. A student told the the required information. near the Tech Physicians Medical officer he lost his wallet and has Pavilion front entrance area. No suspicions that someone may have taken it.

> tigated criminal mischief to a ve- miscellaneous change was taken from water damage hicle in the Flint Avenue Parking a secured room.

At 1:40 a.m., an officer de- ert H. Ewalt Student Recreation No injuries were reported.

At 7:18 p.m., an officer investi-

At 8:49 p.m., an officer cited and released a student for possession of alcohol by a minor in a room of Weymouth Residence Hall.

At 10:31 p.m., an officer investigated a traffic accident that occurred tigated criminal mischief, which traffic violation in the 1700 block in the intersection of 10th Street and

At 1:00 a.m., an officer investi-At 12:25 p.m., an officer inves- were transported to the Lubbock gated criminal mischief in the Z4-P parking lot. An unknown person scratched the driver side door and the right front quarter of a vehicle.

At 9:41 a.m., an officer docu-At 2:58 p.m., an officer docu- legally parked vehicle was struck by mented information concerning a an unknown vehicle operated by an ing controlled subscription pads was At 5:30 p.m., an officer in- lost wallet from a room in Weymouth unknown driver, who failed to leave taken.

April 6

At 4:17 p.m., an officer inves- Sciences Center. About \$20.00 in and caused an unknown amount of

At 3:00 p.m., an officer investi-

April 7 At 9:51 a.m., an officer responded >>> steven.schwartz@ttu.edu

profane and abusive language toward the clinic staff. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning and a Lubbock County Citation for disorderly conduct. The non-student was released pending the filing of charges and was escorted from the clinic.

At 10:33 a.m., an officer inoccurred on the first floor of the of University Avenue. The officers Knoxville Avenue. No injuries were vestigated theft in the Chemistry building. A Hewlett-Packard Co. laptop was reported stolen from and unsecured filing cabinet in the unsecured room.

At 2:35 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-2B parking lot. A vehicle was scratched with an unknown object.

At 3:07 p.m., an officer investiat an off-campus location. The gated theft at the Health Sciences Center. An unsecured bag contain-

At 6:30 p.m., an officer documented a water leak in a pod at the At 9:06 a.m., an officer inves- Health Science Center. The leak tigated a burglary at the Health came from a water pipe in the ceiling

April 8

At 1:34 a.m., an officer inves-At 5:17 p.m., an officer investigated an accident at the intersection tigated criminal mischief in the gated theft of a wallet at the Rob- of Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue. Z-6B parking lot. The windows on a student's vehicle were shattered and the tires were flattened.

Obama looking at cooling air to fight warming

chill runaway global warming a radical idea once dismissed out being confirmed last month. of hand — is being discussed by the White House as a potential nology to purposely cool the as a last resort, Holdren said. emergency option, the presi- climate is called geoengineering.

That's because global warm- winning scientist includes shoot- table."

WASHINGTON (AP) — ing is happening so rapidly, John ing pollution particles into the Tinkering with Earth's climate to Holdren told The Associated upper atmosphere to reflect the Press in his first interview since sun's rays.

Using such an experimental The concept of using tech- measure is only being thought of

"It's got to be looked at," he dent's new science adviser said. One option raised by Holdren said. "We don't have the luxury and proposed by a Nobel Prize- ... of ruling any approach off the

Border deaths up despite apparent dip in crossings

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Illegal 31, 2009, though apprehensions of result of more agents, more fencing percent drop in arrests by the Border from a year ago, the patrol said. Patrol, according to patrol statistics.

der increased by nearly 7 percent Mexico border. between Oct. 1, 2008, and March

immigrant deaths along the U.S.- people crossing illegally from Mexico and more equipment" the Rev. Robin Mexico border have risen in the into Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Hoover, founder of the Tucson-based past six months despite a nearly 25 California decreased in the same period

Migrant rights groups said the The number of migrant deaths number of deaths directly correlated to along the roughly 2,000-mile bor- increased enforcement along the U.S.-

The rise in deaths was "the direct deaths."

Humane Borders, which provides water stations for migrants crossing the southern Arizona desert, said Tuesday. "The migrants are walking in more treacherous terrain for longer periods of time, and you should expect more

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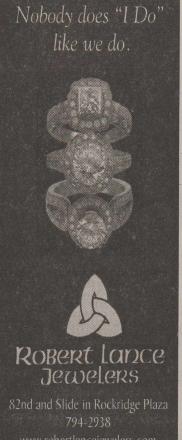
"They look at the transport of materials across cell membranes, which contributes to very important drug research in areas like cancer," he said. "So, we are looking at all areas in the hiring process."

Dr. Douglas Stocco, executive Tech Health Sciences Center, said six new researchers also have been added to the Department of Physiology, three to the Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry, one to the Department of Internal Medicine, and two to the Health Sciences Center in El Paso, in addition to the appointment of Hen-

derson and his colleagues. "Over the past several years, research funding has been flat in terms of the NIH," Stocco said. "But now as we are trying to increase our funding might be getting better. We would like to add faculty who are more senior in their research careers and have demonstrated a history of obtaining extramural funds for several cycles."

Stocco said the Health Sciences Center is working to increase research in both the basic and clinical aspects of research, with progress being made in both areas. 'We have separate groups here

in four different schools on eight campuses," he said. "The clinical Nobody does "I Do"



faculty is extremely busy with their yield a better product." clinical work loads, and it is more faculty in the basic sciences have because they don't have that clini-

proven track records in research in

proven track records they will help us form the critical mass that will be instrumental in furthering our research goals," Stocco said. "Having this critical mass makes it easier research profile, and it appears that the strengths and weaknesses of for Lubbock and the Health Sci-rigorous research." their approaches to research, and ences Center.

difficult for them to find the time at the Health Sciences Center are to perform research and obtain paid through both state grants and funding for it. In comparison, those the Health Sciences Center, he said, good individuals to have around, more time to devote to research hired by the Center are funded.

The Health Sciences Center hires and in part because they were funding for TTUHSC. vice president for research at the began hiring groups of people with virtually all funded," Stocco said, "In order for a university to reach 2006 to provide a critical mass of tier-one status, they should have year in total research expenditures researchers who will support areas approximately \$100 million in while the Health Sciences Center of interest at the Health Sciences research expenditures per year, and to get there we must invest more 'We believe that by hiring indimoney into research and researchviduals or groups of researchers with ers. At the HSC we are currently performing large scale renovations on the fourth and fifth floors to create more laboratory space for the additional researchers."

"We would like to continuously Those employed as researchers get better at the HSC because it's great for Lubbock and it is great for the state," he said. "These are while almost all the new researchers since they are going to contribute significantly to the community in "We hired these researchers many ways and they will generate in part because they are excellent increased state funding and federal

Stocco said the Tech campus produces about \$26 million in research expenditures annually.

"It would be important to obtain tier-one status as there is certain to be an infusion of state resources into those universities so designated," he said. "The actual amount of money that will be forthcoming is Stocco said reaching tier-one unknown, but it is certain to be sigfor groups of researchers to discuss university status also would create nificant and it will undoubtedly be areas of mutual interest, point out a large financial multiplier effect used to advance knowledge through

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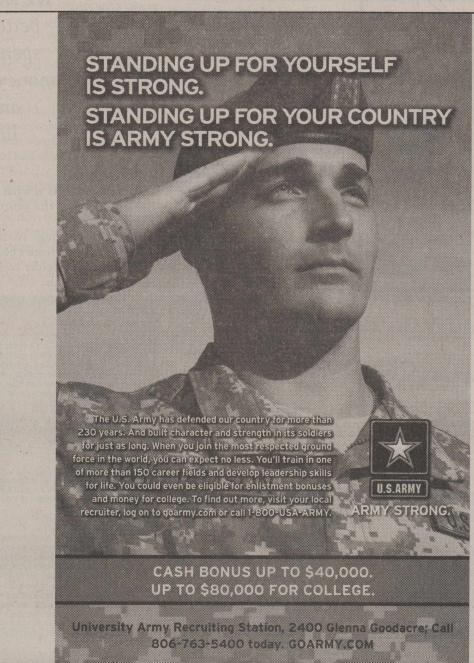
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Armed forces put gay rights on back burner

resident Obama has done a lot of things since he's been in office and has reversed a lot of wrongs that occurred during the past eight years.

He has shut down Guantanamo Bay, overturned a policy that prevented aid from getting to countries that allowed abortions, and allowed for an increase in stem cell

These are all excellent steps in the right direction, but I am disappointed to see the president not coming through on another very important issue: gay rights.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates recently has made very troubling statements about the progress of the ending of "don't ask, don't tell." According to a Pentagon spokeswoman, Gates and Obama have had only "one brief conversation" about the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"I think the president and I feel like we've got a lot on our plates right now," Gates said. "Let's push that one down the road a little bit."

Now I understand there are some very important issues at hand. Everything from the economy to fighting two wars and wondering about what Michelle Obama will wear next, so it is very understandable when the president says he is putting discrimination on the back burner because there are more pressing issues at hand.

Wait, what? This is ridiculous. This policy, which surprisingly enough occurred with President Clinton in office (apparently he liked women more than he liked gay rights), is

The policy does not allow anyone who "demonstrate(s) a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" to serve in the military, because it "would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability."

It says only a certain group of people are good enough to serve their country. It states homosexuals are not moral, do not display "good order and discipline," and they would destroy our military. It is institutionalized homophobia. It is an irrational fear.

If you want to serve your country and fight for your freedom as an American, you have to change your agency and oppress yourself. If you don't then you are not good enough, not American enough, to

The biggest argument in favor of the policy is the issue of unit cohesion. A letter signed by more than 1,000 retired military personnel stated repealing the policy "would undermine recruiting and retention, impact leadership at



all levels, have adverse effects on than a million homosexuals are the willingness of parents who lend their sons and daughters to military service, and eventu- former chairmen of the Joint ally break the

Force." Let me try to follow their logic. They are trying to say they are too homophobic to overturn a homophobic law? They are saying because the military is filled with too many people who don't like homosexuals, it is necessary to keep them out. That is like saying the American public had too many racists, therefore we

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On top of that, they are just wrong. A 2006 Zogby poll

should not have

ended slavery or

passed the Civil

Rights Act.

found that more than 65 percent ance. The question is now, will homosexuals had no impact on end this open discrimination? their morale or unit cohesion, and in fact a small percentage of respondents said they already paul.w.williamson@ttu.edu

know for certain there are at least one or two homosexuals serving in their unit.

Other top military personnel have criticized the policy. Citing evidence that almost 65,000 individuals are homosexual and are currently serving and more

General John Shalikashvili,

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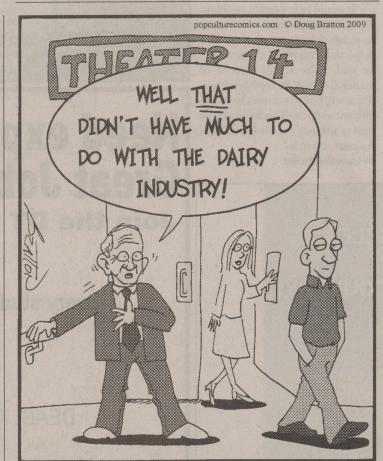
Chiefs of Staff, said homosexuals are now accepted by their peers and the proponents of the policy are in the old way of too many people that thinking. This is according to a New York Times article.

Also, According to a Government Accountability Office report, the policy has cost the military almost \$100 million in recruiting costs because they have to replace the 12,000 people they have discharged.

Proponents slavery or passed the of the policy are past their time. This is a new society of acceptance and toler-

of members serving in the armed our president have the political forces found the presence of will to actually take action and

Williamson is a found it had a positive impact. sophomore broadcast journalism The same poll found 75 percent major from Crosby. E-mail him at



Pat Robertson sees Milk.

Daily mugging from US taxes

By LAUREN SALZ COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

walking down the street on his way home from work. He encounters a begcollege. One could reasonably those in need in the future. argue that the beggar is in more the pedestrian's money, and he should be able to keep it.

is about to enter the grocery store to buy food for dinner. it to a beggar? But in his way is a man with a gun. Jingling his handcuffs, the man with the gun demands instead of "gunthat the pedestrian give him a man" and "taxlarge portion of the money in payer" instead his pocket. "It's for the beggar," of "pedestrian;" the gunman says. "He needs it and you get our more than you. You need to pay modern-day tax your fair share."

The pedestrian has few the threat of IRS good choices. He could give audits and jail the money to the modern-day time, the govern-Robin Hood and lose a lot of ment confiscates the money he worked for. Or he income at the could refuse, run away, and risk point of a gun being mugged by the gunman.

The pedestrian will most likely choose to give the gun- officials see fit. man his money. But after acusing it to buy himself some expense of the size of the pie. food and toiletries. He gives the has no understanding where it has come from.

But even worse, imagine private citizens' money. that the pedestrian did want to

destrian protests. "I know he'll spending can have legitimate surd as it may seem.

said he's use it for."

gar. He doesn't want to give ent beggar, whom the pedestrian individuals. his money to this beggar. He does not know at all. The pedestriis saving up his hard-earned an walks away, disgruntled and less shielded from the effects of taxamoney to send his daughter to inclined to give away his money to tion. While some students have

"need" of the money, but it's tle ridiculous. When was the last: their living expenses, or they work time you saw a gunman outside as babysitters or dog-walkers and He passes the beggar and you give him your money for the Because of this, many students purpose of giving

> But insert "government" system. Under and reallocates it as our elected

For many politiquiring the pedestrian's money, cians, the goal of this reallocation they think it's the right thing the gunman does not give it to of resources is the sole purpose of the beggar right away. Instead, wealth redistribution, to even out people. he keeps part of it for himself, the pieces of the pie, often at the

The government steps in and remainder to the beggar, who tries to take the rightful place of private charities because it thinks it knows best how to allocate

Our tax system is as absurd as give his money to the beggar, a gunman forcing a pedestrian to cashed your paycheck from work, but before he could do so, the hand over money for a beggar. gunman interferes, saying, "I Ronald Reagan once described know which beggars really need taxation as a "daily mugging." "But I wanted to give my they were in 1985. While governethic? money to this beggar," the pe- ment taxation and subsequent

use the money wisely on what he purposes such as national defense and a judicial system, one "Shush, I know what's best," of them is not forcible wealth the gunman replies, as the pedes- distribution. Wealth redistribumagine a pedestrian is trian reluctantly hands over his tion is an infringement on freemoney intended for the beggar. dom, Burdensome taxation limits The gunman keeps part of the citizens' choices by interfering in money, and gives some to a differ-voluntary transactions between

Many students, though, are jobs with taxable salaries, many This anecdote might seem a lit-rely on their parents to pay for Wal-Mart who demanded that don't pay taxes on their income.

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are more likely to advocate taxation for the explicit purpose of wealth redistribution.

Some of us are used to seeing beggars on the streets of our neighborhood frequently asking us for money outside of local grocery stores. Some people choose to give them money out of a sense of guilt or respon-

sibility because to do and the best way to help

I personally don't give beggars money. I don't agree with these motivations, and I think there are better ways to help people. But if people want to give their money away to beggars, it's their right. After all, it's their money.

But what if every time you someone tried to mug you on your way home. Would you be more or less likely to give to a charity? Those words are as true today as How would it affect your work

This is our tax system, as ab-

Avoid future debt, start budgeting now

STAFF EDITORIAL DAILY EASTERN NEWS

(EASTERN ILLINOIS U.) It's fun to spend. It's one of those cial strain on guilty pleasures we have, any individual, splurging exorbitant amounts especially colof money on things we think we need.

Those late nights at the bars tially face tens spending about \$20 on shots of of thousands of strange alcohol whose names dollars of debt you can't pronounce.

The extra large order of tion. pizza you and your friends couldn't finish and let waste in you shouldn't the middle of the room.

mous tapestries hanging on the money on things wall with images you may not you need, but fully comprehend.

The fact is college students on useless products is what put spend a lot of money. It's not a sin or vice to it's in.

climate, putting money back into the economy is one of the best things an American can do right now.

But like all things, it should be done in moderation.

et's not kid ourselves: on something one knows to be luxuries. unaffordable puts a huge finan-

> lege students, who potenafter gradua-

Granted, feel bad about It could even be those enor- having to spend wasting funds

the economy in the position

Therefore, college students In fact, in this economic should be able to create a budget for themselves in order to save money on essentials.

> It isn't hard. In fact, it's common sense.

We're adults. We should know better than to spend grocery Committing too much money money on parties and other

If you allocate your funds

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properly, you can live comfortably with enough money left over to spend on those extra fulfillments to entertain yourself.

Don't feel bad about spending money on yourself, if you can afford it. If you can't,

then save your

money until you have enough.

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By GARRETT SALZMAN STAFF WRITER

Unconventional artists Joe and Lefty provided Texas Tech students with artwork using a medium more often associated with vandalism than art Wednesday ask for them to come afternoon.

The artists used spray paint and more." household items to manipulate the paint on 5-by-7-inch canvases. According to which were created Joe and Lefty's Web site, the husband and wife team, whose real names are Joe and the subjects students Lindsay Watson, tour the country, creating could choose from, their art in venues such as college cam- took about five minpuses and the Donald Trump estate.

D.J. Walch, a graduate assistant for complete. Student Union and Activities, said the demand for the artwork caused the Tech Activities Board to make an exception to protect themselves for the event.

"We don't usually bring events back in consecutive semesters," he said. "This is one of those things students get excited for though, and there's high demand and high production from the artists that lets a lot of students go home with a painting."

Aspen Teague, the daytime coordinator for the Tech Activities Board, said Wednesday was the third time Joe and Lefty have created their art for Tech munications studies major from Austin, students. The sophomore restaurant hotel and institutional management from Keller of her painting. Van Horn said she was "But whenever I work this event, the line mainstay for the activities board.

"It's always proved to be popular in the

we don't always know what we're going to get, but Joe and Lefty are always prepared and even the students that get a painting back so they can get

The paintings, from a list limiting utes per painting to

wore masks and gloves from paint inhalation, worked while listening to a CD including the songs of Weird Al Yankovic and the Red Hot Chili Peppers to entertain the crowd, which wrapped

around the Student Union Building.

Allison Van Horn, a sophomore comsaid she requested Lefty choose the subject said the popularity of the event made it a pleased with the resulting landscape paint is so long. I don't really think it'd be fair to ing she was given.

past," she said. "With some of our events, her painting. "It's impressive you can do all >>> garrett.saizman@ttu.edu

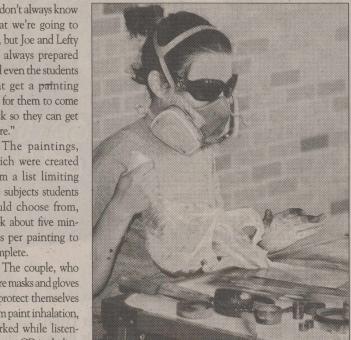


PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreado SPRAY CAN ARTIST Lindsay "Lefty" Watson, of Joe and Lefty, uses a plastic bag to add texture to a painting for a student at an event hosted by the Tech Activities Board Wednesday outside the Student Union Building.

> this stuff just with spray paint. I love it." Walch also admitted to being a fan of the duo's work.

"I'd like a painting for myself," he said. all the students waiting in line to cut in, "It's amazing," Van Horn said, holding but it's awesome what they can create."

Husband, wife team make spray-can art Students educate peers about STIs

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

About 55 million people in the United States have a sexually transmitted infection, and one in four college students are infected, according to one campus organization's presentation.

Texas Tech's Impact Tech organization provided free condoms and sexual health advice to students and faculty at Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union Building Bell Tower Room.

Impact Tech peer educator Autumn Bollinger, a senior nutrition major from San Angelo, presented information and statistics to students at the event.

"One of the main reasons we because STIs are so prevalent on focused on sex. college campuses," she said.

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted infection Student Health Services sees on campus, Bollinger said, and it can be dangerous because symptoms sometimes are delayed.

Bollinger said Impact Tech traceptives available for free. wants to promote monogamous relationships and abstinence and wants all students who are sexually active to know how to practice

At the event, Bollinger said an important aspect in practicing safe sex is open lines of communication between sexual partners.

"If you're ready to be sexually active," she said, "then be ready to talk about pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections."

Amanda Eldredge, a health educator for Student Health Services, said Impact Tech is a group of peer health advisers trained by health professionals to give advice and counsel to students concerning a variety of issues.

This is important for students to hear this information," Eldredge said, "because sometimes, individuals don't know how to have sex safely. We don't try to preach to students, we just provide education for them to make smart choices."

Impact Tech is trained to advise students on several topics, including drugs, alcohol, nutrition and

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Sexually transmitted infection facts

- Two-thirds of all sexually transmitted infections occur in people 25 years of age or younger.
- · One-fourth of new sexually transmitted infections occur in teenag-
- By the age of 24, one-third sexually active people will have contracted
- a sexually transmitted infection. • The highest rates of genital human papilloma virus infections are found in adults between the ages of 18 to 28.
- In 2000, 15- to 19-year-old women had the highest rate of gonorrhea
- compared to all other age categories. • In addition, 20- to 29-year-old women had the highest rates of primary
- and secondary syphilis.
- Among men, 20- to 24-year-old men had the highest rate of gonorrhea and fourth highest rates of primary and secondary syphilis.

Sources: American Social Health Association and Centers for Disease Control and Planned Parenthood.

like to share with Tech students is depression. Wednesday, the group should be available in the United

Arezoo Islami, a logic instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences who attended the event, said there should be more opportunities to learn about safe sex on campus.

is used to having condoms and con-

each time you aren't careful," she free anonymous testing Tuesday said. "So, you end up taking a chance. afternoons and Friday mornings by That isn't good.'

Birth control pills and condoms >>> hannah.boen@ttu.edu

States for free, she said, but even with the expense, people should become educated on ways to practice

Bollinger said being in a monogamous, honest relationship is the best Islami, who is from Iran, said she way to reduce the risk of infection.

However, she said, for those who have practiced unsafe sex, "In the U.S., it can cost you \$60 Student Health Services offers appointment.

Writer to discuss novel about U.S. border problems

Ana Castillo — poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist and translator — will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in English build- of the events showcased. ing Room 001.

awards for her work, will discuss her latest work, "The Guardian," a non-fiction Sanders said. story about problems involving the United States border outside El Paso.

Her lecture, "How I came to write 'The Guardian': a Border Writer's Life," addresses the controversial issues in her latest novel. The lecture will be a part of Texas Tech's Presidential Lecture & Per- women. formance Series, which is sponsored by the College of Visual & Performing Arts.

Joseph Sanders, assistant coordinator of the series, said the series was established to mate of our campus and our community."

he said, but entertainment may be a part

Castillo, who has earned numerous who comes to Ana Castillo's lecture will leave informed, inspired and energized," Priscilla Ybarra, an English professor to write.

who teaches Latino and Latina literature. said Castillo is a "wonderful, worldrenowned writer." Ybarra describes the writer as a role

many first-generation college students, Ybarra said.

"enhance the intellectual and cultural cli- and lectures, she said, and Castillo's lecture ext. 401. will provide an example of engaging others

The series does not aim to entertain, in discussing important issues.

Ybarra said Castillo often discusses problematic topics and offers solutions to "We, of course, hope that any student these through her writing.

Castillo said finding a topic to write about depends on the writer's interest and writers "have to write what they have

"In life you have to do what you have to do," she said, "and the same is true of

After listening to the information model for many minorities and young provided during her upcoming lecture, she said, she hopes students will have compas-Her work has served as motivation to sion for the situation at the U.S. border.

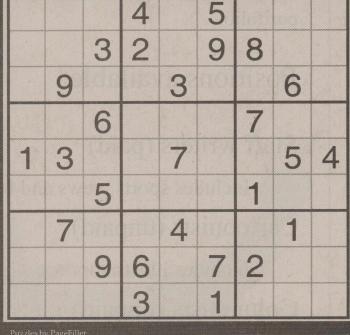
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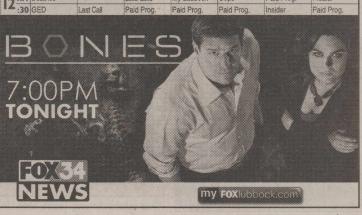
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Fox to make show out of company layoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fox "Fear Factor." network is letting employees of some

The series, "Someone's Gotta Go," is in production, but Fox wouldn't are out of work. say on Wednesday when it would go on the air.

that needs to cut costs because of the books to show everyone's salaries and America." let the employees make the call.

Fox says the laid-off worker will "Big Brother," "Deal or No Deal" and don't watch it."

Tory Johnson, founder and chief troubled small businesses decide executive officer of Women For Hire, which one of their colleagues will be which organizes job fairs and advises laid off and turning the results into a women seeking work, said she wonders whether "Someone's Gotta Go" is a good idea at a time so many people

"For most people who are concerned about job security or are Each episode will feature a com- desperate to get hired, I don't think pany with about 15 or 20 employees there's much to laugh at in terms of watching someone else's pain and economy. Instead of the boss deciding misery," said Johnson, a regular conwho is fired, the company will open its tributor to ABC's "Good Morning

But Mike Darnell, chief of al-In an inverse to "The Apprentice," ternative programming at Fox, said the chosen one loses, instead of gets, everyone who participates in the show knows fully what they are doing.

"I feel that it's part of the times get a small severance, but isn't saying that we are living in," Darnell said. whether the network or producers are "It's certainly no worse than watchpaying the participants in anything ing the news every night and hearing beyond the chance for prime-time all the statistics and watching what is fame. Fox is developing the show with happening. To be frank, like all these Endemol USA, the company behind shows, if you don't want to watch,

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Tech softball ends homestand with 6-1 loss to North Texas

STAFF WRITER

this game came down to an inability to North Texas a 3-0 lead. drive in runners in scoring position.

The Red Raiders made contact on a consistent basis but couldn't find the gaps in the North Texas defense as on that momentum. they left six runners stranded on base, Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

where we didn't get solid contact on "We need to learn how to stay focused the ball," said Alex Watkins, who was and battle when things may not be goa bright spot for Tech with a solo home run — her sixth of the season — and capitalize off of the other teams mistakes pitched three scoreless innings in relief better and use it to our advantage." for the starter Ashly Jacobs. "The other innings we had good contact but just hit scoring in the top of the fourth with a it right to them. We had several deep blast over the scoreboard in left field for fly-balls that the outfield was playing the a three-run home run by UNT's Mariza gotten to but they got to."

mound pitching four innings with six by either team in the last two innings. earned runs and four strikeouts. North Kayla Lawson (6-5) recorded the win for the Mean Green recorded hits in each ing five hits and two strikeouts. of the first four innings.

Lynn to bring a runner home for UNT. time this season.

The Mean Green followed with an RBI single from Kadie Platt and a sacrifice fly from UNT's Megan Rupp — who was For the Texas Tech softball team, 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI. It gave

> Watkins hit her solo shot on the first pitch in the bottom of the second, but the Red Raiders (13-30) could not build

We just came out flat today and leading to a 6-1 loss to the Mean Green didn't make the adjustments we needed to make and North Texas took advan-"We had maybe one or two innings tage of it," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. ing our way. We need to learn how to

North Texas (21-18) continued fence that they wouldn't have normally Martinez — her seventh of the season. Those three runs would end up making Jacobs (8-16) struggled from the the final score as there was only one hit Texas had no trouble hitting Jacobs as UNT pitching a complete game, allow-

The Mean Green are accustomed to In the top of the second, with the Big 12 play it has have faced seven Big game still scoreless and the bases loaded, 12 opponents this season and will face Jacobs walked pinch-hitter Jennifer No. 11 Oklahoma again for the second the win."

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PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreado TEXAS TEACH'S MEGAN Shupp hits a foul ball Wednesday during the game against North Texas at Rocky Johnson Field.

UNT coach T.J. Hubbard said he take advantage of their three-game some tough competition in the Big 12.

"It's a good tune-up," he said. "Playing in the heart of the Big 12 is good for us because they are always competitive teams. Tech played well, they hit the ball hard. I don't take anyone lightly. They have a good group here, and we're just lucky to come away with

likes for his team to compete against home stand, as they dropped two out

Tech has to recover quickly as the Red Raiders get back into conference play with a two-game series against p.m. Saturday in College Station.

enough energy today," Watkins said. The Red Raiders were not able to the first inning, but we just weren't very to come out ready to play and bring >> zane.turner@ttu.edu

PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Torea

Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 2 TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Danielle Matthews throws the ball to shortstop Emily Bledsoe to force an out during the Red Raiders game "We just didn't come out with against North Texas Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

energetic, and I think that was the key our best for seven innings and take one 'We started out with some mistakes in today. We need to learn that we need game at a time."

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Odesnik continues upset string in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Wayne format in 1988. Odesnik of the United States pulled another upset at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships on Wednesday, beating third-seeded Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-4, 6-0 in the second round at River Oaks when he won only two points in the Country Club.

Fourth-seeded Jeremy Chardy of Hewitt of Australia played Sergio Roitman of Argentina later in the

2-seeded Mardy Fish were eliminated able on clay." in first-round matches along with three other seeds in the first two was a semifinalist here last year. days. The upsets marked the first

Wind raked across the Stadium Court, but Melzer was the only player bothered in his match against Odesnik. The Austrian began to fall behind near the end of the first set, final three games.

"It should be that windy all the France met Guillermo Garcia-Lopez time," Odesnik said. "I'm used to it, of Spain, and former No. 1 Lleyton growing up in Florida and training a lot in Austin. I just focused on what I had to do today. We are both lefties but on clay, I think I have a little Top-seeded James Blake and No. more spin on the ball. I'm comfort-

He's also likes the site. Odesnik

Melzer lost his serve without wintime that only three seeds made it to ning a point in the ninth game and the second round since the clay court Odesnik served a love game in the tournament went to a 32-player 10th that included a service winner and an ace to end the first set.



F1 in chaos 2 races into the season

— The Formula One season has stay on the schedule for long. lurched to a chaotic start after two

in crisis, one of the races finished will stand.

The Malaysian Grand Prix was conditions undriveable.

It was predictable that starting the race at 5 p.m. local time — to suit European television audiences - would increase the likelihood of it being hit by a torrential downpour, which generally arrive in the late afternoon or early evening in Malaysia.

The late start also meant that once the storm had largely passed after almost an hour's wait, encroaching darkness made a restart of Appeal in Paris on Tuesday.

gest changes that run counter to the tions.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia wishes of F1 authorities don't tend to

Still, political pressure may yet work where driver demands have The sport's power teams are failed. Even before the season-opening Australian Grand Prix and the Maprematurely due to contentious laysian GP were switched to twischeduling, and there is still no light starts, drivers had voiced their decision on whether results from concern at being forced to drive in the races in Australia and Malaysia deteriorating light and tropical rain to suit European TV viewers.

Brawn GP's Jenson Button won cut short just past the halfway point both races, making Brawn the first on Sunday, when a tropical storm new team to win its opening two GPs hit the Sepang circuit; making since Alfa Romeo won the sport's first two races in 1950.

However, Button, Brawn and other top finishers only received half the usual points for Malaysia, as stipulated under F1 rules, because the race went less than three quarters of the scheduled distance.

And that is if those points count at all.

The results from Australia and Malaysia remain provisional pending a ruling of the FIA's International Court

Ferrari, BMW, Renault and Red Malaysian's new prime minister Bull have lodged appeals against said immediately after the race that stewards' decisions in Australia and he would look at moving the event Malaysia to allow Brawn, Toyota and back to its regular afternoon start. Williams to race with what the four Whether that happens remains to teams claim are rear diffuser designs be seen. Generally, races that sug- that breach new aerodynamic regula-

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"It was a different experience," he injury like that before."

homa State to name a few, has looked safeties. solid with the first team, displaying his big-hit ability and intelligence to pick up plays quickly.

that Mitchem made and said to him, looked like Daffy Duck."

said, "because I've never had a serious they don't feel overwhelmed when 2008, he knows the talent is there to Mitchem, who was recruited by safety, they both show a willingness ence will only grow with time. Arizona State, Ole Miss and Okla- to build off last year's playmaking

because it's my first time starting for "Then from there we can expand on it, a Big 12 school," Mitchem said. "We but until they get that foundation, it's For example, during Wednesday's got the best competition out there in hard to expand to something else. You practice, McNeill was working with the country, next to the SEC, so we gotta crawl before you can walk." the defense and liked a particular read gotta bring our game any time."

Mainord said this is one of the "You look so much better out there. more rare situations he has experi-The first day (of spring practice) you enced in his career. With all five senior safeties, including Jordy Rowland Mitchem and Davis said while and Anthony Hines, moving on after looking at the reclamation project at replenish the position, but the experi-

SPORTS

"We're taking it slow because we want them to have a basic foundation "I feel a little bit of pressure, of what we want to do," Mainord said. » daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

Criticism mounts over a too tough Masters course AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The

azaleas are brighter than ever. As bogeys. usual, not a blade of grass is out of place. Anticipation is higher than it has been in years at the Masters, with Tiger Woods a winner again after knee surgery and Padraig Harrington going for a third straight major.

But the buzz at Augusta National has been tempered by three fist-pumping.

Players are becoming more vocal in their criticism of a course that has produced so much excitement from so many charges over the years. They say it has become too long, too tough.

remind Masters chairman Billy Payne tees a little more forward to make the of a concert.

"Criticism hurts a little bit," Payne to a piano recital of one of your grand- Nature is on its side.

Birdies have been replaced by daughters and you hear somebody say, 'Boy, that's the worst kid I've ever seen.' It hurts your feelings." Payne responded by making the

course shorter — by 10 yards. The club also enlarged the tee boxes on the par-4 seventh and par-5 The cathedral of golf is starting to 15th, allowing officials to move the

hole play slightly shorter. Otherwise, a club that tries to conyears of more teeth-gnashing than said Wednesday. "It's like when you go trol so much can only hope Mother

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Upperclassmen point to newcomers as reason for Tech's standing in Big 12

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team has no freshmen.

Tech starting pitcher Nate Karns said Tech's freshmen and first-year everyone." transfers have done too much for the the new faces to be considered rookies or newcomers anymore.

us don't consider them freshmen Justin Berry are in the top five horns have 21 wins on the season. anymore," Karns said. "Most of for best batting averages on the them are up there with most of the team and both are above the leaders in batting averages and solid defense. Most of them have played and have matured a lot since the grown up)," Tech coach Dan Spenbeginning."

Karns was the storyline Tuesday night, throwing a career-high 11 strikeouts through six innings, allowing Tech to get a big lead in the second game of a doubleheader against UTSA in Midland.

Karns ultimately earned

overcome two Tech fielding errors and Ben Flora. in the eighth inning and preserve a one-run lead through 1 2/3 innings started games on the mound for

and true freshmen and two first- Hanslik, Mason Macnoll, Kengray year transfers on its 35-man roster. Fleming and junior transfer Mi-Assumed to be a rebuilding team, chael Reed have all seen significant newcomers to the program largely playing time. Berry and Reed have what we didn't do right in game one have contributed to Tech being in started in all of Tech's 35 games and came out with the W." Karns contention for a Big 12 Conference so far. Tournament berth.

than normal," catcher Jeremy Mayo reotypically associated with, Tech michael.graham@ttu.edu

said. "Our freshmen have gotten a lot better as the year has gone on which is respected by

Offensively, freshmen des-

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great bunch of guys

and they have the

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CHRIS RICHBURG

TECH FIRST BASEMAN

to get better.

ignated hitter "For most of the part a lot of Scott LeJeune and infielder .300 mark.

"The (freshmen hitters have of the regular season.

like (seniors son. Chris) Rich-Ashby and Joey (Kenworthy) giving them a good model.

good men- the future."

"They're maturing a lot faster problems young players are ste- that was the key."



9 team at about the midpoint of the season.



Both teams are 6-6 in Big 12 play, but the Long-

The top eight teams in the Big 12 make the tournament in Oklahoma City following the conclusion

Upperclassmen agree the basecer said. "A big ball program will be in good hands part of that is for the next couple of years based veteran guys on what they have seen this sea-

"I think they're a great bunch burg, (Taylor) of guys, and they have the will to learn and to get better," Richburg said. "Anytime, at the end of the year, the media will look at how many guys are coming back. As They've been many younger guys and transfer good students guys that have played this season and the older and will be returning next year, guys have been I think that looks really good for

Tech dropped the shortened, Tech also seven inning first game of the the win, but it was freshman re- has a bullpen dependent on fresh- doubleheader with UTSA 2-0 liever Louis Head who had to men in Head (1-2), Brandon Foster the first shutout defeat Tech has suffered since March 28, 2008 Head and Foster already have against Missouri.

But Tech came back with Karns for a save and a 7-6 Tech victory. the Red Raiders. Freshmen Berry, in the second game, who stifled Tech has a combined 12 redshirt Garrett Totten, Logan Leslie, Nick the high-powered UTSA offense holding it to three runs through six innings on the mound.

"We came out and established said. "Pretty much everything Despite the youth and presumed (went right). I didn't walk anyone,

Track looking for momentum in first outdoor meet at home

By ADAM WADSWORTH STAFF WRITER

Tech track team is showing no signs of letting up.

The Red Raiders look to something." build on their performance meet of the outdoor season in mid-May.

know, these are the meets that leg. you will just shock yourself," Kittlev said. "You're relaxed, performances.'

He also said he was excited about the level of competition this year's event brings because TCU, North Texas, Abilene Christian and South Plains have better teams than fielded in the past.

expects to see a few regional are going now." times from his athletes.

important than the Texas Re- meet. lays, but she does understand

"While we have that advantage of working out at our The first major meet has facilities, maybe we can get some come and gone, but the Texas good regional marks," Jobe said. "People could even, you know, break some school records or

She also said the team as a from the Texas Relays last whole is excited for the chance weekend at the Texas Tech to compete in its first of only Twilight meet, which starts two regular-season home meets at 3 p.m. today at R.P. Fuller before the Big 12 Conference Stadium. It is the first home Championships come to Lubbock

Jobe, a member of the Tech Tech coach Wes Kittley 4x800-meter relay who finished said he is excited to see what second at Texas Relays, said she his team can do in a more has been working on keeping her laid-back environment on its speed consistent throughout the race because she has been having "I just told the team, 'You trouble in the third 200-meter

She said the main thing the team needs to do for the rest of you're at home, and if you the season is keep its intensity ready to go.

Tech distance runner Gilbert home this outdoors season. Limo said this meet, as well as the Texas Relays, will help Tech find out where it stands compared to the rest of the country.

"These meets are kind of like ships a work out to see where we are," Kittley said this meet will Limo said. "We know that we equipment," Kittley said. "It's be more reliant on the indi- competed with big schools, like our first time running (at home), vidual performers, whereas Texas and other schools, so it and I think it's going to be a, if Texas Relays was more focused feels really good. We know where the weather is worth a flip at all, on the team aspect, and he we are, and we know where we

He said he needs to continue Tech sophomore runner working hard and competing the hammer throw and the long Kearci lobe said she is not against strong competitors to jump. The running events start at viewing this meet as any less prepare himself for the Big 12 5:30 p.m. with the 3,000-meter

Limo also said Tech needs to the 10,000-meter run. the advantage of competing take advantage of competing at >adam.wadsworth@ttu.edu

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- Eastern New Mexico
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home and do its best to set a few regional marks.

Kittley said he was ready to get out and use some of the new equipment — such as new don't take it serious, boy I high, so when the big meets come hurdles and vault mats — for mean you can have some great around the Red Raiders will be the first time because Tech has not had the opportunity to run at

> Renovations to the track have been made since the end of the last outdoor season in preparation for the Big 12 Champion-

> "You know, we get our new I think we're going have a good deal."

> Texas Tech Twilight starts with steeplechase and will end with



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