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Students go barefoot

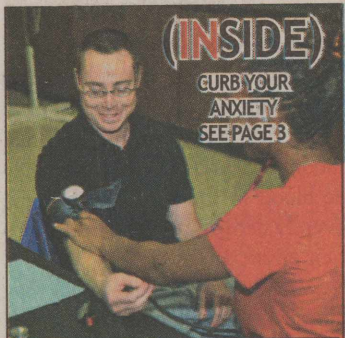
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## STATE

### Students rally against campus gun bill

AUSTIN (AP) — On the second anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting massacre, about 300 University of Texas students marched to the state Capitol to protest bills that would allow concealed firearms on Texas college campuses.

The state House and Senate are both considering bills that would prohibit colleges from banning concealed weapons license holders from carrying their weapons on campus.

Supporters say it would reinforce their constitutional right to bear arms. Opponents say it would make campuses more dangerous with the potential for typical college disputes over grades, romances and fraternity rivalries to become deadly.

## NATION

### Obama pledges help to slow US arms flow

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Confronting a Mexican drug war that is "sowing chaos in our communities," President Barack Obama signaled Thursday he will not seek the reinstatement of a U.S. assault weapons ban but instead step up enforcement of existing laws banning the transfer of such guns across the border.

Obama had pledged during his campaign to seek renewal of the ban but has bowed to the reality that such a move would be unpopular in politically key U.S. states and among Republicans as well as some conservative Democrats.

## WORLD

### Expelled UN nuclear inspectors leave NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.N. nuclear experts left North Korea on Thursday after the communist regime ordered their expulsion amid an escalating standoff over the regime's recent rocket launch.

Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency left the main site in Yongbyon north of Pyongyang after removing all seals and switching off surveillance cameras, IAEA spokesman Marc Vidricaire said in a statement.

They arrived in Beijing on a flight Thursday, but declined to speak to reporters.

## DEATH TOLL

4273

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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# PACs debate alcohol sales vote

By HALIE HARTMAN  
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The Lubbock Area Republican Women hosted a debate Thursday between two political action committees, Lubbock County Wins and Truth About Alcohol Sales, in which the two PACs debated about the upcoming alcohol sales vote.

Melissa Pierce, chairwoman and treasurer of Lubbock County Wins, and John Hatch, a partner with Texas Petition Strategies, spoke for Lubbock County Wins. Brant O'Hair, co-chairman and Josh Allen, co-chairman for Truth About Alcohol sales, also spoke.

O'Hair said all the companies investing money in the alcohol vote come from outside Lubbock.

"The stores that make up the liquor lobby do not live here, they don't own

homes in Lubbock County, they don't have children in our schools, and they are not concerned with how their actions affect the vulnerable of our community," he said. "They just want to exploit our community for profit."

Pierce said she hopes people will seek the truth about the vote and vote based on fact, not fear.

"For me this will be an enhancement to my quality of life," she said. "If I can go to the grocery store and buy a bottle of wine with dinner or if we are getting

ready to have a barbecue and I can go buy

hamburger meat and a six-pack of beer at the same time, to me that is an enhancement to my quality of life."

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JOHN HATCH  
TEXAS PETITION STRATEGIES

"We're going to multiply the number of outlets ten-fold, at least," he said.

"Those guys don't have a chance to regulate all of that."

O'Hair said the college students voting will not vote because of the added convenience when they turn 21, but because the underage students know it would be more convenient for their friends that are older than 21 to buy it for them.

Hatch said Lubbock County Wins does not support underage drinking and that is not what either of the ballot propositions are about.

"These are about giving legal adults the legal right to purchase a legal product in the state of Texas in Lubbock County," he said.

The PAC also does not agree with drinking and driving, Pierce said, and statistics show when alcohol is brought closer to a city, accidents decrease.

"The responsible citizen only wants to be able to go to the store and buy a bottle of wine with their dinner," she said.

Allen said he remembers in college how many people older than 21 brought alcohol back to parties where there were minors. He said he does not see how making alcohol more accessible to those people could be beneficial to the community.

Hatch said Lubbock is one of the few communities where he has seen so much debate about the issue.

"I really think that it is very beneficial to the community because I hope it engages you to go and check our facts, and in the end, make the decision for how it relates to you," he said.

Allen said he encourages people to educate themselves about the issue and to contact both PACs for information before they go out and cast their vote.

"The most important thing is that no matter how you feel about the issue, it is very important that you get out and exercise your right to vote," Pierce said.

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# Outside the classroom

Students earn high school diplomas from Tech without attending conventional classes

By HANNAH BOEN  
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MORGAN FLOURNOY, AN online TTUISD student from Lubbock, and her father, Bruce Flournoy, a private investigator, shoot a handgun Thursday at the Alton Hobbs Firing Range with the South Plains Association of Governments Law Enforcement Academy.

Morgan Flournoy plans to earn a college degree in forensics and refuses to let traditional high school classes stand in her way.

Texas Tech Independent School District offers a Texas Education Agency accredited comprehensive curriculum for kindergarten through high school students and Flournoy said it's exactly what she needed in order to get an education while not missing out on opportunities outside the classroom.

"I think the preparation for college and the fact that I can get classes done on my own schedule are my favorite things about it," the Lubbock native said.

Flournoy completes her high school class work from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. so she has time to spend with her dad, a local private investigator, during the day. She mails in her completed coursework rather than sitting in a

conventional high school classroom setting.

Seeing the work he does has encouraged her to pursue a degree in forensics, she said, and getting her high school education through TTUISD has given her a desire to go to college and the tools to succeed.

"A huge part of this is college preparation," she said. "It's so much harder than public school. You have to be self motivated to get it done, and you don't have a teacher to spoon feed you things."

TTUISD offers all courses required for a high school diploma in Texas and TTUISD Superintendent Gib Weaver said the program has been accredited since 1993.

Some other Texas universities have similar programs that offer a high school diploma, but Weaver said nothing rivals the education earned by TTUISD graduates.

"Some offer a diploma program, but it's not accredited," he said. "Of course, we're the best."

Weaver said the accreditation process involves a special law passed by the Texas legislature and the Texas Education Agency accrediting the curriculum.

The TTUISD program differs from conventional high school classes in more ways than one.

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# Tech administrators unveil campus green plan

By JON VANDERLAAN  
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech faculty, staff and administrators gathered Wednesday and Thursday to create the new green campus action plan revealed in a press conference Thursday.

David Driskill, associate dean for external programs in the College of Architecture, said the plan, which was highlighted by two recommendations that will be sent to Tech President Guy Bailey, was good because it began the process of making Tech a green campus.

Those present at the two-day Green Campus Action Plan Symposium wrote down ideas that will be delivered to the appropriate department, he said. One of the most important parts of the meetings was that it "got the ball rolling"

on creating a green campus.

Michael Ellicott, the vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the greatest benefit of the meetings was people found others on campus who already were practicing sustainability, and through that, the groups began a discussion to work on those sustainable actions at Tech.

"I think what we learned this week is sustainability is good business," he said. "You can make a business case for investing in sustainable operations. It's good stewardship. We need to preserve our future resources so, in fact, there is a future. And sustainability is good citizenship. We've got our resources, and let's use them to help the country succeed."

Ellicott said many sustainability programs already exist on campus, such as bicycle lanes, recycling programs in the residence halls, Leader-

ship in Energy and Environmental Design certified buildings on the Angelo State University campus, and the design of the first LEED building on the Tech campus — the new College of Business Administration building.

"I think it's more of the same and more coordinated efforts," he said.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also will provide money to universities for the specific cause of making buildings more environmentally friendly, Ellicott said, and while Tech is not sure of the provisions of the act yet, the projects the university has submitted for funding are designed for renovations to make buildings more environmentally friendly.

Although Tech received poor grades in the Green Report Card, produced by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, Ellicott said the reason for the poor grades was a result

of the sustainable actions being done at a lower, less visible level.

Driskill said the process was open, and several administrators, including Michael Shonrock, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and Ellicott "bought in to" the idea of a sustainability plan.

While the symposium produced two ideas to submit to Bailey, Driskill said they did not want to release the recommendations before the president views them.

Ellicott said while the economy provides a challenge to completing the tasks decided in Thursday's meetings, it also provides an incentive for the university. Because making the campus green ultimately will save money, it is beneficial to implement such practices. However, the obstacle is to come up with the funds to enact the ideas.

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## GREEN CAMPUS DISCUSSIONS

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# Health Department reports 148 shigellosis cases this year

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The City of Lubbock Health Department will continue its investigation and monitoring of the bacterial group shigella this month as it continues to affect Lubbock County residents following an outbreak in September 2008.

Beckie Brawley, Lubbock Health Department public health coordinator, said 148 cases of shigella have been reported in Lubbock County so far this year compared to 714 in 2008 among a total of 864 cases of enteric diseases, under which the bacterial group falls.

"So far this year we've seen 174 cases of enteric diseases in Lubbock," Brawley said. "Enteric diseases can be caused by a number of factors like contaminated water, contaminated food or coming into contact with infected animals and usually causes diarrhea or vomiting."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, shigellosis is an infectious disease contained under the enteric diseases category and typically causes diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps beginning a day or two after the person has been exposed to the bacteria, but does not typically require hospitalization in the United States.

Brawley said although the number of shigella cases have remained relatively low this year compared to 2008, it is important to realize the year is not over, and Lubbock residents still should practice healthy habits to prevent contracting the bacteria.

"One of the best ways to prevent this is to wash your hands regularly,"

she said. "That's probably one of the most important things you can do, and it's probably the thing people neglect the most."

People with mild infections of shigella typically recover quickly without the use of antibiotics, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, but for those who are prescribed antibiotics, Bactrim or Septra are most commonly used to decrease the duration of the illness.

Shigella passes from one infected person to the next through inadequate basic hygiene and hand-washing habits, the CDC Web site reported, and can be prevented by frequent and careful hand washing.

Ronald Warner, associate professor in the Tech Health Sciences Center Department of Family Medicine, said shigella is commonly referred to as a gram bacteria that affects the small and large intestines with outbreaks typically occurring in young children through person-to-person contact in day care centers and elementary schools.

"Lubbock always seems to have typically low levels of shigella cases," Warner said. "One of several ways it can be contracted is through fecal origin, meaning dirty hands in the bathroom that don't end up getting washed and then spread to toys or other things that people come into contact with frequently."

Warner said Lubbock also appears to experience shigella outbreaks every four to six years as new populations enter child care facilities and become exposed to the bacterial strain.

"This happens everywhere, not just Lubbock," he said. "The ma-

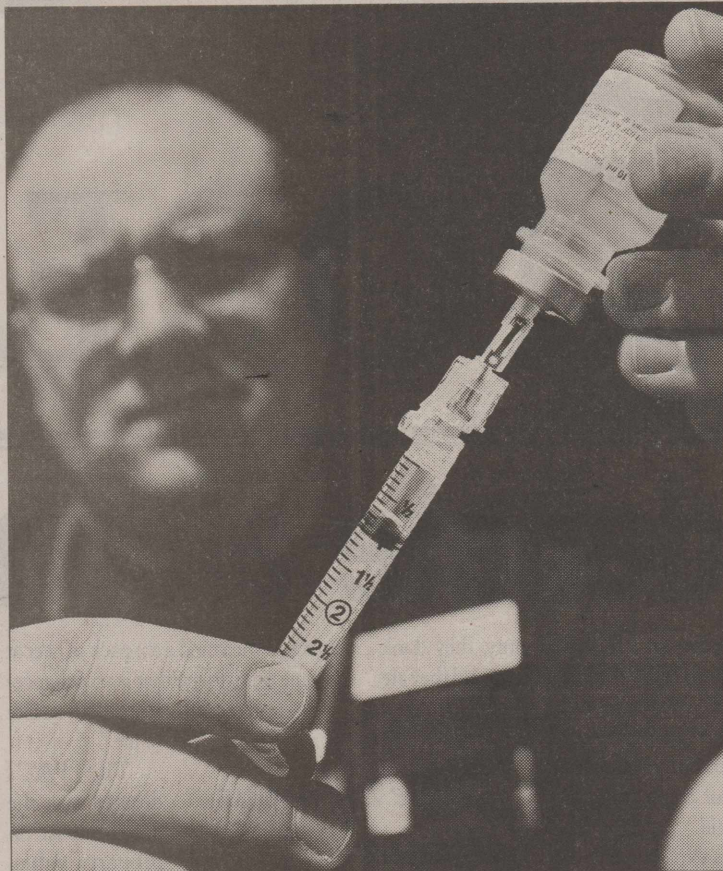


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**JIM ROSSON, A registered nurse at the Student Wellness Center, holds a syringe and needle used to inject people with medicine. Students suffering from food poisoning may receive injections of antibiotics or anti-nausea and vomiting drugs.**

For way it's spread here is through person-to-person contact. In fact, only a very small percentage may be spread through contaminated food where a food handler may not wash their hands and then prepare the food for example."

Dr. Kelly Bennett, Texas Tech Student Health Services medical director, said Student Health Services has not seen any cases of shigella recently, but does encounter

a very small number of students who become sick from contaminated foods.

"I saw a young man yesterday who was very sick from food poisoning because he didn't know that when he purchases fish at the store that it has to be cooked in a timely manner — two or three days — or put in the freezer," Bennett said. "He went ahead and cooked it after being in the fridge for a week, and although

it tasted funny and had a mushy consistency, he ate it anyway. It took less than 12 hours before he became violently ill."

Bennett said people typically do not realize storing food in the refrigerator only delays the food's decay by a few days and does not necessarily mean that it is cryogenically frozen or safe, and they should recognize the importance of labeling all meats, fish and milk products by date when stored in a refrigerator to prevent contamination.

Warner said food handling and safety tips include cleaning food and food preparation surfaces properly, avoiding cross-contamination of raw and ready-to-eat foods, cooking foods at proper temperatures, and chilling foods that require refrigeration.

Salmonella, a bacterial infection listed under the enteric diseases category along with shigellosis and linked to the recent peanut butter contamination outbreak resulting in 529 infections as of Jan. 28, according to the CDC Web site, also has not been seen in patients at Student Health Services, Bennett said.

"So far we have not had patients with illness from any of the spinach, jalapeño, peanut butter, etc. recalls of the past two to three years," she said. "Our patients by and large have very healthy immune systems so aren't affected much even if they do eat some of these things."

Warner said salmonella also is similar to shigella in that they are both gram-rod bacteria that infect the intestinal tracts.

"Salmonella is typically found in food places more than shigella," he said. "But the general consensus with shigella seems to be that unless the

symptoms are really severe — dehydration and affected stool — people seem to treat it at home with rest and Pepto."

Warner said death is uncommon among people affected by shigella and the illness typically passes with time, but exact numbers become difficult to determine due to the tendency of patients to avoid visiting their doctors.

"Most food born illnesses are not diagnosed, and the shigella we are talking about here is usually person to person, not through food," he said. "But food-borne illnesses usually cause things like nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, too, that people tend to avoid going to the doctor for and just treat themselves with rest or things like Imodium. It usually isn't until they see blood in their stool or become severely dehydrated that they go to their physician."

Warner said physicians also may prescribe an antibiotic if they suspect a food-borne illness and may not take cultures to determine the exact cause, which also makes determining the true number of affected cases difficult.

"If they suspect something like this, they will usually prescribe a wide-range antibiotic," he said. "It usually isn't until they see a widespread illness that they begin to take cultures, though, to figure out what exactly it is and what's causing it."

According to the CDC Web site, about 14,000 cases of shigellosis are reported each year in the United States, but because many are milder cases and are not diagnosed or reported, the actual number of infections may be 20 times greater.

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## Tech ISD

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Besides completing coursework on their own, students of the program also are allowed test out of subjects through credit by examinations.

Students of TTUISD are enrolled on a daily basis, eliminating the need to adhere to typical

school schedules. Unconventional students require unconventional means of education, Weaver said, which is why TTUISD has been successful.

"Name a situation in life that would keep you from going to school," he said, "and we have a student here that's in that situation."

Singers, equestrians, athletes and actors are a few of those situa-

tions that require a unique program such as TTUISD, Weaver said.

"People sometimes don't have the time for school," he said, "but they still want a quality education and diploma."

TTUISD counselor Pam Butler said one unique case that required a student to learn outside the classroom is "Friday Night Lights" star Jesse Plemons, who graduated from

TTUISD during the 2006-2007 school year.

Butler said the program has advantages not only for the 1,096 high school students enrolled but for the university as well.

"It speaks highly of the Texas Tech reputation," she said. "Our reputation gets us a lot of students and I do think there are some students who come to college here after

the program."

Flournoy has not made a decision about where she will attend college, she said, but is considering attending Tech.

"It does spark my interest in Texas Tech," she said, referring to the high school program. "I think it would be a good place to go after this."

Flournoy said she considers

herself lucky to be in the TTUISD program because she has the time and the freedom to experience things she might miss out on if she were sitting in a high school classroom.

"I have so many opportunities every day to learn things that I wouldn't be learning if I were in school," she said.

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## Democrats: Texas gov should disavow secession talk

AUSTIN (AP) — In a state that once was its own nation, a Republican governor who talked about secession without completely dismissing the idea has Democratic lawmakers in an uproar.

Gov. Rick Perry, in comments following an anti-tax "tea party" Wednesday, never did advocate Texas breaking away from the United States but suggested that Texans might at some point get so fed up

they would want to leave the union. That was enough to feed opinions for and against secession on Web sites, cable TV and talk radio across the nation.

At the Texas Capitol on Thursday, Rep. Jim Dunning of Waco, joined by several fellow Texas House Democrats, said some people associate talk of secession with racial division and the Civil War and that Perry should disavow any notion of seceding.

"Talk of secession is an attack on our country. It can be nothing else. It is the ultimate anti-American statement," Dunning said at a news conference.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, said that by not rejecting the possibility of secession out of hand, Perry "is taking a step down a very dangerous and divisive path encouraged by the fringe of Texas politics."

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

By Daniel A. Finan 4/17/09

**ACROSS**

- Butterfly units?
- Home in the Alps
- Again ...
- Rock salt
- Step in a pizza recipe?
- Cotton plant originally from Peru
- Tranquility
- Simpson dad with a dozen donuts?
- Floor covering
- November winners
- Suffix with Caesar
- Touchy?
- Milo of "Barbarella"
- Broadcast
- Hook's mate in his formative years?
- Pooh pooh-bah
- Farmer's concerns
- Paul who played the principal in "The Breakfast Club"
- Dander
- Filmdom's Lupino
- AOL rival
- Headline about carpentry work for a new financial institution?
- "Awakenings" Oscar nominee
- "Must've been something"
- Classic breakup line, and a hint to the formation of this puzzle's theme answers
- Brunch fare
- Actor whose birth name was Aristoteles
- Thermometer, e.g.
- Gold or silver
- One in Tarzan's family tree?
- Routs
- Chart again
- Cockney anticipation?
- Muscular doll
- Satisfy the munchies
- Tempest
- "Ageless Body," author
- Saintly ring
- Father-daughter boxers
- Dynamo
- Quarrier d'
- "Must've been something"
- Some NFL receivers
- Dogs in shoes?
- 21st Greek letter
- Enthusiastic agreement
- Chemistry
- Nobelist Otto
- Fit for service
- Sailor's heading
- Crossed (out)
- City with a view of the Laramie Mountains
- Allien and Burton
- Chaplin's last wife
- Film buff's station
- Suffers
- Assimilates
- Actor Estrada
- German town
- Vegas's Grand 42 dictum:
- passing remark
- Old-timey "not"
- Bo Diddley hit
- Loathe
- Lime ending
- Western orman
- Grocery section
- Env. contents
- Manhattan area above Houston Street
- Lex Luthor's 200, and others
- Datebook abbr.
- Chi.-based filer
- "been had!"
- Scott's topper

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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## Obama eliminates charges for harsh CIA interrogation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama absolved CIA officers from prosecution for harsh, painful interrogation of terror suspects Thursday, even as his administration released Bush-era memos graphically detailing — and authorizing — such grim tactics as slamming detainees against walls, waterboarding them and keeping them naked and cold for long periods.

Human rights groups and many Obama officials have condemned such methods as torture. Bush officials have vigorously disagreed.

In releasing the documents, the most comprehensive accounting yet of interrogation methods that were among the Bush administrations most closely guarded secrets, Obama said he wanted to move beyond "a dark and painful chapter in our history."

Past and present CIA officials had unsuccessfully pressed for more parts of the four legal memos to be kept secret, and some critics argued the release would make the United States less safe.

Michael Hayden, who led the CIA under George W. Bush, said CIA officers will now be more timid and allies will be more reluctant to share sensitive intelligence.

"If you want an intelligence service to work for you, they always work on the edge. That's just where they work," Hayden said. Now, he argued, foreign partners will be less likely to cooperate with the CIA because the release shows they "can't keep anything secret."

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## Health fair teaches students to avoid risky behaviors

By HANNAH BOEN  
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Sexually transmitted infections, anxiety and the effects of binge drinking are some common problems individuals face during their college years.

The Double T Health Service Corps and Mentor Tech teamed up to shed light on common health issues on Texas Tech's campus Thursday afternoon by holding a campus-wide health fair.

Loni Marie Flores, Double T Health Service Corps adviser, said the idea to hold the health fair came from the members of the two student organizations who saw peers and friends practicing risky and unhealthy behaviors.

"We just want students to know above all that there are resources available in Lubbock and on Tech's campus to help with health problems," she said.

Double T Health Service Corps member Maxie Davie said in addition to shedding light on local health resources, she wanted to raise awareness about the importance of health care in college.

"We want people to know how to take care of themselves," said the junior biology major from El Paso, "and know that what they're doing may catch up with them in the future."

Davie said the most common health risk for females is sun exposure because

### SEX STATISTICS

- About 70 percent of college students admit to having engaged in sexual activity primarily as a result of being under the influence of alcohol.
- One in five college students abandon safe sex practices when they are drunk.
- One in 12 college males admit to having committed acts that meet the legal definition of rape.
- About 90 percent of all campus rapes occur when alcohol has been used by either the assailant or the victim.
- About 60 percent of college women who are infected with STDs report they were under the influence of alcohol the time they had intercourse with the infected person.
- Female college freshmen are at the highest risk for sexual assault between the first day of school and Thanksgiving break.

Source: American Council for Drug Education

of the popularity of using tanning beds. For males, the effects of binge drinking and fast food are the biggest threats to their health.

Neither of the student organizations were qualified to give medical advice, Davie said. So, health professionals were brought in to raise awareness about common health risks.

Nursing students and Student Wellness Center staff provided general information on a variety of topics, including pregnancy, drug use and having sex while under the influence of alcohol.

Rachel Richardson, a junior nursing student from Vega, said alcohol-related dangers are a hot topic among students because drinking is common for many students.

"College students deal with this stuff a lot," she said, "probably every weekend."

Richardson said it's important for students to think about how alcohol affects the ability to understand health dangers, including drunk driving and engaging in sex while drunk.

"If you're drunk and considering sex," she said, "you won't be thinking about

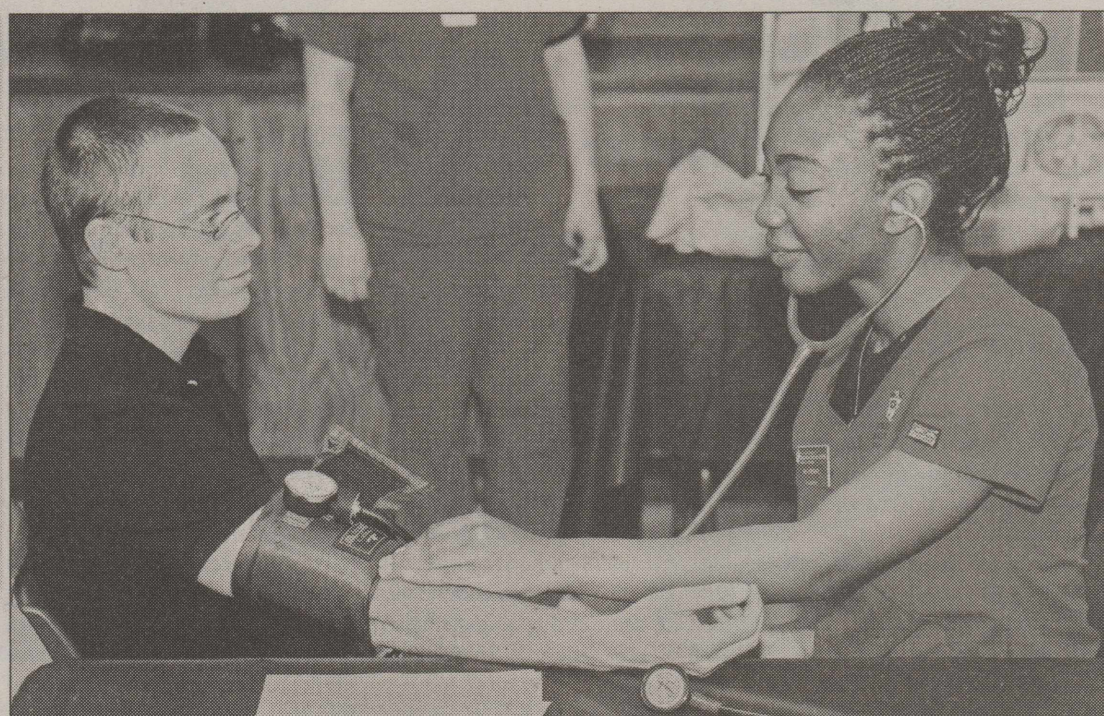


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RICH STEBBINS, A graduate personal financial planning major from Amarillo, has his blood pressure measured by Ola Chukwu, a junior nursing student from Dallas, at Curb Your Anxiety Day Thursday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

using protection."

Double T Health Service Corps President Ryan Fleischmann said he was pleased with the amount of information at the fair, and almost any problem college students may face was represented.

"It's not just good for students to know about this stuff," he said. "Their life kind of depends on knowledge of health."

Skin cancer and sexually transmitted infections are common issues overlooked by college students, Fleischmann said, and

have serious consequences if not treated.

"I highly doubt people are taking these things seriously now," he said. "They may not realize it's a concern until it's too late."

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### Organization to host Hispanic Knowledge Bowl

Knowing about Hispanic history or culture could pay off for student participants who take their knowledge to the Hispanic Knowledge Bowl.

The Mentor Tech Student Organization will host the jeopardy-like event from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Student Union Building to educate and entertain students about the roles Hispanics played in the nation's history through trivial questions.

"We try to do things like this to celebrate different cultures in our organization," said Ricky Sherfield, the student organization's president. "It's also happening around the same time as Hispanic Awareness Week begins."

Sherfield, a senior architecture major from Tyler, said it is the second year the Mentor Tech Student Organization hosted the event and cash prizes provided by the Mentor Tech Program will be awarded to the winners.

The first place team will receive \$150, the second place team will receive \$125, and the third place team will receive \$100.

The game show categories will include culture, entertainment, sports, people in history and other topics, Sherfield said. Participants will be quizzed on information such as who was the first Hispanic player inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Our main purpose for doing this is to give students an opportunity to learn things they wouldn't learn in a normal history class," he said.

Teams will consist of four students, and today will be the last day students can sign up their teams, Sherfield said. It costs \$15 for each team to participate, and each team of four students will be allowed one alternate team member.

"The event will shed light on the history of Hispanics and Latinos and what they've done," he said.

Melissa Alvarado, a senior chemistry major from El Paso and student leader in organization, said she helped compile a list of questions by speaking to Spanish professors on campus about information students unfamiliar with Hispanic culture and history might be interested to know.

Even if students do not plan to participate with a team, she said, they should still consider attending.

"It's a good opportunity to learn about Hispanics if you don't know about our culture," Alvarado said.

Students interested in participating can register a team in the Mentor Tech office located in Administration building Suite 40. ► tina.arons@ttu.edu

### Weekend scavenger hunt to help intellectually challenged children

Students interested in dressing like pirates and competing in a scavenger hunt to win prizes can participate in Midnight Madness at noon Saturday.

Best Buddies, a nonprofit organization that focuses on providing friendships and job opportunities to people with intellectual disabilities, will host the event at the Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

"We are raising money for intellectually challenged kids," said Terry Harris, Midnight Madness executive director, "We just want to bring awareness for that. Best Buddies partner intellectually challenged kids with high schoolers and college kids, and we are trying to get word out about that."

Participants will take part in the scavenger in teams of five or six people and the registration fee is \$5 per person, said Harris, a personal and financial planning graduate student from Center.

"They're going to be doing a scavenger hunt, or task list, from noon to midnight," he said. "Basically they will just be going around Tech campus and Lubbock doing random things, like going to Subway and getting a straw with its logo on it."

After each task the team completes, they will be rewarded a certain number of points and encouraged to ask for donations along their routes. The proceeds will benefit the Tech chapter of Best Buddies as well as the organization's Texas headquarters.

Justin Farrell, Midnight Madness marketing director and a senior communications design major from Dallas, said the day's activities will finish at Main Event with a concert and award ceremony.

Farrell said students can sign-up as a team or individually online or at the event.

"We just want to raise awareness for Best Buddies," he said. ► carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

### Literary community to host PubFest

The Llano Idea, an online alternative radio station, and Farrago Productions will co-host the Original PubFest at 3 p.m. Saturday at Bash Riprock's II.

From 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., entertainment will be provided with live music, poetry readings, awareness presentations and local literary vending.

"PubFest is a fundraiser for two great cultural organizations," said Rob King, production manager for Farrago productions. "And it's open to the community. It is promoting a casual-style book fair — a place where you can kind of relax and enjoy a quality production."

The first portion of the event will consist of the book fair with author presentations after, he said. King hopes the event gets students and members of the community more involved in Lubbock's culture.

"Having a voice is very important," he said. "There is a lot of art besides music and people that don't get heard. It's very difficult in the publishing world to be seen, and this

event allows people to get to see who is involved in making Lubbock's cultural scene."

King has hosted several PubFests in Denton and he said he is excited to kick-off the non-traditional literary event in Lubbock.

"Most literary events are sterile, quite frankly," he said. "If you go to any in Texas, you find these wonderful people that are retired and they are writing the great western novel or whatever they have ever dreamed of."

Venues for the younger generation are scarce, King said, and PubFest is a new way to get students involved in the arts.

Ben Williams, general man-

ager for The Llano Idea and a senior electronic media and communications major from Gruver, said the purpose of PubFest is to support the literary community in Lubbock and Texas Tech.

The Llano Idea is mainly comprised of previous members of the KTXT 88.1 FM staff, and Williams said he hopes the event will let students know the former student-run radio station is still around, just in a different form.

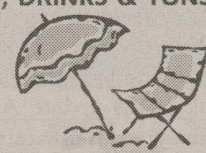
"It's an all-ages thing designed for the whole family, and it's free," he said. "Anyone can come out, and there will be food and drinks for the kids, and the bar will be there for adults."

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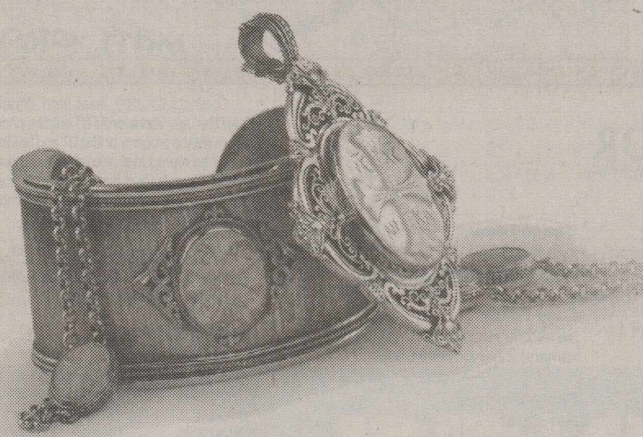
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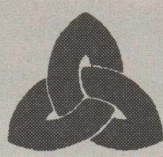
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## Being conservative not act of extremism

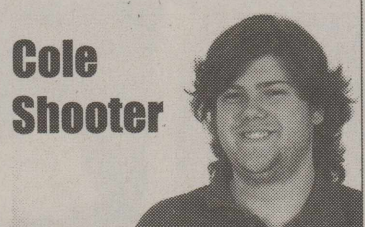
I've always thought of myself as a fairly normal guy. Though I lean a bit more libertarian than most, I know quite a few people with very similar basic beliefs.

I support the Second Amendment. I think abortion is murder, people should only enter this country legally, and I firmly believe people generally do better when the government largely stays out of their lives and wallets.

According to a recent report from the Department of Homeland Security however, I'm a right-wing subversive and a danger to President Obama's nation.

In the Department of Homeland Security's extremism report, titled "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment," which was released to law enforcement agencies across the country April 7. They assert right-wing militants are not only those who belong to supremacy cults, but those who happen to be

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against things such as abortion and for such things as enforcing immigration laws.

A footnote from page two of the frighteningly Orwellian report states extremism will arise from "those that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration."

They also speculated on reaction to further governmental control on firearms, saying, "Proposed imposition of firearms restrictions and weapons bans likely would attract new members into the ranks of right-

wing extremist groups, as well as potentially spur some of them to begin planning and training for violence against the government."

Simply stated, Former Arizona Governor and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's department believes anyone who does not venerate the idea of an all-powerful federal government ignoring the U.S. Constitution and allowing indigents from other countries to violate the laws of the United States will be subject to big brother's scrutiny.

According to the Washington Times, when asked about the report, Napolitano said, "We are on the lookout for criminal and terrorist activity, but we do not — nor will we ever — monitor ideology or political beliefs. We take seriously our responsibility to protect the civil rights and liberties of the American people, including subjecting our activities to rigorous oversight from numerous internal and external sources."

What I read from her approval of the report itself though, is the

upper echelon of the Department of Homeland Security won't monitor ideological or political beliefs ... as long as they fall in line with their own agenda.

The authors of the report weren't pleased with demonizing the basic citizenry who consider themselves conservatives alone, but also chose to heap the scorn upon veterans. The report said, "The willingness of a small percentage of military personnel to join extremist groups during the 1990s because they were disgruntled, disillusioned or suffering from the psychological effects of war is being replicated today. After Operation Desert Shield/Storm in 1990-1991, some returning military veterans — including Timothy McVeigh — joined or associated with right-wing extremist groups."

American Legion Chief David Rehbein disagreed with the report, saying, "The American Legion is well aware and horrified at the pain inflicted during the Oklahoma City bombing, but Timothy McVeigh was

only one of more than 42 million veterans who have worn this nation's uniform during wartime." According to AFP news, in his written response to Napolitano regarding the issue, he likened their mention of McVeigh's association with the army "as unfair as using Osama bin Laden as the sole example of Islam."

According to the Washington Post, White House spokesman Nick Shapiro illustrated the White House didn't necessarily disagree with most of the findings of the report, saying, "The president is focused not on politics but rather taking the steps necessary to protect all Americans from the threat of violence and terrorism regardless of its origins. He also believes those who serve represent the best of this country, and he will continue to ensure that our veterans receive the respect and benefits they have earned."

Does this now mean that our own governor is a dangerous extremist? Earlier this month, Governor Rick Perry spoke in favor of House

Concurrent Resolution 50, which reaffirms Texas' sovereignty under the Constitution's 10th Amendment.

Gov. Rick Perry said on his Web site, "I believe that our federal government has become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our citizens, and its interference with the affairs of our state." According to the DHS report, he's a possible threat.

I have too much faith in our country's system to believe that we'll be turned into a dystopian liberal wasteland anytime soon, but this report was quite sobering. Some of the people in power do believe many U.S. citizens are a threat to their idea of the perfect way of life and are willing to go to extraordinary lengths to stop us.

The real threats to our liberties are those sitting behind desks in governmental organizations such as the Department of Homeland Security.

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## Facebook facing identity crisis

It's been a few weeks now since what I will call the "Twitterfication" of Facebook, when its developers revamped the interface to almost perfectly mimic the "feel" of Twitter.

Initially I reserved judgment, mostly shying away from the many "We hate the new Facebook" groups and polls.

Now that I've had a while to swim in the new interface, I can safely say I'm quite disappointed. My specific design criticisms fall in line with what many users have said before, but the most tragic part of the whole fiasco is Facebook simply didn't need to do this.

Twitter is not a competitor to Facebook. I've found it perfectly feasible to use both services simultaneously. They compliment each other quite well. Facebook is better for sharing large collections of photos, for instance, while Twitter is better for quickly sharing links or coordinating events in real-time.

Yet Facebook feels threatened by Twitter to the extent that they've tried to essentially copy it, both by ripping off Twitter's design and by opening the Facebook status update API so programmers can create third-party Twitter-like clients for it. All of this is ill-advised and a waste of Facebook's time, in my opinion.

The Twitterfication is simply the latest in Facebook's long line of mistakes. I joined the Web site back when it was still exclusive to college students. What drew me in back then was its sharp contrast to the MySpace of the day, which had already degenerated into a hellhole of graphic design nightmares. Facebook's clean lines and homogeneous profiles tickled my inner feng shui. I was hooked.

Over time Facebook added more and more features to its interface, including the news feed, notes, gifts and more. With each addition came growing pains, of course, but they expanded the

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functionality of the site in useful ways. I was initially OK with these expansions, but worried the site was quickly losing its simplicity and efficiency.

Facebook added applications in May 2007, and for the first week or so I welcomed them just as I had the previous updates. I found some useful tools and initially the application directory was small enough to browse in an afternoon. Then as the months went on more and more duplicate applications came out and they got far less useful until finally Facebook was riddled with 50 different ways to poke, compare, survey and generally annoy the heck out of your friends.

Application spam is less of an issue these days, but remains a persistent nuisance. It's just one of the many reasons why I have significantly reduced my Facebook usage, and I'm not alone. Facebook's popularity fell significantly in December 2008, though it continues to accrue new users at a substantial pace, mainly among the older generations.

I believe Facebook is in the midst of an identity crisis. It has grown so large that everybody wants in. Advertisers are falling over themselves trying to grab their chunk of the Facebook audience. Celebrities and shows are forming their own pages with top-level URLs. Many companies are starting to use it as a recruiting service.

Facebook's core features get lost in all this mayhem. We loyal users who have been with it for years are drifting away, but we can't leave completely since all of our friends are still there. On the one hand, we feel alienated by Facebook's schizophrenia. On the other, we have nowhere else

to go.

It appears Facebook is succumbing to the cycle that has brought down MySpace and Live Journal and almost every other social network that came before it: simply growing too large for its own good. The rapid expansion that gave Facebook vitality at the beginning now threatens to burst it at the seams.

Unlike before, there is no obvious replacement in sight this time. Though many feel that Twitter is the next major social network trend, it is simply not capable of providing the same services as an ideal Facebook or MySpace. If Facebook crumbles, Twitter will not be able to fill its roll, and we will be left in a debilitating limbo until another service rises to prominence.

Facebook needs to do some serious soul-searching. Mark, Zuck, Mr. Zuckerberg, whatever ... \*Poke\* ... here are a few ideas. Start by getting rid of applications. Yes, it's a big move, but I really think I can live without knowing which "Family Guy" characters my friends are. Next, pick a unique interface design and stick with it. All these frequent changes are confusing and unproductive.

And finally, don't try to be everything to everybody. Facebook at its core is a glorified directory service, and it will thrive by embracing that identity above all else. The photos, notes, events — those are all well and good, but they should never get in the way of making it easy to find, learn about and keep in touch with one's friends and colleagues.

I want to see Facebook succeed. This is my way of raising a red flag before we step too deep into the quicksand. Facebook has the potential to be the social network for the next decade, but it won't get there by staying on its current path.

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## US currency, like pogs, no longer 'cool'

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With the economy collapsing around us and the end of all life one Dow Jones-quake away, it's important to keep our wits about us and remember, whatever your political affiliation, that the other guy did it. And he did it because he hates children.

This is what the news tells me, and you can always trust the news because it is staffed by experts. Experts are people who, from my observation, have two very important qualities — fear and anger. Understanding the complicated basis for our economy does not an expert make — it's all about the fear rage.

Now that I've established my credentials, I'm going to explain, as simply as possible, why tuition is going up, why you can't find a job and why housing values are quickly matching the cost of fire-

wood. It's because our money is not cool right now.

Money is a fabricated concept. If you don't follow this, first of all, shame on you. Secondly, don't feel bad — here's an experiment to help you out. Tear out my article, write the words "a jillion dollars" on it, and see if the economy gets better. Didn't work, did it? But when the government does that, except with nicer papers and inks, it may very well work. We hope.

So to recap — money isn't real, and it certainly isn't cool. How did this affect tuition, though, which affects our very real access to Ramen and fast food? It all goes back to pogs.

Pogs, a game involving colorful pieces of cheap cardboard, was cool in the 90s. If you weren't alive in the 90s, you probably don't remember

how cool it was to knock those little cardboard discs around, treasuring each and every victory and the resulting rise in self-worth. But suddenly, something tragic happened — pogs weren't cool any more!

To those of us that had all our self worth invested in pogs, this made no sense. They were cool a few days ago. What happened?

Pretty much nothing is what happened. A fad died.

Somewhere, some Patient Zero child woke up one morning, looked at the cardboard circles littering his room, and said, "Nuts to this. I'm getting into Pokémon."

Soon, all around the nation, a magic yellow rat monster and his abusive owner were all the rage, leaving those of us with vast collections of pogs we were scrambling to unload before the market tanked. Hint — pogs make the most uncomfortable beanbag chairs known to man.

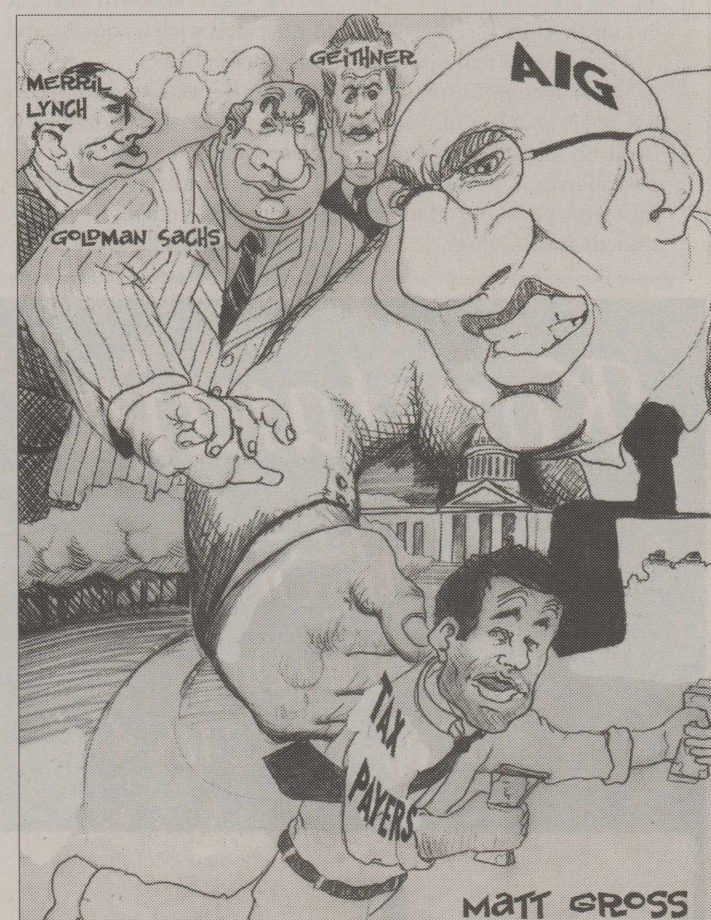
Our money spontaneously stopped being cool in September of 2008.

Somewhere, somehow, a Patient Zero woke up and went, "Hey! We're selling lies and painted cardboard! Does anyone else know we're selling lies and cardboard?" Everyone else tried to shush him up, but it was too late — our money was not cool anymore, and the market began to globally spiral into the deadly disco zone of totally-not-coolness.

The question is not, "How can we get our groove back?" or "Can we perhaps base our economic foundation on something more stable than the whims of a child?" The question is, "Where can I put my fear rage?"

Thankfully, dear readers, I have the answer. We must find, and kill, Pikachu. Little rat has it coming. Plus I'm pretty sure he's a supporter of that political party you hate.

“Our money spontaneously stopped being cool in September of 2008.”



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# 5k run to assist abused children

Face painting, a jumping balloon and a 5K run — Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains will host Speak Up for Kids 5K on Saturday.

CASA of the South Plains Development Director Rose Carkeet said the main goal of the fundraiser is to raise awareness of abused children.

"We will launch 400 blue balloons to symbolize the current number of children being helped by CASA," Carkeet said. "Then we will release 250 red balloons to symbolize the number of children who still need volunteers."

CASA trains and supports the individuals who seek to foster children who have been abused, she said. Last year Lubbock was the second highest city in Texas with confirmed victims of child abuse.

"This is my favorite event CASA does," Carkeet said. "It's fun to watch the children. It's also a great way to get involved in Lubbock, since there is a great need for volunteers in the community."

Texas Tech sorority Kappa Alpha Theta organized the CASA of the South Plains fundraiser to fulfill its commitment to the national sorority's philanthropy.

Jenna Lynch, Kappa Alpha Theta

president and a junior interior design major from Rowlett, said the CASA run is an important event for the sorority.

"It's our signature event of the year," Lynch said. "It's year-round planning and organizing for the event, which probably started around November."

Theta has partnered with CASA of the South Plains for several years, but plans to take on a stronger leadership role for the event, she said.

"This is the first year we're running the whole thing ourselves, which is a really good opportunity," Lynch said. "It's a really good community event."

She said members of the sorority enjoy increasing community awareness about children in need.

"Lubbock has some of the highest number of child abuse cases per capita in the state," Lynch said. "That alone should encourage people to come out and raise awareness of the problem."

The CASA of the South Plains Speak Up For Kids 5K run will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Tech Frazier Alumni Center. It costs \$25 to participate in the race, and a registration table will be set up in front of the center before the event Saturday.

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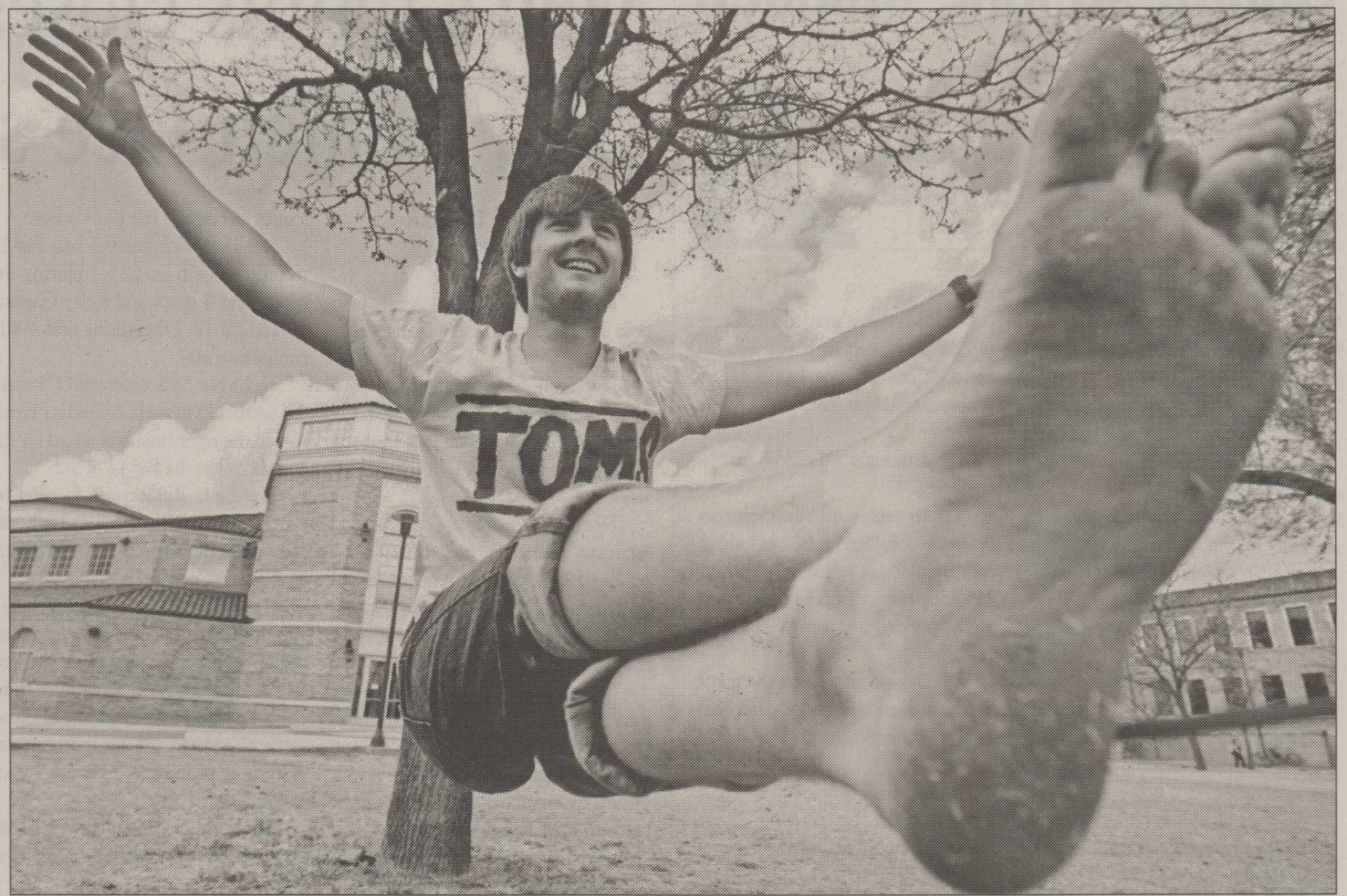


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ZACH WALLACE, A sophomore communication studies major from Austin, balances on a slack line while barefoot Thursday next to the university Library.

# Students leave shoes at home to increase poverty awareness

Dusty sidewalks did not deter supporters of the TOMS One Day Without Shoes campaign. About 20 Tech students removed their shoes Thursday and marched barefoot to increase awareness for poverty-stricken people who cannot afford shoes. Many of the marchers also attended their classes without shoes.

For every pair of TOMS purchased,

the United States vegan and canvas shoemaker donates a pair of shoes to a needy child.

Harriette Baker, a junior advertising major from Sugarland and finalist for a TOMS internship, organized the event as part of her interview process.

"I think that awareness is key," Baker said "especially for a brand like TOMS that tries to set up and reach people individually."

Before the march, some of the participants informed students passing through the free speech area about the campaign. Others, including Jack Jones, a junior international business major from Missouri City, drew a small crowd by walking barefoot across a slack line, a strap similar to a tight rope, stretched between two trees.

"It feels great to be grimy," Jones said. "Honestly, it feels great," said Jones, who others said had the dirtiest feet of all.

## FRIDAY FITNESS

### Swimming beneficial for endurance

Are you looking for a way to get the benefits of cardio work along with the toning benefits of light weight training without putting excess strain on your joints?

Then swimming is the answer for you.

Swimming is beneficial because it builds muscular and aerobic endurance. Muscular endurance is built faster because water resistance is much greater than air resistance.

Utilizing strokes such as the breaststroke or freestyle prompt you to regulate your breathing. By using such equipment as fins or kick boards, you can focus more specifically on particular muscle groups throughout your workout.

As with any type of endurance training, working in intervals is a good way to ensure you have a challenging workout. In the case of swimming, alternating strokes is a good form of interval training.

For example, swimming two laps freestyle with a lap of breaststroke in between is a powerful way to build endurance. To add resistance, add fins or hand paddles. Although you won't be adding bulk muscle to your body by swimming, you can build strength and power, especially with strokes such as the butterfly.

Here is an example of a good swimming workout for building your endurance:

#### Warm Up

• 50 meter freestyle, 50 meter breaststroke, repeat.

### John Miller



#### Workout

• 8x25 freestyle sprints. For added resistance, at the end of each lap, get out of the pool and jump back in without diving to gain distance. This will help work your upper body.

• 2x25 breaststroke using arms only, 2x25 breaststroke using lower body kick only, and 4x25 breaststroke.

#### Cool down

• 4x25 easy freestyle using kick flip, 4x25 easy breaststroke.

The total distance covered in this workout is 800 meters, or half a mile. By alternating strokes and changing from sprints to lighter endurance, you will get a great cardio workout in a relatively simple yet effective workout.

Swimming is a very beneficial form of exercise that can be utilized as a form of cross training for all types of athletes, regardless of build.

**Have a fitness related question? John Miller is an ACE certified personal trainer at the rec center and graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. E-mail him at [john.j.miller@ttu.edu](mailto:john.j.miller@ttu.edu)**

# Health advocates tout new, more user-friendly model of female condom

NEW YORK (AP)—Advocates of the female condom are promoting a less costly, more user-friendly version that they hope will vastly expand its role in the global fight against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

An early version of the female condom was introduced in 1993, and it remains the only available woman-

initiated form of protection against both STDs and unintended pregnancy. Yet despite global promotion by the United Nations and other organizations, its usage is still minuscule, even as women bear an ever-growing share of the AIDS epidemic.

Advocates hope the dynamics will change following last month's approval

by the Food and Drug Administration of the FC2, a new version of the female condom produced by the Chicago-based Female Health Co.

About 35 million female condoms were distributed worldwide last year, but

that compares to more than 10 billion male condoms, which are far cheaper and, at least initially, easier to use. However, in some nations with high HIV rates, many men refuse to wear condoms, putting women at risk.

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# Boom, so long Madden

No one could diagram a football play on the telestrator better than him.

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No one could illustrate broadcast bromance better than he did with the great Pat Summerall.

And very few Americans (probably zero) loved Thanksgiving more than him.

Oh, and no one has meant more to the sports gaming industry.

John Madden laid to rest his microphone Thursday, ending a 30-year career that landed him jobs at all four of the nation's major networks.

Now it's time to think about the 73-year-old's replacement, how much we will miss his rambling adventures and his creative drawing sessions.

Or we could ponder how much we won't miss them. There are plenty of people who smiled when they learned of Madden's decision.

I wasn't one of them. I enjoyed listening to Madden, although he befuddled me plenty of times.

Maybe I liked him because he made me feel like I knew football better than a Super Bowl-winning coach.

I will miss that. Also, find me an announcer who fears flying so much that he has journeyed across the nation in a customized bus — the Madden Cruiser.

But let's be honest, most of the time, Madden's analysis made more sense on his trademark video games than in reality.

He still had a sharp coaches' eye, without it, he wouldn't have won Super Bowl XI in 1977 with the Oakland Raiders.

NBC's lead football analyst, Cris Collinsworth, will be Madden's replacement.

Good luck Collinsworth, you may be better at analyzing football in a coherent manner, but you can't make up for all of Madden's commercials.

Tough Actin' Tinactin, Boom! Enough said.

But Madden should have retired with

**Alex Ybarra**



Summerall in 2003.

Madden always needed a resourceful, calm counterpart that could interject between one of his many gargantuan run-on sentences.

Boom!

I just thought I'd throw that in there.

Try to replay all the moments he made you laugh (yes, laughing at him counts). He reminded me of my big-bellied junior high football coach, easily breaking down plays in simple dialogue.

Madden's approach to the game was that of an ordinary guy, not that of Ron Jaworski, football's king of jargon.

Maybe that's why so many people loved him. But then there are people who think any football analyst is better than Madden.

I can see that.

However, the master of rambling diction will be sorely missed. Some may disagree, but Madden always will be an American football icon, and not because of his video game.

For all those Madden haters out there, you will miss him. You will realize you took him for granted.

Even if you didn't enjoy how he describes plays, he was good for a laugh or two.

And for that, I say thank you John Madden, enjoy your retirement.

And I hope your replacement isn't Frank Caliendo.

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# Men's tennis closes season with OSU, OU, women face same teams in Okla.

By **ZANE TURNER**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech tennis will get its own dose of the Bedlam Series this weekend.

The Tech men's tennis team concludes its regular season against the same Big 12 Conference foes that the Tech women's tennis team face this weekend.

The Lady Raiders are on the road against Oklahoma State (10-10, 4-5 in Big 12 play) at 1 p.m. today in Stillwater, Okla., and Oklahoma (8-15, 2-7) at 1 p.m. Sunday in Norman, Okla.

"Both these teams are very talented, very hungry teams," Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said. "I think they're two matches that we could win, but it's two matches that you better be ready to play. The girls' mindset is good right now, they've taken the task that with nine matches to go we needed to go no worse than 8-1, and so far we're on that trend."

The Cowgirls enter this contest on a two-match win streak with a 5-2 win against Iowa State and a 4-3 win against Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, however, has lost two straight, including the latest loss to OSU.

The Lady Raiders head to Oklahoma after having the week off. Tech won its last two home matches against Kansas State and Kansas and has won

four of its last five Big 12 matches.

Natalie Leitch has the best Big 12 record on the team at 5-3 playing the No. 3 and 4 spots and Kelsy Garland at No. 2 is 12-7 this spring and 4-4 in conference play.

Tech's No. 58 doubles duo of Samantha van der Drift and Garland is playing well at the right time and is tied for the best record in the Big 12 at 5-2.

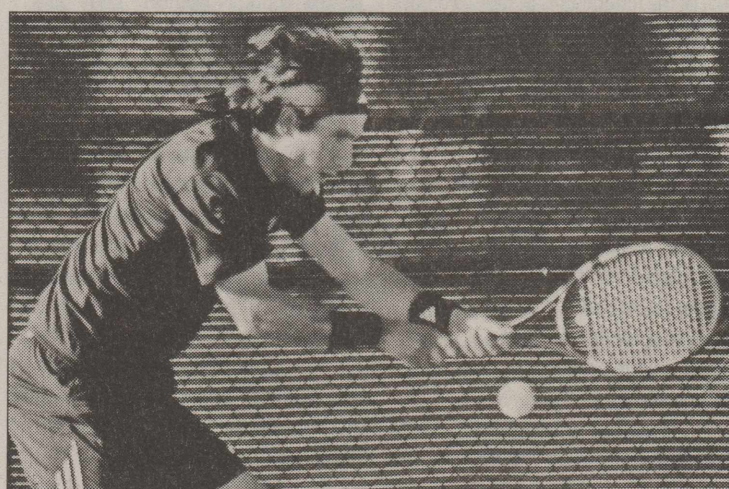
The Lady Raiders are focused on earning two wins this weekend in hopes of improving chances at an NCAA Tournament berth.

"I definitely think we belong there," van der Drift said. "But it's up to us to prove that we actually belong there. We had some good wins and some close 4-3s, and if we get some of those, we're already in the tournament. It's up to us to prove it and get some good results."

The Lady Raiders still have a make-up match against Nebraska April 22 in Norman, Okla.

The No. 34 Red Raiders face No. 24 Oklahoma State (12-5, 2-2) at 6 p.m. today and host Senior Day in their last conference match against No. 38 Oklahoma (12-8, 1-4) at 1 p.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Oklahoma State comes into the weekend winners of its last five including two 4-3 victories over then-No. 55 Nebraska and No. 38 Oklahoma, and the Sooners have won three of their last four including a win against Nebraska



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH'S MILOS Kustudija is playing his last two matches at home as a Red Raider against Oklahoma State and Oklahoma this weekend.

and No. 40 Rice.

Like the Lady Raiders, the Red Raiders' NCAA Tournament résumé would benefit from solid home victories.

"Oklahoma State is one of the hottest teams in the country right now," Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said. "And Oklahoma has a solid team, they lost to OSU 4-3 and will be tough. We know what's at stake, and we understand that we have to win a match to make the NCAA Tournament. There is not any pressure. They just know that they need to go out there and play."

Gonzalo Escobar, Tech's No. 3 singles player, has missed the last two matches because of a left wrist injury. His status this weekend will be a gametime

decision, Siegel said.

This weekend also marks the last time Tech's five seniors will step onto the courts at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

The captain James Wilson, Michael Breler, Christian Rojmar, Milos Kustudija and Sinisa Markovic have gone a combined 38-30 for Tech this spring and hope to put their best effort forward this weekend.

"All us seniors feel weird about these being our last home matches," Breler said. "But we want to finish off good in these last two matches. But I think everyone is really eager to finish strong these last two matches and give it everything we have."

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# Tech track splits team for separate weekend meets

By **ADAM WADSWORTH**  
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As the outdoor season gets into full swing, the Texas Tech track team is showing no signs of letting up.

The Red Raiders split their team this weekend between the Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., and the Dr Pepper Invitational in Waco at Baylor.

Tech coach Wes Kitley said he is excited to see what his team can do against the high level of competition it will see this weekend.

"Once again we're going to be put into a situation where you're going to have to step up and compete against the best out there," Kitley said. "That's what I'm excited about, you know, having the pressure. I think it keeps giving our kids more experience in big meets and big time pressure situations."

He said the meets will be good practice for the team before the Penn Relays — another one of the year's biggest meets — next weekend and the other big meets down the road.

One of the highlights of the group

heading to Waco is junior hurdler Omo Osaghae, who is coming off a school record-setting performance at the Texas Tech Twilight April 9.

"It's getting into crunch time with the end of the season, Big 12 (Conference Championships) and nationals coming up," Osaghae said. "So we're trying to treat every meet now like it's the real deal, even though people might not be running in everything."

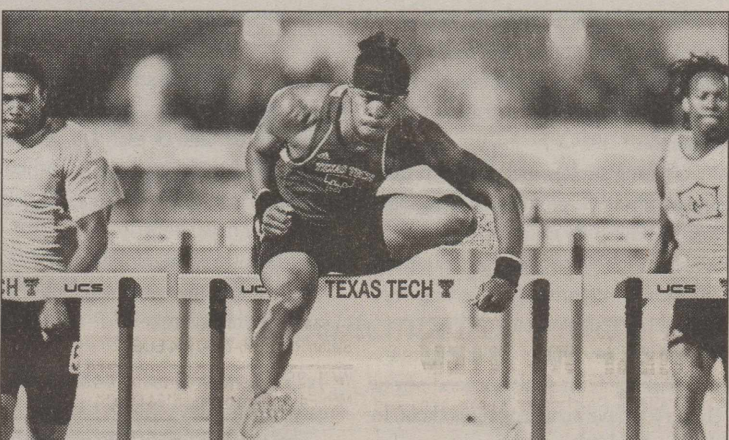
Although he is not running the 110-meter hurdles again this weekend, Osaghae said he hopes to carry momentum from that record into his performance in the 4x100-meter relay at Baylor.

Tech 800-meter runner Asia Diaz is one of the athletes traveling to California for the relays.

Coming off a third place finish at Twilight, Diaz said the team has continued to practice hard this week and should be well-prepared for the meets this weekend.

"We're just going there ready to run a good meet," she said. "There's going to be a lot of good competition so we're ready to run some good races."

Diaz said the team is getting to the



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH SPRINTER Omo Osaghae flies over the last hurdle to finish first in the 110-meter hurdles during the Texas Tech Twilight Open April 9 at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

point of the season where everyone starts setting faster times, so she hopes to see a few regional marks and personal records set this weekend.

Although the Mt. SAC relays began Thursday, Tech does not begin competition until today.

The Dr Pepper Invitational will be a one-day event Saturday.

"What I'd like to see is more kids, not just our brilliant kids like Omo and Gil Roberts, but several other kids need to start getting better marks," Kitley said. "So for our team to do well, it's really the third, fourth and fifth that we're counting on. I'm really hoping that's what we're going to see here in the next little bit."

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### AWARDS

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## Broadcaster John Madden retires

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden's last game as a football announcer was a thrilling Super Bowl decided in the final seconds.

The perfect ending to a run as one of sports' most popular broadcasters, now that Madden called it a career Thursday. Yet it didn't fit Madden's style to think about his retirement that way.

"I'm a grinder," he said on his Bay Area radio show. "You just grind and get through it and when it's all over, you think about it. You don't rush into any decisions."

Madden's exuberance for football and blue-collar persona endeared him to TV viewers for three decades. Boom! As sudden as his signature call, he's leaving midway through a six-year contract with NBC's "Sunday Night Football."

"I think his work ethic and passion and love for the game made him apart from everybody else," said longtime broadcast partner Pat Summerall.

Madden said his health is fine, but at the age of 73, he wanted to spend more time with his family. His 50th wedding anniversary is this fall, and his five grandchildren are old enough to notice when he's gone.

"The thing that made it hard is not because I'm second guessing: 'Is it the right decision?' But I enjoyed it so damn much," Madden said. "I enjoyed the game and the players and the coaches and the film and the travel and everything."

Cris Collinsworth will replace Madden, moving over from the network's studio show, NBC Sports chief Dick Ebersol said. Collinsworth filled in when Madden took a game off last October.

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# Tech baseball not looking past surging Kansas team

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

Kansas comes into Lubbock having been disrespected all season.

The Jayhawks were picked to finish dead last in the Big 12 Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll, but the Texas Tech baseball team plans to show KU the respect it deserves when the two teams square off tonight for the first game of a three-game series at 6:30 p.m. at Dan Law Field.

"I think our guys are confident they can beat anybody," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "We talked about Kansas a bit (Wednesday) and tried to implement some new things and (did the same Thursday)."

Statistically, the Jayhawks (24-12, 7-5 in Big 12 play) are impressive in the pitching department entering the second half of Big 12 action. Their arrival in Lubbock marks the fifth ranked team Tech will face in the same amount of weeks.

KU's weekend starters boast an

ERA just below 3.00, and the rest of the staff combines for a 3.72 ERA.

KU's pitching numbers might be trouble for a Red Raider team that has recently gone cold in the batting department.

Tech (16-23, 7-8) had not been shut out since about the midseason mark of the 2008 season, but was shut out three times last week.

"I don't think there's any pressure (to get more hits)," Tech infielder Joey Kenworthy said. "I just think it's a lack of competitiveness with each other at bat in the game. I think if everyone gets back to being competitive at the plate, I think we'll really put a

hurt on them."

Tech might be boosted by second baseman Willie Rueda, a preseason All-Big 12 Conference selection.

Spencer said Rueda may play at some point this weekend. Rueda has 21 hits through 19 games but has missed large portions of the season because of a recurring hamstring injury.

Kansas enters tonight's game riding a six-game winning streak including a three-game series sweep against Oklahoma State. However, Tech has not lost a conference series at home this season.

Tonight, it will be up to Tech

starter Brian Cloud (0-1) — a Lowe's Senior CLASS Award finalist for outstanding academics — to stifle a KU offense that has been overshadowed by its pitching, but is threatening in its own right. The Jayhawks have five regular starters in their lineup batting above a .300 average and their lineup has combined to outscore opponents 245-169.

"Baseball is a funny game," Cloud said. "Certain teams get hot at times, and others can fall into the bucket. It's survival of the fittest. There's not a team (in the Big 12) that has separated itself, so it's important for me to go out there and set the tone."

Tech's starting pitching seems to be more enduring now as well.

AJ Ramos (3-3) and Chad Bettis (4-0) pitched complete games against Oklahoma last weekend. Ramos, who pitched all eight innings of an abridged game at OU, is expected to get the start Saturday, while Bettis is expected to come out of the bullpen at some point this weekend.

Arguably the most impressive factor of the back-to-back complete games against OU was the fact that Ramos endured eight consecutive innings of work less than a year after Tommy John surgery on an injured UCL.

"My arm is fully recovered from Saturday," Ramos said. "Two days after that start, me and Bettis were throwing pretty firm. Especially coming off the injury, I felt real good. I threw 120 pitches or something like that, and I think my last fastball was 92 mph, so I still had some gas in the tank. I hope to pitch the same."



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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Brian Cloud will take the hill in the Red Raiders' game against Kansas at 6:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

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## Tech prepares for annual Red-Black spring game

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

It's difficult to confidently choose whether Texas Tech's offense or defense has had the upper hand through the first several spring practices.

Some days, quarterback Taylor Potts and the offense look dominant, but then the defense answers with plenty of sacks and turnovers the next practice.

Either way, both sides of the ball will get plenty of chances to show improvement during the annual Red-Black game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, where admission is free.

"Like coach (Mike) Leach always says (this spring), 'Not one side of the ball has won any practice two times in a row,'" linebacker Bront Bird said. "The spring game is kind of the big high point of the spring, so everybody is looking forward to that. You get put in a game environment instead of just coming out here and doing the same thing everyday."

Fans will see lots of new faces with the safety position completely reloading and several defensive and offensive players — such as receiver Alexander Torres and defensive lineman Richard Jones — emerging this spring.

But a new wrinkle to this year's game includes the elimination of Saturday practices and the addition of three practices after the spring game. So while the spring game normally marks the end of practices before fall, Tech's will continue.

A similar situation took place during last year's Red-Black game — which the defense won 29-23 with nine sacks and three interceptions — when Leach said after the game he was not satisfied with his squad's performance, so he made them scrimmage again during the week.

"It'll be really competitive this year I think," Potts said. "I think last year, a lot



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QUARTERBACK TAYLOR POTTS will look to avenge last year's loss to the defense in the annual Red-Black game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

of people were just glad spring was over with because it had been a long spring. It'll be really exciting. Hopefully we can get a lot of people out here, and it'll be a really fun game."

For senior right tackle Marlon Winn, it will be his last Red-Black game, but he's trying not to dwell on that. Getting defensive looks the offensive line has not seen during practices is something he looks forward to.

As for the times when the defense dominates the offense, like a practice in early April when it recorded 12 sacks, Winn said days like that are helpful for both sides of the ball.

"I think that our defense is one of the best defenses in the country," he said. "They practice against us everyday, and we work hard. We try to push them to be the best and they try to push us to be the best."

"So in all, we're all getting a good workout out of the deal. Everybody is gonna get better for it. As long as everyone is going full

speed, giving it their all, I think everybody will accomplish something."

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill made his defense do up-downs for almost 10 minutes during Wednesday's practice after the offense scored on three consecutive possessions.

It probably was a good indicator as to what McNeill does not want to see on Saturday.

"There's just a couple things I ask of the defense," he said. "That we play with effort every single day we come on the field, and we play with great fundamentals and that we tackle well. If I don't see any one of those things, then they know I'm not a very happy camper, and they shouldn't be."

If Tech's defense outdoes its performance from the 2008 Red-Black game, then McNeill should have plenty to smile about.

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## Softball hosts No. 10 Mizzou in final home series of season

By ZANE TURNER  
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The road does not get any easier, even at home.

After coming off a 2-0 loss to No. 24 Texas, the Texas Tech softball teams hosts No. 10 Missouri (38-5, 8-2 in Big 12 Conference play) at 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The weekend series also marks Senior Day for Tech's three seniors: Elizabeth Eimen, Alex Watkins and Megan Shupp.

"I hope that we can just come out ready to attack," said Watkins, who leads the team with six home runs and 27 RBIs and her 11 doubles makes her tied for third in the Big 12.

The Tigers are rolling with a seven-game win streak — the third time this season they have had a winning streak of seven or more games. Mizzou also has had an 11-game win streak and a 13-game streak to start the season.

In first place in the Big 12, the Tigers have kept opponents scoreless in 17 of their 43 games this season.

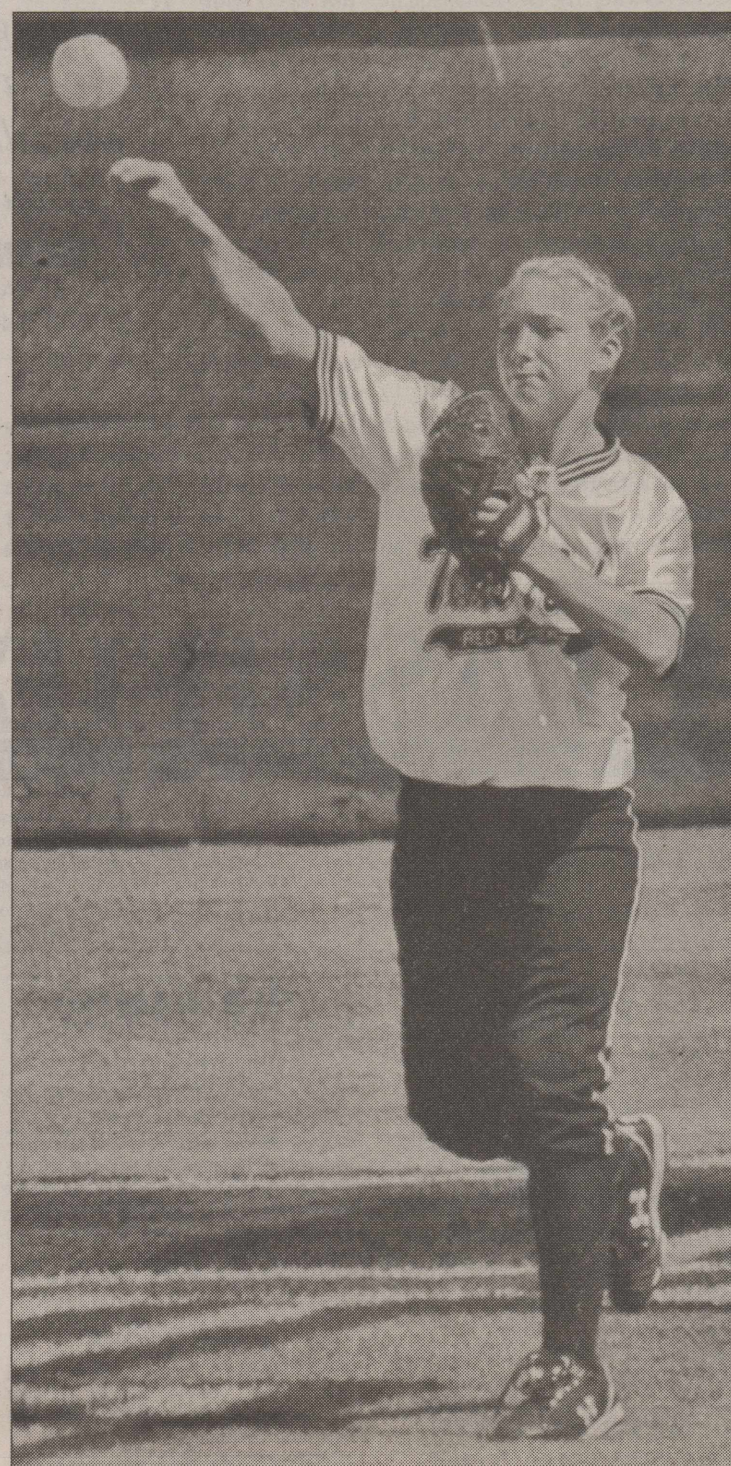
The Red Raiders (14-33, 2-9) enter the weekend sitting in ninth place in the Big 12 and have dropped their last two games — including the loss to Texas Wednesday. Tech also has lost five of its last six games.

The Red Raiders hope they can give 100 percent against Mizzou despite recent injury problems, which were evident in the Texas game.

"I hope that the energy is up from the rest of the team for our three seniors," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "As far as game plans go we'll stay the same against Missouri and just try to execute better, execute all the way around, and pitching needs to show up again like it did against Texas."

Statistically, Mizzou has the best pitching and batting in the conference, leading the Big 12 with a .332 team batting average, 281 runs, 66 doubles and 104 stolen bases. In the circle, Mizzou leads the conference with a 1.27 ERA and allows the fewest runs in the Big 12 with 67.

Tech, however, is on the other end of the spectrum.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S STEPHANIE DREWRY makes a routine out against Texas Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field. The Red Raiders begin a two-game series against No. 10 Missouri at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The Red Raiders are eighth in the conference with a .270 team batting average and lead the Big 12 with 247 strikeouts. Opponents also have taken advantage of Tech's pitching, which has surrendered a Big 12-high 372 hits and 256 runs this season.

The Tigers also have three players among the top five hitters in the Big 12 with Shana White carrying a .463 average, Marla

Schweisberger at .446 and Rhea Taylor at .416.

The Red Raiders, despite the Tigers' success, hope they can take some energy from Senior Day.

"This is the last series for us seniors, but Missouri is going to be tough," said Eimen who is fifth in the Big 12 with 51 hits. "We're going to try and come out, play our best and put them down."

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## Spurs paying no attention to playoff doubts

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — While everyone else knew the San Antonio Spurs were seconds from winning the division, Tim Duncan had to find out from his wife and Michael Finley stayed clueless until getting back to the locker room.

Typical Spurs. Always the last to know.

Apparently, they also haven't heard many say they're far too old, worn down and injured to be as good as the No. 3 in the Western Conference playoffs suggests. That after four NBA titles in 10 seasons, they're now a fading afterthought as a champion-

ship contender.

If the Spurs are being overlooked when they open the playoffs Saturday against Dallas, Tony Parker doesn't know about it.

"No, not really," he said.

Here's what Parker says he does know: the Spurs are old. That had they not pulled off a miraculous overtime win Wednesday night against New Orleans, they'd be on a long flight to Portland that would've been taxing on their aging starting cast that includes Duncan, 31, and Finley, 35.

Instead, the Spurs will enjoy

home-court advantage in the first round for the 11th consecutive season. That in itself is a remarkable testament to their longevity, but even San Antonio is keenly aware that this postseason is going to be unlike than any in the Duncan era.

In other words, much harder.

Manu Ginobili is out with a bad ankle. Duncan's knees have been letting him down. Bruce Bowen was yanked from the starting lineup early in the season, and even off the bench, the Spurs have considerably shaved the minutes given to their 37-year-old defensive stopper.

## Mavs look strong going into playoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Players say it all the time: They want their team playing its best going into the playoffs.

Well, the Dallas Mavericks certainly are. And they have about as good of a first-round matchup as they could get.

So maybe Jason Terry is on to something when he keeps insisting "the best is yet to come."

Terry has been using that line for days, even proclaiming it to a sellout crowd before the season finale Wednesday night. He was right in the short term, with a bunch of things falling into place and the Mavericks winding up with 50 wins and the No. 6 seed in the Western Conference, neither of which seemed likely just a few weeks ago.

"We've continued to gradually build," coach Rick Carlisle said. "We've just really become a fighting team the last couple of months. That helped us."

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