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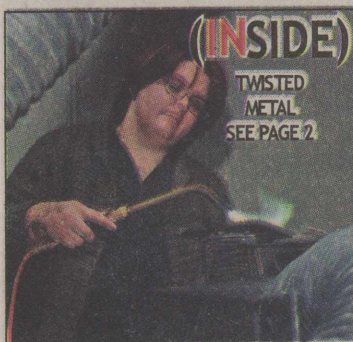
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STATE

House unanimously approves \$178B budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has approved a \$178 billion state budget that would increase spending by 5 percent over the next two years and would strip the governor's office of its operating budget almost entirely.

In an early Saturday show of the newfound House harmony, the 150-member chamber unanimously approved the budget, the first under the tenure of Speaker Joe Straus.

"The real story tonight is that we all worked together, arm in arm, to pass a budget that we can all be proud of," said Republican Rep. Jim Pitts, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, after guiding the chamber through an unusually cordial 18-hour debate that ended with a vote around 4 a.m.

NATION

Thousands still blacked out after Colo. snow storm

DENVER (AP) — Utility workers in Colorado are trying to restore power to thousands of homes and businesses that lost their electrical service during a powerful snowstorm.

Xcel Energy spokesman Joe Fuentes said 8,200 customers in the city of Evergreen still were blacked out Sunday morning, while 1,500 homes and business in Boulder and 800 homes in Denver also had no electricity.

Fuentes says crews worked through the night and were still on the job Sunday morning trying to restore service.

WORLD

Iraqi parliament elects new speaker

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament ended months of political paralysis by electing a prominent Sunni lawmaker as its new speaker on Sunday. Meanwhile, attackers fatally shot seven people in an old market area of Baghdad in a new spree of violence in the Iraqi capital.

The selection of Ayad al-Samarraie opens the way for parliament to deal with crucial reforms that have been on hold for nearly four months. Among the issues facing parliament: passing laws to regulate the country's oil and gas riches and addressing possible constitutional changes on central government powers.

DEATH TOLL

4274

U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Friendly competition

White team wins competitive spring game

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

With a newly-formatted spring game and big plays being made by old and new faces, Texas Tech used a game-type environment to get an early look at how it will build on last season's success.

After the idea was brought to him by several players, coach Mike Leach decided to separate the Red Raiders into two teams — the Red and White — and gave each squad full offensive and defensive units with each getting an equal amount of starters.

"When you literally just split them up, there's gonna be breakdowns in execution because you're spread a little thin," he said. "Most years, you're not able to do it. We were able to this year. But if you're not deep enough, especially the (offensive) line and (defensive) line, you can't do it."

But it wasn't the starting quarterback, Taylor Potts, that led his team to victory. Instead, quarterback Steven Sheffield — who Leach said has earned the backup quarterback spot — threw for 99 yards and a touchdown on 11-of-18 passing to lead the White team to a 19-7 win Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Despite the altered format causing a few mishaps, Leach said he was pleased with the effort and overall outcome.

"I thought it was good," he said. "I thought it was pretty good competitive work, disjointed as a result of some folks working next to each other that they're not familiar with."

Potts, trying to prove he can solidify his role as Graham Harrell's replacement, looked prepared throughout, posting 211 yards and a touchdown on 20-of-27 passing.

Despite his team losing, Potts got a reassuring commitment from Leach after the game.

"It's really nice," Potts said. "It's really comforting knowing you have the support of your coach and the coach is behind you as well as



TEXAS TECH RED team's Colby Whitlock attempts to tackle Texas Tech White team's Baron Batch during the Red-Black spring football game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

other coaches and your teammates. It makes your job a little easier knowing that you're backed by a lot of people on your team."

In the first drive of the game, Potts marched his team downfield, going 5-for-6 on a 9-play, 74-yard scoring drive that was capped off by a leaping 6-yard touchdown grab from receiver Tramain Swindall.

Sheffield did not put together a scoring drive until late in the first quarter after punter Jonathan LaCour shanked a 16-yard

punt, giving the White team excellent field position on the Red's 48-yard line.

With the help of a 15-yard facemask penalty on linebacker Brian Duncan, Sheffield efficiently worked his way down field before running back Baron Batch bulldozed through the left side of the offensive line for an 8-yard touchdown, cutting the lead to 7-6.

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HSC doctors release US Medical Licensing Exam test review

By KENDYL SEBESTA
STAFF WRITER

The 12th edition of a medical self-assessment and review handbook for third-year medical students preparing to take the United States Medical Licensing Exam 2 was released nationally this month by a group of Texas Tech doctors.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech School of Medicine, said the book, "Pre-Test Medicine," simulates the USMLE 2 by providing 500 test questions students may use in the self-assessment process, along with detailed responses provided for each medical

situation.

"The questions in the book are all case based," Berk said. "Students look at situations where patients face a variety of diseases they must diagnose, and then the book provides the correct answer so students may judge how accurate their responses were."

Berk said medical students preparing to take the USMLE 2 are students who have learned a variety of basic

sciences and now must move to diagnosing patients.

"The book provides situations like a 25-year-old woman complains of a fever and a sore throat, and the students must determine the medical diagnosis for the woman," he said. "Typically students will begin taking the licensing exam at the beginning of their fourth year and during their clerkship and rotations with the Shelf Exam, so there's something going on all the time that the book could be useful for."

According to the USMLE Web site, the USMLE 2 assesses a medical student's ability to apply medical knowledge, skills and an understanding

of clinical science under the provision of patient care under supervision with emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention.

Berk said those who contributed to the development of Pre-Test Medicine included Tech faculty who typically worked closely with the medical students and knew what they would need to study for the exam.

"I think the faculty here is very close with their students, which give them insight into what they will need for the exams," he said. "Dr. Robert Urban, for example, is the lead author on the book and did most of the work."

Those directly involved with the

creation of the handbook apart from Berk include Dr. Robert Urban, Tech HSC Department of Internal Medicine associate professor, Dr. John Pierce and Dr. Marjorie Jenkins, Tech Health Sciences Center OB GYN associate professor, Berk said.

Pierce, an associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico, said as one of the contributors to the development of the book, he wrote test questions for five of the chapters in the handbook, but Urban contributed the most time to the book.

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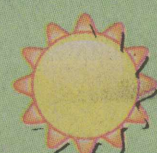
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FORMER MASKED RIDER, Ashley Hartzog, left, passes the reins of Midnight Matador to the Masked Rider for 2009-2010, Brianne Aucutt-Hight, a senior animal science major, Friday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.



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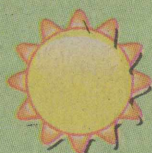
REVEALED MASCOTT, KRISTEN Rinard, holsters guns in the new Raider Red's belt, Sunday during the Transfer of the Guns ceremony.



TODAY

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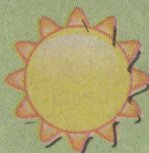
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CAMPUS NEWS FLASH

College of Arts and Sciences

The Texas Tech Health, Exercise and Sport Science department assisted with the 2009 National Collegiate Triathlon Championships Friday and Saturday at Buffalo Springs Lake. Twenty-eight sport management graduate students within the department volunteered to help with set up the runs, swims and bicycle rides.

School of Law

Fort Worth attorney Tom Hall will be discussing ethics during a presentation at the Tech law school from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Hall, whose lecture is titled Litigation Malpractice Traps from the Plaintiff's Perspective, is an adjunct professor at the law school and a 1981 graduate of the school.

The Institute for Environmental and Human Health

TIHH will host Glen Webb, an Abilene attorney, to speak about Texas renewable energy from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in the lecture hall of the institute.

Miscellaneous

- The Tech chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society will host the first Annual Peace and Security Forum from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the International Cultural Center. The goal of the discussion is to encourage a commitment to creating solutions for the common good.
- A local restaurant will host a fundraiser for autism awareness, which will benefit the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research. The two locations of River Smith's, on the 400 block of Avenue Q and the 8200 block of University Avenue, will donate 10 percent of sales Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. to the center, which will support the operating endowment.

Knowledge bowl provides cultural lessons

By GEENA MARTINEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

September may be National Hispanic-Latino Awareness month, but one student organization hopes Texas Tech students continue the awareness year-round.

Mentor Tech hosted a Hispanic Knowledge Bowl Saturday in the Student Union Building as a way for students to learn more about the Hispanic culture. Ricky Sherfield, a senior architecture major from Tyler and an executive member of Mentor Tech, said this is the second year the organization has hosted the bowl.

"It encourages students to learn information and facts about famous Hispanic Americans and Latinos," he said. "It's basically information that you wouldn't get from a regular history class."

Seven teams representing various student organizations at Tech participated in the bowl based on the television game show Jeopardy. Participants chose from seven categories: culture, el pasado, Spanish for "the past," entertainment, cities, people, food and sports.

Sherfield said the bowl took almost two months to plan and the organization handed out more than \$350 in prize money. He said the organization earned money through teams paying a \$15 entry fee, but he also said the bowl was more than just a fundraiser.

"It's more about just getting people interested in learning about Hispanic facts," he said, "and the incentive is the prize money."

Marc Morales, a junior political science and sociology major from Fort Stockton, participated in the bowl as team captain for the Hispanic Student Society. He said he decided to enter the competition after watching last year's knowledge bowl.

"I thought it would be a fun way to learn about my culture," he said, "and I wanted to raise money for our organization."

Morales said Mentor Tech provided the teams with a packet of information to help them prepare for the bowl. He said his team studied for a couple of hours at a coffee shop and at a team breakfast the morning of the competition. However,

no studying was required for one category, Morales said.

"The food category was the most fun because it's one of the biggest parts of my culture," he said, "and I didn't need to study at all."

The Hispanic Student Society finished in third place and Morales said the bowl is something he will participate in next year.

Andrew Gonzalez, a freshman theater major from Ecuador, served as the captain for team Artamonavez. He said he entered in the bowl because it was something he felt he would be good at.

"I knew it was something that could be memorized," he said, "and I knew I could win."

Gonzalez said because of this, he spent little time looking over the packet of information.

"I read the questions and answers twice," Gonzalez said, "and I only spent about an hour studying."

After three rounds and a championship game, team Artamonavez, representing the student organization Unidos por un Mismo Idioma, emerged as the Hispanic Knowledge Bowl champions.

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METAL MASTER



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
SAERLAITH CURRIE, A senior metals and jewelry major from Athens, anneals a strip of silver for a sculpture Wednesday in the metals and jewelry lab in the Art Annex building.

USMLE

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"In this edition we were looking at revising the test questions in the chapters so that they would

better reflect new advances in medicine," Pierce said. "The test questions in the book are modeled after the test questions on the national exam and there were training sessions where we able to review old tests given by the National Board."

Pierce said Urban contributed the most time to the development of the book's chapters, photos and overall presence.

"Dr. Urban did six or seven chapters I believe," he said. "He also read over every page of the final edition and looked at all the photos to make sure everything was correct."

Pierce said each contributor to the book typically wrote or developed questions for the chapters they felt they had the most knowledge and interest in, with his work including chapters regarding internal medicine, gastrology, allergy and immunology and geriatrics.

"I really think this is the best

edition yet," he said. "The writing is better, the test questions are better, and it was reviewed quite a bit."

Pierce said the publishing firm, McGraw Hill, paid for the production of the book along with book reviews by medical students at institutions like Tech and others in New York for areas of clarity and wording.

"There were students from the medical honor society here that reviewed the book and two students from New York who worked on it," he said. "But there were also other doctors involved in the process too like Dr. Todd Dial and Dr. Johanna Wilson."

According to the McGraw Hill Web site, two previous editions of the Pre-Test Medicine handbook also were published by McGraw Hill in a similar format by the group of Tech doctors in two-year periods, beginning in 2005.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Good-sized piece of meat
- Play-of-color gam
- To the left, at sea
- Volcanic output
- White House staffer
- Medium for FDR's fireside chats
- Sign of things to come
- Start of many a corny joke
- O'Hare's estate
- Flavorful
- Canadian tribe
- Neighbor of Swe.
- Scat singer Fitzgerald
- Start of a trucker's communication
- Crude in a gusher
- Sea World performer
- Herodicy units
- "Metamorphoses" poet
- Like milk on the floor
- Outside, as a chance
- Knot again
- Classic grape soda
- "Fourscore and seven years"
- Start of a newsboy's cry
- City near Sacramento
- Jewelry fastener
- High-performance Camaro
- Finished
- Church belief
- Bulletin board sticker
- Monthly expense

DOWN

- Opening for a coin
- Tibet's Dalai
- State with conviction
- Fruit high in potassium
- Acorn producers
- colada
- Big fusses
- Hannibal the Cannibal
- Genesis craft
- Breakfast stack
- Olfactory reception
- Pilaf grain
- Casino gratuity
- NASCAR's Petty or Busch
- Gives a thumbs-up
- Fall behind
- One lacking manners
- Fastener for Rosie
- Upper crust
- Music genre in the 'hood
- Jewelry in the 'hood
- China's Zhou
- King's tenure
- Unhealthy skyline obscurer
- Scatter
- Give permission
- 2007 William P. Young Christian-themed best-seller
- Summer in France
- AOL, for one
- Cruise ship stop
- "You can't get out this way" sign
- One whose job is fitting?
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Microsoft to possibly incorporate online, mobile features into Halo

If you haven't heard of "Halo," then either you've been dead for the past eight years or you're part of some kind of cult that harbors unwarranted hatred towards fun, which, I think can be safely assumed, is most cults.

Starting back in 2001, Bungie's masterpiece "Halo: Combat Evolved" launched and immediately emerged as the defining game of the Xbox, solidifying Microsoft's shaky but stubborn entry into the gaming industry.

After that, no one could remember or even catch a Sasquatch-esque glimpse of a time before the definitive first-person shooter over the mountain of money it had raked in and the barrels of copies it had sold.

If anything even tangentially related to the "Halo" franchise was released, it was guaranteed to sell millions, books included.

However — I think I speak for all the people who don't live and die by a fetish for high-res textures and increased poly count — it's been downhill since "Halo: CE."

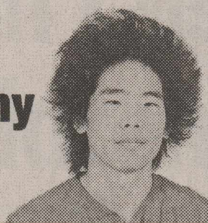
I don't mean to say "Halo 2" or "Halo 3" are bad games, but rather they just aren't as good. Granted, the first of the trilogy was damn near perfect. So, it's not necessarily a bad thing that either of the sequels didn't live up to their predecessor since each release was a topnotch game, but it's still disappointing when reality doesn't live up to dreams.

I mean, when the mere mention of a trailer for your game induces more visible excitement than watching "Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball," you know the hype is good.

The lead up for the sequels were much more exciting than the actual release, especially with the "I Love Bees" ARG from "Halo 2."

The currently defunct Ensemble Studios' recent dabbling in the "Halo" mythos with "Halo Wars" garnered similar hype but only moderate critical reception, which meant fans could only look forward to the distant "Halo 3: ODST" expansion or speculate over what "Halo: Chronicles" could possibly bring to the table.

Timothy Poon



Until this week that is.

As most Internet sleuths will tell you, the most informative sources of tasty tidbits rarely come from press releases, but rather from less official posts discovered in the least likely of places. This time, it comes from a Microsoft job listing on CareerBuilder.com.

In the listing, the Redmond-based company elicited programmers for an undisclosed "Halo" project that centers around "social communities" and following "the dedicated Halo fan wherever they go." To take it further, the project will "blend console, Web and mobile" to take the current Halo community to the "next level."

What this all means exactly is a complete mystery, but that has never stopped anyone from concocting impossible-to-fulfill fantasies and delusions of grandeur. Some people think this is the first sign of the inevitable "Halo" MMO, while others think it's merely a pervasive community portal

for consoles, computers and phones. Both of these probably fall too far to their respective extremes.

"Halo 3" already has mild Web interaction with stats, game records and replays available online. So, it's clear that Microsoft is wanting and willing to refine that setup, if not take it further to active interactions from whatever Web interface they're cooking up for the console.

It's extremely likely it will involve a lot of Web 2.0ish social interaction, given that the job listing also requires engineers that can "build connected technology while working in a startup environment," with the key word in that sentence being "startup," which heavily implies new age online usability.

Such usability is almost guaranteed to extend similarly to mobiles via software like iPhone applications or, at the very least, SMS integration, especially

given the success of such applications and related startups such as Twitter.

That all is pretty much a given, but it is also the only information that could be considered as such, which means, at this point, the MMO claim is relatively outlandish.

Under the responsibilities portion of the job listing, it states the job entails building "user-facing on-console features such as forums, tournament ladders, media libraries and integrated mini-games" — none of which, you'll notice, even gets close to what an MMO truly needs.

The requirement for "high efficiency scalability simulation" could mean at least some subset of the MMO monicker holds water, but as any startup could tell you, scalability is a necessity for any online community, especially for one that could amass from the innumerable amount of "Halo" fans already out there.

The idea of a "Halo" MMO isn't completely out of the picture, because this posting could easily be the one out of many to come that just so happens to be focused on the Web and mobile interactions of this upcoming project.

But it seems more likely this recruiting stepping stone is simply prepping for developing a new fan experience once the episodic "Chronicles" and "ODST" expansion release. Needless to say, I would kill for a "Halo" MMO.

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Chan's China comments prompt backlash

HONG KONG (AP) — Action star Jackie Chan's comments wondering whether Chinese people "need to be controlled" have drawn sharp rebuke in his native Hong Kong and in Taiwan.

Chan told a business forum in the southern Chinese province of Hainan that a free society may not be beneficial for China's authoritarian mainland.

"I'm not sure if it's good to have freedom or not," Chan said Saturday. "I'm gradually beginning to feel that we Chinese need to be controlled. If we're not being con-

trolled, we'll just do what we want." He went on to say that freedoms in Hong Kong and Taiwan made those societies "chaotic."

Chan's comments drew applause from a predominantly Chinese audience of business leaders, but did not sit well with lawmakers in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

"He's insulted the Chinese people. Chinese people aren't pets," Hong Kong pro-democracy legislator Leung Kwok-hung told The Associated Press. "Chinese society needs a democratic system to protect human rights and rule of law."

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Failure always useful option

We have less than two weeks of classes remaining, and just writing that makes my head swim. Another semester has gone by all too fast. It's crunch time, the final countdown, our crowded hour.

For many of us, this is the time when a semester's worth of procrastination catches up with us. Headaches ensue, sleep becomes a luxury, and the library becomes a second home. We'll get it all done; we know we will. Deadlines are deadlines, and even if it gets turned in five minutes beforehand, it'll still be in on time.

Deadlines generally motivate us so well due to our fear of failure. That dread of not living up to our own expectations or those of our peers and mentors can give us a powerful shove when we need it most.

But at what cost? Fear of failure, while a powerful motivator, is also a dangerous source of stress. School is work. Work takes time and energy, and often requires us to give up more enjoyable things. All of this weighs heavily on our mind and body, and it can really bring us down if we're not careful.

Society reinforces our fear of failure, often through ridicule. Web sites like FailBlog.org make photos and videos of others' failure into a source of comedic glee. The world will forever remember Amazon blocking homosexual literature from its search results as "AmazonFail." The adjective "fail" and its informal antonym "win" have even made it into common parlance.

We shouldn't be surprised. Failure is part of the essence of humanity. As English writer Alexander Pope famously said, "To err is human." We have all had our share of fail moments over the course of our lives. Granted, we tend to block most of them out (ever had trouble remembering your "most embarrassing moment?"), but they definitely happened.

Additionally, failure is a very relative concept. Upon receiving a B on a given assignment, one person might feel distraught, whereas another might shout praises to high heaven. It's the glass-half-full-versus-glass-half-empty conundrum.

A lot of our perceived failure also comes from setting the bar for success far too high. We often warp the classic American dream concept that we can do anything we set our minds on into the concept that we must do so. The simple truth is not everyone can achieve anything they'd like if they work hard enough.

All men might be created equal, but where and when they happen to be created makes more of a difference than we tend to acknowledge. And once the wheels of nurture get rolling, we develop unique abilities that shape our lives and build our expectations for success and failure.

Stephen Torrence



I'm what the Gallup StrengthsQuest assessment calls an achiever. I have to accomplish something — preferably something new — every single day. I am never satisfied with whatever level I happen to occupy. Without advancement, achievement or the perception thereof, I wither.

While this theme drives me to relentlessly seek out new experiences and skills, it also makes it nearly impossible for me to ever be satisfied. I set my bar quite high, making successes psychotropically elating and failures depressingly devastating.

Among Americans, achiever is by far the most common of StrengthsQuest's 34 themes, which means a majority of you out there have it in your top 5 themes and can relate directly. Our culture nurtures achievers, building them up with soccer trophies and school honorifics, then tossing them into

a world where achievement goes largely unrewarded and failure goes mostly unpunished.

The truth is much more bland than we often anticipate. If you slip up in the real world, most folks are not going to point at you and laugh maniacally. That's what the bullies in '90s kid flicks do. In reality, someone will usually be there to pick you up and help you move on. They might even give you a few hundred billion dollars to do so.

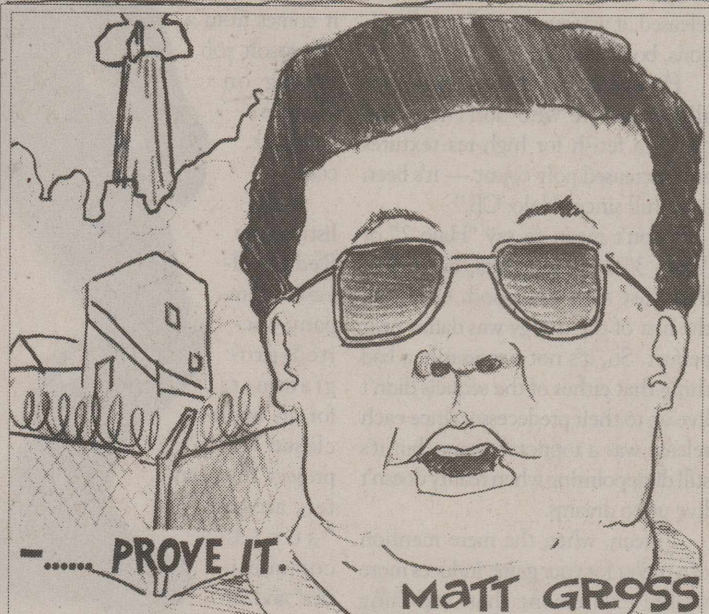
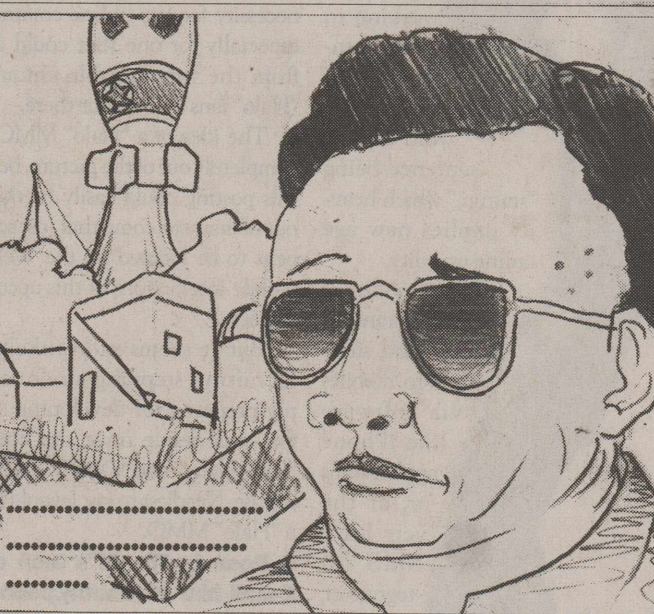
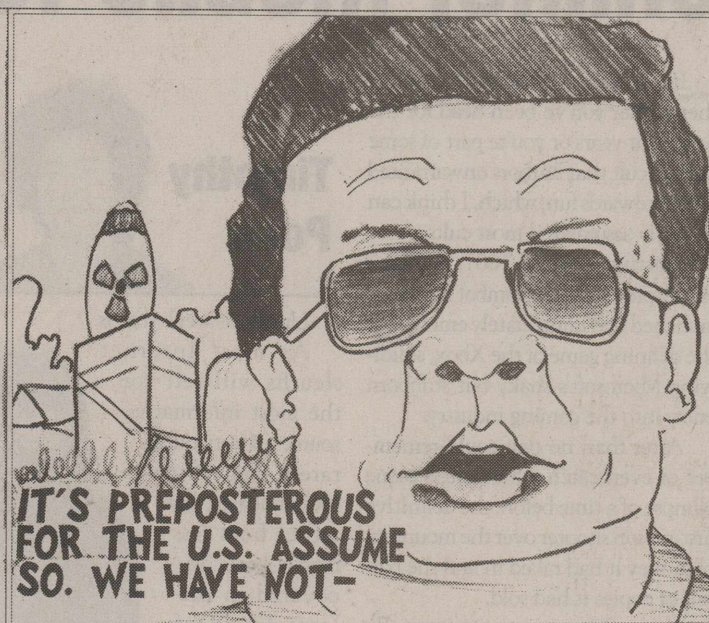
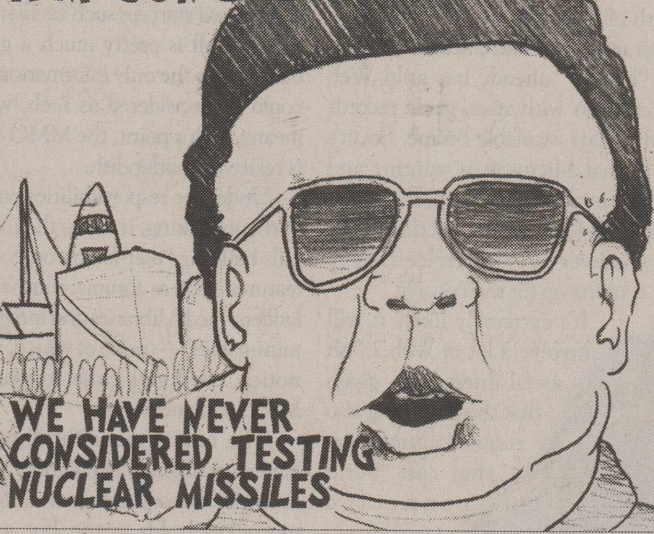
Sometimes, however, there will be no one to pick you up after a failure. And those cases are the most helpful of all. Failure can often be our best teacher. "Why do we fall?" Bruce Wayne's father asks him in Batman Begins. "So we can learn to pick ourselves up."

If you show grace in picking yourself up, if you walk forward with a firmer stride and a keener eye on the road ahead, if you leap higher after every spill, someone will probably notice. It may take a long time, perhaps even a lifetime, but you just might rise above the sea of mediocrity in which most of the world swims.

So as you power through these last couple of weeks, remember this: Failure is always an option. You should not fear it. The world will not end, life will go on, and things probably won't turn out nearly as bad as you think. Do your absolute best not for fear of failing, but because whether you succeed or fail, you will come out stronger on the other side.

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FML so popular, it has its own Web site

By **LINDSAY EANET**
THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

"Today I went to a bar with two guys I was interested in. The first I'd been trying to go out with all semester. The second I had gone to dinner with and he seemed nice. I was the designated driver, they drank too much and on the way home hooked up in the back seat. FML."

Sound familiar? No? Well how about this little gem:

"Today, I went shopping with my friend. The store was having a special where if you spend over \$75 you receive a free T-shirt. I paid for my items and my total was over \$75. The salesman didn't hand me a shirt so I asked him for one. He looks at

me and says, 'I'm sorry, we only have mediums.' FML."

Maybe you're giggling right now. Or you've uttered an "Oh, snap!" of agreement that yes, this person's life is indeed effed.

The above are selections from fml-life.com, an increasingly popular Web site in which hapless (or very creative) people can post their most ridiculously uncomfortable, unfortunate or just plain awful experiences and anecdotes.

The site has made its way into my friends' RSS feeds, where they too have joined in the fun of judging whether the situation is indeed worthy of an "FML," just as each person who posts on the site has his or her life placed under the scrutiny of its readers.

It's a wonderful exercise in Schadenfreude, being able to read all these sob

stories of work blunders and cheating lovers, to laugh and even to tangibly and anonymously judge. It's amazing the satisfaction we as people get out of hearing about how inherently awful someone else's life is.

Maybe it has something to do with the optimistic notion that things could always be worse. You might have failed that exam, but at least you're not the dude who got fired, dumped and had his mother tell him he could stand to lose a few pounds all on the same day. Whatever the reason though, we love getting a kick out of other peoples' misery.

This is all sort of a double-edged sword. On the one hand, the ability to give an absurd catchphrase and a humorous angle to our most pressing problems might be beneficial to our national psyche. After all, there are

few greater coping mechanisms than a sense of humor, even at the expense of others.

On the other hand, the chance to give the Olympics of Suffering its own slogan and a forum for competitive complaining might have the reverse effect and usher in a new age where even the most insignificant inconvenience suddenly becomes a full blown FML.

So my hope for us is this: that we ensure, in the face of our growing FML craze, that we fall into the former category, that we refrain from overusing not just the phrase, but the outlook itself. The "FML" must be used sparingly and with discern, for situations in which one's complaints are merited, or at the very least, a great story.

Besides, most of the stories on the site are probably fake anyway.

First dog to de-stress 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

By **KELSEY CLARK**
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

With irresistible brown eyes and a mane of dark curly hair, the newest big shot in the District is not a member of Congress. And it's not another promiscuous White House intern either. Weighing in at 40 pounds and standing at a height of 18 inches, Bo Obama was formally introduced to the country Tuesday as the new first pup.

Making good on one of his many campaign promises, Obama allowed his daughters Malia and Sasha to get the puppy the girls had negotiated for prior to his election. The Portuguese water dog, who arrived as a gift from Sen. Ted Kennedy, can now call 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. home.

The girls are ecstatic about the furry addition to their new

home, but beyond merely serving as a family companion, studies show that this pooch's presence at the White House could be beneficial to the president's health.

Dr. Karen Allen, a medical researcher at State University of New York at Buffalo, reports that owning a dog can lead to better cardiovascular health. In a study that tested the physiological reactions to individuals in stressful situations, dog owners responded with significantly lower blood pressure readings than those who didn't own pets.

A healthy response to stress will be crucial for our commander in chief over the next four years. His mildly stressful first tasks? Eliminating a national debt of \$11 trillion and ending two overseas wars.

Allen also asserts that merely having Bo sit nearby while a family member has to make a difficult decision can serve as a defense against

psychological and physical stress. It is good to know that whether Barack is debating foreign policy with the Iraqi prime minister or Michelle is in a deep panic regarding which J. Crew cardigan to don that day, Bo's calming presence can positively impact the whole Obama clan.

Further evidence of the valuable effects dogs can have on our personal health can be seen in the pet visitation program for patients at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center called Pets Offer Ongoing Caring and Healing, or POOCH. This volunteer effort gives patients in the pediatric, HIV/AIDS and cardiology units the opportunity to be comforted by a canine companion and his owner.

Barbara Cowen, a volunteer coordinator at Cedars-Sinai, notes that pets can provide "unconditional love and affection [to] lessen a patient's fears and loneliness,

which are feelings often associated with hospitalization."

Although President Obama is currently in good health, it is not unlikely that he will experience sentiments of fear and loneliness as he goes about his trying tasks each day, often continents away from the comfort of his family and home. Time to make room for a dog crate on Air Force One.

Even though we know Bo will not be replacing Biden anytime soon, it seems that this cuddly canine has many responsibilities to fulfill during the next four years. We will wait in eager anticipation to see if Bo's presence will result in such potent health effects for Obama. In the meantime, the Portuguese water dog is content to prance along, fast on the president's heels — sitting when he sits, standing when he stands and never gnawing on any of the office furniture. If only Congress behaved so well.

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CASA 5K run raises funds for local children in need

By CAYLOR BALLINGER
STAFF WRITER

The CASA 5K run brought joy to hundreds of children with carnival games, a moon bounce and dogs from a local animal shelter Saturday.

Bennett Haines, sophomore restaurant hotel and institutional management major from Roswell, N.M., is the philanthropy co-chair for Kappa Alpha Theta, which helped organize the event.

"I think the event went really well," Haines said. "This event allows the whole community to get involved, and it was great for all the children to be able to come out for a fun afternoon."

The Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains fundraiser at the Frazier Alumni Center was organized by Kappa Alpha Theta at Texas Tech as part of its national philanthropy.

Typically, the CASA 5K run is

the largest fundraiser the sorority organizes for CASA, Haines said. Each participant paid a \$20 fee to sign up and more than 600 people registered before the race started. A total of about 800 people participated.

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BENNETT HAINES
PHILANTHROPY CO-CHAIR
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ly with the CASA kids," she said. "With the restrictions CASA has for the children's safety we do not always have an opportunity to work with the kids so this was a great way to help out."

"It is such a great way to give back, and I don't think it could have gone any better."

Brittney Bennett, a freshman accounting major from Lubbock and sorority member, spent her 19th birthday working a carnival booth at the CASA run.

"I had a lot of fun working the games," Bennett said. "It was so fun to be able to work with all kids from CASA."

It was a great day for the CASA

run because the weather was great, she said. The turnout for the race was higher than expected too.

Katherine Burns, a freshman mechanical engineer major from Austin, said this was the first time she has been to the CASA 5K and did not know what to expect.

"Seeing how many people showed up today was so great," Burns said. "The turnout for the race was great."

Working with the CASA kids in the carnival games was a lot of fun, she said. It was an "all around great day."

CASA of the South Plains Development Director Rose Carkeet said the run on Saturday ran smoothly.

"The event was a big success," she said.

The goal of the CASA 5K run was to raise awareness of abused children, she said. There is a high number of abused children in the South Plains area in need of help.

"There were 450 blue balloons, symbolizing the children helped already by CASA, and 200 red balloons, symbolizing the children still in need of a CASA volunteer, launched in the air before the race," Carkeet said. "The balloon launch was a powerful visual and my favorite part of the day."

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Technopoly game finishes fitness challenge, rewards participants

By HANNAH BOEN
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Eight weeks ago, 318 individuals committed to a healthier lifestyle, and their commitment was recognized Friday with a life-size game of Monopoly on Texas Tech's campus.

Technopoly was hosted by FIT Tech, which stands for fitness, information and technology — a campus-wide program to improve the wellbeing of faculty, staff and students by encouraging exercise and a healthy diet.

In February, FIT Tech accepted 53 entries for teams of six individuals who committed to a specific number of minutes of weekly exercise and a specific amount of fruit and vegetable intake.

Jessica Kirk, a senior nutrition major from Corsicana, helped organize the event and said she was excited to reward participants for their hard work.

"They're taking a huge step to be healthier and change for the better," she said, "and it's really hard to stick to."

Kirk said the event provided a time for teams to celebrate the success they had with the program and the goals they met. Participants in the eight-week challenge walked around campus, stopping at stations to collect fake money in order to win prizes.

Jonathan Blutorn, a business

management junior from Cincinnati, said the challenge offered him and his teammates extra motivation to complete exercise goals they had set for themselves.

"We definitely worked out more than we would have had we not been meeting goals for the challenge," he said.

Teams were broken into three categories depending on level of commitment. The categories Raider Rookie, Raider Power and Raider Warrior each had different time requirements for exercise.

Blutorn's team, the Running Rice Cakes, spent at least 450 minutes a week exercising for the Raider Power group.

"I would definitely recommend the challenge to anyone wanting to be more fit," he said. "For all eight weeks, we were always thinking about our goal."

Nutrition professor Debra Reed organized the FIT Tech challenge to reward participants and to continue encouraging physical activity through a game that required walking on campus.

Reed said society has created an environment where walking isn't encouraged

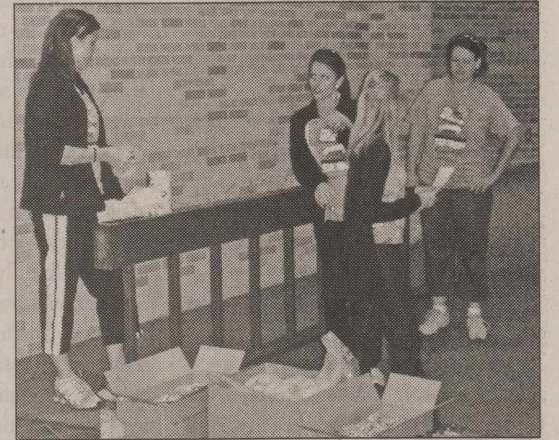


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MEMBERS OF THE FIT Tech 8-week challenge prepare before the Technopoly walk Friday in the Human Sciences building.

or required of individuals. By setting up a challenge for people to meet a physical activity goal, she hopes she has fostered healthier lifestyles among participants.

"We're trying to encourage everyone to be physically active," she said. "That's the whole thing with FIT Tech is improving food choices and being more active and having fun doing it."

The FIT Tech challenge not only promoted healthy lifestyles, she said, but it also changed attitudes.

"A lot of people look upon making decisions about food or physical activity as negative," she said. "We're trying to turn that around and put the fun into it and the encouragement, too."

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New laws in New York treat teen prostitutes as abuse victims

LOS ANGELES (AP) — By the time she was 8, Amanda had been sexually abused by her father's friend for four years. At 12, she was peddling crack. At 14, she was selling sex on the sidewalk.

Her pimp beat her weekly to keep her working, stitching up her wounds himself to avoid questions at a hospital. Her average earnings of \$600 for a 13-hour day of turning tricks bought him a car.

Now 15, Amanda is rebuilding her life. Caught when a cop stopped one of her customers for a broken tail light, she was sent to Children of the Night, a residential program in suburban Los Angeles that rehabilitates teen prostitutes.

"All my life my plate was like over-

filled with problems," she said. "I always asked God to give me something good, and this is it."

The fact that Amanda was rescued instead of arrested reflects not only a stroke of luck but, a decidedly different take on tackling the juvenile sex trade. Courts and law enforcement are increas-

ingly treating young prostitutes as child abuse victims — and their pimps as human traffickers.

"This is an institutional shift," said Nancy O'Malley, an Alameda County prosecutor who wrote California's new sexually exploited minors law. "It's about getting people to shift their attention

and judgment from the minor and seeing what's beyond this criminal behavior."

New York also has a new law that calls for underage prostitutes to be sent to rehabilitation programs instead of juvenile detention, along with more training for law enforcement in handling the troubled teenagers and taking a harder line on their pimps.

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Sheffield entering new role after Red-Black spring game

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Steven Sheffield has always been an afterthought, buried behind one record-breaking Texas Tech quarterback after another.

Taylor Potts' emergence as the new starter does not make the situation any better.

But this spring and in Saturday's Red-Black game, he may have stepped out of the shadows into a new role — a role that could land him more time on the field.

"I thought he did a really good job of creating a level of tempo out there," Tech coach Mike Leach said of Sheffield, who he believes is the No. 2 quarterback behind Potts. "Then if he made a bad play, I thought he did a good job of bouncing back and playing the next play."

There wasn't much Sheffield did wrong Saturday, completing 11-of-18 passes for 99 yards and a touchdown, leading the White team to a 19-7 vic-

tory against the Red team.

The performance has the junior in a position to do something he doesn't do often as a Red Raider: play in a game.

Sheffield did not play in any game last season and he saw limited action during the 2007 season against Northwestern State (Louisiana). His main role has been third-team or scout team quarterback since his arrival in 2006.

So although appreciative of the opportunity he has, Sheffield is not satisfied with only being No. 2.

"In previous years, I was always the third guy," Sheffield said. "It's totally different this year because right now, being second, I'm one play away from having to step in, do what I gotta do. I'm gonna be competing for the starting spot. It's not a thing I'm complacent with."

In his lone touchdown pass Saturday, it seemed Sheffield threw it to the right person. A 4-yard throw to Detron Lewis in the corner of the end zone in the second quarter put the White team up 13-7. Tech safety Cody



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TEXAS TECH WHITE team quarterback Steven Sheffield throws a pass during the Red-Black game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Davis' 100-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter solidified the win for Sheffield and the White team.

"Sticks has done a great job," said Tech quarterback Seth Doege, who

received his reps on the White team after Sheffield did. "He's really hot right now. Making great reads, making a lot of routine plays, and that's what Leach wants in his offense."

But Sheffield gave the defense fits for the first half he played in, mainly because of his mobility.

Sheffield said one thing he needs to work on heading into the summer is staying in the pocket.

There were a few plays when Sheffield threw passes on the run or decided to make a play himself and run for a few yards.

Sheffield said the ability to move around in the pocket can be helpful, but he has to remember he's playing in a pass-first offense.

He said he thought he heard Tech coordinator Ruffin McNeill yelling from the sideline Saturday in response to Sheffield's mobility, considering the defense was not allowed to hit quarterbacks.

But for Sheffield, it's just natural instinct.

"(McNeill) always messes with me about it," he said. "I tell them if I got yards in front of me — before I would even get touched I'd have three or four yards and that's the first down. I wish they would just make (the spring game) live."

But playing time is not the only thing Sheffield is vying for.

He also said it would be nice to earn a scholarship if he can continue to impress with the first and second team, eventually leading to more time on the field this season. Sheffield did not arrive at Tech on scholarship.

He's also aiming to gain a little more weight during the summer, weighing in at around 188 pounds. He said his ideal weight would be around 205 pounds.

When Sheffield first arrived at Tech, he was at around 160 pounds, which earned him the nickname "sticks" from one of Tech's former strength and conditioning coaches LaVell "Dinky" Williams. These days, most teammates know him by the nickname.

It's a name he believes he can't shake, whether he gains weight or not.

"It caught on from there," he said. "I don't ever think it's gonna die. My best friends call me that, which I don't really care, but it's good."

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Tech men's tennis finishes weekend with win against OU, women go winless

By **ZANE TURNER**
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Friday, the Texas Tech men's tennis team could not close out when it had an early advantage.

But Sunday, on Senior Day with so much on the line, there was no way Tech would let that happen again.

After the No. 34 Red Raiders took a 4-3 loss to No. 24 Oklahoma State Friday, they followed it with a 4-3 win against No. 38 Oklahoma Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex to finish the 2009 season. Tech coach Tim Siegel said the win is expected to put the team in the NCAA Tournament, as it should propel its ranking to the Top 30 team in the nation.

It also was the last home match for seniors James Wilson, Sinisa Markovic, Christian Rojmar, Michael Breler and Milos Kustudija.

"It was a very tough challenging season," Tech men's tennis coach Tim Siegel said. "Probably one of the most challenging seasons I've ever had because we had (six) matches where we lost 4-3. And to finally get the one that put us in the NCAA Tournament, on Senior Day, perfect way to end."

The most intriguing match Sunday probably was one that was not even played.

In singles play, OU's Andrei Daescu retired the match to Tech's Raony Carvalho because of an ankle injury. This came after Tech won the doubles

point, so in a matter of minutes, the Red Raiders were up 2-0.

The clinching point came when Markovic took care of OU's Sergey Avdeyev 7-5, 6-3.

"For me to clinch it for the team, it just feels awesome," Markovic said. "I'm really proud that I could do it."

It was a different story against OSU.

Tech took an early 3-1 advantage against OSU but dropped the final three singles matches to record the 4-3 loss.

"We hung in there to get the doubles point and in singles we fought hard and I think we played well," Breler said Friday. "It's really disappointing because of all the 4-3 losses but more disappointing because I think we played well (Friday)."

For the Tech women's tennis team, the Lady Raiders took a 4-3 loss to Oklahoma State Friday in Stillwater, Okla., and took a 6-1 loss to Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., Sunday.

Tech still has its last match of the season against No. 73 Nebraska Wednesday in Norman, Okla., — a make-up match from earlier this season.

"It was disappointing because we've been trying to get over the hump and finish some matches," Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty said. "Once again, we were up big in some matches, but overall I'm happy with the way the girls fought, their level of play, they played well, but they just didn't finish well."

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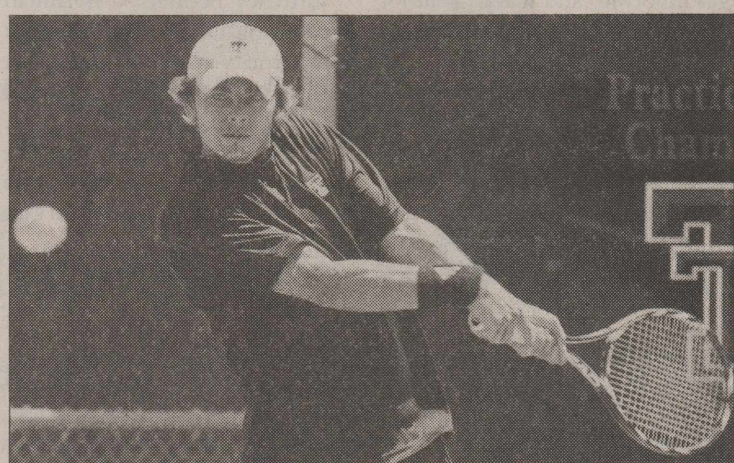


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FRESHMAN RAONY CARVALHO plays in a doubles match against the Oklahoma Sooners Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Complex. The Red Raiders defeated OU 4-3 to end the 2009 regular season.

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Batch and backup running back Harrison Jeffers were two of the several players who experienced time on both teams, mainly because those positions are not as deep as others.

After the Red team could not convert a fourth down on its next two drives, Sheffield bounced back from an earlier interception to give his team the lead before halftime. He orchestrated a balanced 8-minute, 12-play drive that used 34 yards rushing, 27 yards passing and a 15-yard pass interference penalty to set up a 4-yard touchdown to receiver Detron Lewis for a 13-7 lead with 2:04 remaining in the half. Lewis led the White team with four receptions, 53 yards and the touchdown while Austin Zouzalik had 67 yards on five receptions to lead the Red team.

Neither offense scored again though, so redshirt freshman safety Cody Davis decided to give the fans something to cheer about after six scoreless drives to start the second half. Barely into the fourth quarter, quarterback Stefan Loucks and the Red team had a 2nd and goal from the 5-yard line and were looking to tie the game.

Cornerback LaRon Moore jumped a slant route and tipped the ball up where Davis was lurking. He cradled it and sprinted down the right sideline with a slew of blockers at his disposal, helping him secure a White victory with a 100-yard touchdown.

"We were just expecting slants, the quick routes," Davis said. "They ran a slant backside and LaRon Moore made a good break and tipped it up in the air enough for me to grab it and take it all the way home."

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Mavericks beat Spurs 105-97 in Game 1

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks walked off the court, savoring their first road playoff victory in three years. A pack of fans stuck around and hollered "Let's go Mavs!" in one of the most hostile places to wear green and blue.

No one bothered them or shouted back. The stands had emptied quickly, and the San Antonio Spurs were already back in the locker room knowing they've got a lot of work to do.

In a giant Game 1 road victory for the Mavericks, who hadn't won a road playoff game or postseason series since going to the NBA finals in 2006, Josh Howard scored 25 points and Dallas stole the home-court edge in 105-97 victory

Saturday night.

"To get a win? Yeah, it's good to get a win here," Howard said. "I wouldn't say steal."

He's right. The Mavericks earned this one.

The sixth-seeded Mavericks, who had lost nine consecutive playoff road games, outscored the Spurs 31-23 after the teams entered the fourth quarter tied. Until then, the rematch of the Texas rivals had every bit the look of the their thrilling 2006 West semifinals meeting that remains one of the best seven-game series in recent playoff history.

For the Spurs, it was their first loss in a home playoff opener since being beaten by Denver in 2007. San Antonio went on to win the next four games, but that was a

younger and healthier team than these Spurs.

"We've been here before," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said. "But it's a big loss at home for us."

Duncan scored 27 points, and Tony Parker had 24 for the Spurs.

Game 2 is Monday night in San Antonio.

Dallas, a weak road team for most of the season, dealt the Spurs just their fourth playoff loss on their home court since 2007. The Mavericks were 18-23 on the road this season, but perhaps the more relevant mark for them begins March 31: the day Howard returned from a sore ankle that will require surgery this offseason.

Since then, Dallas is 8-2 overall and 7-1 in the games he's played.

He played just 34 seconds in the fourth quarter against the Spurs, and afterward, acknowledged the ankle was sore.

"But time to tough that out," Howard said.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said he labored with the decision to sit Howard.

"If we could keep him out it might be better for his ankle, and the smaller lineup was able to finish the game well," Carlisle said.

Did it ever, thanks to the smallest of that bunch — 6-foot Jose Barea.

Besides pestering Parker on defense as good as any Mavericks defender — Parker was 2-of-6 in the fourth — Barea scored seven of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

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By MIKE GRAHAM
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Texas Tech's storylines from the Oklahoma series returned for an encore performance against No. 24 Kansas in Lubbock.

Pitchers AJ Ramos (4-3) and Chad Bettis (4-0), who both pitched complete games at Oklahoma, helped give Tech (18-24, 9-9 in Big 12 Conference play) a series win over KU (25-14, 8-7), which wrapped up Sunday in a 15-6 Red Raider defeat.

Ramos earned a win on Saturday to clinch the series while Bettis preserved Tech's two wins.

"You just don't want to let it get out of control," Tech coach Dan Spencer said after Friday's 15-10 victory. "Bettis came in and did it the same (as he always does). He threw strikes, got them to swing the bat. You've got to win the games that present themselves and we won."

Tech finished the weekend in fifth place and just one game out of a two-way tie for fourth in the Big 12 standings while Kansas dropped to sixth.

Bettis pitched twice in the series, Friday and Saturday, respectively, and though he did not earn any saves, he

preserved Tech leads for the two victories of the weekend.

Bettis entered Friday's game with a 15-10 lead in the most offensive game of the weekend. Bettis stopped the bleeding by pitching 2 1/3 innings, allowing three hits but no runs.

Saturday, the Red Raiders defeated KU 7-5 off stellar pitching from Ramos through the fifth inning. Leading 7-0 in the fifth, Ramos' shutout bid was cut short by a line-drive shot to his throwing elbow — the elbow he had Tommy John surgery on for a UCL injury last season. Ramos got out of the fifth but was relieved after walking KU's leadoff hitter in the sixth inning.

"It really affected me," Ramos said. "I couldn't locate my fastball and my breaking ball wasn't working. It hit me directly in my elbow, like in places it could have hit me. They were going to take me out (the inning I got hit) but I said, 'No, if I walk somebody take me out.' Sure enough I walked the first batter."

From there, Tech was forced to the bullpen using Cory Large, Kellen Monreal and Louis Head. The trio combined to allow three of KU's runs — one run was charged to Ramos — before Bettis took the mound in the seventh. Bettis allowed two

runs — both unearned — but hung on for the game and series victories.

Willie Rueda returned to the starting lineup Friday after a second hamstring injury this season and wreaked havoc on a KU pitching staff that entered the weekend with the second lowest ERA in the Big 12.

KU coughed up 21 hits to the Red Raiders Friday and Rueda was responsible for about half of Tech's offense. On four hits, Rueda scored three times and batted in four more runs.

However, it was obvious all weekend Rueda is not fully recovered.

His baserunning speed was not nearly as evident as it had been prior to the recurrence of his hamstring injury.

"Everyone knows I'm not 100 percent," Rueda said. "Right now I have to play smart. I mean, there's no way I can get hurt again. Right now I'm just playing base-to-base."

Tech wrapped up the weekend series on a losing note, dropping a 15-6 game to the Jayhawks.

Starter Miles Morgan (2-5) could not record an out during his time on the mound before being replaced by Lorenzo Douglas. The pair contributed to an early 7-0 hole to finish the top of the first.

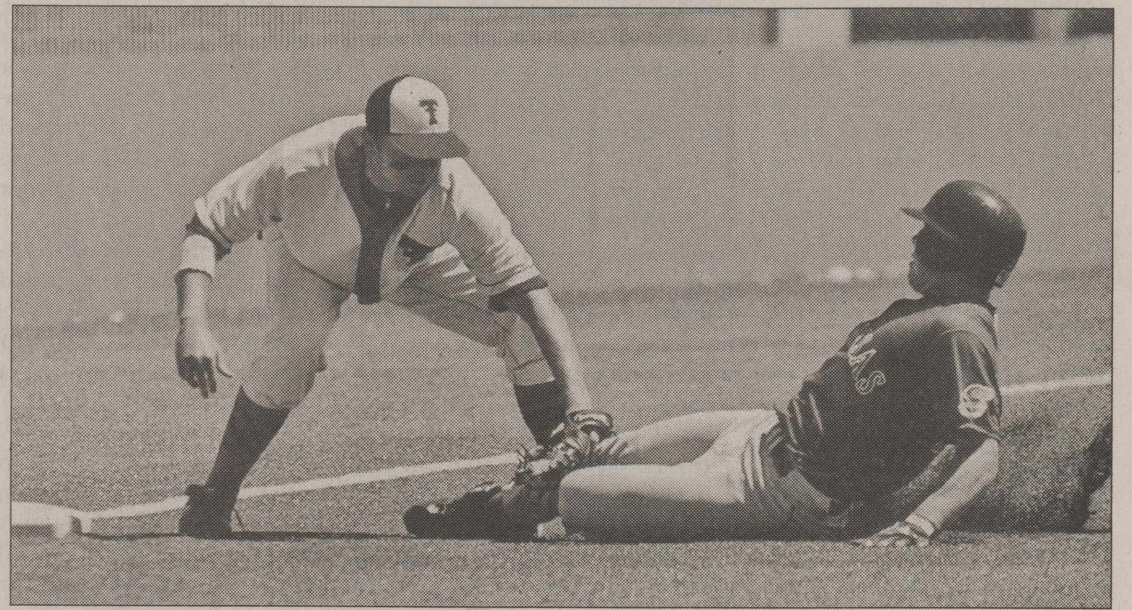


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TEXAS TECH THIRD baseman Justin Berry tags out Kansas' Jason Brunansky in the first inning during the third game of the series against the Jayhawks Sunday at Dan Law Field.

Tech allowed 15 hits and had two fielding errors on the day.

However, the team showed some resiliency in the bottom of the seventh when it trailed 15-1 and faced its first run-rule defeat since the 2007 season.

Tech faced a situation in which it

needed to score five runs in the half of the inning or the game would have been called on a 10-run rule on a travel day.

The Tech bats came alive for the inning and the team scored five runs to bring the score to its ultimate final, 15-6.

"It shows a lot of character about us,"

Tech's Joey Kenworthy said. "We got some good hits. It's real easy to go down and roll over."

Tech will face UNLV next in a two-game midweek series beginning Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

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No. 10 Mizzou takes final home series from Tech softball team

By ZANE TURNER
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Missouri played like the No. 10 team in the country and the first place team in the Big 12 Conference.

The Texas Tech softball team dropped its two-game series to the Tigers, losing 12-0 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Sunday marked Senior Day for the Red Raiders' Alex Watkins, Megan Shupp and Elizabeth Eimen. Each senior was honored before the game for their four years of hard work.

"The three seniors have been amazing on helping everybody out when we need advice on a game situation and also leading us on the field by example," catcher Holly Gentsch said. "It's been great to

have them, and it's going to be a major loss for us."

Mizzou (40-5, 10-2 in Big 12 play) extended its win streak to nine games with the series sweep.

In the first game of the series on Saturday, the Tigers continued their season-long trend of shutting out opponents. The 12-0 victory marks the 18th time this season Mizzou has kept its opponent scoreless.

MU recorded 15 hits to go along with 12 runs.

The Tigers' Marla Schweisberger added a two-run home run in the top of the third in which Mizzou scored seven runs on six hits and had three doubles.

The third inning proved to be too much for the Red Raiders (14-36, 2-12 in Big 12 play), who totaled three hits on the day.

"We have to work on getting the quality at bats and staying tight on defense," shortstop Emily Bledsoe said. "We stranded runners, and if we can start getting those runs across then we'll be fine the rest of the season. That's just been one of our problems."

Missouri's Stacy Delaney (12-2) and Chelsea Thomas kept the Tech bats quiet as the two combined for five innings pitched, three hits, zero earned runs and six strikeouts.

However, Tech's pitching was throttled from the start.

Alex Watkins (3-13) pitched four innings, allowing eight hits, six earned runs and four strikeouts. Karli Merlich relieved Watkins, going one inning and giving up six runs.

A trend all season, the Red Raiders inability to score baserunners was a problem as they left four stranded in the game.

The second game of the series would bring more of the same, however, the Red Raiders would put up more of a fight.

With Watkins on the mound again because of injuries to Tech's remaining two pitchers — Ashly Jacobs and Merlich — Mizzou got off to a hot start, scoring two runs in the first inning and three in the second.

In the top of the second, Watkins got the first Tiger batter to ground out but gave up a double to Mizzou's Rhea Taylor and a two-run home run to Gina Schneider, who hit her fourth and fifth home runs of the season Sunday.

"Every time we made a mistake they executed, and every time they made a mistake we didn't," Tech coach Amy Suiter said. "We had a lot of opportunities to score runs, and we didn't execute it."

The Red Raiders would make a comeback in the third inning, keeping the Tigers scoreless and scoring three runs of their own.

Right fielder Ashley Hamada started the inning with a leadoff single followed by a Danielle Matthews bunt that put



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TEXAS TECH SENIOR first baseman Elizabeth Eimen, pictured, catches a ball to tag out Missouri's Marla Schweisberger during the Red Raiders' 10-3 loss to the Tigers Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

runners on the corners because of a Mizzou error. Leah Legler and Eimen followed with back-to-back RBI singles, and Eimen scored on another error by Missouri to conclude Tech's scoring for the day.

Missouri put five more runs on the board in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings, including Schneider's second home run of the day and a two-run shot by Mizzou's Lindsey Ubrun (9).

"I feel bad for the seniors," Bledsoe said. "I really wish we could have done more for them, but I thought we came out with a lot more fight on Sunday for sure, and I think we wanted it a whole lot more than we did Saturday."

The Red Raiders catch a break from Big 12 play when they face UTEP in a doubleheader Thursday at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. in El Paso.

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Ageless Martin races back to Victory Lane

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Martin puts in long hours in the gym and thinks the last time he ate fast food was a Burger King run some 15 years ago.

He lives his life like a man half of his age.

And drives like it, too.

The 50-year-old Martin became the third-oldest winner in NASCAR history Saturday night, snapping a 97-race winless streak with a dominating run at Phoenix International Raceway.

"I told the guys I don't have any problem keeping up with a 25-year-old — at least not for the next 15 minutes," Martin said. "I feel really good."

Martin, who has waffled on retirement several times in the last four years, started from the pole and led 157 of 312 laps. But a late caution erased his 4-second lead over Tony Stewart with 11 laps to go, sending the leaders into the pits and putting his victory on the line.

Ryan Newman stayed on track to assume the lead, and Martin won a frantic race off pit road to emerge in second. But he had Tony Stewart — Newman's car owner and teammate — right behind him, and only six laps to race to the front.

Martin only needed about 6 seconds.

Martin shot past Newman on the restart, then drove away to his first win since Kansas in 2005.

The last 50-year-old to win a Cup race was Morgan Shepherd in 1993 at Atlanta. Harry Gant holds the record as the oldest driver to win a Cup race. He was 52 when he won at Michigan in 1992.

Before Martin, only three drivers 50 or older won Cup races: Gant, Shepherd and Bobby Allison.

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