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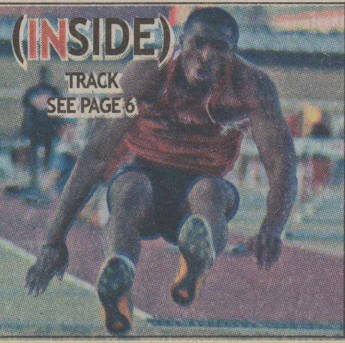


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STATE

Senate votes to accept unemployment money

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate voted Monday to accept \$555 million in federal unemployment benefits, a slap at Gov. Rick Perry and his political battle cry of excessive Washington spending. The measure, which passed 19-11 Monday and now heads to the state House, would expand state unemployment benefits by including part-time workers and people who quit for compelling reasons, such as a child's illness or family violence. The money is being offered as part of the federal stimulus package.

NATION

Flags lowered on 10th Columbine anniversary

DENVER (AP) — With words of hope and healing, Coloradans on Monday marked the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings that left 12 students and a teacher dead. Flags flew at half-staff over the school and dozens of mourners lay roses and carnations at a nearby memorial. About 70 people gathered outside the state Capitol to push for gun control, while lawmakers inside passed a resolution honoring the victims.

WORLD

Netanyahu: No second Holocaust against Jews

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pledging that there will be no second Holocaust against the Jewish people. Netanyahu spoke Monday at the opening ceremony of Israel's annual memorial day for the 6 million Jews who were killed by the Nazis of Germany and their collaborators during World War II. Netanyahu criticized the U.N. anti-racism conference now in session in Geneva as an anti-Israel event. He also blasted the president of Switzerland for meeting Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whom Netanyahu called a Holocaust denier who wants to perpetrate another massacre of Jews.

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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## ANIMATED

Tech Digital Media Studio includes animation lab for students to make 3-D creations

By CARRIE THORNTON  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students who want to create realistic 3-D animations but don't want to teach themselves or pay hundreds of dollars for the programs and hardware can turn to a free resource on campus.

The Tech Digital Media Studio, located on the east side of the second floor in the University Library, houses the 3-D Animation Lab and short courses that can give students the tools to learn and create whatever their imaginations desire.

Since it opened in September 2007, the animation lab has expanded to include 20 workstations as well as a variety of animation-related software.

"It's a good opportunity for students," said Ken Chaffin, director of Library Technology Management Services public operations. "A lot of the software is very expensive and gives them an opportunity to work with software they probably wouldn't be able to normally afford."

Anyone with an eRaider account can access the lab,



ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF KEVIN JONES

THE 3-D ANIMATION Lab on campus, located in the University Library, allows students, staff and faculty to utilize software and free courses that teach students how to create 3-D animations.

Chaffin said. Users do not need to be associated with any specific field of study or department on campus to use the facility.

Although the lab's primary purpose is to allow its users to produce animation, Chaffin said students use the facility for a variety of reasons and are attracted to its 30-inch, high-definition

monitors and cables that allow collaborating on the same workspace.

The lab will be undergoing some changes and improvements throughout the summer and fall semesters, he said.

"One of the big things going on this summer is we are adding two super computers," Chaffin

said. "We have partnered with Microsoft and Pixar to do this project."

The super computers will make it easier and faster for users to transfer animations into movies — a process called rendering. He said the faster speed will encourage people to use and explore the software.

New software will be introduced to the lab as well, Chaffin said, adding to the 50 applications it already has. One addition will be MatLab 3-D, a package used frequently in several departments on campus such as math and engineering.

"We don't have software for any particular department," he said. "But if there is some software used by multiple departments we try to pick those that will appeal to more people."

Five 3-D animation short courses also are offered in the lab, and students can register for these through the University Library Web site.

"The thing that makes the courses unique is these are introductory courses available to everyone on campus, including students, faculty and staff," said Jim Brewer, one of the short courses professors and a Library Technology Management Services librarian.

The material the courses cover is unique because it gives students a chance to begin to look seriously at working with 3-D technology, Brewer said, and gain exposure to some of the major programs associated with 3-D animation.

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## More GM workers fired as government deadlines loom

By TOM KRISHER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. started firing 1,600 white-collar workers Monday, continuing its effort to slash costs and qualify for more government loans on the same day it revealed it spent \$2.8 million in the first three months of this year to lobby federal lawmakers.

Meanwhile, Fiat's CEO left Italy to resume critical talks on an alliance with Chrysler LLC, as deadlines draw closer for GM and Chrysler to finish their restructuring plans.

Both automakers are living on a combined \$17.4 billion in government loans and have said

they'll need more money to survive. Chrysler must cut its debt and its labor costs and forge an alliance with Fiat Group SpA by April 30, or President Barack Obama says Chrysler won't get any more help.

If GM can swap much of its debt for stock and get concessions from the UAW and Canadian Auto Workers by June 1, the government says it will provide more loans to keep the company going. Bankruptcy financing also is possible if the company determines Chapter 11 is its best bet to achieve the cuts it needs.

GM's layoffs this week bring the automaker close to its goal announced in February to cut 3,400 U.S. salaried positions,

spokesman Tom Wilkinson said. GM has about 29,000 salaried workers in the U.S.

"In these unprecedented times, GM is reinventing every aspect of our business, including our organizational size and structure, to create a lean and agile company," GM North America President Troy Clarke said Monday in an e-mail to employees obtained by The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, GM said in a government filing that it spent \$2.8 million in the first quarter lobbying the U.S. government on a range of issues, including the economic stimulus package, and environmental, consumer safety and health issues.

## Iran leader sparks walkout at UN over Israel

By FRANK JORDANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA (AP) — Dozens of Western diplomats walked out of a U.N. conference and a pair of rainbow-wigged protesters threw clown noses at Iran's president Monday when the hard-line leader called Israel the "most cruel and repressive racist regime."

The United States decried the remarks by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as hateful — reinjecting tension into a relationship that had been warming after President Barack Obama sought to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear pro-

gram and other issues.

Ahmadinejad — the first government official to take the floor at the weeklong event in Geneva — delivered a rambling, half-hour speech that was by turns conciliatory and inflammatory. At one point he appealed for global unity in the fight against racism and then said the United States and Europe helped establish Israel after World War II at the expense of Palestinians.

"They resorted to military aggression to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jewish suffering," he said.

Jewish groups had lobbied heavily for a boycott of the con-

ference, warning it could descend into anti-Semitism or other anti-Israel rhetoric, which marred the last such conference eight years ago in South Africa.

The meeting turned chaotic almost from the start when the two wigged protesters tossed the red clown noses at Ahmadinejad as he began his speech with a Muslim prayer. A Jewish student group from France said it had been trying to convey "the masquerade that this conference represents."

One of the protesters shouted "You are a racist!" before he and the other demonstrator were taken away by security.

## Obama seeks \$100M in government 'efficiencies'

By STEVEN R. HURST  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday ordered his Cabinet to find ways to slice spending by \$100 million, but acknowledged it's a "drop in the bucket" and said there's a "confidence gap" that he needs to overcome.

Just back from a Latin America summit, Obama told the first formal Cabinet meeting of his administration that vast spending to combat the economic crisis was "the right thing to do." But he also said taxpayers still need to know that every dollar they give the government is being spent wisely.

"We also have a deficit — a confidence gap — when it comes to the American people," he told reporters. "And we've got to earn their trust."

Obama said the \$100 million would come from "efficiencies" in agency operations, and would be in addition to future cuts in programs that aren't working.

Yet the red ink in the annual budget is currently in the hundreds of billions. He was asked if the efficiency saving isn't just "a drop in

the bucket."

"It is," he replied. "None of these things alone are going to make a difference. But cumulatively, they make an extraordinary difference because they start setting a tone ... \$100 million there, \$100 million here — pretty soon, even here in Washington, it adds up to real money."

The federal deficit for March alone was \$192.3 billion, and \$100

million would represent a minuscule portion of that sum, roughly one-twentieth of 1 percent. Obama in February brought forward a \$3.6 trillion budget for the 2010 fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, a proposal that would produce \$9.3 trillion in deficits over the

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BARACK OBAMA  
U.S. PRESIDENT

next decade.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said he applauded all attempts to cut government spending but insisted that a \$100 million cut would only cover one day's interest on Obama's \$787 billion stimulus spending plan.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said later that the cuts were part of a larger cost-cutting effort by Obama. He said the president "has laid out cuts large and small in administrative costs" and in programs throughout the government.

TODAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy/Wind	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High 86 Low 50	High 93 Low 58	High 88 Low 55	High 88 Low 56	High 89 Low 60

HSC NEWS FLASH

School of Medicine

- Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech HSC School of Medicine and chairman of the Lubbock March of Dimes, will host an Annual March of Dimes — March for Babies walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Mackenzie Park. The march will include a four-mile walk, but participants may walk a shorter distance if needed. This will be the last week to register for the march, which will benefit research and prevention of birth defects and provide education to expecting mothers and information for families with newborns in intensive care.
- The School of Medicine will host an annual MPIP policy meeting from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 28 at the Lubbock, Amarillo and Odessa Health Sciences Center locations for all department chairs, clinical faculty and clinical administrators on all Tech HSC campuses and both schools of medicine. The meeting also will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the HSC El Paso location, with each meeting being held in the appropriate TechLink room at each location.
- Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the Tech HSC School of Medicine will host a welcome reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 27 for Dr. Terry McMahon, HSC Department of Psychiatry department chairman, and Dr. John De Toledo, HSC Department of Neurology department chair, in the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building lobby. De Toledo and McMahon were named department chairs for their respective departments following the division of the Psychiatry and Neurology Departments last month.

Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

- The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine will host a Dean's Council Meeting beginning at noon April 27 in the Dean's Conference Room located in the Medical Education building, Room 3200 in El Paso. Lunch will be provided by the OB/GYN Department in the School of Medicine.

Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center

- The Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center will provide free clinical breast exams from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday and Monday through May 1 at the Combest Center. Women ages 25 to 65 who meet financial eligibility guidelines through YWCA also will receive free mammograms as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Exams will be available to the public through partnerships between the center and the YWCA Breast and Cervical Health Initiative, which targets women who typically do not have access to breast screenings, cervical screenings and diagnostic services.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

- The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will host a pharmacology and neuroscience graduate student seminar at 1 p.m. today in Health Sciences Center Room 5AB100. Pharmacology and neuroscience graduate student Navya Chitte will present a radiochemical assay lecture while Poonam Sonawane will present Determining Ethanol Tolerance by Gas Chromatography.
- The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will host a Biochemistry Seminar Series at noon Thursday in Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 110. The seminar series will be presented by Dr. Joaquin Lado, who will discuss Thyroid Hormone Dysregulation in Multi-Nodular Goiter and Non-Thyroidal Illness Syndrome. Lado is a professor in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Department of Internal Medicine.

Garrison Institute on Aging

- The Garrison Institute on Aging will host a free healthy aging lecture discussing pain management in older adults featuring Dr. Gabor Racz from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 in Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 100. The lecture will be part of the Healthy Aging Lecture Series offered by the institute, which acts as an educational program for the public regarding research and aging health topics of interest to seniors. The series is offered monthly to interested participants from September to May with snacks and refreshments provided at each lecture.

Obama defends secret memo release to CIA employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after releasing top-secret memos that detailed the CIA's use of simulated drowning while interrogating terror suspects, President Barack Obama went to the spy agency's Virginia headquarters on Monday to defend his decision and bolster the morale of its employees.

"I acted primarily because of the exceptional circumstances that surrounded these memos, particularly the fact that so much of the information was public," Obama said.

Last week, Obama's Justice Depart-

ment published previously classified memos that described the Bush administration's legal justification for CIA interrogation techniques that included methods criticized as torture. Republican lawmakers and former CIA chiefs have criticized the release of the memos, contending that revealing the limits of interrogation techniques will hamper the effectiveness of interrogators.

The memos detailed the use of waterboarding — a form of simulated drowning that Attorney General Eric Holder has denounced as torture — as

well as sleep deprivation, isolation and physical violence.

According to the declassified memos, waterboarding was used on alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed 183 times in March 2003. Suspected al-Qaida logistics chief Abu Zubaydah was subjected to the treatment 83 times in August 2002.

Obama said Monday that a court case was going to force the memos to be released and that much of what they contained had already been compromised through leaks to news media.

Rain barrel workshop to help Lubbockites conserve water

By HALIE HARTMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Students hoping to save money on their water bills this summer may want to start harvesting rain.

One of the simplest and most inexpensive methods of rain water harvesting is through the use of a rain barrel, said Carmon McCain, the information education group supervisor at High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Through utilizing the gutters on the roof edges of a house, water can be captured that would otherwise be lost to runoff, he said. The water then would be diverted into the storm water system.

For those interested in making their own rain barrel, the Lubbock Storm Water Management Department will host a Rain Barrel Make and Take Workshop from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25, at the Hodges Community Center.

Participants will assemble, paint and learn how to use their own rain barrel to take home.

The workshop will teach people how they can capture rain water not just using a rain barrel,

but also through their landscape, she said. The cost of the workshop is \$40, and those interested can register by calling 806-767-3706.

Melanie Mallory, storm water environmental compliance specialist for the Lubbock Storm Water Management Department, said a rain barrel can be easily connected to a roof gutter system, and if a house does not have a gutter system, a barrel can be placed underneath a valley in the roof where water runs off.

"Rain water harvesting is collecting rain water runoff from your roof and then reusing that water for irrigation purposes," she said.

Along with saving money on water utilities, residents using rain barrels help the city because reducing the rain water going into the storm water system is going to help it function better, she said. It also will reduce pollutants and other things that water would pick up along the way.

Dana Porter, an extension agricultural engineering specialist for water management at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, said most captured water is used for landscaping plants and the lawn.

Although Lubbock does not get

much rain, the use of rain barrels is efficient and people should harvest what they can, she said.

"Obviously here we have variable rain," Porter said. We might have a wet spring or dry spring. There is a lot of variability in our storms but even so we might as well take advantage of what we do get."

Rain barrels are available in stores and are sold by companies online, McCain said. But even something as low tech as putting buckets outside during a rainfall event is a beneficial way to collect water.

Mallory said she would encourage students to participate and attend the workshop because they would learn valuable information which they could use now and later when they own a home.

Rain water harvesting is important because during the spring and summer because about half of the water supplied to lawns and gardens is wasted because of inefficient watering practices, McCain said.

"This is free moisture that mother nature provides," he said, "so it's a good idea to utilize that resource and capture it, rather than just letting it run off and be wasted."

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Newly in Iraq, Army troops heading to Afghanistan

BAGHDAD (AP) — Only in Iraq a few weeks, nearly 500 U.S. Army combat engineers who specialize in clearing roads of explosives learned they were being shipped off to southern Afghanistan, one of the clearest signs of America's shifting wartime priorities.

The transfer, which moved into its final stages Monday, is the largest movement so far of personnel and equipment from Iraq as President Barack Obama puts the focus on the fight in the Taliban heartland.

"We are probably going to be the beginning of the influx you are going to see to Afghanistan," Lt. Col. Kevin Landers, commander of the Fort Carson, Colo.-based 4th Engineer Battalion, said as crews packed crates and cleaned vehicles

for the flight to Kandahar.

It's now clear some of the troops and firepower will flow directly from Iraq, where the Pentagon plans to gradually draw down its more than 132,000 personnel before the withdrawal of all combat forces by September 2010.

Obama has ordered 17,000 more U.S. soldiers and Marines to Afghanistan to bolster the 38,000 American troops already battling the resurgent Taliban.

"We are going to take this footprint out of Iraq," said Landers, whose battalion received word of its reassignment last month just after taking command of clearing roads in Baghdad of bombs and debris.

Since then, his troops have conducted routine operations while

preparing for their departure.

They won't be replaced — another sign of America's evolving military map.

By the end of next year, the U.S. military presence could be down to about 30,000 to 50,000 personnel to train and advise Iraqi security forces. Plans call for all American forces to leave Iraq by the end of 2012.

Military officials have publicly said they would not redirect large numbers of soldiers directly from Iraq to Afghanistan. Quietly, though, the military has been sending troops and equipment for months.

In late March, the Fort Sill, Okla.-based 100th Brigade Support Battalion was moved from the giant U.S. base in Balad, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad, to southern Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a stream of military transport planes has been ferrying helicopters, vehicles, weapons and other equipment from Iraq to Afghanistan.

But this week's airlift of the 4th Engineer Battalion "is the largest unit movement of personnel and gear from Iraq to Afghanistan to date," said Lt. Col. Dave Dancer, operations chief for the 225th Engineer Brigade, which oversees the 4th Engineers.

The battalion arrived in Iraq in late February. Four days after taking command in mid-March, it received new orders: pack up and compete its 12-month deployment in Afghanistan, said Landers, 42, of Atlanta.

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The Texas Tech Alumni Association wishes to congratulate our spring class of Official Ring recipients for their commitment toward receiving a degree from Texas Tech University. We wish you the best of success as you "Bear our Banners Far and Wide."

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# Sprinkler systems protect buildings, students despite causing water damage

By STEVEN SCHWARTZ  
STAFF WRITER

While the fire-fighting sprinkler systems located in the residence halls across the Texas Tech campus are a necessary safety precaution, they can be costly for the students they protect.

The systems, which are required by the state to be present in all of the residence halls, are important for the safety of the students as well as the protection of the buildings, said Mike Kennon, the fire marshal at Tech.

He said Tech was the first university in Texas to have a complete sprinkler system; this has saved a substantial amount of money for the university, but more importantly has protected the lives of students living in the residence halls.

The fire department has received several reports this year

of alarms being triggered in the residence halls, Kennon said, none of which have been linked to legitimate fires. Other than fires caused by issues in the kitchens and trash chutes across the university, all of the fire alarms triggered have been caused either accidentally or by human tampering.

“Between the sprinkler system and the fire alarms, everyone can sleep better at night knowing that they are safe.”

MIKE KENNON  
TEXAS TECH  
FIRE MARSHAL

Mark McVay, the associate director for student housing at Tech, said someone accidentally hitting the sprinklers usually causes the alarms.

“Most of the time it is an inadvertent breakage, where someone bumps the sprinkler head,” he said.

The devices are built around a small glass tube that is designed to melt at 145 degrees, McVay said. However, the glass tubes easily can be broken by a slight disturbance.

Kennon said the sprinklers can cause heavy amounts of dam-

age to personal belongings within the residence halls because they spray between 20 gallons to 30 gallons of water per minute when activated and have the ability to flood several floors below the floor in which the alarm is triggered.

“We understand that the damage is unfortunate,” he said, “but sprinkler systems are required by the state.”

Although students hanging their clothes from the sprinklers or hitting them often set off alarms, they sometimes are set off intentionally, Kennon said. This is classified as tampering with a life safety device, which is a federal offense in Texas. If charged, the offender would be responsible for penalties issued by the state as well as all damages caused by the flooding.

“When a device is tampered with, it is not a safety issue,” Kennon said, “it’s a criminal issue.”

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said tampering with sprinklers is treated seriously by the police department. In most cases, residence halls must be evacuated for student safety.

“We don’t take a building evacuation lightly,” Hoffman said, “especially in the winter.”

He said the period from spring break until the end of school is the most frequent time of the year for Tech police to receive reports of alarms being triggered. The police department has received several reports of safety devices being tampered with since last year, but most crimes go unsolved.

“The crime is very punishable,” Hoffman said, “but there are usually no witnesses when the alarm is set off.”

McVay said the sprinkler systems have caused a substantial amount of damage since their installation in 2007; however, they are essential in preventing large fires from spreading. No fires of any substantial cost have occurred in the residence halls since installation.

By spraying as much water as they do, the sprinklers provide a method of fighting the fire as well as an escape route for students, Kennon said. The 20 gallons to 30 gallons that the sprinklers spray every minute clears a path for people to get out of the building safely if it is on fire.

“Between the sprinkler systems and the fire alarms,” Kennon said, “everyone can sleep better at night knowing that they are safe.”

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador  
THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM in the residence halls sprays 20 gallons to 30 gallons of water per minute, preventing the spread of fires. The sprinklers will set off at temperatures at or above 145 degrees or if they are tampered with.



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SUMMER I

**The Blockbuster: Hollywood, Globalization and the Film Audience** studies the film industry and how Hollywood works by watching classic movies and discussing the business, effects and culture of making movies.  
Undergraduate and graduate\*, EMC 4301/ EMC 6315, M-F, 10-11:50 a.m.

**Methods for Analyzing Visual Media** is an advanced research methods course that will cover topics related to content analysis of visual media products such as news and entertainment.  
Graduate, MCOM 6364, M-F, 12-1:50 p.m.

SUMMER II

**Sex and Violence in the Media** explores how sex and violence are used in a variety of media, how standards of what is acceptable differ between audiences and cultures, and the effects sexual and violent media content have on people.  
Undergraduate and graduate\*, ADV 4301/ADV 6315, M-F, 12-1:50 p.m. (No prerequisites. This course is open to all students.)

**The Facebook and Social Media Phenomenon** investigates social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs and other new technologies and explores issues related to privacy, viral marketing, digital rights management and other topics.  
Undergraduate and graduate\*, EMC 4301/EMC 6315, M-F, 2-3:50 p.m.

**Sports and the Media** looks at society through the world of sports, their impact on each other and their growing interdependence upon each other.  
Undergraduate, JOUR 4301, M-F, 10-11:50 a.m.

**Data Logistics in Persuasion Research** is an advanced course on collection, management, and analyses of quantitative data garnered through academic and pragmatic public relations and marketing research.  
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# OPINIONS

## Tech should restructure athletic program

Coming off arguably Texas Tech's best football season in history, star receiver Michael Crabtree will be a top 10 NFL draft pick on Saturday, Tech's highest draft pick since Dave Parks went first overall in 1964.

However, I have a hard time interpreting the fact he was my classmate. It's tough to remember that the same person who graces the wallpaper of my computer, skillfully taking in a pass between two Longhorn defenders, was the same person I saw strolling in front of Holden Hall.

But herein lies the problem: There is a fundamental disconnect between the students and athletes at the school.

As we watch Crabtree sign a multimillion dollar contract, we still look back at his touchdown catch against UT, along with the countless number of bubble-screens and quick-slants that characterized his career here and hold him to a mythical, god-like standard.

**Ben Jones**



Yet at the same time he, like the rest of us, was a student at Tech.

While the 2008 football team may have been entertaining, it rests in a far different realm of university life than the daily progression of physics tests and philosophy papers.

The relationship between the athletic department and the chemistry department is not just shaky, it's nonexistent. The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act shows that the football program itself turns 90 percent of its profits right back into football.

While the national rankings and bowl wins might seem to indicate

a working system, the competitive makeup of Big 12 Conference athletics has forced Tech into a financial nightmare.

Forced to keep up with the massive endowments and 80,000-seat stadiums of UT, A&M and OU for more than a decade, Tech's athletic department (with its average endowment and 50,000-seat stadium) has been spending its way into a deficit.

Forty percent of the university's debt service alone goes to repaying loans incurred in athletic department projects, according to the NCAA Financial Reports Database.

Yet, the idea remains that Tech must maintain this almost \$50 million entertainment sideshow completely separate from the university's academic core. In fact, if it is such a financial drain on the university to begin with, why not cut the department entirely?

I am certainly not advocating the removal of all athletics at Tech, nor am

I suggesting Tech even reduce its budget for athletics. Rather, Tech should integrate the athletic department with the academic departments.

In 2003, Vanderbilt University disbanded its athletic program, combining all athletics under the division of student life with intramurals, club sports, fraternities and sororities and the student health center. Since then, the school a quarter of the size of Tech has achieved unparalleled success.

In the past five years, Vanderbilt has seen three number-one rankings, five Southeastern Conference championships and one national championship (women's bowling). In that same time frame Tech has one Big 12 title to show.

And as Tech celebrates its first top round NFL draft pick in more than two decades this weekend, Vanderbilt most likely will be celebrating its third in four years. Other notable athletes to have come out of Vanderbilt during

this time period include 2007 PGA rookie-of-the-year Brandt Snedeker, tennis star Bobby Reynolds and young baseball phenom David Price.

I dare you to name three famous Tech athletes from 2003 on.

On top of Vanderbilt's athletic success has been the academic success with an overall athletic GPA rising to 3.1 and a graduation rate of 94 percent. An increasing number of athletes are picking a broad range of majors, participating in on-campus clubs and honors societies and even studying abroad.

While the academic and social factors alone can't force Tech to make a change, the financial ones might. At the rate Tech's athletic department is spending, the university could be in potential financial jeopardy in just a matter of years.

By releasing the athletic department of its self-dependence, Tech could subsidize the costs and reassign the unnecessary departmental bu-

reaucrat jobs to help cater to every student's needs.

And maybe, just maybe, if students didn't feel so distant from the athletes on campus, we wouldn't be near the bottom of the Big 12 in attendance.

I know Tech will never do something as drastic as cut the entire athletic department, but it is in its best interest to at least make an effort to bridge the gap between the department and the university.

At the very least, give the athletic director administrative power or a vice-president position. The university must take steps to rid the notion that athletes are hired-help.

After all, do you really view Crabtree in the same light as your chemistry lab partner?

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## Pirate attacks call for more security in difficult areas

STAFF EDITORIAL

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These days, the profession of piracy has been romanticized. History glosses over the pillage and murder and instead associates them with big ship battles and somewhat noble characteristics. Children dress up like pirates for Halloween, with a fake hook and parrot, and good times are had by all. But in recent years, pirates have been making a comeback, especially off the eastern coast of Africa.

Merchant ships, flagged to the most powerful and prosperous nations in the world, are being assaulted and overrun by small, often inflatable boats of men with old assault rifles. And this resurgence of naval piracy is doing a good job of showing piracy for what it really is: assault and theft.

This resurgence is also doing a good job of showing why it was

such a lucrative profession in times past — it is very difficult to prevent. Oceans are vast and impossible to constantly patrol. Often, when a ship is attacked, there is not a defense vessel within range to provide assistance before hostages are taken.

The pirates' routine is surprisingly simple. Take a small vessel up to a larger one, storm and attack. Grab the captain and a few crew members, and demand a pretty penny for their lives. It seems too simple to actually be effective, right? But it helps when the larger vessel often has no small arms on board and no means of defending themselves.

The only real way to stop piracy in these areas is on land. The local governments have to crack down on the pirates and eliminate their home base. But the problem is, in pirate-riddled areas, local governments are often very shaky. And no nation would consider putting

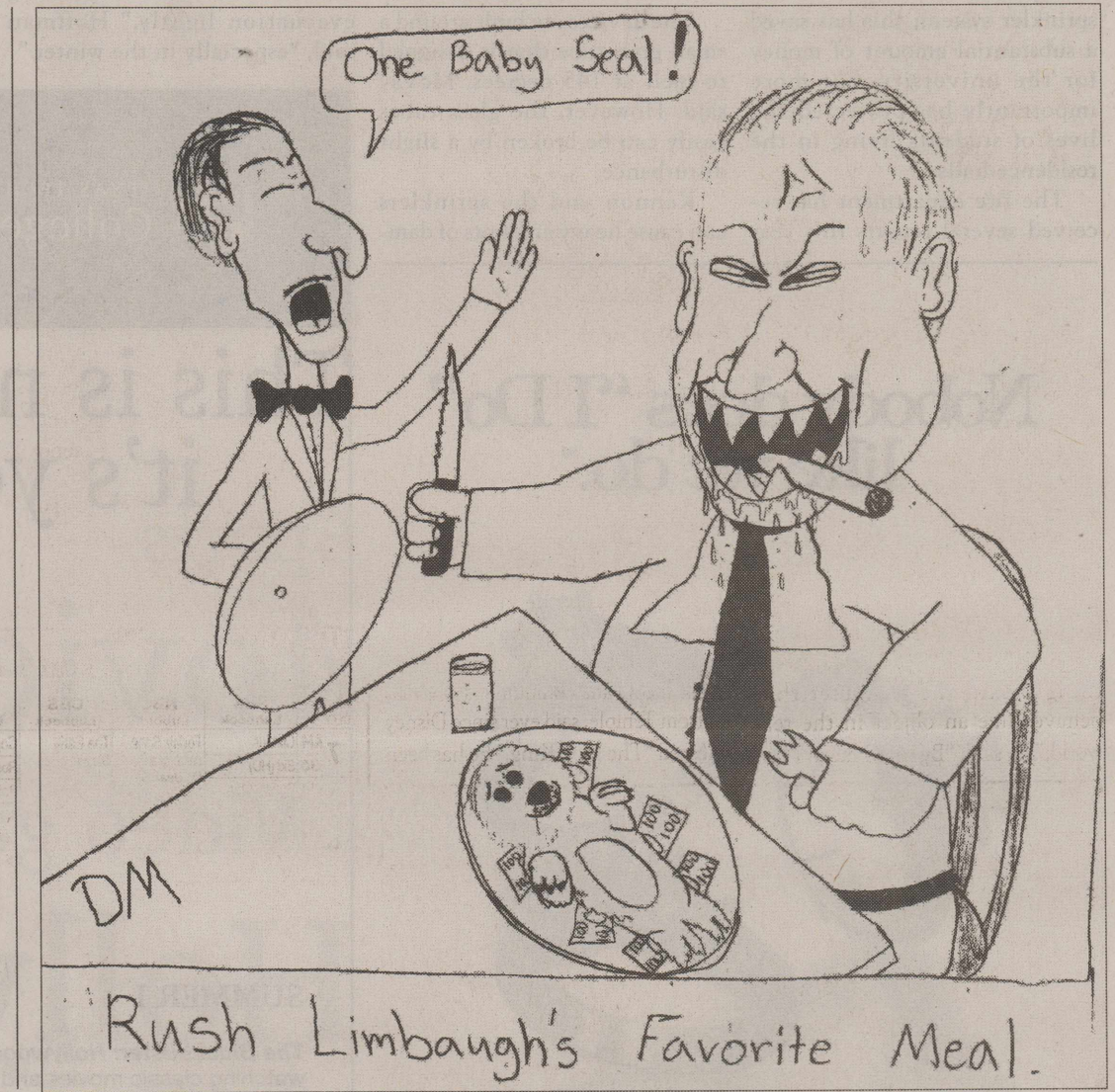
troops into Somalia just to eliminate piracy.

According to CNN.com, this year the U.S. Navy has started a task force dedicated to fighting piracy in the area which it occurs the most: the Gulf of Aden, off the coast of Kenya and Somalia.

However, with the gulf containing more than 1.1 million square miles, it would have to be a quite sizable task force to actually respond to attacks in time to prevent naval crew members from being at risk.

Traditional patrolling has not proven effective at preventing pirate attacks from occurring, and alternative steps should be taken.

And for this, history has the answer: convoys. Most ships that are attacked by pirates are often on their own, making them an easy target, but there has always been strength in numbers. This tactic worked against submarine warfare in World War II, and it can work again here.



## Cynics speechless as Susan Boyle's sensation fosters appreciation of life's beauty

By JAKE MEADOR

DAILY NEBRASKAN (U. NEBRASKA)

My friend Eric called it "a big beautiful 47-year-old middle finger to the idea that musical talent has to come in an anorexic hourglass body." Then he said it made him cry.

Me too. When the 47-year-old Susan Boyle, who lives alone with her cat Pebbles, first walked onto the stage for Britain's Got Talent (Britain's version of American Idol), she was greeted with sarcastic sidelong glances from the audience and nervous cringes from the judges. When she said she wanted to be famous like Elaine Page the entire audience derisively laughed at her.

If we're honest with ourselves, we likely would've had the same reaction.

Years of vicious reality TV in which we're encouraged to laugh

as other human beings are undone before our eyes have trained us to treat other human beings as a collection of skin cells existing only to entertain us.

Thankfully, it only took Susan Boyle three minutes to reveal our cynicism for what it is — a heart-deadening attitude of judgmental superiority.

Boyle's now-viral YouTube hit brought the audience to its feet, judge Amanda Holden to tears and left Simon Cowell, for once, speechless.

As the final notes faded on the ironically-chosen "I dreamed a dream," the audience continued to clap and Holden gave Boyle a standing ovation.

But Susan was only getting started. Over the next three minutes we were given another treat just as sweet as her voice, but in a different way.

We got to see a human being

completely at ease in a state of pure, unadulterated happiness.

It was a rare moment of genuine humanity, a stark indictment of the repressive cynicism that renders so many of us incapable of such ordinary delight. It's the sort of happiness described masterfully in James Wright's poem, "Two Hangovers."

"In a pine tree, / A few yards away from my window sill, / A brilliant blue jay is springing up and down, up and down, / On a branch. / I laugh, as I see him abandon himself / To entire delight, for he knows as well as I do / That the branch will not break."

Indeed, the rarity of such delight makes me think perhaps "extraordinary" would be a more appropriate descriptor.

Simply put, sometimes something really is pure and good.

In fact, sometimes things that look awful will surprise us with their purity. And if we try to see through

that moment of goodness, all we'll end up doing is robbing ourselves of the beauty, replacing it with our own shallow, narcissistic reflection in the cynical mirror we've created.

Yet the cynicism that Boyle's delight confronted is merely something we've learned over time, sitting at the feet of a Mother Culture that insists nothing is as good as it seems.

We are children of "Survivor," "The Real World," TMZ, airbrushed Playboy models and presidents pathologically incapable of telling the truth — "I did not have sex with that woman" or "the United States does not torture." In short, we've grown up being lied to on a regular basis.

All these seemingly disparate factors have raised a generation of skeptics — people incapable of taking one another at our word, always suspecting an ulterior motive.

Truth is, it's not totally unreasonable. Many of us remember being

told by our parents that everything was fine, only to end up the subject of ugly custody disputes a few weeks later.

Others have given ourselves wholly to another person, only to have that person betray us.

Still others were betrayed by religious leaders we once trusted.

For us, cynicism becomes a defense mechanism. To borrow from Wright, we've tried to abandon ourselves to entire delight, and the branch has broken.

Our cynicism is a method of keeping people safely at arm's length, far enough away that they can't hurt us. Yet in doing this we condemn ourselves to the very loneliness we fear more than anything else.

It's the sort of loneliness described so masterfully by C.S. Lewis when he said, "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want

make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal.

"Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket — safe, dark, motionless, airless — it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable."

Perhaps Susan Boyle's greatest gift to us, like Paul Potts before her, is to remind us that it is only in risk that we discover the elusive qualities that make life beautiful.

True, sometimes the branch will break. But sometimes it will hold. It will hold, even under the weight of judgmental laughter and down-the-nose looks of condescension. And when it does, we too can abandon ourselves to entire delight.

And if you're lucky enough to witness it, then you too might cry.

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## BIZ WEEKLY

### 'Grey's Anatomy' actress pregnant with first child

NEW YORK (AP) — Paging McDreamy: Do you know your fiancée is pregnant? Not really — just the actress who plays her.

Ellen Pompeo — who plays Dr. Meredith Grey, the future bride of

Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd on "Grey's Anatomy" — and her real-life love, Chris Ivery, are expecting their first child together.

Pompeo's publicist, Jennifer Allen, did not give a due date.

The 39-year-old actress and Ivery, a record producer, are one of Hollywood's low-key couples. After three years of dating, they quietly tied the knot in November 2007 in a ceremony at New York City Hall.

### Malawi court to hear Madonna adoption appeal May 4

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP) — Madonna's appeal of a court ruling denying her request to adopt a 3-year-old girl from Malawi will be heard next month, a court official said Monday.

The pop star is not required to be present for the appeal, which

may last two weeks.

Joseph Chigona, Registrar of the High Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal, said the case will come before three judges from the Supreme Court of Appeal on May 4.

"As with all court cases involv-

ing infants, this one will be in chambers, not in an open court," Chigona said.

Madonna has said she still wants to adopt Chifundo "Mercy" James. The singer has already adopted a son, David, from Malawi, a poor country in southern Africa.

### Winfrey cancels program on Columbine anniversary

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey decided Monday to pull an already-taped episode of her talk show that was to mark the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre, saying it "focused too much on the killers."

The episode, "10 Years Later: The Truth about Columbine," was to air on the Monday anniversary of the massacre in Littleton, Colo., that killed 12 students and a teacher.

"I decided to pull the Columbine

show today. After reviewing it, I thought it focused too much on the killers. Today, hold a thought for the Columbine community. This is a hard day for them," Winfrey wrote on Oprah.com and her Facebook page.

### Livin' La Vida Verde: Let's talk beauty

By Tina L. Arons, features editor

As much as I hate to spend a lot of money on cosmetics, I've decided that I should for two reasons.

- 1.) It's important to me to take care of my body and look nice.
- 2.) Taking care of my body means minimizing the amount of chemicals I use in the process of looking nice.



So, I've begun switching from some of the staple products I've used since high school — Degree Clinical Protection deodorant and Clean & Clear Advantage Oil-Free Acne Moisturizer — to products that are less harsh on my skin, such as Tom's of Maine deodorant and The Body Shop tea tree oil mattifying moisturizer.

Of course, this means looking into all-natural or organic products — talk about expensive!

Or not? I've found a few "goodies" in my search, and I'd like to share my successes. I've compiled a list of reasonably priced, all-natural or organic products that work for me.

To view the list, check them out online at [www.blogs.dailytoeditor.com](http://www.blogs.dailytoeditor.com)

### Animated

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Material for the fall semester is still being worked on, he said, and the topics will remain the same.

Topics include an introduction to 3-D modeling, introduction to animation and modeling, introduction to rendering and texturing and others, Brewster said.

A course focusing on 3-D orientation and the history of animation also is offered, he said, because not all students may know about what 3-D animation is — besides a movie with goggles — and how it evolved.

"3-D is the ability to design something within the computer that behaves like an object in the real world," he said. "By that I mean I can

show the object from all sides, I can get closer to it and almost touch it, and the other thing is I can show that object interacting with other parts and other things in the scene."

3-D animation also is used for stimulating ordinary objects and situations, Brewster said. It can illustrate situations that normally are difficult to come by, such as training videos or looking at the molecular structure of things.

"It gives the user a chance to make objects of their own design and let them react with each other in a way that makes sense," he said. "You can create an artificial world."

Justin Hightower, a junior electronic media and communications major from Temple, said ever since Disney released "The Lion King," he has been

interested in 3-D animation.

Hightower said he finished the short courses offered at the library this semester after a recommendation by his electronic media professor.

"I got a better grasp and concept of 3-D animation and the mechanics behind it," Hightower said. "I learned about its complexity and how to make things fluid. I now appreciate the time it takes to make a scene; it is tedious."

Students, especially those who plan on entering into communications after they graduate, should look at enrolling in the short courses, he

said, because having some background with 3-D concepts will be beneficial in the long run.

Kaley Daniel, marketing director for the library, said students would benefit from becoming involved in the 3-D animation lab and short courses because there are a variety of applications for different majors such as architecture, engineering and graphic design.

"What we hoped the short courses would do is bring students in from all disciplines and majors so they can discover 3-D animation for their own joy and apply it in some way to their

own major," Daniel said.

For example, she said biology majors could dissect frogs on the computers and performance majors could design props and stages to create a visual backup to their ideas as they prepare their production.

The short courses are available to everyone, although they do not

count as course credit, Daniel said. They are free for faculty and students and provide learning outside of the classroom.

"We wanted to make it so students wouldn't think of 3-D solely as movie animation," she said, "but out-of-the-box animation."

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# Track sets 17 regional marks at Mt. SAC, Baylor in preparation for Penn Relays

By ADAM WADSWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

Twelve first-place finishes and 17 NCAA regional marks are just part of a normal weekend for the Texas Tech track team.

With the distance runners and relay teams back from California and the individual events over in Waco, the Red Raiders have their sights set on the upcoming Penn Relays.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said the past two weeks of competition are the best things he could have asked for.

"This weekend at Baylor was probably the best I've felt about our team all year," Kittley said. "We did have 12 wins, we had 17 people improve on regional marks or get them. I told the team just then in the meeting that it's the first time this year that I felt like we were really starting to come together."

He said the team needs to continue having good weeks to keep its

momentum high going into finals. He also said the team benefits from splitting up for meets because its goal right now is to set as many regional marks as it can and certain types of weather are better for that than others.

Tech senior Asia Diaz had no problems with the split as she beat her old personal record by nine

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TRACK COACH

seconds on her way to win the women's 1,500-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 23.88 seconds.

"We know that different meets are good for different events," Diaz said. "They know Mt. SAC is better for distance and Waco, they had a lot of pros there for like the 400, so it

doesn't really affect us at all I don't think."

After her performance this weekend, she now has regional marks in both the 1,500-meter and 800-meter runs.

She said she believes the team feels much more prepared going into

the next few weeks because of the familiarity of running the same legs with the same people.

Diaz was not the only Lady Raider to set a new personal record this weekend.

Sophomore Kaci Westervelt took the first win of her career and set a new personal record in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"I was really excited," Westervelt said. "I led the race from the beginning and I've never done that before, and I shaved 37 seconds off my time from the last meet. I still have a long ways to go, but I was really excited."

She said she has improved her time significantly because she has started to workout with the actual steeplechase obstacles rather than simply running.

Westervelt said she hopes to improve her time even more by the time the Big 12 Conference Championships come around.

Other highlights from the weekend include a second-straight sweep of the women's throwing events from Patience Knight in the shot put, Ozie Okolie in the hammer and D'Andra Carter in the discus, an NCAA season-best 400-meter time from Gil Roberts, and a personal record from Addison LeMaster in the 5,000-meter run.

With two of the last three meets before the Big 12 Championships taking place this weekend, the Red Raiders are not taking the competition lightly.

"Man, we're looking for regional qualifying times," Kittley said. "That's what the whole deal is about: improve on what we've done and get better regional marks."

The distance runners and relay teams will travel to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays beginning Thursday while the sprinters, hurdlers and throwers will be in Norman, Okla., for the Oklahoma Invitational.

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WAYLON RANDOLPH PARTICIPATES in the long jump during Texas Tech Twilight April 9 at R.P. Fuller Track Stadium. The Tech track team will split for two upcoming events, the Penn Relays and the Oklahoma Invitational.

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# Men's golf hopes to get back on track as conference championships approach

By ADAM WADSWORTH  
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After a hot streak early in the season, the Texas Tech men's golf team seems to have slowed down.

The No. 12 Red Raiders finished outside the top five for the third consecutive tournament Sunday at the Aggie Invitational in Bryan.

The losing streak began following consecutive first-place finishes in San Antonio and Tampa, Fla.

Tech coach Greg Sands said the team has shown some good signs but has not been able to put it all together.

"Golf is just such a fickle little game," he said. "Honestly they were four shots out of third place, so just a few shots here and there and that's a lot more respectable."

He said the team's performance is not sub-par, but the Red Raiders

need to continue working hard to improve consistency before the Big 12 Conference Championships begin Monday in Hutchinson, Kan.

Tech will see Texas A&M once again at the conference championships and No. 2 Oklahoma State, among others.

Senior Santiago Rivas and junior Chris Ward led the Red Raiders at the Aggie Invitational with a pair of four-over 148's. The two-round totals placed them in a tie for 21st.

Standout freshman and No. 31 ranked Nils Floren shot a 153 to tie for 49th, one stroke behind sophomore Sergio Franky



— SANDS

and three behind junior Will Griffin.

Senior Garrett Merrell rounded out the team with a pair of 77s, tying him for 54th.

The eighth place tie with New Mexico is the lowest finish the team has seen since Hawaii's Hilo Intercollegiate in early February.

With the Big 12 Championships less than a week away, Sands said the team needs to remain patient because it is easy to try too hard to make things work when the pressure picks up.

Right now, Tech is the second-highest ranked Big 12 team.

"They're just going in there and trying to hit it one shot at a time," Sands said. "They're not setting expectations for doing this or doing that, they're just going to achieve to the best of their abilities."

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# Brooks at home in Rockets' series with Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The warm applause that greeted former Oregon star Aaron Brooks at the Rose Garden in the first game of the playoff series between the Houston Rockets and the Portland Trail Blazers won't likely be repeated.

The second-year guard had 27 points, seven assists and four rebounds in Houston's 108-81 series-opening victory on Saturday night.

"I hope I didn't lose any friends out there," Brooks said.

While Yao Ming and Ron Artest were loudly booed during player introductions for Game 1, Brooks — who grew up in the Seattle area — got a welcome.

The speedy 6-footer earned a starting role when Houston sent Rafer Alston to the Magic in a three-team deal on Feb. 19, which also brought Kyle Lowry to the Rockets from Memphis and Brian Cook from Orlando.

Brooks averaged 13 points, 2.4 rebounds and 3.7 assists in 35 starts during the regular season for the Rockets. Overall, he averaged 11.2 points, two rebounds and three assists.

He is remembered by Oregon

fans for leading the Ducks to the regional final of the 2007 NCAA tournament, where he had 27 points in a loss to Florida. In his senior season, he was the Pac-10's leading scorer with an average of 17.7 points. Houston took him with the 26th overall pick in the 2007 draft.

Now he's known for outwitting the Blazers in their first playoff game since 2003.

Brooks and Lowry were key to the Rockets' game plan to spread out the court against Portland.

"We get stagnant sometimes offensively — the more we can flatten the defense out, the more we can get those guys the ball in their hands, the better off we are," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "When Aaron shoots it like he did, they are in trouble. They'll make adjustments, but we want to continue to keep attacking."

Brooks wasn't the only trouble for the Blazers in the opener. Yao scored 24 points, all in the first half, and had nine rebounds for Houston. The 7-foot-6 Chinese center was a perfect 9-for-9 from the floor and 6-for-6 at the foul line.

The Blazers tried single coverage on Yao, with Joel Przybilla playing behind the seven-time All-Star Obvi-

ously that didn't work.

Coach Nate McMillan said the Blazers were going to make adjustments, and suggested at practice that he may even try using both Przybilla and Greg Oden, both 7-footers, at the same time against the Rockets.

"They are going to come out, if possible, even more aggressive to get Game 2, to try to finish this thing up going back to Houston," McMillan said. "It's an important game that we need to get on Tuesday."

Houston fell to the fifth seed in the Western Conference after losing the regular-season finale to Dallas. The Rockets have not made it out of the first round of the playoffs in six tries since 1997.

Portland, the youngest team in the postseason, clinched the West's fourth seed and home-court advantage for this round with a victory over Denver in the season's final game.

The Blazers went 34-7 at the Rose Garden during the regular season. The loss Saturday snapped a six-game winning streak at home.

Roy led Portland with 21 points. The only other Blazers player in double figures was Oden, who had 15 as a reserve in the Blazers' worst loss this season.

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## Tech takes on UNLV in first midweek home series since February

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Although a weekend series against a Big 12 Conference opponent has the Texas Tech baseball team in the hunt for a conference tourney bid, not enough work has been done against non-conference foes.

The Red Raiders have a chance to somewhat turn that around today.

Tech begins a two-game series against UNLV at 7:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. It is the first midweek game at home since March 23 and the first midweek series at home since Feb. 25 against New Mexico. The second game is scheduled for noon Wednesday.

The Red Raiders are 9-15 against non-conference opponents, opposed to 9-9 against Big 12 foes.

"For the most part, for the whole year, our fans here have been great," first baseman Chris Richburg said. "However many games we get to have at home, it's always going to help (to have fans in the stands)."

Tech (18-24) enters the game off a series victory against Baseball

America's then-ranked No. 24 Kansas. Tech had the opportunity to complete its first sweep of a conference opponent this season Sunday, but dropped the game 15-6.

But the loss in the series finale shouldn't hinder the Red Raiders, Tech coach Dan Spencer said.

"I don't think (we lost any) momentum," said Spencer, who has his team sitting seventh in the Big 12 standings. "Momentum is your starting guy on the mound. How good is he? Is he good in the first inning? That's your momentum builder or momentum deflator."

It's up to starter Nathan Karns (2-4) and a bullpen that struggled

against KU Sunday to get momentum in the right direction for Tech today.

The Rebels depend heavily on hitting; five of UNLV's 18 wins have come by more than 10 runs, and all but five victories were by more than two runs.

Karns has a 5.67 ERA through eight appearances on the mound this season and allows opponents to hit .273. In his last appearance, Karns earned the loss in a 12-5 defeat to TCU, allowing four runs in 4 2/3 innings.

Led by J.J. Sferra, the Rebels (20-18) have numerous offensive threats. UNLV players have a combined .332 batting average and they have outscored opponents

282-257 this season. They sit in fifth place in the Mountain West Conference standings below New Mexico and TCU, teams Tech has a combined 2-3 record against. However, UNLV has not played those MWC opponents yet.

UNLV dropped a two-game series to Oklahoma State — its only other Big 12 opponent this season — and was swept in a two-game series against Cal State-Northridge. Tech also dropped a three-game series to CSUN at the beginning of the season.

Pitching has been suspect at times for the Rebels.

Their staff is allowing a combined 5.71 ERA. Only one starter and reliever with significant playing time have ERA's below 3.00. Despite UNLV's winning record, the team has been out-hit 442-386. Seventeen of UNLV's 18 losses have been more than a single-run deficit.

Good news for a Tech team that lit up KU's pitching staff, which entered last weekend with the second lowest ERA in the Big 12. Tech had 21 hits Friday and wrapped up the weekend with 44 hits through the series.

But Tech shortstop Joey Kenworthy said there was a lot to im-



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Toreador  
SECOND BASEMAN WILLIE Rueda throws the ball to first baseman Chris Richburg to force an out during the game against Kansas Sunday at Dan Law Field.

prove on after Sunday's defeat.

"I hate to point fingers," he said, "but I think pitching, we didn't throw enough strikes. We

didn't play very clean defense either. Pitching and defense in general was our deal."

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## Homers flying out of Yankee Stadium at record pace

NEW YORK (AP) — Home runs are flying out of Yankee Stadium at a record pace for a new ballpark.

Twenty were hit in the first four games alone as New York and Cleveland split the opening series that ended Sunday. That's easily the high for the first four games at a major league park, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, topping the 16 when Oakland started the 1996 season at Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

"There are a couple ballparks out

there that the ball just travels well. This might be one of them," New York's Mark Teixeira, who hit two of those home runs, said after Monday night's game against Oakland was rained out.

Fourteen of the home runs have been hit to right field, raising concern that there might be a wind tunnel in the \$1.5 billion ballpark, which has wide, open concourses, as opposed to the narrow hallways in the original Yankee Stadium on the south

side of 161st Street, which remains standing.

"Angle of the seating in the new stadium could have an effect on wind speed across the field," AccuWeather's Gina Cherundolo said on the company's Web site Monday. "The old Yankee Stadium had more stacked tiers and a large upper deck, acting like a solid wall, in effect, which would cause the wind to swirl more and be less concentrated."

## Rangers not discussing managerial change

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers president Nolan Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels say there have been no discussions about a managerial change during another tough April stretch.

Texas was 3-0 for the first time since 1996, the season of its first AL West title. But the Rangers have since lost seven of nine games, again raising questions about the future of third-year manager Ron Washington.

"I think Ron's fine. I don't see anything that concerns me," Ryan said Monday, insisting that any speculation about Washington is coming from outside the organization.

"Ron's our manager," Daniels said. "I read about a lot of stuff, but

there's been zero discussions to the contrary."

The Rangers (5-7), who had a day off Monday, have the same record as they did a year ago, when Ryan had been the team's president for only a couple of months. The team then lost nine of 11 games, creating intense rumors that Washington could be fired.

A six-game roadtrip begins Tuesday at AL East-leading Toronto.

"As a whole, when you look at the two weeks, I'm pretty happy with where we are," Ryan said. "I'd like to see our record flip-flopped, but under the circumstances, (Sunday's) win was big for us, and we go on the road in a good frame of mind."

Texas avoided being swept in a home series against Kansas City when

Michael Young hit a home run leading off the ninth Sunday for a 6-5 victory, after the Rangers scored twice in the eighth to tie the game.

"We have to take this and it has to carry over," Marlon Byrd said. "If not, it's pointless to have a win like this."

The only other win in the six-game homestand was 19-6 in the finale against Baltimore, when Ian Kinsler went 6-for-6 with a cycle, Byrd had five hits and Nelson Cruz had a grand slam and two-run double.

Their follow-up to that big game: the Rangers trailed their next game 12-0 against the Royals before three solo home runs the final two innings, then lost 2-0 Saturday to Zack Greinke, wasting another standout start by Kevin Millwood (1-1, 1.17 ERA).

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