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Study abroad provides once in a lifetime opportunity'

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By RACHEL PARKER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A study by NAFSA: Association of International Educators for the 2006-2007 academic year showed fewer than 1 percent of university students in the United States took advantage of study abroad opportunities.

Still, students like Catherine Brashear who have participated in study abroad programs say the experience is unforgettable.

Brashear, a junior pre-nursing major from Mesquite, spent her spring semester studying Spanish at the Texas Tech center in Seville, Spain. She said being immersed in the culture for a full semester was the best way for her to learn.

"I learned a lot about different cultures — just how we're alike and similar in different ways," Brashear said. "It's just kind of an eye-opening experience."

Brashear said the things she enjoyed most were spending time with her host family and experiencing Spanish culture on a daily basis.

"Every morning I would have to wake up and think, 'OK turn on Spanish mode," Brashear said.

Elizabeth McDaniel, a study abroad adviser and coordinator for the Tech center in Quedlinburg, Germany, said the reaction of students returning from time abroad is unanimously

"I think every student I've ever talked to that comes back has said, 'It changed my life," McDaniel said. "They don't know necessarily know how it changed their life. They just know that they're different from the way that they were before they went."

She said she believes many students have misconceptions about studying abroad. She said financial concerns, timing and fear of getting behind on coursework are a few reasons students may not consider studying abroad.

"We try to select programs that are as cost effective as possible," McDaniel said, "and we feel like we offer a full range of programs from those that are essentially the same as being here on campus up to very, very expensive programs, so that students have a wide range to choose from."

McDaniel said going abroad as a student is a once in a lifetime opportunity that should be taken advantage of. She said any length of time spent in another country is a valuable experience.



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AFTER GOING ON her own study abroad journey, Catherine Brashear shares her study abroad experience and information with students at the International Cultural Center.

"Most people don't have the option later in life to you know say, 'I think I'll go spend four months in Italy," McDaniel said. "So to be able to get financial aide to go, to be able to have the time that you're there count for academic credit makes it a much more viable program to do than to just go on your own."

McDaniel said despite pre-departure orientation sessions and preparation for traveling abroad, many students cannot comprehend what their experience will be like before they arrive in their country of choice.

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2010 Tech football schedule released

announced Wednesday afternoon by the Tech Athletics Department and it has a new look.

The Red Raiders will renew their history with a few Big 12 Conference North opponents, the annual Texas-Tech match up once again is slated early in the season and the Red Raiders finish 2010 with two nonconference opponents.

Although the schedule was released on the Tech Athletics Web site Wednesday, it was taken off the site because it is not official yet, according to Tech Athletic Director Gerald

With the possibility of some of the games being televised, officials said ESPN asked the department not to release the schedule officially yet, resulting in it being taken off the site. Officials also said there is no timetable when the

The Texas Tech 2010 football schedule was schedule officially will be announced, but the games are not expected to change.

"We are pleased with how this schedule fell into place," Myers said in a press release. "We were able to work some things out with our league schedule to accommodate a network opportunity, while also bringing our fans an attractive nonconference schedule as well."

The Texas game will be played Sept. 18 in Lubbock, with the possibility of it being broadcasted again. The game was played in Austin this season with ABC picking it and the 2008 game up in Lubbock.

The Red Raiders open the season at home against SMU — a team they have not played since the 2007 season.

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2010 SCHEDULE

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Hance hosts GM CEO, Tech alumnus Whitacre

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that he took

the CEO job for

GM for free, I

thought that was

astonishing and

commendable.

FRANK KRESSE

MAJOR

By ALLYSON SCHELL STAFF WRITER

Ed Whitacre, chairman of General Motors, came to Texas Tech Wednesday to speak to Chancellor Kent Hance's senior seminar class about leadership.

The class was conducted with Hance sitting across from Whitacre on the stage of the lecture hall, asking him questions about his successes in life and how he made his way to becoming a top leader in two major corporations — AT&T and General Motors.

"I asked Whitacre to come speak because I couldn't think of anyone in

the nation who has done more for business," Hance said. "I thought it would be a great educational opportunity to hear his story on how he made it to the top."

In the seminar, Whitacre began by talking about his early years growing up in the East Texas town of Ennis. He came to Tech because

several of his friends were going and he jokingly said it was as far away from Ennis he could get without leaving Texas. He graduated from Tech in 1964, majoring in down to earth than he thought he industrial engineering. During his time at Tech, he worked odd jobs

working at a local dry cleaning business.

In July 2009, Whitacre said he was retired from his job as CEO of AT&T, playing golf and



relaxing at his ranch when he received a call from the government asking him to become the new chairman of the recently bankrupt General Motors. It took four calls to take Whitacre out of retirement and back into the spotlight.

He said he took the job because the largest manufacturing company

in the United States, which has aided the country during wars and provided much needed employment for many, needed his help. He went to Detroit and began working on helping GM overcome negative perceptions and convince buyers the vehicles are built well. Whitacre is MECHANICAL ENGINEERING working for the company for no annual salary.

> Frank Kresse, a mechanical engineering major from Wilmington, N.C., said he was interested to see that Whitacre was a lot more would be.

such as driving an ambulance and ALUMNUS continued on page 2

Tech students, Jumpstart program kick off Christmas gift giving season

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Students with a passion for helping children and Tech's chapter of lumpstart, which is a national literacy advocacy program for preschool children sponsored by Americorp, are partnering with Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child, stuffing shoeboxes with gifts for children in need around the world.

The Jumpstart program aims at promoting literacy among children before they enter kindergarten. RoChelle McMeans, volunteer coordinator and senior nutrition major from Big Spring, said college students are paired up with preschoolers who need help building their language literacy and social skills. This one-to-one relationship bonds the collegiate students and children in a way that allows the kid to learn everything they need to know and teaches the students important lessons in leadership.

"I fell in love with watching the college students interact with the young preschool students," said McMeans. "Watching them teach them how to write the first letter of their name or reading a book, and talking and interacting with JUMPSTART continued on page 5

Jumpstart works with children on a daily and weekly basic through its partnership with four learning centers — Vanda, Erskine, Carver and Guadalupe - in Lubbock. These centers are where students volunteer with Jumpstart. Other than the regular weekly work the group does, McMeans said she plans extra events for volunteers to help better the Lubbock community.

Jumpstart hosts monthly charity events including sock, hygiene and water bottle drives, assisting a local soup kitchen, and working with and helping cook and clean the Ronald McDonald house. Their latest project is Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse:

"We get the volunteers and parents at centers to help out with project," said Christopher Hernandez, team leader and sophomore public relations major from Midland. "It'll be a classroom type thing where we put the boxes together. We did this program this year, because the kids can help out too. Even though they're disadvantaged, they are still better off than the other kids that we're helping out in other countries."

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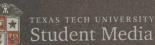
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Texas group warns of weaknesses at land ports

try's understaffed land ports of security at the ports of entry, the entry need massive investments additional funding and staffing in infrastructure, technology and would also help with facilitating personnel to avoid becoming the path of choice for human and drug. smugglers, according to a report business owner. released Wednesday by a border advocacy group.

group representing border city may- an expected \$3.5 billion while ors, county judges and economic funding for customs inspectors development commissions, called for \$6 billion to improve land ports anticipated \$2.7 billion during of entry and 5,000 new customs the same period, according to officers during the next four years. The group said the money is needed to correct the imbalance between security situation in the two the security at ports of entry and areas are difficult. The only hard the security covering the points numbers available are for appre-

the way we've been thinking," said that to guessing. But the coalition Monica Weisberg-Stewart, chair- argues that the funding discrepwoman of the coalition's Border ancy is making ports of entry more Security and Immigration Com- attractive targets for smuggling.

McALLEN (AP) — The coun- mittee. In addition to shoring up legitimate trade and travel, said Weisberg-Stewart, a McAllen

From 1993 to a projected 2010, the Border Patrol budget The Texas Border Coalition, a has grown from \$400 million to increased from \$1.6 billion to an the report.

Comparisons between the hensions of illegal immigrants, "We definitely have to redirect leaving how much gets by beyond

NATION

CDC now says 4,000 swine flu deaths in US

eral health officials now say that trol and Prevention had con-4,000 or more Americans likely have died from swine flu — about flu death count at more than four times the estimate they've 1,000. Officials said this week been using.

The new, higher figure was more accurate calculation. first reported by The New York Times. It includes deaths caused by complications related to swine caught the pandemic flu viflu, including pneumonia and rus since it first appeared in bacterial infections. Until now, April.

ATLANTA (AP) - Fed. the Centers for Disease Conservatively put the U.S. swine they're working on an even

> The CDC says "many millions" of Americans have

WORLD

Bad weather blamed in blackout for 60M in Brazil

rain and strong wind caused blackouts without power for up to four hours that left nearly a third of Brazilians — 60 million people — in the dark, officials said Wednesday as they scrambled to restore confidence in the country's infrastructure before soccer's 2014 border with Paraguay — the world's

a vital high-voltage transmission line down for the first time in its 25-year short-circuit, Brazil's energy minister history. said. Two other transmission lines also In Brazil's largest cities of Rio went down as part of an automatic and Sao Paulo, people were trapped safety mechanism.

with the transmission lines," Energy apartments during unusually hot Minister Edison Lobao said.

The blackout cut electricity to 18 the 90s.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Heavy of 27 Brazilian states and left them Tuesday night. About 7 million people also lost water service. All of Paraguay briefly lost power.

The massive Itaipu dam on the World Cup and Rio's 2016 Olympics. second-largest hydroelectric power The weather made transformers on producer — was completely shut

in elevators, stranded on com-"The problem was exclusively muter trains or stuck in sweltering spring temperatures that have hit

Corrections

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Tech transfer student enrollment increases

By JESSICA ODOM CONTRIBUTING WRITER

she believed it would give her a chance to branch out.

She is one of a growing num- a regular basis." ber of Tech students to fit in this

Sifford, a junior early childhood education major from Warher community college experience at Macon State College and felt more prepared coming into Tech because of it.

school," she said.

community colleges in Texas, transfers are." and transfer students come from enrollment for this semester is her.

from 2008.

"Each student's success is dif-Amanda Sifford enrolled at ferent. If a student needs to go to Texas Tech after her experience community college, we encourage at a community college because that," she said. "Texas Tech cares about transfer students. We try to visit the community colleges on

Hansard said Tech handles transfer recruitment differently than when recruiting prospective freshmen students, and ner Robins, Ga., said she values recruiters must understand some students already have an associ-

"With transfer recruitment, they've already experienced "There's no way I would've registration and somewhat of Western Texas College from Ira, considered coming to a school a transition," she said. "At the said she plans to attend Tech in to Texas Tech, ever since I was as big as Tech right out of high community colleges, we go and January 2010, when she will be little," she said. work with counseling and ad- a junior and pursue a bachelor's Jamie Hansard, director of visers. More transfers have to in pediatric psychiatry. undergraduate admissions for work while they're in school and Tech, said the university has transfers have a limited amount high school, she did not feel partnerships with a number of of time. We try to go where the

Sifford said she felt more prea variety of schools in the state. pared for change after going to ger school and all my friends The Fall 2009 Texas Tech enroll- community college and enjoyed went to WTC," she said. "It was ment fact sheet report transfer the gradual transition it allowed cheaper.'

2,442 students, up 239 students TOP 10 COMMUNITY COLLEGES **TECH RECEIVES TRANSFERS FROM**

South Plains College

Tarrant County College

 Dallas County Community **College District**

Collin College

 Austin Community College

"The average student (at Macon State College) is in their 40s or 50s, going back to school for a second degree," she said.

Mandi Todd, a student at

like she was ready for a large university. "I was intimidated by a big-

She said after she graduated

Todd said she has reached »jessica.odom@ttu.edu

which describes it as having poor

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Legislative Ana-

Many of

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Source: Office of **Undergraduate Admissions**

the end of the road as far as the classes she can take at WTC, and she is ready to take classes that count toward her major and not

"I've always wanted to go

But community college is important, Todd said, especially for students who may not be ready to make the steps to a large university.

"You get the college experience, but you don't get freaked out by the big number of people," she said. "WTC is just a gray between black and white."

Report: 10 states face looming budget disasters

In Arizona, the budget has grown so a role in how quickly the entire nation gloomy that lawmakers are consider- recovers." ing mortgaging Capitol buildings. In Michigan, state officials dealing with States in Fiscal Peril," urged lawmakers the form of cuts to education and sothe nation's highest unemployment and governors rate are slashing spending on schools and health care.

Drastic financial remedies are no tion to head off longer limited to California, where a a wider catashistoric budget crisis earlier this year trophe. The 10 grew so bad that state agencies issued states account IOUs to pay bills.

A study released Wednesday warned that at least nine other big states are nation's populaalso barreling toward economic disaster, raising the likelihood of higher nomic output, taxes, more government layoffs and according to the deep cuts in services.

The report by the Pew Center on the States found that Arizona, Florida, states have their Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, worst tax rev-Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin enue year soon are also at grave risk. Double-digit bud- after a national get gaps, rising unemployment, high recession ends. foreclosure rates and built-in budget constraints are the key reasons.

the spotlight, other states are fac- government-sponsored health care estimates California will run a deficit ing hardships just as daunting," said Susan Urahn, managing director of taxing state services. the Washington, D.C.-based center. "Decisions these states make as they able states identified by the report,

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — try to navigate the recession will play

The analysis, "Beyond California:

in those states to take quick acfor more than one-third of the tion and ecoreport.

Historically, At the same

time, higher joblessness and under-"While California often takes employment mean more people need

California leads the most vulner-

\$60 billion in budget adjustments in cial service programs, temporary tax hikes, While California one-time gimmicks and stimulus spending,

often takes the spotlight, other states are facing hardships just as daunting.

SUSAN URAHN WASHINGTON D.C. MANAGING DIRECTOR

PEW CENTER

a year after that. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and social safety-net programs, further of \$12.4 billion to \$14.4 billion when January. The governor warned that the toughest cuts are ahead.

the woods yet," Schwarzenegger said this week.

At the same time, the Legislature is hamstrung by requirements that budget bills and tax increases be passed with a two-thirds majority, a mandate that the report labeled "a recipe for gridlock."

The Pew report was based on data available as of July 31 and scored all 50 states based on revenue changes, unemployment, foreclosures and budget requirements. It also gave them grades. California and Rhode Island scored worst with D-pluses, then New Jersey and Illinois with C-minuses.

In reviewing why some states are suffering more than others, Pew found that the 10 states tend to rely heavily on one type of industry, have a history of persistent budget shortfalls or face legal constraints making it extra difficult to implement major changes, such as tax increases.

Many require a supermajority vote for passing tax increases or budget

Several state legislatures were unable to enact long-term fixes. Instead, he releases his next spending plan in they asked voters or governors to make the call, or used accounting gimmicks to put off the hard choices until later.

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"When I learned that he took

the CEO job for GM for free, I thought that was astonishing and commendable," he said. "He's a and if things good orator, and I'm glad that I go poorly don't

Kresse said he could tell Whi-down.' tacre and Hance were good friends by the way they interacted. The senior year at pair go back as far back as to when they were in the same fraternity tacre worked

"We've been in contact for for- western Bell ever," Hance said. "What he has at the bottom of the company as saying they wanted him to come

done is excellent, and I'm really a lineman who put in pole lines proud of him. He is a great example of the

What he has done most important thing beis excellent, and ing persistence I'm really proud let it get you of him. During his

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around town. From there, he made his ascent through the levels of management. Whitacre

> he received a phone call

stressed seizing opportunity during the seminar, explaining

from South-

western Bell

manager, after which Whitacre quickly took the job.

to Arkansas to be a division plant

Whitacre moved a total of 19 times during his 44-year career with the company, always willing to be wherever the job took him. He would become CFO and then president of Southwestern Bell before he became CEO of Southwestern Bell in 1990 and, after a series of mergers, AT&T

in 2005. Whitacre said the main ingredient to his success is the ability to hang in there, be persistent and try new things.

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Technophiles realize wireless charging fantasy needs work

At some point in your life, your dreams probably included being able to control the Force, cook an immaculate turkey dinner in half an hour and charge your gadgets wirelessly. People may have called you mad, likening your visions to that of an LSD trip or an intense sugar high, but luckily for you, technology has now caught up with at least one of those three fantasies.

Through a hidden facet of the dark arts, electromagnetic induction allows you to perform something known as inductive charging with your pieces of technology that require go-juice of the electric kind. It works by generating volt-

At present,

though, this sort

of thing is pretty

much the niche to

technophiles with

loose wallets and

TIMOTHY POON

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high hopes.

age across a conductor that's in a magnetic field and storing the resulting energy in the batteries. This is an extremely simplified explanation that could be greatly expanded with a Physics II course, but as far as the average consumer is concerned, it effectively means you can walk, run and grapevine all over your house while your phone is charging in

your pocket. Amazing, right? Pump your brakes, kid, because

that's not what's happening just yet. Though that would be ideal, there are some realistic constraints that prevent that from happening (especially the grapevining part).

First off, these wireless inductive chargers have limited range. This means having to place whatever it is you want to charge on some sort of block or pad (e.g. Palm's Touchstone for the Pre) and only



there to get things going. Answers to this include prettying up the product into a piece of home decor, like the wood grain style of Fulton Innovations' eCoupled devices, but it's not a true solution to the problem, merely a stylish guise for the lacking utilization of resonant inductive coupling's greater range.

> Secondly, devices have to be built for this sort of thing. Since inductive charging isn't the norm, few devices have that ohso-special coil built into them, relegating the responsibility to chunky, tackedon solutions, such as with the Powermat line of products.

The Powermat requires a thin add-on pack that goes

into the charging port where your archaic wires would normally go. Unfortunately, as with the TouchCharge PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii controller chargers from Psyclone, these adapters are unsightly and somewhat bulky, giving almost enough reason to forget the whole inductive idea altogether.

Third, and least likely to be solved. the chargers themselves still require a power source to operate as well. This means wires will never be totally cut out >>> timothy.poon@ttu.edu

of the picture and provides a constant reminder of how much better direct contact is than inductive charging in terms of efficiency and heat, which brings up the question "why bother?"

Well, needless to say, it would be incredibly convenient to go the inductive route rather than the traditional find your adapter, plug it in and wait strategy. Though the waiting portion will always be there, think about just stumbling into your room, throwing your phone onto your desk, and voila. It's charging.

Unfortunately, this sort of convenience isn't cheap. The Powermat will run you \$100 with adapters for your various electronic devices ranging from \$30 to \$40. Palm's Touchstone is slightly cheaper at \$70 but is also only just large enough for a Pre phone.

These prices may not seem like much, but consider that both of those are just the charging solutions and not the actual device that's going to be charged. For instance, the Latitude Z laptop from Dell with built-in inductive charging support from Fulton Innovations will cost an additional \$400 from its base \$2,000 non-inductive configuration.

For that kind of money, you could buy a pretty sweet TV or a mediocre laptop to accompany your new high-

With all that being said, inductive charging will hopefully become a standard feature in all portable electronics to come but for a reasonable price. Comparing the convenience between having to simply be somewhere to finding a power adapter, your gadget and putting one into the other isn't even a comparison at all, just a statement of the obvious.

At present, though, this sort of thing is pretty much niche to technophiles with loose wallets and high hopes. At least you've still got those other ludicrous

Poon is The DT's tech critic.

PERUSING PRINTS



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreado

KLARA KNYPINSKI, A freshman journalism major, and Meredith Case, a freshman business major, both from North Richland Hills, view artwork at the print sale Wednesday in the art building.

Peru: 1.5 lbs. of nails pulled from man's stomach

LIMA, Peru (AP) — "They scrap metal. call me the hardware store,"

Doctors in the city of Cajamarca say they removed 1.5 pounds of metal from Abanto's

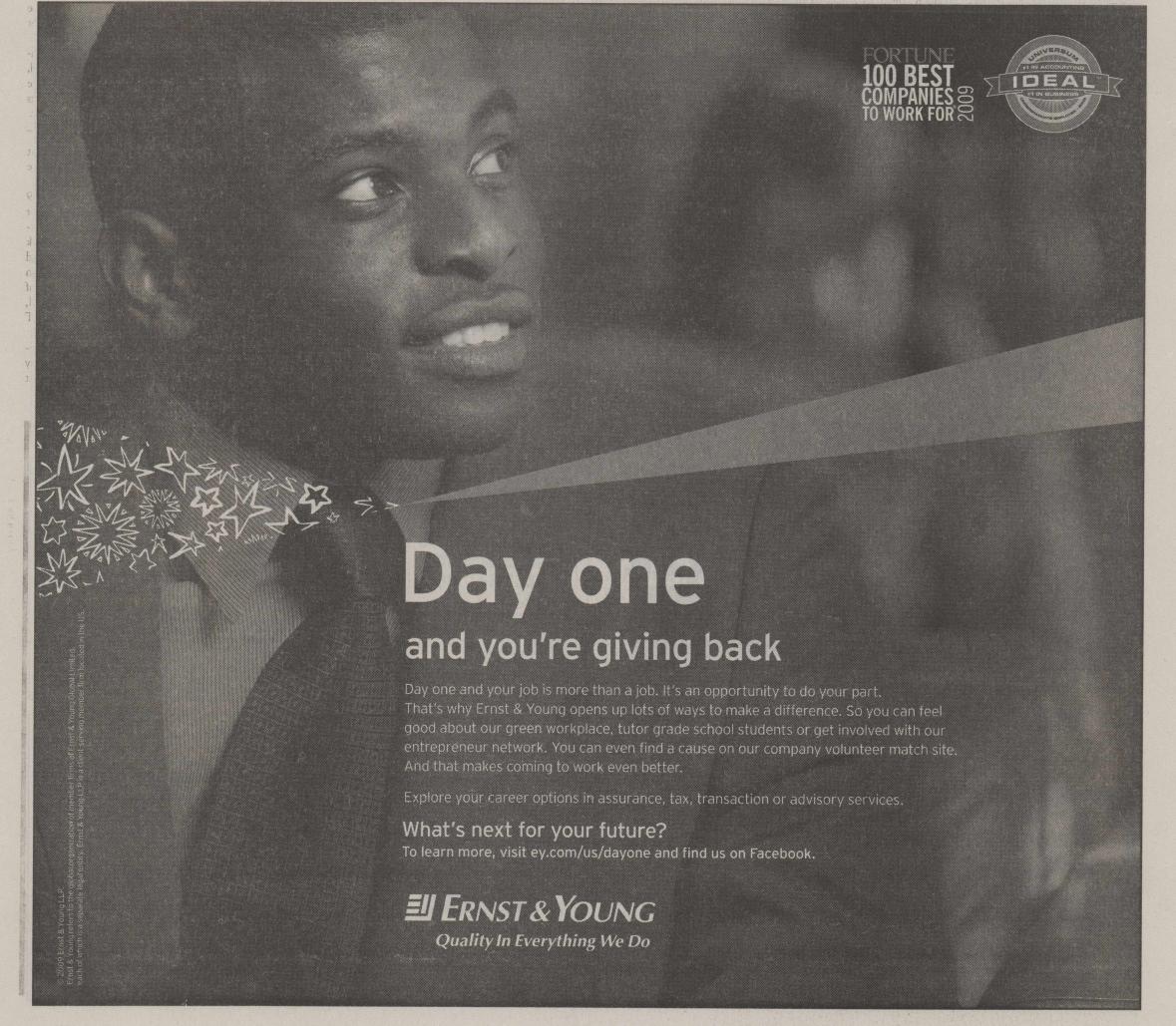
Cajamarca hospital surgeon says Requelme Abanto from Carlos Delgado told The Ashis hospital bed in northern sociated Press on Wednesday that he's never seen anything like what he found in last week's operation.

"We went in thinking it could stomach, including nails, coins, be appendicitis, but weren't we and rusted copper wire and surprised by what we found - a

hole in his stomach," Delgado

Delgado said specialists are examining Abanto's mental health as he recovers.

The 26-year-old construction worker ate the metal for months, and told Peru's Channel 9 television that he may now do it in public "as sport."



PINIONS

Tech does disservice to fans by scheduling weak opponents

ince the Mike Leach era missed a bowl game.

cation of a successful season and game against FCS Weber State tractive to Tech fans? usually provide an attractive trav- on Nov. 20. el option during the holidays.

has earned a reputation of feast- years in advance, and then TV ing on cream puffs from non-BCS networks like ESPN come in and no matter what. conference schools on its noncon- ask for games to be moved. Tech opponent in nonconference play revenue, but Athletic Director to pass up. was in 2003, when Tech played Gerald Myers and coach Mike

Though the expected 2010 AT&T Stadium. schedule still didn't feature any

Then, Wednesday afternoon the 2010 football schedule was 2010 season will bring Tech fans opponent to play an away game revealed (then was retracted and deemed unofficial).

The schedule features the Texas game Sept. 18, the day the much better team than the Mus- would allow fans to see an attrac-TCU game was scheduled for, and tangs were when Tech rolled them tive team, not from the Big 12, in does not feature TCU. Instead, the TCU game will be pushed the Red Raiders' level. back to a later season.

The Texas game will be earlier in the year to allow it to be on national television on either ABC or ESPN, similar to this tire Big 12 slate before welcoming board.

began, the Texas Tech Frogs still will be a worthy and against Houston, who will not be football team hasn't interesting opponent in future as strong as they were this year, Fans and alumni love bowl service to fans by replacing the Keenum jumps ship for the NFL. games, as they serve as an indi- date against the Frogs with a

headlines as a "BCS-buster" this at home. It's possible the Red that isn't Texas or OU. year, as the Horned Frogs are Raiders will win the six games ranked fourth in the BCS rank- they need to be bowl eligible in schedule is likely set in stone, but Big 12 play alone.

> "an attractive nonconference in 2011. The Red Raiders already schedule."

> in Dallas in 2007, but still not on Lubbock. Boise State isn't even

Then, they travel to New Mexico to face a team that may to get amped up for Weber State. lose every game this season.

the aforementioned Weber State >>> jon.arnold@ttu.edu

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Hopefully for Tech fans, the and closing the season at home seasons, but Tech is doing a dis- especially if quarterback Case

Which of these games are at-

The stadium will be hopping College football scheduling for a nationally-televised game But during the Leach era Tech is tough. Schedules are made against Texas, but Texas will play Tech in Lubbock every other year

It's understandable Tech ference schedule. The last time is wise to move games for ESPN, moved its game to get national Tech played a BCS-conference because it results in much more attention. The money is too good

But if Tech wants to move from North Carolina State and Mis- Leach should be willing to bring being good and nearly making marquee opponents into Jones BCS bowls to actually getting to games like the Fiesta Bowl or the Tech will be a very strong National Championship game, BCS opponents, fans were begin- team in 2010, with numerous they need to schedule at least one ning to salivate about a game with key players returning. They will strong nonconference opponent TCU. TCU is in the Mountain face easier teams from the Big each year. Tech wouldn't hurt its West, which is not a BCS con- 12 North than they have in the bowl chances, and it will provide ference, but is making national past two seasons and play Texas fans a game to get excited about

> It's too late this year, since the the Idaho Statesman reported last Myers said in a statement the week Boise State is seeking an are slated to travel to TCU that Tech opens up against SMU, a year, but a visit from the Broncos asking for a return visit.

Until then, we'll have all year

Next, Tech will play out its en- In Arnold for the editorial

Echo of Ft. Hood falling on deaf ears

The attack at Fort Hood has made apparent some serious revelations about where our leadership is at the moment.

In previous years you might have expected to hear commanders, especially the president, offer condolences and more importantly, a plan or promise to execute justice on those responsible. But this is not what we received from them in the days following that mas-

Instead, the message we hear is we should be patient, and above all, must not blame anyone. We must especially not blame the religious beliefs of Nidal Malik Hasan, a Muslim. The natural disclaimer is that certainly the actions he took are not those of the majority of those in the Islamic faith. But as for extremists who desire perverse ends of justice like Hasan, the case is entirely turned doubt and suspicion into anger and apprehension.

forts to contact known terrorists. He is dissension among the ranks of troops. confirmed to have maintained contact

Coulson with a radical Imam, who is known for defamatory speech against "non-believing"

Derek

fled to Yemen, is also connected with two 9/11 hijackers. Our president's response to these connections and Hasan's actions is relatively nonchalant. He offered a quick word Thursday, after a speech he was already scheduled to give. The White House had to scramble quickly so he could offer

Americans. This mosque leader, already

different. Several news releases have ing from our commander in chief. Of all attacks, one on our soldiers on our own ground by one of our own ought to cause a tance of these words and events, and the ABC news reported the CIA and great deal of concern and desire for action. impact they will have for the future. other government agencies had been Instead he is more enveloped with passing

something weightier than, "It's bad, but

don't get angry.'

His politically correct mindset is the bed derek.coulson@ttu.edu

same that seemingly allowed Hasan to advance in the ranks, despite repeatedly proffering questionable quotes. The most deleterious of those is Hasan's persistent repetition of owing allegiance first to his faith, and then to the United States. Especially for an Army psychologist, this should have thrown red flags.

Instead, the politically correct philosophies drowning this nation allowed for Hasan to advance and to attain a position from which to strike at the nation he not only viewed as secondary, but as pernicious. Nothing but utter disdain for the very force he was a part of could have caused him to murder so many of the soldiers at Fort Hood.

It is clear he was in a well state of mind, having prepared in the weeks prior by giving away his belongings, including copies of the Quran. It is clear he despised the This type of response is disconcert- army that he was a part of, by his repeated own savings.

Americans must realize the impor-

aware prior to the attack of Hasan's ef- health care in Congress than dealing with **Coulson is a senior history** major from Waxahachie.

Supporting troops is the best thing we can do

here are many things dividing this great country of ours. Whether it is the public option, war in Afghanistan, same-sex marriage or immigration it is clear bipartisanship is something we can only dream of.

However, with all this disagreecolumn we want, etc.

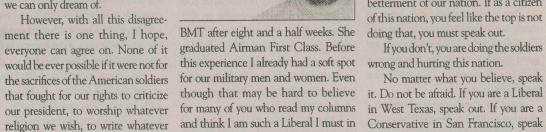
This goes for the troops in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. They represent all that is courageous and begin with.

I do not think very many people understand what it takes just to get past Basic Military Training (BMT). It is more than just a bunch of running, sit-ups and push-ups (even though there is a lot of that).

Whether it is the Air Force, Maput through a strenuous test mentally and physically in an attempt to get them ready should the need to protect this great nation arise.

I recently went to Lackland Air my girlfriend was graduating from I am doing my country a disservice if I sit >>> paul.w.williamson@ttu.edu

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My experience there only strengthened my deep respect for all members speak out. right with this country. Whether you of our military. The ceremonies were agree with the reason behind them just awe inspiring. The recruits go can write a note on your Facebook, combeing there, you have to take your hat without seeing anyone they have ever ment on this article, join a movement off to them for joining the military to cared about for so long just so they can or next time you hear someone talking prepare themselves to be part of the greatest military in the world to protect the greatest nation in the world. It is a sacrifice that often goes over looked and under appreciated.

criticizes the war, many people make the our nation to send them off to an unjust connection they must support the war to war. You must speak out and make your rines, Army, Navy, etc. our soldiers are support the troops. It really does hurt me voices heard. when someone tells me that when I voice my opposition to the Iraq war.

The people in our military are trained to follow orders from the top. They fight to protect our rights. If I do not utilize Force Base in San Antonio, where those rights to voice my opposition I feel

back and let our troops die in a war that is not a just war.

Since they take orders from the top, it is our duty as citizens to make sure the top is doing its job to ensure they are respecting our troops and are using them for the betterment of our nation. If as a citizen of this nation, you feel like the top is not doing that, you must speak out.

If you don't, you are doing the soldiers

No matter what you believe, speak in West Texas, speak out. If you are a some way not care for my country or its out. If you are angry about the health care bill, speak out. If you are against the war (either in Afghanistan or Iraq),

> This can be done in many ways. You against a belief you have, engage with them (do not just call them ignorant and idiotic, but civilly talk to them).

Our troops joined up to serve our nation. To serve me and you. When we What saddened me is when someone remain in silent opposition we allow

> Our soldiers are the greatest this nation has to offer. Support them.

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THE 7-DAY WEEKEND.

because Jay-Z canceled

THURSDAY

John Tesh One of the masters of piano pop comes through Lubbock. Tesh is also known for his nationallysyndicated radio show and for composing the NBA on NBC song when the association was on the network

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. WHERE: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre, 1501 Mac Davis

COST: \$16 to \$75

FRIDAY Powerman 5000

· Even if you're not familiar with Powerman 5000's music, you've probably heard it if you watch scary movies. Their songs have been featured in several movies in their genre, and their lead singer is Rob Zombie's younger

WHEN: 7 p.m. WHERE: Tequila Jun-

COST: \$13

SATURDAY Take in the Color! Lubbock's Artist Studio Tour

• This event allows attendees to check out the studios where local artists produce their works. Artists will display their work at each studio. It's kind of like one of those home tours, except it's free.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Various locations, lubbockstudiotour.org COST: Free

SUNDAY Duel in the Desert

 Texas Tech men's basketball plays a game every day this weekend, but Sunday's matchup should prove to be the best. Oregon State, a Pac-10 team will be at the United Spirit Arena and will likely be the toughest opponent Pat Knight and Co. face this month. WHEN: 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: United Spirit

COST: Free with ID

MONDAY

Human Race Machine • While it won't actually change your race, the human race machine can give you some insight into what you might look like if you were from a different ethnicity. Sadly, it won't teach you how to make your favorite food from that culture. WHEN: All day Monday through Friday

WHERE: Student Union West

COST: Free

TUESDAY After Hours Poetry

Contest Featuring Alvin Lau Alvin Lau is one of the most successful Asian-American slam poets ever and he'll be featured at this event. If you've never experienced slam poetry, it's a lot like rapping, just without a track in the background and less bling. Lots less bling.

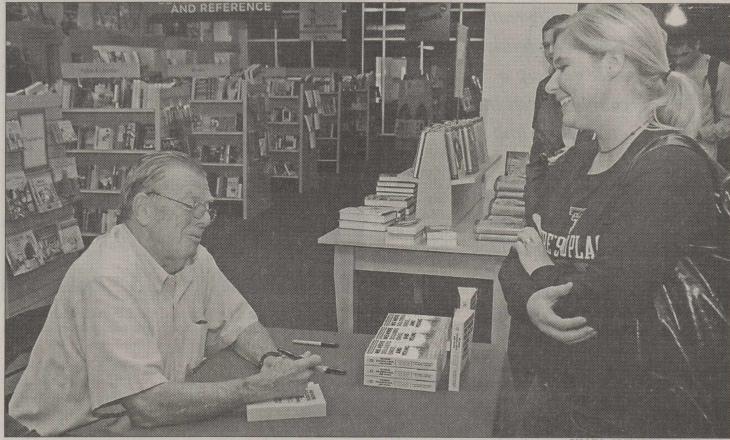
WHEN: 7 p.m. WHERE: Student Union Building Matador Room COST: Free

WEDNESDAY Maddox Solar Energy Series - Dr. Sarah Kurtz

·Sarah Kurtz, Principal Scientist at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will present "The science behind high-efficiency solar cells and why we might care." Come check out the lecture series and figure out if you might care.

WHEN: 3 p.m. WHERE: Lankford Lab, Electrical Engineering build-

COST: Free



MEGAN FERGERSON, A junior human development and family studies major from San Antonio, gets her book, "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young," signed by co-author Joe Galloway on Wednesday at Barnes & Noble in the Student Union Building. The book is for her brother who has been a U.S. Marine for two years.

Jumpstart 🔱

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This program collects filled shoeboxes with gifts from people around the country and ships them around the world to children who may not otherwise receive gifts. The groups deliver them at and around Christmastime, McMeans said. These boxes will be given to boys and girls ages 2 to 14 in various countries. Jumpstart chose to take part in this event for the first time as a way of getting students, faculty and Lubbock community members involved. Boxes typically include

small school supplies, age-appropriate toys, hard candy and hygiene products. Sometimes the donors send a note to the child explaining why they sent these gifts without ever meeting these children.

"Jumpstart wants people to come help out the children that might not be having a good Christmas this year, and help brighten up their day," Hernandez

Jumpstart will be filling boxes and invites anyone interested to join them before Nov. 23 when all boxes must be sent out to be checked and shipped to children around the world.

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Swift wins 2nd straight BMI award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Taylor Swift started what could be Dunn with the president's award. an interesting week with her second when Kris Kristofferson was honored

Swift won for her song "Love my heroes." Story" — the night before she con-Country Music Association Awards named publisher of the year.

BMI also honored Brooks &

"I just want to say to every straight song of the year award at songwriter and every loved one of the BMI Country Awards Tuesday, a songwriter, thank you, because you are the reason I wanted to try Nashville," Swift said. "You are all

It was Kristofferson, the 73-yeartends for entertainer of the year at the old songwriter of classics like "Sunday Mornin' Come Down" and "Me and had the audience's attention.

Mormons throw support behind gay-rights cause

It looked like a stunning rever- motivation, and put the church on standing with gay-rights activists federal level. on an anti-discrimination law in its own backyard.

nounced it would support proposed of Mormonism. city laws that would prohibit disand employment.

The ordinances passed and history was made: It marked the illegal to fire or evict someone for first time the Salt Lake City-based being gay, bisexual or transgender. church had supported gay-rights

continues to suffer a backlash over its support last year of Proposition 8, the measure banning gay marriage in California — emphasized that its latest position in no way contradicts its teachings on homosexuality.

strongest signs yet that even conser- Proposition 8 — an effort to bend vative religious groups that oppose over backwards to exhibit tolerance same-sex marriage might be willing toward homosexuals in some way," to support legal protections for gays Sprigg said. that fall short of that.

whether public relations is its real out special rights for gays.

sal: the same church that helped the spot over how far it will go on defeat gay marriage in California similar legislation on the state and

"This is a very good public relations response that has the On Tuesday night, after a series additional benefit of actually repreof clandestine meetings between lo-senting the way the current church cal gay-rights backers and Mormons leadership thinks," said Armand in Salt Lake City, the Church of Mauss, a retired professor at Wash-Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints an- ington State University and scholar

Some of the church's consercrimination against gays in housing vative allies in the gay marriage battles, however, call it a setback. The two new ordinances make it

Such legislation robs employers and landlords of their rights and The Mormon church — which gives legal ammunition to judges sympathetic to gay marriage, said Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the conservative Family Research Council.

"It's disappointing and I'm fearful that it reflects in part a reaction But the action is one of the to the attacks they came under after

Michael Otterson, director of At the same time, the church's public affairs for the Mormon position has angered some of its church, said Wednesday that church conservative allies on social is- leaders were able to support the sues, prompted questions about ordinance because it doesn't carve

Study Abroad

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"It's about being a part of the culture," McDaniel said. "Not just perience in Spain will benefit her traveling through a place, but really living in a place and seeing the culture from a resident point of view rather than a tourist point and I hear it's really hard to get

study abroad gain a more global set me apart." perspective.

way the world looks at the U.S. are not necessarily the same thing," McDaniel said, "and that there are different ways to do things - to necessarily have all the answers."

in Spain changed the way she views abroad is the perfect thing to be current events.

"I think about over there whenever I watch the news here or read political articles," Brashear said. "I think about how they talked about and white."

want to study abroad can choose from a variety of courses to fulfill foreign language requirements or classes for their major. She said advisers work with students to make opened doors for them." sure the classes they take abroad will fulfill Tech requirements.

from Denton, said he is consider- International Cultural Center. ing a study abroad program to management.

types of wildlife and the rainforests while you're there." over in different countries," Pavur >>> rachel.parker@ttu.edu

said, "just getting a diverse study of wildlife - how they manage their lands and wildlife over there compared to us."

Brashear said she hopes her exin the future as she pursues further education and a career.

"I'm applying to nursing school in," Brashear said. "So, I'm hoping McDaniel said students who (study abroad) will be one thing to

McDaniel said study abroad is "(Students realize) the way the a great way for students to show U.S. looks at the world and the their ability to overcome difficult situations. She said it gives students an edge when applying for jobs or graduate programs.

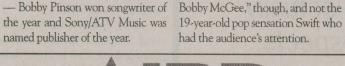
"A typical interview question for solve some of the problems that the a job application or for grad school world is facing, and the U.S. doesn't would be, you know, 'Tell me about something challenging you've Brashear agreed spending time done," McDaniel said. "Well, study able to take those experiences that you've had and show how it was challenging and the steps you took to meet that challenge.

McDaniel said the International that on the news there and how Cultural Center provides opportuit was different. It's not just black nities for students who have already been abroad to keep their experi-McDaniel said students who ence alive through workshops and guest speakers.

"We try to help students realize that they can keep going," McDaniel said, "that their experience has

For students interested in pursuing a study abroad program, the first Greg Pavur, a sophomore fish step is to attend an informational and wildlife management major meeting held at 4 p.m. daily at the

"Do it. Go. Don't hesitate to further his knowledge of wildlife go," Brashear said. "Don't be afraid of studying abroad. Just take advan-"I'm interested in seeing the tage of every opportunity you have





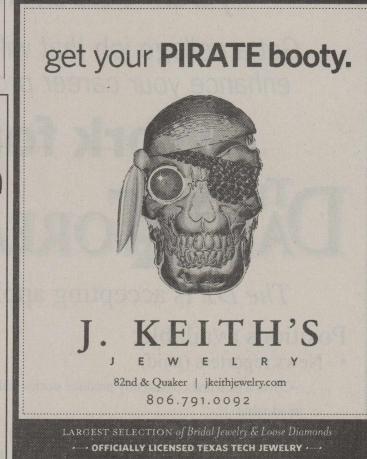
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KRISTY CURRY

WOMAN'S BASKETBALL

COACH

Germany stunned by Enke's suicide death

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incredible respect

for others. We will

miss him, as

a top-class

sportsman and

an extraordinary

JOACHIM LOEW

COACH

GERMANY SOCCER

man.

left Germany stunned Wednesday, man clubs. sending the soccer-obsessed country into mourning and leaving the a candle. national team without its top goalkeeper for next year's World Cup.

stepped onto the tracks and got hit celed all practice until Monday. by an express train Tuesday evening not far from his home.

"I tried to be there for him," Teresa Enke said, choking back tears.

"When he was acutely depressive, it was a difficult time. We thought we'd manage everything. We thought with love, we could do it. But you can't."

Hundreds of people filed into Marktkirche, a Lutheran church, on Wednesday evening to attend a religious service and then march silently to Hannover's soccer stadium to honor Enke, who was the local club's cap-

ducted by Bishop Margot Kaessmann, the first woman ever elected to lead the nation's Protestants.

"The death of this athlete shows operations. that soccer is not everything in our life," Kaessmann said. "Behind ert Enke that — German soccer will popularity and success there could use all its capabilities to find an anbe profound loneliness and despera- swer to the question of how a young tion.

Kaessmann closed by saying, in English, "You'll Never Walk Alone," the title of a song adopted Theo Zwanziger said.

HANNOVER, Germany (AP) by Liverpool fans and supporters of — The suicide death of Robert Enke other soccer teams, including Ger-

Enke's widow was the first to light

Germany coach Joachim Loew and captain Michael Ballack were Enke's widow appeared at a news among those attending the service, conference, broadcast live through- and the German soccer federation out the country, saying her husband canceled an exhibition against Chile battled depression for years before he slated for Saturday. Hannover can-

> Loew said the national team could not simply go back to business

"We lost a friend. We deeply

mourn Robert Enke," Loew said. "I feel completely empty. He was a great guy. He had incredible respect for others. We will miss him, as a top-class sportsman and an extraordinary man."

Enke had a good chance of being Germany's starting goalkeeper at next year's World Cup in South Africa. He is the second Germany player known to have suffered from de-

The memorial service was con- pression. Talented Bayern Munich midfielder Sebastian Deisler quit soccer in January 2007 after several bouts of depression and five knee

> "I can assure you - we owe Robathlete celebrated by so many as an idol could land in such a situation," German soccer federation president

Lady Raiders working on playing against 2-3 zone

By ZANE TURNER STAFF WRITER

Despite losing to cross-town foe Lubbock Christian on Monday, Texas Tech-women's basketball coach Kristy Curry and her Lady Raiders are taking it in stride.

One positive aspect Curry gathered from the 71-65 loss was Tech's

ability to force turnovers as it totaled 30 for the game.

But she also said Tech's play against the 2-3 zone was discouraging. "I thought

defensively we played really, really hard," Curry said. "Obviously we gave up a couple baskets in transition and missed a couple switches, but overall I was pleased with the defensive effort. I think the downside

is coming to

the offensive end. We gotta

Chaps in the exhibition game may not have been the expected result, but Curry said the game was a good

With LCU sitting in a zone for

most of the game, the Lady Raiders may need to find help in the post for Kierra Mallard. Mallard had her hands full with nine points, eight rebounds and five turnovers on the night.

Despite the zone, forward Ashlee Roberson had 17 points, eight rebounds and eight steals. Plus, Murphree chipped in a team-high 19 points.

Since the loss, Tech guard and co-

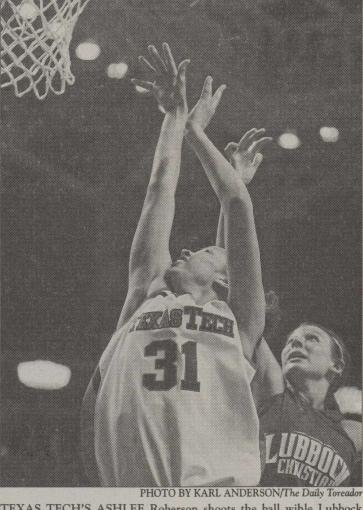
captain Lindie Kimbro said offensive work against the zone and being prepared for games has been a top priority for the Lady Raiders.

"We came back today and worked on specific things that went wrong, and I felt like we had a really good practice," she said. "Coach switches but overall. Kelly (Curry) thought we definitely played the best on the defensive end and they kept reminding us of the positive aspect, work hard, continue

to get better ev-

eryday.' Inexperibut we took a lot of positives away Lady Raiders, who played all five of their freshmen against LCU. Chris- offensive end. The loss to the NAIA'S Lady tine Hyde, Monique Smalls, Chynna Brown, Marissa Ashton and Mary Bokenkamp saw the floor in some variation Monday, although it was chance to reveal some of her team's not much time for most. Smalls saw guard with 32 minutes.

While forcing 30 turnovers against out the past two seasons because of two >>> zane.turner@ttu.edu



TEXAS TECH'S ASHLEE Roberson shoots the ball wihle Lubbock Christian's Brandi Raindl defends during the Lady Raider's exhibition game against LCU Monday in the United Spirit Arena.

the Lady Chaps, Tech also gave up 20 season-ending ACL injuries. make open shots against the zone, ence may have been a factor for the of its own. Curry said the Lady Raiders need to have better execution on the and making chemistry with each other.

> nearing, Tech center Kaylan Talley said the LCU game indicated that the Lady

Raiders still have work to do. "This was definitely a learning exstrengths and weaknesses early in the most time with the start at point perience for all of us," said Talley, who

"We've just been getting together We've just got to work on our offense With the first game of the season against the zone. In practice we've been working on working out of double teams and finding the open spots in the zone and just knocking down shots."

The Lady Raiders look to improve against Sam Houston State 3:30 p.m. played in her first game since sitting Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

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Team signs four to National Letters of Intent

and beyond.

tional Letters of Intent Wednesday ments our 2008-09 class. in hopes of adding talent to an already young team.

Kelsi Baker from John Horn and in the classroom." High School in Mesquite, Antiesha Sandia High School in Albuquer- at center. que, N.M., will join the team next

to the level we all expect," Tech in high school. coach Kristy Curry said according to

is about to start, the lexas lech sistant coaches) Shereka (Wright), squad for the 2010-2011 season because they have done an outstanding job of assembling a solid Tech signed four players to Na- high school class which comple-

"This class is ready and poised

Brown from Clovis High School bit of everything when it came to in Clovis, N.M., Haley Schneider needs. Baker and Walker are listed from Monterey High School in at forward, while Brown comes in as Lubbock and Ebony Walker from a guard and Schneider is primarily

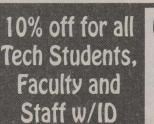
"Today is a special day for our 12th best power forward in the na- junior season, she earned all-state, program as we take another step tion. She averaged 17.7 points and all-district and all-metro honors. toward reestablishing this program 7.2 rebounds during her junior year As a freshman, she earned a second

Brown averaged 17 points, 6.7 >>> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

While the 2009-2010 season a press release. "I have to credit (as-rebounds and four steals her junior vear. She was named District 4-5A's Lady Raiders have bolstered their Brooke (Stoehr) and Kelly (Curry) Most Valuable Player and second team All-State as a junior. She previously won the District 4-5A MVP award her sophomore year as well.

> The hometown recruit Schto impact our program on the court neider is known for her defense, being named the District 2-5A The Lady Raiders got a little Defensive Player of the Year her junior season. She averaged 10 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks her junior year as well.

> ESPN HoopGurlz ranks Walker the 25th best power forward accord-According to the press release, ing to the press release. With 16.2 ESPN HoopGurlz ranked Baker the points and 8.7 rebounds a game her team all-district selection.



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South Dakota basketball enters uncharted territory against Tech

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

basketball, but not much could prepare him for his 29th.

gram's second year in Division I basketball.

"We don't know what to ex- State games)." pect," Boots said. "We have a lot this season."

Division I opponents because, not know much about. per NCAA rules regarding the to Division I, the team's 20-9 re- a positive attitude and are ready cord did not count for anything, to get their first tough challenge turning potential Division 1 op- of the season. ponents off of the Coyotes.

Dakota did manage to play two Dakota senior forward Tyler Cain games — both on the road — said. "But they should have us against major conference oppo- playing our best by the time the nents in Cincinnati and Notre conference season starts. We are Dame, respectively. The Coyotes playing well established teams lost to Cincy 77-46 and to the and win or lose, we're going to Fighting Irish 102-76.

However, this season, the major and mid-major squads.

also have road games against consider a strong offseason. Marquette from the Big East Conference, Kansas State from Tech basketball program is takthe Big 12 and mid-major powers ing South Dakota lightly. The Drake and Binghamton before Red Raiders do not want to be settling into conference play in the team that gives the Coyotes their newly formed basketball their first breakout performance conference, the Great West.

Boots said he does not expect

its high-profile opponents, but those are the kinds of teams the Coyotes — seeking their 22nd South Dakota coach Dave consecutive winning season -Boots has seen 28 years of college must face to climb the Division

"When you're a low-major try-For Boots and his basketball ing to become a mid-major, you team, Friday's game against Texas have to play some high-majors," Tech at 6 p.m. in the United Boots said. "It's going to take us Spirit Arena begins the pro- a while. We're not going to beat ourselves up over the final outcome (of the Tech and Oregon

On the bright side, South of things to learn about ourselves Dakota has a lot to play for when conference play comes about. Boots said the Coyotes' first The Coyotes have been picked year in Division I basketball was by the Great West coaches to totally different than any season win the inaugural Great West championship against teams they He said it was tough to find have never played against and do

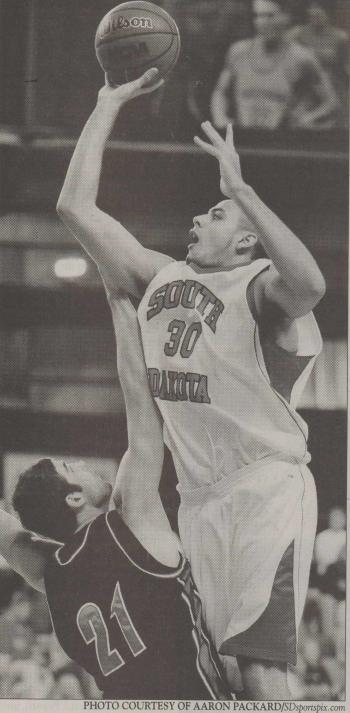
Despite the uncertainties, transfer of a Division II program South Dakota players are keeping

"We have a lot of challeng-Despite not counting, South ing games ahead of us," South get better."

The Red Raiders hope to games do count and that has avenge a tough 2008-2009 season made the Coyotes into a popular in which the team posted a losing non-conference opponent for record of 13-18 including a 3-13 record in Big 12 play. Tech coach Besides Tech, South Dakota Pat Knight and the Red Raider will take on Oregon State in players have said they believe the Lubbock during its first weekend team is poised for a better season as a counting team. The Coyotes after the conclusion of what they

> Nevertheless, no one in the in Division I.

"I think they'll be excited," his team to fair well against Knight said of the Coyotes. because any time you can beat michael.graham@ttu.edu



SOUTH DAKOTA'S TYLER Cain will lead the Coyotes in the first Division I basketball game that will count on the team's record when Tech takes on the Coyotes at 6 p.m. Friday at the United Spirit Arena.

they've played in big arenas be- conferences, it makes a name fore: They'll be really up for it for them."

"They have something to prove, a team in one of the top five

SPORTS SHORTS

Tiger opens with a 66 in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia by nearly driving the 294-yard leaderboard in his first appearance Down Under in 11 years. Woods surged into the lead lone bogey.

(AP) — Tiger Woods has opened sixth green, the start of three the Australian Masters with a straight birdies. He had a birdie 6-under 66, putting him atop the putt on every hole until hitting into the bushes on his final hole, pitching out and making his

Gurode, Hamlin Held out of practice

IRVING (AP) — Center An- played if it had been a game day. were held out of the Dallas Cowboys' practice Wednesday.

Coach Wade Phillips says it would have been unlikely that Gurode (ankle sprain) and says both returned to play in the Hamlin (groin strain) could have game after being hurt.

dre Gurode and safety Ken Hamlin But he isn't ruling them out of Sunday's game at Green Bay.

Gurode and Hamlin both got hurt in the 20-16 victory at Philadelphia last Sunday night. Phillips

OU work ethic questioned during slide

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Dumb penalties. Dropped passes. blame for not doing their part. Receivers giving up on routes. Turnovers. No ranking. Four losses.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is largely in uncharted territory in his 11th season with the Sooners, one marred by all those problems and a rash of devastating injuries.

Stoops says coaches deserve to be criticized for failing to teach the players to be disciplined on the field,

and the players take some of the

More than a failure to evaluate talent, Stoops admits he and his staff may have misjudged some players' willingness to put in their best effort.

That has been complicated by the departure of four offensive linemen over the past two offseasons and the dismissal of the program's top receiving prospect.

••••••••• Tulsa signs 3, including top Texas prospect

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Con- School to a 67-12 record the past ference USA favorite Tulsa signed three basketball players on Wednesday, including a top Texas high school prospect.

Tulsa coach Doug Wojcik signed guards Jordan Clarkson of San Antonio and Tim Peete of Memphis, Tenn., along with forward Blondy Baruti of Mesa, Ariz.

Clarkson has led Wagner High

two seasons and the 6-foot-4 guard is rated by one recruiting service as the fourth-best prospect in Texas. He averaged 20 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists per game as a junior.

The 6-foot-4 Peete has helped Memphis Central High School to 72 wins the past three seasons. He averaged 14.4 points per game last

Texas signs forward Tristan Thompson

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has ranked as a top 10 recruit by some signed forward Tristan Thompson of Brampton, Ontario, to play for the Longhorns starting in the 2010-

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SPORTS

OSU offense still potent without Dez Bryant



TEXAS TECH WON'T have to worry about receiver Dez Bryant when it plays Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Saturday at Boone

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Michael Crabtree in practice, Kansas' Dezmon Briscoe or even a hypothetical match up with Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson — it's all fair game for Texas Tech cornerback OSU. Jamar Wall.

like they're Crab or anyone else, Ochocinco, whoever," he said. "Because everyone's going to go out to win and you have to do what you have to do."

State at 7 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla., doesn't change anything for Wall in his opinion. Tech players and coaches believe no Bryant doesn't necessarily mean the OSU offense is easier to handle.

While the Tech-OSU match ups usually provide an entertaining contest between high-profile offenses and emerging defenses, the latest episode of the rivalry will be without the 6-foot-2, 220-pound Bryant.

Oklahoma State's 2009 season was filled with high expectations, which were warranted considering quarterback Zac Robinson had Bryant to throw to.

But in October, Bryant was ruled ineligible by the NCAA for violating its bylaws. He reportedly lied to the NCAA about his connections with former NFL cornerback Deion Sanders. Just a junior, it was reported the NCAA decided to suspend Bryant until September 2010.

Instead of waiting on that date though, Bryant announced he would enter the 2010 NFL Draft, ending his career as a Cowboy.

Bryant was regarded as one of the top receivers in the country entering the 2009 season, with

19 touchdowns in 2008. And the Cowboys' receiving corps has been busy trying to stay relevant in the Big 12 Conference without their big target.

But it seems like that has not been much of a problem for

Although four of their previ-"I have to play each person ous five opponents are under .500 in Big 12 play, the Cowboys are 4-1 since news of Bryant's ineligibility broke. That one loss was to No. 2 Texas at home.

Wall admitted during Tech's So Dez Bryant's absence when weekly press conference Monday, the Red Raiders visit Oklahoma not being able to face Bryant during his senior season is a little disappointing and it does limit Robinson's options if the Tech defense can shut down the passing game.

But he also said the Cowboys have wasted no time in finding another key receiver to throw to, so the secondary can't really

With Bryant's absence, Hubert Anyiam has emerged as the Cowboys' go-to guy. He leads the team with 35 catches for 416 yards and two touchdowns. Bryant still leads the team in touchdown catches with four.

There's also the Cowboys' solid ground attack - made up of Keith Toston, Kendall Hunter and Beau Johnson — that takes pressure off the passing game.

Hunter has been hurt with an ankle injury this season, but returned to form against Iowa State. It gives the Cowboys another weapon in the backfield with Toston - whose backup-to-star story this season has defensive coordinators taking

"When we have a running attack, especially someone like Keith Toston who puts up 200something yards, it's just big for

87 receptions for 1,480 yards and our play-action game," Anyiam said. "A lot of receivers get open, slots get open. It's big for the passing game."

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said Bryant's shadow is no longer engulfing Toston or any of the Cowboys' other weapons, and as a result, names such as Toston and Anyiam are being heard all around the Big 12.

"He was one of the best receivers in the country," McNeill said. "So obviously missing him is going to be a loss for any team. But what it does for Oklahoma State now is Zac distributes the ball to more people now. They have some talented receivers, and I think with Dez not being there those guys show up more now on film."

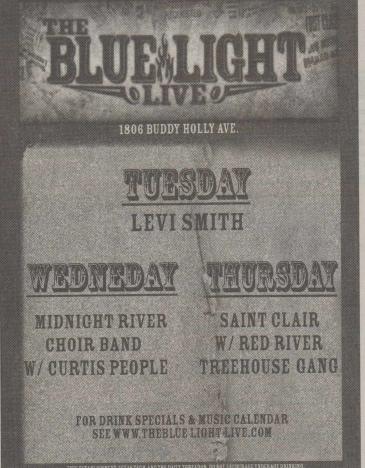
While Bryant's career was filled with accolades and accomplishments, Tech coach Mike Leach believes the Red Raiders really never saw Bryant at his fullest potential.

Against Tech last season, Bryant had four catches for 86 yards, but no touchdowns. In the wild 2007 match up in Stillwater, Okla., he had five catches for 51 yards and one touchdown.

Leach also said Bryant made his mark in special teams as a returner, where he earned honors as well. Bryant was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year in 2008.

"I haven't gotten a great picture of him, just because I don't know that he put his best foot forward against us," he said. "Of course our defensive guys batted him around pretty good too. He's getting ready to catch one and I remember (former safety Anthony) Hines came all the way across the field and hit him and took it away from him."

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Pickens Stadium. Bryant was suspended by the NCAA and then decided to enter the 2010 NFL Draft.

Packers say poor play not related to Favre fallout

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) bad loss can linger into the next week and damage a team's confidence.

worse than the Packers' emotionally game and we didn't close it out when charged Nov. 1 loss to Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings. But Jennings insists the fallout from a disappointing loss to a division rival didn't figure in their confidence, there's no denyinto the Packers' head-scratching loss to Tampa Bay a week later.

"You've got to go on and move forward, go on to the next game," Jennings said. "If you let a loss like that linger, it will affect you into the next week. I don't think that's what happened. We just went down there in that fourth quarter."

So losing to a winless Tampa team starting a rookie quarterback wasn't evidence of a post-Favreageddon can't afford to let a few losses shatter hangover?

"No," defensive lineman Cullen

Jenkins said. "I don't think it was a Green Bay Packers wide receiver hangover effect from that. We moved Greg Jennings acknowledges that a past that. Tampa Bay, we went down there, they're a totally different team. They were motivated, they And games don't get much came at us, put together a complete we had the chances to."

While Packers players deny that the Vikings loss put a long-term dent ing that the team is at a crossroads. Hand the streaking Dallas Cowboys their first loss in more than a month Sunday and they're back on track for the playoffs.

Lose Sunday's game, and the Packers' season might be lost too.

"This is a time where we have to and didn't get the job done, especially make sure we come together," Jennings said. "Because if we don't do that, then the season will dwindle away. We've worked too hard. We our season."

> Barely clinging to playoff contention wasn't where the Packers expected to be at the season's halfway point, but it's reality. They're 4-4 and

would need an epic collapse by Favre and the one-loss Vikings to have a shot at the NFC North title.

Losing at Tampa certainly wasn't a good first step toward a wild-card The Packers didn't seem to have

a problem shaking off their first loss to the Vikings, a 30-23 loss at the Metrodome on Oct. 5. Green Bay steamrolled its next two opponents - the lowly Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns — by a combined score of 57-3.

So after another discouraging loss to the Vikings, this time in front of a charged-up crowd at Lambeau Field, it stood to reason that the Packers would take their frustrations out on an 0-7 Buccaneers team starting rookie quarterback Josh Freeman.

Instead, they blew a fourthquarter lead and went home with

"Yeah, of course we expected to win that game," nose tackle Ryan Pickett said. "So it's definitely a shock we lost. But that's it. That's all we can do about it."

Defensive coordinator Dom Capers said he didn't think the Vikings loss disrupted the way players practiced and prepared last week.

"I didn't think so," Capers said. "I thought we came out and we started fast. We came out and we're three and out, and we got off the field. I liked the way we played in the first half. I thought we let them off the hook a little bit. ... We just didn't finish it off down the stretch."

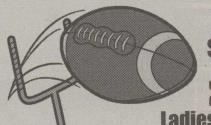
So why weren't they able to take out their frustrations on a lesser opponent, like they did on the Lions and Browns last month?

"I have no idea what the difference was," Pickett said. "We didn't put them away. And we've got to have a mentality to put teams like the Bucs away. We can't let them hang around."

To get back in the playoff picture, the Packers will have to find a way to keep quarterback Aaron Rodgers upright, get pressure on opposing quarterbacks and fix their latest recurring problem, ill-timed mistakes on special teams.

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Colorado, Iowa State and Mis-

souri are the Big 12 North teams Tech is rotating Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska with. The last time Tech faced Colorado and Missouri, the Red Raiders came away with a loss.

Officials also said a scheduled game against TCU was pushed back for another season to accommodate this year's schedule.

Giving the schedule a differ-

ent look are nonconference games against Weber State and Houston at home Nov. 20 and Nov. 27, respectively.

The game against Baylor once again will be at a neutral site, as the two teams previously were scheduled to meet in the Cotton Bowl next year.

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