FROM THE Student develops ministry to help homeless By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

bring to the library for the usual crowd of about 15. And

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HSC receives accreditation

The Texas Tech University until 2019, Health Sciences Center received a renewal of accreditation from the Commission on Colleges with the Southern Association of Colleges

Rial Rolfe, the senior vice president for Academic Affairs at the HSC, said this is the first time the university earned the full 10-year accreditation after it was awarded an initial five-year accreditation in 2004.

"It really shows the outside world that as far as student outcomes and what we're doing with student education, we're excelling at it," he said.

from the HSC,

the announcement was Our institution made during the December has met the 2009 meeting of the comstandards of quality mission after approving and effectiveness, compliance documentaand we are tion and accepting the proud of these Quality Enhancement accomplishments. Plan with few recommenda-

> **ELMO CAVIN** HSC INTERIM PRESIDENT

one of the main qualms the commission had with the documentation in the university's history. The and plan was the HSC needed to develop further how the assess-

Despite fixing the recommendahow the vote would turn out. But university officials felt good about the possible outcome going into

ment plan would affect student

tions in May.

Rolfe said

the meeting. Although the HSC will not be due for accreditation again

Rolfe said the university will be preparing for it and making sure everything is in place. HSC Inter-

im President Elmo Cavin

said in a news release the university used the process to reflect and solidify future direction.

"Our reaffirmation is the result of the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, administration and students, and would not According to a news release have been possible without each

group's unique contribution," he said in the release. "Our institution has met the standards of quality and effectiveness, and we are proud of these accomplishments."

Nine SACS representatives visited the HSC campus in April to conduct an onsite review for the first time

HSC originally was accredited with Tech but chose to seek its own accreditation after being recognized as a separate institution in 2004.

The Commission on College is tions the commission had, he said, the regional body for accrediting HSC administrators were not sure degree-granting higher education institutions in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia and Florida.

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Students begin studying for finals

STAFF WRITER

double major in computer science and math from Austin, said she already has been studying for Dyal, dean of the last week and a half for her five finals.

"For most of my classes I review my tests and homework, and I figure out how to do anything I got wrong," Bradley said.

David Lamp, a physics professor, said students should begin preparing for their finals on the first day of class.

"People don't learn anything fast; they learn slow," Lamp said. "Students have to practice concepts over and over again until they can fully understand a concept."

Lamp also said students should study with a group to prepare for

"Students will also benefit

from getting together with students of different abilities," Lamp said. "Its amazing what students Jade Bradley, a sophomore can learn form explaining something to someone else."

Donald Libraries, said the University Library provides more tables and seating for group study

"We see an increase in student traffic during finals week partially because more students are intent on

sessions.

studying for finals, but also consider opening a place where to seeing my grades," Bradley because we are open 24/7," he students can get food in the li-said. "I want to see how I have said. "In previous years I have brary because currently students improved from last semester." seen students come to the library have no place to go for food or >> lauren.glover@ttu.edu

during finals week.'

traffic, Dyal said the library

Physical Plant the frequency

DAVID LAMP

Students will also benefit from getting together with students of different abilities.

PHYSICS PROFESSOR

with sleeping bags and pillows drink during late-night study and make the library their home sessions."

Howard Curzer, a professor Because of the increase in of philosophy, said students can achieve better success on finals has asked the by taking care of themselves.

"Students need to eat right to increase and get some sleep," he said. "A week before finals start in servicing eating right and begin getting the restrooms enough sleep. People who are and cleaning in college need nine hours of the library it- sleep on average, so catching up on your sleep can be really "During fi- helpful, and exercise isn't such

nals, the Stu- a bad idea either." dent Union Using the time given to Building take an exam wisely helps too, Curzer said, because the extra shuts down at night," he time spent might meant the said. "I have difference between a B and asked food

"I am really looking forward services to

Students, militia clash in 2nd day of Iran anti-gov't protest

By LEE KEATH & NASSER KARIMI **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Hardline militiamen firing tear gas and throwing stones stormed a crowd of thousands of university students protesting for a second day Tuesday, as Iran threatened a tougher crackdown on the opposition after the biggest anti-government demonstrations in months.

More than 200 people were arrested in Tehran on Monday during protests by tens of thousands at universities nationwide, and Iran's top prosecutor warned further unrest would not be tolerated. He hinted authorities could even pursue the top opposition leader, Mir Hossein Mousavi, an escalation the government has so far balked at in Iran's postelection turmoil.

Masked motorcyclists — likely hard-line militiamen — harassed Mousavi at his Tehran office on Tuesday. An angry Mousavi confronted them, daring them, "Kill me!" before being hustled away by

aides, according to pro-opposition Web sites.

Authorities appear concerned that the protest movement could pick up new steam after Monday's demonstrations, in which students clashed with police and militiamen in the streets of Tehran.

A fierce crackdown since the summer crushed the mass protests that erupted after June's disputed presidential election. But Monday's unrest showed how students have revitalized the movement. They showed an increased boldness, openly breaking the biggest taboo in Iran, burning pictures of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and chanting slogans against him.

The protests spilled over into a second day Tuesday. Several thousand students rallied in Tehran University, chanting slogans and waving Iranian flags in front of the Engineering College when they were assaulted by hard-line Basij militiamen, witnesses said. At least one student was dragged away, the witnesses said.

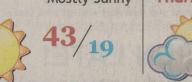
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State unemployment tax on businesses to triple

AUSTIN (AP) — Twothirds of Texas businesses will see the unemployment taxes they pay per employee per year nearly triple from \$23.40 to \$64.80 under rates announced Tuesday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The minimum tax is paid by nearly 255,000 employers, or 67 percent of those who have been in business for at least a year, according to the commission.

The taxes feed the state's unemployment trust fund, which has been depleted by a high number of jobless claims. The state already has borrowed about \$1 billion interest-free from the

federal government to help keep the fund afloat.

Just counting state-paid unemployment benefits - not federally funded extensions — Texas is paying \$68.6 million a week in unemployment benefits compared with \$33.6 million a

About 700,000 Texans currently are receiving unemployment benefits, including those funded by the state and federal

The tax rate is being increased to repay federal loans and ensure the fund has enough money to pay claims in the com-

NATION

'Upset student' opens fire in class; no injuries

WOODBRIDGE, Va. (AP) Authorities say a 20-year-old student is in custody after pointing a rifle at a teacher and firing shots in a classroom at a community college in Virginia. No injuries are reported.

The shooting happened Tuesday afternoon at Northern Virginia Community College's campus in Woodbridge, about 25 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Twenty-year-old Jason Michael Hamilton of Manassas is charged

with attempted murder and discharging a firearm in a school zone. He is being held without bond.

Prince William County Police spokeswoman Kim Chinn says the "upset student" was armed with a high-powered rifle. The teacher dropped to the floor when she saw the gun.

Officials say the gunman fired two shots then stopped without explanation and left the classroom. He was arrested in the

WORLD

Toll in Baghdad blasts rises to at least 118 dead

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi police and hospital officials say the coordinated series of attacks against government buildings in Baghdad killed at least 118 people and wounded 261.

in quick succession Tuesday, striking authorized to speak to media.

the Labor Ministry, a court complex and the new site of Iraq's Finance Ministry — whose previous building was destroyed in an August blast.

The officials spoke on condition Three bomb-rigged cars exploded of anonymity because they are not

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Holiday traditions



"This year we are going to Ruidoso, N.M. I am going to celebrate Christmas first and then I will leave with my family. It's a tradition to go and stay in a cabin there."

— CASSIE NOLAND

Freshman elementary education major from Lubbock

"I go home and have the traditional family dinner and presents. We normally stay home for Christmas and travel for Thanksgiving."

— KIRAN JOSEPH

Junior sociology major from



"This year I'm going to go home and hang out with family and old high school friends. Now that we are finally all 21, we might go visit some of the bars around town."

— BEN CIRKSENA

Junior marketing major from

"First this year I am going to go shopping and to visit my grandparents in Irving. We always open presents there on Christmas Eve. Also, every year we go look at Christmas lights and me and my mom makes — SASHA MAYKUS

deviled eggs. After that I am going to Las Vegas over New Years. I'm really excited because I've never been."

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Senate blocks tough abortion limits in health bill

tion opponents failed to inject tougher shape, several officials said, including of legislation. restrictions into sweeping Senate a private insurance arrangement to be Democratic leaders labored to make sure fallout from the controversy wouldn't hinder the drive to pass ditionally, Medicare would be opened President Barack Obama's top domes- up to uninsured Americans beginning tic priority.

took place as Democrats, in daylong gram that currently serves the over-65 private talks in the Capitol, appeared ready to scuttle plans for a liberals have long sought.

lawmakers purchase coverage. Adat age 55, a significant expansion of The public clash over abortion the large government health care pro-

government-run insurance option that ments underscored the complexity that confronts the administration and pass a bill by Christmas.

followed, when Sen. Byron Dorgan., but is opposed by the pharmaceutical was in jeopardy. industry, which has worked closely

The Food and Drug Administra-

Sophomore early childhood

education major from Southlake

health care legislation Tuesday, and supervised by the federal agency that tion issued a letter saying it would oversees the system through which be "logistically challenging" to assure the safety of imported drugs, raising concerns without stating outright opposition.

health care bill as well as an abortion tion.' opponent — played a prominent role in the debate over attempts by con-Taken together, the day's develop- servatives to toughen restrictions in the Senate measure. "No one should use the health care bill to expand or Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., restrict abortion," he said, arguing that as they seek the 60 votes needed to abortion foes were attempting to do overcome Republican opposition and just that. "And no one should use the issue of abortion to rob millions of the lives of women.' Yet another controversy quickly opportunity to get good health care."

D-N.D, proposed legalizing the im- the use of federal funds to pay for abor- R-Utah, and numerous Republicans portation of prescription drugs from tion services under insurance plans proposed would also have barred in-Canada and several other countries as expected to be offered in a new health surance plans from covering abortions a way of holding down consumer costs. care system, except in cases of rape, except in the three categories if any of The idea enjoys widespread support incest or when the life of the mother their policyholders received federal

and has spent millions of dollars on the plans would be permitted to-use policy that offers such services.

A potential alternative was taking television advertisements in support personal funds to pay for abortion services — the point on which the two sides in the dispute part company.

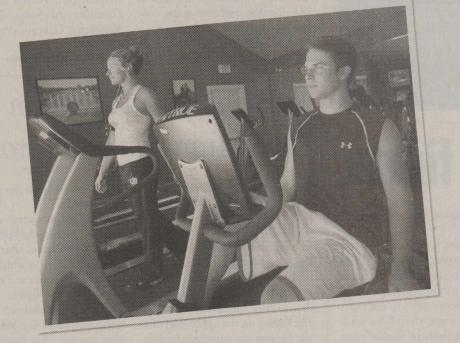
> "Segregation of funds is an accounting gimmick," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., the chief Democratic supporter of tightened restrictions. "The reality is federal funds would Reid — the chief architect of the help buy coverage that includes abor-

> > Abortion rights supporters, Senate Democratic women most prominently, countered heatedly.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said abortion opponents were driven by ideology, and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D.N.H., called the proposed changes "a very far-reaching intrusion into the

The amendment that Nelson, Sen. The current legislation would ban Robert Casey, D-Pa, Sen. Orrin Hatch, subsidies. It also would have required Individuals who receive federal insurance companies that offer nowith the administration on health care subsidies to purchase insurance under abortion plans to make available a

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McChrystal: new strategy achievable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The general in charge of the war in Afghanistan said Tuesday there are "no silver bullets" for success there but that he expects to know by this time next year whether the troop build up is reversing the Taliban's momentum.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, appearing before the House Armed Services Committee a week after President Barack Obama announced his new surge-andexit strategy, said he supports the plan. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, who had voiced misgivings previously, also endorsed the new approach at the Capitol

The new battle plan includes an 18-month timeline before the first U.S troops would begin to come home.

"Results may come more quickly," McChrystal told lawmakers. "But the sober fact is that there are no silver bullets. Ultimate success will be the cumulative effect of sustained pressure."

Eikenberry said the course outlined last week by Obama "offers the best path to stabilize Afghanistan and to ensure al-Qaida and other terrorist groups cannot regain a foothold to plan new attacks against our country or our allies."

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., the committee's chairman, said at the outset of the hearing that he differs with statements comparing the Afghan surge with the U.S. surge in Iraq, saying that as a percentage of the total number of forces, the 30,000 or so authorized by Obama last week was a much higher proportion of deployment than when President George W. Bush ordered a surge in Iraq.

"What risk are we accepting in the next 18 months and how can we mitigate it?" he asked. He said he believes that "ultimately, we are protecting the American people" from al-Qaida.

Heritage center to display visions of holidays past

tage Center will offer a glimpse into the past with Candlelight at the Ranch 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 free of charge.

Luminarias will light the paths historic structures where volunteers, dressed according to the appropriate time period, will be reenacting holiday scenes from more than 100 years ago.

"It's educational but also nice to see how other people would have celebrated the holidays," said Emily Arellano, manager of education at the heritage

Such holiday scenes include chopping down trees and decorating them with homemade decorations and listening to traditional music sung by students from the Texas Tech School of Music.

Of the center's 38 historical ranching structures, 15 will be lit, >> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

The National Ranching Heri- including its largest, the Barton House. Visitors also can enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider and writing letters to Santa in the Four Sixes Barn.

"The point is to learn a little around the heritage center's about how Christmas was celebrated in pioneer days and see that some of it is different," Arellano said. "Like the ornaments they have, the food is different, but it's nice to see even though so many years have gone by and things have changed, Christmas still has the same basic meaning of spending time with family."

> She said students are encouraged to come out because it is a great chance to spend time with boyfriends or girlfriends and friends and get in the holiday

"It's neat to see how things are changed and different but also the same," Arellano said.

FLASH DANCE



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left, Sarah Scroggins, a freshman journalism major from Garland, Abby Bertrand, a freshman dance major from Dallas, Belinda Witham, a senior dance major from Mansfield, and Janelle Midkiff, a freshman dance major from Odessa, participate in a flash mob, a large group of people performing a choreographed dance in a group of unsuspecting bystanders, Tuesday outside the Student Union Building.

App finds birds in bushes

Jory Languer finds time for a field trip tion. during an upcoming visit to Washington, he won't have to ask local birders whether you're new or traveling where to find candidates to add to his through, it's a really good way of life list of birds sighted.

his iPhone and fire up BirdsEye, a new bird-finding application that gives users instant access to recent reports of birds spotted near their location, tells them where to look for specific birds, iPhone and iPod Touch at a cost and keeps track of their lists of all the of \$19.99, was developed through birds they've ever seen.

just ahead of the National Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count, an effort that enlists as many as 55,000 bird watchers around the author Kenn Kaufman. country — from the kitchen window crowd to slog-through-the-woods gether a network of experts to make diehards — who report back the kinds and numbers of birds they spot.

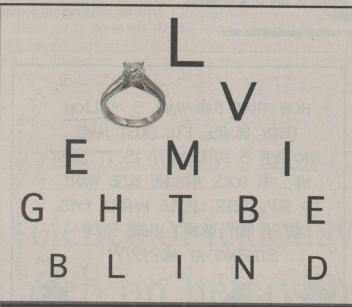
The count, which runs from Dec. 14 through Jan. 5, collects data used to track the health of bird populations,

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — When identify trends and guide conserva-

"If you don't know the area, finding birding hotspots nearby," All he'll have to do to is pull out said Langner, 60, a software designer. "I'm really looking forward to using it during my upcoming trips around the country.'

BirdsEye, recently released for a collaboration of some of the top The application makes its debut ornithologists in the country, using content from the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, the Academy of Natural Sciences and field guide

"This application has pieced topossible something no one has done before," said Pete Myers, CEO of Environmental Health Sciences, an environmental journalism organization based in Charlottesville, Va.



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Lesbian bishop calls election liberating

NEW YORK (AP) — The lesbian priest who was elected assistant bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles said Tuesday that she was upset by claims that her role in the church is divisive.

The Rev. Mary Glasspool said that she was aware her win troubles some people, but that she believes her election last weekend was mostly "liberating" for the denomination.

"I've had hundreds, probably a thousand, e-mails from people all over the world who don't know me but who are expressing through the fact of my election a pride in the Episcopal Church," Glasspool said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

"I've committed my life as a life of service to the people of Jesus Christ, and what hurts is the sense that anybody might have that my name or my servanthood could be perceived as divisive."

Glasspool is the second openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church and the world Anglican fellowship. The first was New Hampshire Bishop V. Gene Robinson, whose 2003 consecration caused an uproar and widened longdeveloping rifts over what Anglicans should believe.

Just hours after Glasspool's election, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the Anglican spiritual leader, said in a statement that the vote raised "very serious questions" for the divided church, and he urged restraint in moving forward with her consecration.

Glasspool needs the consent of a majority of Episcopal dioceses before she can take the job of bishop suffragan. The 55-year-old clergywoman, who has been with her female partner since 1988, said she read the archbishop's comments on her laptop in her California hotel Sunday and found the statement "a tiny bit absurd" because he doesn't know her.

"Our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori does have a personal relationship with the archbishop of Canterbury, and I need to let them work that out," Glasspool said.

On Tuesday, the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order, issued a statement from England echoing Williams' request for restraint. Jefferts Schori is expected to travel to London next week for a previously scheduled Anglican meeting.

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Sex education should start with parents, not schools

This morning I read on Wired.com the parents of Jessica Logan are suing their daughter's ex-boyfriend, who had distributed a nude photo of her to his classmates. Logan committed suicide and the ridicule she received due to the photo is believed the motive for her suicide.

The photo was only ever in exiscell phone.

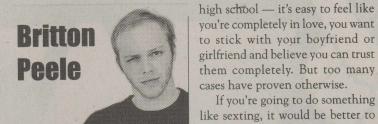
This comes on the heels of a ably married. story I saw on CNN.com last night, sex before having "the talk" with tenth graders have as well. their parents.

The study involved children sexual intercourse.

But this was practically saintly listen to you the first time you tell they make mistakes. them something.

days about sex education in schools, STD-free teenager is still much or the lack thereof, and such talks better than a pregnant teenager are warranted. The school system with crabs. could probably be doing a better job a lot of ways. However, I think the biggest factor in the fight against between parents and their children. teen pregnancy and STDs should be As Jessica Logan proved, it isn't the parents, and obviously a lot of wise to create a sexually explicit them are failing.

dren myself, I'm sure "the talk" isn't willing to share that material with the easiest thing to give to them. I everybody - in other words, if understand the awkwardness, both you're a model or porn star. from the parents and the children. to be easy all the time, and a few a lot more awkward (and potentially rage-filled) talks in the future.



It's nice, I'm sure, to assume that tence because Logan had practiced children aren't having sex. In my the popular art of "sexting," sending ideal, perfect world in which I'm sure of before marriage, at least. out nude or otherwise risqué photos a millionaire and "Transformers 2" to a boyfriend or girlfriend via your didn't suck, people wouldn't have their children better on all of these sex until they're mature and preferissues, rather than complaining the

However, the same Pediatrics job for them. which cited a study in Pediatrics that study says that one-third of ninth claimed 40 percent of children have graders have had sex, and half of

Kind of scary, if you ask me.

I understand the (usually conages 13 through 17, as well as their servative-minded) desire to focus parents. In it, 42 percent of girls on abstinence-only sex education. reported they had not discussed the I understand the worry if you teach effectiveness of birth control, and children and teens how to have 40 percent had never received any safe sex, it will only encourage sort of talk or advice about refusing them to have sex when they really shouldn't.

However, even coming from a compared to what the boys reported. very conservative family (in which Seventy percent of them claimed I was home-schooled after elementhey had not received any sort of tary school) I was given substantial education on condom use. In defense talks on safe sex. It's an unfortunate of at least a few of the boys' parents, fact of life that no man, woman 50 percent of them claimed to have or child is going to be perfect. So discussed condom use with their while we should continue to hope sons. However, they should probably the youth of this world will be remember something about teenage morally smart and responsible, we boys: Many of them aren't going to should still prepare them in case

A teenager who avoids sex until There's been a lot of talk these marriage is great, but a safe-sex,

This sexting trend is one in particular that should be discussed image or video of yourself and share Although I don't yet have chil- it with anybody unless you are

Maybe there's something ex-It's not an easy subject. However, citing and romantic about such parents shouldn't expect parenthood actions between married couples, but it is a rather stupid idea in awkward talks could save them from high school, and probably in college as well.

I know that — especially in

Respect from players, fans not overrated

t's in the air. Can you feel it? Although March is still a few months away, it seems the madness has already begun. I can't deny the spirit of a stellar football season still looms among us, but what better way to say goodbye to a riveting season than to eventful?

Between the disappointing was dazzling, Texas contributed another notch on the Big 12 belt in its win over a Pac-10 Conference opponent, and our very own Red Raiders proved in this game.



The crossovers, the dunks welcome in another which is and those precision, blink-andalready promising to be quite you'll-miss-'em passes all add to the magic. You can feel it in your bones and smell it in the Florida-'Bama game and the air. The cameras are flashing and nail-biting Big 12 Conference the buzzer beaters are a big part championship game, I was able of what we live for in this game. in store. Youthful Kentucky ing to value about the game of basketball. This was all up until coach Pat Knight reminded me in the first place.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't character of our students. rankings mean next to nothing attracted to the sport at least in part due to the Lebron-like slams, decided to pass the torch, some the Ray Allen style 3-point facials questioned Pat Knight's ability and the ankle-breaking Chris to fill his father's shoes. Being Paul handles, there's more to the compared to a legend is never game than the fancy moves and really fair, but I'm inclined to bebad boy swagger that sometimes

For me, loving the game also means enjoying the unspoken respect and, above all, class. respect that exists between two

Often that respect is accompaplaces the class that once seemed the new age of sports. Fortunately, rated?

seem like a big deal to most; after a thought. all, this is a common chant in Knight quieted the crowd almost major from St. Louis. as quickly as they had begun the >> shay.irby@ttu.edu

taunting expression.

With all of the criticism our student body receives as a result of our sportsmanship and lack of respect for our own school song, I was glad to see Knight take a stand and move to show sports fans everywhere that Tech is an institution that values class and tradition.

I know some will say that Knight's demonstration was just that, his demonstration and not indicative of our students. Those people are correct. The fact Knight cared enough to ask to sneak a peek at what the For a moment, I was beginning students to end that specific '09-'10 basketball season has to think that's all we were com- chant only speaks to his character and that which he tries to instill within his athletes. But keep in mind the crowd ended the chant. why I fell in love with the game I believe that is indicative not of Knight's character, but of the

Once coach Bobby Knight lieve Pat Knight is on the path to leaving his own trail, one marked by leadership, teamwork, dignity,

Admitting again that the teams following a hard fought chant "Overrated" has been present in sports for as long as I've been alive, I will also admit nied by a certain type of class and I don't fully understand why. Of integrity. Unfortunately, in some course I understand the intended purpose, but when you really to come so effortlessly has taken a think about it, do we really want backseat to the glitz and glam of a team we just beat to be over-

If Washington is overrated, Sensing a victory Thursday, they don't deserve to be the No. Texas Tech students found their 10 team, which may in fact be excitement to be too much to the case, but what then does that contain until the final buzzer. say about us? Wouldn't we rather Out of the roar of cheers, one was beat the legitimately ranked No. soon heard clearer than the rest: 10 Washington than the over-"Overrated." Initially it didn't rated No. 10 Washington? Just

the sports world. Nevertheless, I Irby is a senior general studies

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Tech debate team argues way into rankings

STAFF WRITER

In 2004, Texas Tech' debate team attended the Colorado College tournament and won two out of 24 debates. The team in November and won it all.

Soon after its success at the tournament in Colorado this year, the National do," Gantt said. "This year, we know what ally the best. Parliamentary Debate Association ranked Tech's debate team as the best in the

and director of forensics, said the debate program always has been strong in its almost 70 years at Tech, but the team has or second at every junior varsity competiat the tournament with two debating pairs hit its stride with the overall membership tion," the team's coach said. "We're now from the varsity team finishing within the being exemplary.

"It is at the strongest point that it sion and putting them into varsity." has ever been, winning tournaments and recruiting on a more consistent basis," he said

the team was not able to attend.

Gantt said the team travels as often as possible to compete in tournaments across that I had in high school for debate," he the nation. He believes Tech's team is as said. "It's something you can't escape." strong as any team in the country.

national championship tournament — a said what a person gains from debate can first for the debate program at Tech. Gantt be used after graduation and in a career. said after the win in 2008, he knew the position of winning nationals again, which future," Pippen said. attended the same tournament this year will be hosted by Tech March 19 through

the newcomers as well.

"The freshmen have either been first thinking of taking them out of that divi-

Matt Pippen, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Monahans, said The debate team held the top rank in year in high school, he looked at the dethe nation for a few weeks before moving bate team. He initially got involved with down to its current ranking as eighth in debate his first year in high school, where has followed him to college.

In 2008, a pair of students from the current events have to be demonstrated to Angelo, said he believes debate is a great munications major from Springfield, Mo., said. "We expect to do something special my job fun."

"The argument skills you can learn, team would have to spend time rebuild—the speaking skills you can learn — it all ing. He considers the team to be at the contributes greatly to the success in the

Overall, Pippen said he is honored to be part of the debate team at Tech where "Last year was, 'Let's see what we can the students and coaching staff are nation-

After winning the tournament at Gantt said he believes the team will Colorado this year, Brian Horton and win nationals this year because of the Adam Testerman held the best record in Joe Gantt, the debate team's coach strength of not only upperclassmen, but the nation, having won 36 debates and lost four. They have a record of 47-4.

> Other Tech students made an impact top 10 teams. Two other debating pairs from the junior varsity team tied for first place and therefore moved up to compete in the varsity division, which allowed when he began to apply to Tech his senior another debating pair from Tech to win second place at the tournament.

tournament and earned individual recthe nation due to following tournaments he discovered a love for the activity that ognition. Testerman was named the top individual speaker, and Horton was "I just continued on with the passion named the second-place speaker at the

Horton, a senior political science, after the national tournament. Skills in debate as well as knowledge of French and geography major from San

PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreadon

FROM LEFT, BRIAN Horton, a senior political science, geography and French major from San Angelo; Adam Testerman, a junior mass communications major from Springfield, Mo.; Nicole Brown, a senior political science major from San Angelo; and Paul Williamson, a senior mass communications major from Houston, are members of Texas Tech's debate team, which was recently ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Horton and Testerman won the the team's success to the underclassmen. "This team's success wouldn't be

possible without the younger members," Horton said. "I see potential in them."

something Horton said only stops in April

debate team won the Debate Association's be involved with the team. However, he outlet for him and challenges him in ways first year on the team. He said his only this year.'

his classes do not. However, he attributes reason to transfer to Tech was the debate hest in the nation.

ton and himself naturally paired up and team makes his job as their coach easy by The team is preparing for nationals, have been working hard with the goal of being devoted to improving. continuing the team's status excellence.

"We certainly have one of the goals

Gantt noted the difficulty in coaching team and its reputation of being one of the Horton and Testerman because there is not much more to teach them. He said Testerman said since transferring, Horas a whole though, every student on the

"Each student we have are committed individuals who work beyond what This is Testerman's, a junior mass com- to be the best in the nation," Testerman we ask them," Gantt said. "They make

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Professor co-authors science of jealousy book, conducts research on behavior

By CAYLOR BALLINGER STAFF WRITER

Sybil Hart surrounds herself of research and with green-eyed people, and that data collected has nothing to do with the color of for the book was

Hart, a professor of Human Development and Family Studies, has dents spent the past few years researching jealous behaviors for her book, "Handbook of Jealousy," which will book," Hart said. be released in the next year.

Her interest in jealously research began when she noticed the lack of information available on the topic,

The basic science of jealousy is missing, Hart said, and so began the first research of jealousy in infants.

Hart teamed up with Kazuko Behrens, an assistant professor of Human Development and Family Studies, to help validate her new research of infancy jealousy.

"For her to prove that jealousy is normal in infants needed a more well-known procedure to associate her new study with," Behrens said.

The strange situation procedure is an experiment that begins with a mother and her baby in a room full of toys. The mother leaves the baby alone with a stranger to test the attachment the baby has to the mother and the reaction of the baby during the reunion at the end of the procedure.

In the research, Behrens tested about 74 mothers and babies in the strange situation procedure first and then Sybil tested her jealousy research on the same people.

Behrens said she and Sybil compared the research from the babies in the strange situation procedure to the research from babies who were jealous of the attention their mothers gave another child procedure.

"She had no way of proving her data until my lab," Behrens said. "It was modeled after a parallel procedure, which is not a new process. Researchers often use an additional amount of well-known research to validate theirs."

Behrens said professors in the department often collaborate on research, but her work with Hart is where it all began.

"When studies get published in research articles, we do it by standing on the shoulders of others," Hart said. "And sifting through a needed body of articles to stand on."

The book came after detailed research, and his main emphasis is the theory, research and multi-

disciplinary approaches of jealousy, and most done on college student respon-



"Within 48 hours of the proposal, they gave us the opportunity for the diversity of the different chapters." are abnormal and they might as-

has 20 contributing authors. came out of my doctoral disser- and understandable to the general "There is a surprising absence tation and was inspired by own reader. She said the collaboration of real scientific information about children," Hart said. "In many of the book has been an interesting jealousy," Hart said. "It's all over ways when you use that (family learning experience. the TV, newspapers and magazines; members) for research it keeps you of hurdles.'

meant to provide information on and stood and its head." topic that in the past has rarely been researched, Hart said. It cov- Legerstee, played a few hands in the ers the presence of jealousy in all book. Hart wrote three chapters stages of infants, children, siblings and helped organize and co-edit and adults.

"I didn't try to make the chapters

The book was written in three a psychology audience in mind, abnormal," Hart said, "but it appears years, consists of 26 chapters and Hart said, some people may find that complete absence of jealousy is parts unfamiliar; however, most what is abnormal." "The book is something that of the information is summarized

"I'm intrigued at how many however, it's oddly absent in sci- focused and able to go over a lot ways to look at something that is so complex," Hart said. "Then add one

The book was described as a more person and everything is difscientific handbook on jealousy, ferent, like it all got turned around

Hart, along with co-editor Maria

"People would be surprised to run smoothly," Hart said, "I liked the find jealousy is not abnormal, forms Since the book is written with sume correctly excessive jealousy is

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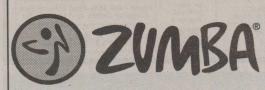
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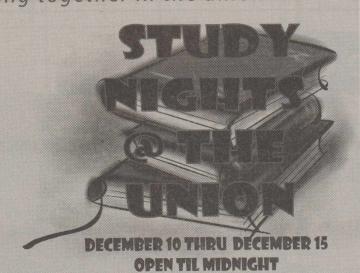


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Fire and Ice Festival

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Raiders didn't have any trouble closing this one out.

Texas Tech's matchup against Lamar on Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena already was sealed up, considering the start the Lady Raiders had to the game.

Tech defeated the Cardinals 70-56 to push its win streak to seven games before the Lady Raiders head back out on the road.

Tech jumped out to a 25-9 lead in the first half, which proved to be too steep of a lead for the Cardinals to cut into.

This run to start the game was fueled by Kierra Mallard, who has come up big recently for the Lady Raiders. While she kept hitting shots, Lamar kept turning the ball over.

Mallard finished the first half with 15 points. She scored 10 of Tech's first 13 points, hitting 21 points.

half, Tech was 75 percent from the percent. field on 9-of-12 shooting.

either at the beginning of this finished with 23. Tech also had Raiders. game.

seven steals in the first half, fuel- came in the second half. ing the 11 turnovers the Cardinals game. Three of those steals be- the end of the game. longed to Ashlee Roberson, while freshman guard Monique Smalls with a little more than a minute grabbed two.

get much to fall, even with sharp- them up with the win. Tech never shooters such as Jenna Plumley. relinquished the lead. The junior transfer from Oklahoat halftime on 2-of-5 shooting the game with three steals. from the 3-point line.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreadon

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kierra Mallard shoots over Lamar forward Brittney Williams during the Lady Raiders' 70-56 victory against the Lady Cardinals Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena.

problems with turnovers, with 26 The Lady Raiders (8-1) got on the night, but the bulk of those game — a matchup against UCLA

(7-3) had at that point in the Lamar to have a second chance at long break will help players get

It seemed like Lamar couldn't Raiders' start to the game set Lady Raiders.

ma led her team with eight points presence felt on defense, finishing looking for a little payback. The

Mallard's solid performance loss in Lubbock last year. The Cardinals were 9-of-29 was followed up by Jordan Mur- >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

shots in the paint and knocking from the field, good for 31 per- phree's 12 points. Tilmila Martin down jumpers. She finished with cent in the first half, which ul- chipped in 11 points. Roberson timately sealed their fate. Lamar had a busy night on the boards At the 11:52 mark in the first finished the game shooting 36.1 with 11 rebounds. She also had seven points. Prior to Tuesday, she Turnovers continued to be an had consecutive double-doubles The defense wasn't lacking issue for Lamar. The Cardinals in the last two games for the Lady

> Tech has 10 days until its next 9 p.m. Dec. 18 in Los Angeles. Those Tech turnovers allowed Curry previously mentioned the rest and concentrate on school be-Lamar cut the lead to 65-56 fore they get back on the court.

Games against Mercer and left in the game, but the Lady North Dakota also loom for the

The Lady Raiders could be in for a challenge in Los Angeles, Smalls continued to make her considering the Bruins might be Lady Raiders handed them a 72-62

Quick start boosts Tech to win Cody Davis ninth Tech player named freshman All-American

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Cody Davis was pointing out how practices leading up to the Alamo Bowl are a good chance for younger players to receive reps they usually don't get.

But as Davis explained that, maybe he forgot he's just a redshirt freshman himself.

"I just consider myself an experienced young guy," he said. "I still have a lot to learn, a lot to build off of."

And Phil Steele Publications believes Davis already has a to its 2009 All-Freshman First Team on Tuesday.

Davis is the ninth freshman

earned the same honor. Brian reputation for big hits. Duncan and Colby Whitlock Saul in 1989 earned All-Amer- could rely on, it's him." ican honors as a freshman in some variation.

Potts and Eric Stephens earned for the defense. All-America honors from Phil Steele Publications as well.

Davis had an obvious void to his impact. fill as the 2009 season began. He Denver Broncos.



strong foundation, naming him TEXAS TECH'S CODY Davis was named a freshman All-American by Phil Steele Publications on Tuesday. He becomes the ninth player in program history to receive the honor.

All-American in Tech history. games this season. The tackles are for us and to the linebackers. You He joins a long list of solid second only to Brian Duncan, who have to know what you're talking players for the Red Raiders who had 80 this season. He also built a about to do that."

in 2007, McKinner Dixon up the way he has been, he's had how Davis is waiting on his first in 2005, Brock Stratton in some electrifying hits this year, interception, where McBath and 2003, Wes Welker in 2000, pass breakups and everything like Daniel Charbonnet made their Ricky Williams in 1997, Scott that," Tech linebacker Bront Bird mark at safety in 2008. Fitzgerald in 1991 and Tracy said. "If there was ever a guy you

Brandon Carter, Brandon solo tackles and one with nine ing in his young career. Sharpe, Marlon Winn, Jamar this year. On top of that, he and Wall, Baron Batch, Alex Tor- safety Franklin Mitchem bear the Davis said. "Being around the res, Daniel Howard, Taylor responsibility of calling coverages ball, just trying to make the se-

For Tech cornerback Jamar my way. Wall, that's where Davis has made

"Him and Frank both man," he He turned in 72 total tack- Because safety is not an easy job Antonio. les and six pass breakups in 11 to do. They're making the calls >>>adam.coleman@ttu.edu

The tackles and passes defend-"For a guy that young, stepping ed are there, but Bird pointed out

Davis said there are other things he does well to help the Along with some big hits, Da- defense, but even he can't deny vis has had three games with eight that a pick is the only thing miss-

"Just flying out to the ball," cure tackle whenever it comes

"But I'm still looking for my interception. I'm so hungry for it."

He still has a chance to get that replaced safety Darcel McBath, said. "Coming out as freshmen. pick. Tech plays Michigan State who is now playing for the NFL's Never had any game experience in the Valero Alamo Bowl 8 p.m. and to be performing like they are. Jan. 2 in the Alamodome in San

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MSU suspensions a non-factor in Tech's plans

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech players aren't concerned with the recent suspensions at Michigan State.

In fact, some of them had just honestly don't pay too heard about it Tuesday, two days after much attention to all it was announced the Red Raiders that, and I don't think will play the Spartans in the Valero we as a team should Alamo Bowl at 8 p.m. Jan. 2 in San either." Antonio.

Spartans coach Mark Dantonio exander Torres, who suspended eight players and kicked has a chance to capitwo others off the team for their talize on a Spartan involvement in an on-campus altercation Nov. 22.

Three of the players are start- isn't letting Michigan ers: defensive back Chris L. Rucker State's distraction afand receivers B.J. Cunningham and fect prepping for the Mark Dell.

The common responses from Tech they had, it really doesn't affect how who's missing and this and that. But you can either keep moving and try to

they approach the game.

Bront Bird said. "The guy (who was were playing." suspended), his backup is probably just as good as him. I

Tech receiver Aldefense that ranks 103rd in pass defense,

players were along these lines: They me," he said. "I just heard that today. I hadn't heard much about it, and if didn't really know the whole deal and

I don't think that's changed anything Wall fully expects receivers lower on 'This is a Division I level, and the way we prepare for the game. We the depth chart, such as Keshawn that's a big conference," linebacker got to go at it the same way as if they Martin and Charlie Gantt, to step

Tech had its own run-in with Blair White. a suspension

rules and sat out

New Mexico.

that, Bird un-

Contrary to what Tech players

missing pieces, the Spartans could

have a harder time dealing with the

ond and third on the depth chart at

48 receptions, 641 yards and four

Without those two weapons, the

top passing offense in the Big Ten

Cousins, could have a hard time mak-

However, Tech cornerback Jamar

Cunningham and Dell were sec-

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I honestly don't pay too much attention to all that, and I don't think we as a team should either.

BRONT BIRD

earlier this season; though it didn't involve eight players. lineman Brandon Carter was suspended for

TECH LINEBACKER

up and take pressure off No. 1 option White leads the team with 876

yards and eight touchdowns on 64 receptions.

"Everything is the same," Wall said. "You can never underestimate Tech offensive anyone. I'm sure they've found someone that can take that spot and keep going with what they were doing."

Wall and the Red Raider defense violating team have been stout with the exception of a couple games when it comes to pass a win against defense, no matter who is playing. Tech is second in the conference with Having only 10 passing touchdowns allowed been through this season.

Then there's the pressure that the "That's some news, it's new to derstands how it can impact a pro- defensive line has provided all year, sacking the quarterback 39 times for "Suspensions are tough for a team, an average of 3.25 per game, which is second in the nation.

> Tech defensive lineman Colby Whitlock swatted away any possible have no idea what their mindset is. advantages the suspensions could Yeah they can be tough, but if you're allow.

> > "They're a Big Ten team, from what I understood they got a lot of big offensive linemen in there," he said.

Defensively, the suspension of two-year starter Rucker, regarded as Michigan State's best man-to-man defender, could allow quarterback Taylor Potts and the offense to have a challenge. a huge day.

receiver, respectively. Cunningham's with seven breakups and ranked fourth with 58 tackles. Without him, Dell had a solid season too, record- nation's No. 2 passing offense looks ing 26 catches for 449 yards and a much harder.

> But sticking to the script, Torres wasn't hearing it.

"We need to eliminate that and Conference, led by quarterback Kirk really just go out there and focus on ourselves rather than where they stand and the defensive stats," he said.

But for Bird, just having a team

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Tored

TEXAS TECH CORNERBACK Jamar Wall tackles Kansas' Jake Sharp in a win against the Jayhawks earlier this season. The Red Raiders will play Michigan State in the Valero Alamo Bowl at 8 p.m. on Jan. 2 in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

from the Big Ten Conference, which brand of football, will be enough of rushing touchdowns.

beat a team."

Bird has a point, considering the Spartans aren't completely dedicated to the pass. They rushed the ball 387 times compared to 393 passing attempts, obviously with more success through the air considering they're on overlooking them at all." tops in the conference.

Yet they still averaged 135.9 rushhe said plays a tough, hard-nosed ing yards per game en route to 14

Considering the Red Raiders lost "They just pound the ball," he said. to Ole Miss in the 2008 Cotton Bowl This season Rucker led the team "If you don't have your big boy pads and had to live with that "bitter on and are ready to play it's gonna taste," as Bird put it, in their mouth be a physical ball game. If you're not the whole offseason, there's extra touchdowns are second on the team. the pass defense's task to control the mentally and physically ready for that. motivation to not underestimate the If you can't stop the run, it's hard to Spartans — regardless of the circumstances.

"We're gonna go out there and play them like they're 12-0," offensive tackle Marlon Winn said. "So right now we're preparing like we're gonna play a 12-0 team. We're not planning

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