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Divided faculty senate adopts Leach resolution

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
STAFF WRITER

In raised voices with emotional tones, Texas Tech faculty senate members debated adopting a proposal praising the accomplishments of former head football coach Mike Leach.

With a vote of 16 for, 13 against and 10 abstaining, the Tech faculty senate adopted a resolution honoring Leach at a meeting Wednesday.

Patty Gisch, office coordinator for the faculty senate, said in the 10 years she has been with the senate this is only the first or second time members have abstained.

"We rarely have anyone abstain," Gisch said. "Usually it is not even brought up as a motion."

Richard Meek, president of the faculty senate,

wrote the majority of the resolution and said he was warned it would be met with controversy. Meek said he consulted about 30 Web sites to get the statistics of Leach's success included in the proposal.

During the voting process, many senate members voiced mixed views regarding whether passing a resolution would be taking sides.

Some senate members said they feel uncomfortable voting for the proposal given the manner in which Leach left Tech.

"I realize this may or may not be timely in regards to current lawsuits," Meek said, "but this resolution is not taking sides, it is about recognizing accomplishments."



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Meek said he understands the politics involved given the situation but intended the proposal to honor the end of a decade and era.

Jerome Koch, vice president of the faculty senate, said honoring staff when they leave Tech is not an uncommon procedure for the faculty senate.

"Over the years we have thanked and recognized other parting staff," Koch said.

Gisch said a resolution was given for Sharp and Knight as well as others.

Phillip Johnson, a senate member for agricultural sciences, said he thinks Leach's accomplishments should be acknowledged regardless of the



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way he left Tech.

"This has nothing to do with the fact he was fired," Johnson said. "We still need to recognize his accomplishments."

A resolution showing support for former regent Mark Griffin also was adopted by the faculty senate.

At the meeting Ambassador Tibor Nagy, vice provost for International Affairs, said Tech needs more international undergraduate students. He said international students are a "treasure" and Tech needs to increase recruitment of these students.

Sam Segran, associate vice president for Information Technology and chief information officer, said information technology has made Tech one of few universities with an application for iPhones.

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THE NUTTY RESEARCHERS



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

NITHYA RHAHN, A post-doctoral research assistant from Kerala, India, is working with peanut crops at the USDA Plant Stress & Water Conservation Lab.

Tech researchers crack new shell on peanut farming

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The average American consumes six pounds of peanut products every year, according to the National Peanut Board, which adds up to \$4 billion of peanut production annually that contributes to the economy.

Research conducted at Texas Tech by Nithya Rajan, a post-doctoral research associate from Kerala, India, may cause those numbers to grow in future years. Rajan has begun to lay the foundation for future research on site specific management of these legumes.

"Our study focused on the biomass of peanuts and other growth characteristics such as canopy coverage, leaf area, yield and water stress — in general, how the peanut is growing," she said.

"A researcher and peanut breeder from New Mexico State University contacted us to do this study for her since we had the capabilities to do it. Not much research has been done in peanuts, especially here where research is mostly on corn

or cotton, so we were very excited. Our work with remote sensing is some of the first for the peanut plant."

Tech has two machines with the capabilities for remote sensing, which employs filters to block color wavelengths and produce better images of the plants. Rajan shot the images, which are taken at heights ranging from 3,000 degrees to 10,000 degrees of altitude, from a small aircraft provided and piloted by South Plains Precision Ag Inc.

"I took photographs from above, and we compared it to data in the field. Sometimes the tiny plane is scary, but we have a very good pilot and I trust him enough I'm not so terrified of flying," she said with a laugh.

The research is focused on two areas this year: planting patterns and biomass, Rajan said. Peanuts can be planted in single rows, double rows or diagonal patterns, and researchers tried to find which was best suited for this region. The other study was in estimating the peanut biomass using remote sensing. Studies were conducted utilizing

four varieties of peanuts — Gregory, Valencia C, FR 458 and Tamnut OL06 — but more than 90 varieties exist.

"Right now, it's not a big project. We have three universities involved and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Essentially it revolves around observations in field studies and our remote sensing data, but we don't have 20 sites around the state. It's all concentrated on the one site here," said Stephen Maas, a professor of agricultural microclimatology from Temple. "For producers who have to manage many large fields, it's difficult to drive around the crops. Even if they could, they're only seeing the edge. One advantage to the kind of work Nithya's doing is that eventually farmers will be able to monitor the whole field more efficiently."

Maas said he supervises Rajan's work, but ultimately she's out in the fields and in the plane; the work she does will economically benefit the producer, but it also will help the environment.

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Team Leach Facebook group seeks answers

By RALSTON ROLLO
STAFF WRITER

Team Leach, a nonprofit organization created on Facebook, will host a rally today from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Memorial Circle intended to answer questions supporters may have regarding the dismissal of former Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach.

Much of the organization's support stems from students and alumni, and its Facebook group has exceeded 61,000 members.

Trey Hudzietz, a Tech alum and Team Leach administrator, said members of Team Leach will not move on until their questions have been answered.

"The objective of Team Leach is no longer to bring Leach back, so we hope to find answers," he said.

Too many questions and concerns, he said, have gone unnoticed by Tech administrators.

"A lot of layers to this cake haven't been cleared away yet," Hudzietz said. "We have a statement that we want to get out there."

He said he and his collaborators are not concerned about the rally getting out of hand and are more worried about the attendance of Athletic Director

Gerald Myers and other Tech administrators.

Because campus policy requires the event not obstruct Tech's academic functionality, Hudzietz said students should take note of campus grounds use policies outlined on the organization's Facebook group.

Although he projects the attendance to reach almost 2,000, Hudzietz said the rally should not result in chaotic and disruptive behavior.

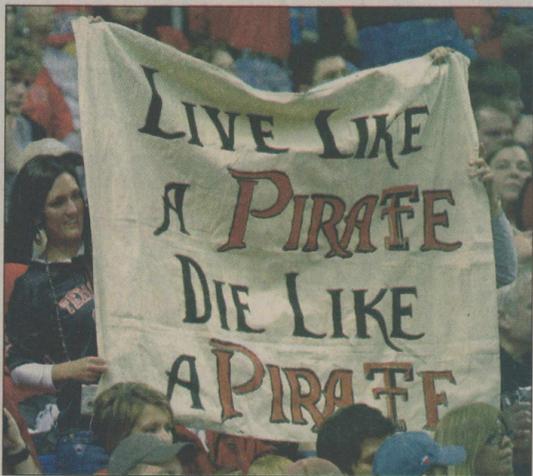
"We are a civil group and have become a strong political force," he said.

Michael Gunn, chairman of Tech's Outdoor Events Coordinating Committee, said the Tech administration does not anticipate the rally will become problematic on any significant scale.

"We have no concerns at all," Gunn said. "We hope to keep the rally in a place where it will not disrupt academic activity."

He also said if the rally becomes too large to continue at Memorial Circle, it may move to Urbanovsky Park. However, he said he is confident Memorial Circle and the surrounding grassy areas will provide ample space for the event.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FANS show their support for former coach Mike Leach during Texas Tech's 41-31 victory against Michigan State at the Valero Alamo Bowl on Jan. 2 in San Antonio.

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Obama, Democrats talk health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pushed by President Barack Obama, senior Democratic lawmakers plunged into marathon talks at the White House on Wednesday in a hurry-up bid for agreement on overdue health care legislation.

ing agreement between the Senate and the House are better than they were 24 hours ago. We're getting close," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said after the daylong talks finally ended well after sundown.

No final deal was reached. Lawmakers left the White House while their aides stayed on to continue negotiating,

with the talks to resume Thursday. The White House wants Obama to sign a bill in time for the State of the Union address next month.

The House and Senate have passed different versions of the measure, which Obama wants to expand health coverage to millions who lack it, end insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and slow the rate of growth of medical costs overall.

Hoyer and others said the day's talks ranged widely over numerous areas of disagreement between the House and Senate.

A key point was Obama's demand for a tax on high-cost insurance plans, a proposal designed to slow the inexorable rise in health care costs. House Democrats oppose the idea. So, too, does organized labor, and some union leaders were also at the White House during the day, although it was not clear whether they met with lawmakers.

The unusually long meeting of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and other senior lawmakers — it began at midmorning and was still going

at sunset — underscored the urgency they and Obama felt about completing legislation on which they have staked so much.

The president's personal commitment in time was extraordinary.

Officials said he ducked in and out of the meeting with top Senate and House Democrats in the Cabinet Room throughout the day. Lawmakers shed their cell phones and Blackberries, standard procedure for a meeting in the room they occupied.

Numerous congressional aides were stationed in the Roosevelt

Room down the hall, summoned to the negotiating table as the talks turned to their areas of expertise.

The House and Senate passed the bills with just one Republican vote and the GOP was not invited to the White House talks.

The proposed tax on insurance plans aside, the two sides worked for middle ground on the overall cost of the legislation

and the size and extent of subsidies that would go to lower-income Americans who need help in paying for insurance.

The subsidies in the House bill are more generous than in the Senate measure, and it appeared lawmakers were in search of additional money.

IN BRIEF

STATE

Perry: Texas won't seek federal education funding

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas won't compete for up to \$700 million in federal stimulus money for education because the program "smacks of a federal takeover of our public schools," Republican Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday.

The funding is from the U.S. De-

partment of Education's "Race to the Top" program, a \$5 billion competitive fund that will award grants to states to improve education quality and results. The program, created in the economic stimulus law, is part of Democratic President Barack Obama's efforts to overhaul the nation's schools.

NATION

High court: No cameras at gay marriage trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday indefinitely blocked cameras from covering the high-profile federal court trial on the constitutionality of California's ban on same-sex marriage.

Now in its third day, the trial in federal court in San Francisco concerns Proposition 8, the voter-approved ban

on gay marriage in the state.

The presiding trial judge, Vaughn R. Walker, had authorized real-time streaming of the proceedings for viewing in other federal courthouses in California, New York, Oregon and Washington and contemplated posting recordings of the trial on the court's Web site after several hours of delay.

WORLD

Obama promises all-out relief effort in Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are laying out a massive military response to the Haiti earthquake, saying that ships, helicopters, transport planes and a 2,000-member Marine unit are either on the way or likely to begin moving soon.

Gen. Douglas Fraser, head of U.S.

Southern Command, said Wednesday that one of the U.S. Navy's large amphibious ships will likely head to Haiti with a Marine expeditionary unit aboard. Fraser said other U.S. military forces are on alert, including a brigade, which includes about 3,500 troops.

Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Treador*, there was a misspelled name on the front page: A quote should

have been attributed to Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville. *The DT* regrets the error.

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UN: Taliban cause Afghan civilian deaths to soar

KABUL (AP) — The number of Afghan civilians who died in war-related violence last year soared to the highest annual level since the conflict began in 2001, the U.N. said Wednesday, while deaths attributed to allied forces dropped nearly 30 percent — a key U.S. goal for winning over the Afghan people.

Unrelenting violence, which has defied a usual lull in the winter,

has highlighted concern that casualties will rise as the U.S. and NATO send 37,000 more troops to try to stabilize the country. Civilian casualties have been a sensitive subject in Afghanistan, with U.S. forces frequently accused of killing noncombatants in airstrikes.

Nearly half of the Afghan civilian casualties occurred in

southern Afghanistan, which has seen intense fighting as U.S. and allied troops seek to oust the Taliban and other insurgents, the U.N. said in a report. It said previously stable areas, such as Kunduz province and elsewhere in the northeast, also have witnessed increasing insecurity.

The U.N. mission in Afghanistan said 2,412 civilians were killed in 2009 — a 14 percent increase over the 2,118

who died in 2008. Another 3,566 civilians were wounded.

Nearly 70 percent of the killings, or 1,630, were blamed on insurgents while 25 percent, or 596, were attributed to pro-government forces, the report said. The remaining 135 deaths could not be attributed to either side but were civilians caught in the crossfire or killed by unexploded ordnance.

Leach

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Because of the possibility of a large amount of interest in the event, Gunn said, Tech police will maintain a presence at Memorial Circle for its duration.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said the department also does not foresee significant problems, but officers will be prepared for the rally.

"We are aware of the event," Hoffman said. "We don't anticipate any trouble, but we will be there."

Originally, the rally was scheduled to take place from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., Hudzietz said. However, Team Leach administrators wanted people who attend the rally to be able to stay for the duration.

"We want the people that come to see it all and hear all the speakers," he said.

Formal invitations to the event have been sent to four Tech admin-

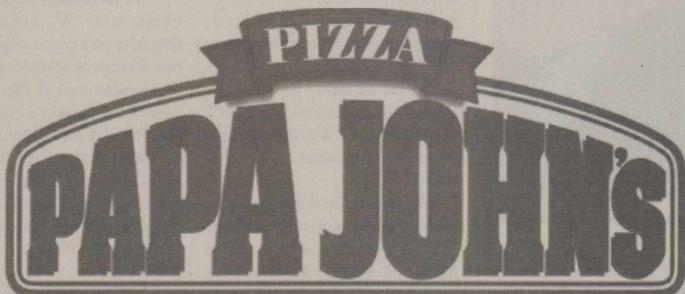
istrators, he said. Administrators invited were Myers, new head football coach Tommy Tuberville, Chancellor Kent Hance and President Guy Bailey.

Myers has declined the invitation, Hudzietz said, and he is not sure whether the other three Tech administrators will be attending to speak at the rally.

More information about the event can be found through Facebook or at teamleach.org.

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Google's China threat is a rare show of defiance

BEIJING (AP) — Google's threat to end its operations in China over censorship and computer-security concerns could embarrass communist leaders who crave international respect. Yet it appears unlikely that many other companies would follow suit and try to change how business is done in China.

"As long as you aren't involved in politics, the media or pornography, the government will leave you alone," said Siva Yam, president of the United States of America-China Chamber of Commerce, which primarily represents U.S. companies in China.

Such high-tech companies as Microsoft Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc. had no comment on Google's announcement Tuesday that it would stop censoring results on its Chinese search engine at Google.cn and might leave the country entirely.

Yahoo Inc. said it was "aligned" with Google's position, though it's not clear what that would mean. Yahoo closed its offices in China several years ago when it sold much of its business there to the Alibaba Group. Yahoo retains a 39 percent stake in Alibaba, and Yahoo spokeswoman Nina Blackwell declined to say whether the company would consider selling its holdings.

Google angered free-speech advocates when it created its China search engine, Google.cn, in 2006 and agreed to exclude links to sites blocked by government filters, popularly known as the Great Firewall of China.

Now Google's decision to confront Beijing might help repair its image.

"Google is putting the other companies in a delicate position, raising the ante and trying to occupy the higher moral ground," said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, head of government studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. "Other companies that are ready to cooperate with Chinese censorship maybe are going to be criticized and targeted by human rights activists."

There was no government reaction in Beijing to Google's announcement

Tuesday, which said the company was dismayed by hacking attacks launched from within China. Google said the attacks were apparently designed to break into the computers of U.S. companies and gather information about human rights activists.

China's state Xinhua News Agency cited an unidentified Cabinet official as saying the government was seeking more information from the company. A statement from the Chinese consulate in San Francisco said: "The Internet of China is open. The Chinese government encourages the development and usage of the Internet. The law of China prohibits any kind of cyber attacks. We welcome Internet companies to operate in China according to Chinese law."

At the very least Google's threat sets up a conflict between the government's desire to maintain strict controls on the Web and the hopes of its increasingly prosperous, sophisticated citizens. Many of them poured out support for Google on Wednesday.

Visitors left flowers and lit candles outside Google's offices in Beijing's high-tech Haidian district. Notes on bunches of flowers said, "Thank You Google" and "Google Bye-bye."

"I'm here to pay my respects to Google because they did not lose their dignity and they stayed true to their company's beliefs," said You Liwei, 28, who works in publishing. Other visitors bowed in a traditional gesture of respect.

Comments on Chinese Internet bulletin boards pleaded with Google to stay. A note on Tianya.cn hailed Google as a "great soldier of freedom," while on the Web site of the ruling party newspaper People's Daily, a visitor appealed for a compromise.

"Google is good. For the sake of technology advancement, the Chinese side should reach a cooperative agreement," the note said.

ing on water stress, to procure data that will eventually help the region's peanut production rise.

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Cameron's merciless Marines eclipse stunning effects

I almost always demand a picture speak for itself. The occasions are few and far between when I believe a director and/or writer has so pervasively pervaded a film with unmitigated politically "correct" characters and situations that the potential beauty is whisked away from a very unsuspecting audience. James Cameron's "Avatar," as painful as it is for me to admit, does this more scathingly and devoid of reason than anything in recent memory (except maybe "W").

Around the year 2154, Earth is in the crapper. Corporations have moved to Pandora to mine a precious material. The only problem is the Na'vi people live on one of the richest deposits of this resource on the entire planet.

Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) is a paraplegic Marine who is called to Pandora to assist in the Avatar program after his brother's untimely death. In exchange for a spinal surgery that will allow him to walk again, Jake gathers intel for the cooperating military-for-hire unit spearheaded by Col. Miles Quaritch (Stephen Lang), while simultaneously attempting to infiltrate the Na'vi people with the use of an Avatar (more or less, a puppet one controls subconsciously).

There is the scientists' side to this story, full of idealistic go-getters who only want to study and help the Na'vi people. And there is the other side, inhabited by corporations that only

Jake Matthews



look out for number one and loathe anything in their way. They are evil and deprived of any sensibility and are allowed to unwittingly hire out the U.S. Marine Corps, which is just as blind as their new parent corporation and just a tad more willing to pull the trigger.

Believe what you've heard about the effects. They are stunningly vivid and just jaw-dropping to look at and admire the detail of. The acting, likewise, is strong throughout and no one I saw on screen gave what I consider a weak performance taking into account the material they had to work with. And what of this material?

Any film that has audience members nodding their head in approval of Marines being shot through the heart by arrows is not OK.

I can get past the environmental message that is the basis for the entire plot. It gives a reason for so much activity on another planet, and that's all. The depiction of the military throughout the movie is inexcusable, however.

As I mentioned, the Marines in "Avatar" are mercenary types who are without a moral compass, lacking in any emotions and are just a group of people who like to blow stuff up. Cameron's vision of the military as nothing more than mindless brutes is perpetuated by their employer, Giovanni Ribisi, who is the driving force behind the excavation effort. He, as the majority of the characters in this film, is a

climax of the movie other than hate for the Na'vi people. The flaw in this extends back to the single-mindedness of these villains from the beginning of the picture; a single-mindedness perpetuated solely on what was good for business. Their actions from the time that is established to the end of this thing are in utter antithesis of one another. It's another way Cameron fuels the hatemongering of business and more importantly, the Marine Corps, in subtle and not so subtle ways for three hours. Even my 13-year-old brother had the sense to point out if this resource they're trying to pull out of the ground is so valuable, why are American businesses and military branches the only ones there?

Any film that has audience members nodding their head in approval of Marines being shot through the heart by arrows is not OK. The visual richness of "Avatar" gets one and a half guns up. James Cameron gets my absolute disdain.

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Peanuts

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"Peanuts have problems with fungal diseases. Typically, these problems start in certain areas, but if the farmer doesn't see them it will spread across the whole field. We've seen fields where every plant was dead due to a fungus," Maas said. "Suppose the farmer could fly over the field and see where the problem was developing early. They could go in and stop it before it spreads, using less chemicals, pesticides and money to save more crops."

A typical peanut field ranges from 100 acres to 200 acres, Rajan said. The ultimate goal is practicality for large farms in mass producing and maintaining plants using site specific management techniques. She plans to continue the study, next focus-

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OPINIONS

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Twitter belongs in the business world

As both a Twitter and Facebook user, I notice improper use of Twitter on a daily basis. Unfortunately, you are probably part of the problem.

First of all, Twitter is not Facebook. Twitter asks users, "What's happening?" whereas Facebook asks, "What's on your mind?"

Do not post statuses telling followers you just finished yoga and now feel guilty about eating a cookie. Because when I log onto Twitter, I don't want to read it and I don't care to.

Former head coach and past trending Twitter topic Mike Leach couldn't have put it any better.

"I'm not gonna sit around with a bunch of narcissists that want to sit and type stuff about themselves all the time," Leach said at a press conference following the loss to the University of Houston. "We'll put mirrors in some of their lockers if that's necessary, but they don't have to Twitter."

Unless you are a celebrity, I don't want a play-by-play of your life because you are probably not as interesting as you think. And even then some celebrity updates are of little interest.

Instead, I would like to read news updates. I would like to be linked to other Twitter users, preferably businesses or celebrities. In short, I would like to care about the status.

For those unaware, Twitter is the hot, new social media trend. It allows users a mere 140 characters

Elizabeth Custy



to update their status. Twitter does not have photo albums, room to tell your life story or the ability to download fun applications. Instead, Twitter allows the opportunity to participate in trending topics, tag users and rebroadcast other user's statuses with updates known as "tweets."

The Twitter Web site states the original concept was focused on the simple status update. However, it states its current focus is on the business world. And Twitter belongs in the business world.

Twitter has evolved as a forum to communicate information, repost news and advertise businesses. Businesses are attracted to Twitter because it provides an opportunity to connect with their customers on a level they couldn't have before. Through Twitter, businesses get fast responses, free advertising and new customers.

Some businesses have used Twitter to the next level: food orders. The Coffee Groundz, a small coffee shop in Houston, allows customers to order via Twitter. The shop states on its Web site the idea happened through an incident when a customer asked via Twitter if he could

make an order. Since then, the new era of food ordering began.

But how do businesses connect with customers? Twitter users tag or reply to businesses with an "@" sign. The tag is then shown on the business' account.

Businesses tweet coupons, store specials and other news about themselves. The ability to "retweet" allows followers to post the same status on their accounts. Retweeting is a valuable key businesses use to find new customers.

It also is valuable to networks and publications. For example, the day Texas Tech announced Leach was fired, Twitter lit up in Leach news. Users were tweeting and retweeting news updates, pictures and opinions. There was so much talk throughout the nation Leach became a trending topic on Twitter for almost the whole day.

Trending topics are the most mentioned terms on Twitter at the moment. There are 10 trending topics updated continually and users can contribute to them by marking a "#" in front of the word of interest.

Businesses, networks, publications and celebrities all hope to land a spot as a trending topic.

I too try and make trending topics. There also are many instances where I am a participant. Because of my strong belief in Twitter as a media outlet, I usually do not update my Twitter unless I have something of interest to say or tag. I challenge other users to do the same.

Users should embrace Twitter as a media outlet instead of a diary about themselves. I would appreciate it and more importantly your followers will too. Also I encourage users to begin following businesses because both you and it will benefit from it.

So, if you are ever second guessing your Twitter status consider Twitter's question, "What's happening?" Because I would like to know what is happening in the news, business and celebrity world; instead of knowing you're guilty about eating that cookie.

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Make this decade memorable

Happy New Year! Can you believe we made it through that crazy year? Never mind the fact that it was an even more eventful decade.

That's right ladies and gentlemen; we're all exactly 10 years older than we were Jan. 14, 2000. I know, I know, for some that isn't exactly what you want to hear as you ring in the new year, but hey, with all the mind-blowing technological advances we've made during the last decade, who's to say you won't be the proud owner of a time machine this coming decade?

OK, so that probably won't happen, but is life what you thought it would be by now?

We've gone from worldwide fascination with text messaging to Web sites dedicated to disgruntled Blackberry users whose lives all but dismantle when an outage strikes. I won't lie, I've been a victim. It's not fun.

Do you remember when you had to wait until 9 p.m. to talk for free? Now, there are circles. It doesn't matter the carrier or time of day; you can talk to Elvis as long as he's in your circle.

If that doesn't tell you how far we've come, wait until you hear this. Through those peer-pressure-filled years of middle school and high school, among the many lessons that parents try to relay to their children is this: Money can't buy friends. Turns out they were wrong. If you sign up with Verizon, you get an entire network for as little as \$39.99. Incredible, I know.

With all that we could say about cell phone advancements alone, don't forget about all of the other things we'll never forget from these past 10 years. Just as DVD players edged out VHS players, so too shall we watch the Blu-ray disc player triumph over its most relevant competition.

We witnessed the Pearl Harbor of our time, as the devastation of 9/11 touched us all. Brett Favre retired, came back, retired and came back again. The state of our economy faltered terribly, the

Shay Irby



King of Pop joined the King of Rock, and we learned that 2001 would not mean the end of the world.

What will you remember? Will it be Anna Nicole's death or the birth of the Gosselin eight? Will it be the election of President Barack Obama or the announcement of Oprah Winfrey's retirement from daytime television? Perhaps as members of Raider Nation, what you'll remember most is where you were when word came that coach Mike Leach would no longer be leading this pirate ship.

Regardless of what side you find yourself on in that controversy, I'm sure we all stopped and reflected on the past while hoping for a better future. At least it made me think. We often move into a new year and make resolutions with all intentions of keeping them, but many times we never make it through the first few months without failing miserably.

I'm sure some are very successful at holding up their ends of the bargain, but if you're like me, you've already broken at least one of the many resolutions you set for yourself in hopes of fulfilling at least one.

When I thought about it, two things stood out. Either I'm extremely unmotivated or the resolutions I'm setting are trivial at best. What's the point of making a resolution if breaking it means little of nothing?

As beneficial or cool as it might be for me to achieve my goal of no red meat for a year, I'm not sure it's overly important to me. Not to mention it's highly unlikely with Texas Land & Cattle right up the road and probably pretty pointless if I'm only doing it for the year.

So I decided to take my resolution for the new year and make it a resolution for my life. I also thought it fitting to decide on something that would cause disappointment and/or have consequence if by chance I fail.

So in addition to vowing to workout more this year, I've also decided to wake up each day with the clear goal of being better than I was the day before. Whether that means saying an extra prayer some days or simply learning a new word others, it's my plan.

As we look to next year and the years to come, let's remember and learn from our past so that we enhance our future. Let's set resolutions that matter and will stick with us each year of this new decade. In 2020, when we reflect on yet another decade passed, I hope we're all better than the one before.

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16 Guinness of "Star Wars"
17 Hackneyed line
20 Love, in 1-Across
21 Heros
22 Male delivery
23 Frothy fountain drinks
26 Green soldier
28 Unwanted kitchen visitor
29 Killed, in a way
31 River in NW France
32 MA and PA
33 Bakery worker with a gun
34 Spirited equine
35 Chowder base
38 "mélange": Louis XV
41 New Rochelle, NY, college
42 "Pygmalion" monogram
45 1975 A.L. MVP and Rookie of the Year — Lynn
46 "The evil that men do lives after them" speaker
48 Brutally harsh
49 _____ stone
51 How architects draw
53 Rear admiral's rear
54 Crimson Tide, briefly
56 "Flip This House" network
57 Summertime cosmetic mishap
61 Hall of Famer Slaughter
62 Book from which the film "What's Love Got to Do With It" was adapted
63 Netman Nastase
64 Posted

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7 Singletons
8 Come of age
9 Like many lobster eaters
10 Galoot
11 Sense of completeness
12 Sandra Bullock role, e.g.
13 Like some candles
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By Ed Sessa 1/14/10

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Class plans to spend spring break in Vegas

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
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Rather than hitting the beaches of Mexico or taking a trip home, 21 students will spend their spring break learning about the inner workings of some of the largest corporations in Las Vegas.

Kelly Phelan joined the Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing in the fall of 2008 after spending eight years working with Caesars Entertainment as a director of conventions and events. Phelan said she wanted to give Texas Tech students a chance to see and experience another side of Las Vegas.

"We'll be doing a number of tours of the front and back of the house," Phelan said. "We'll be seeing the kitchens that they use, the eye in the sky, the securities of some of the different casinos and meet with a lot of the different industry executives of to give the students their perspective of what they do."

Having a variety of field site classes gives students another way to learn and presents opportunities students can't get in a classroom, Phelan said. This type of program hosted by Tech and other universities helps keep the schools competitive.

"(We want) to give our students the chance to see the way things work in other areas of the country," Phelan said. "They have a lot of their lab classes here in Lubbock, but Vegas is a very different animal. We wanted to choose something that is so different and expose them to another area of the country."

Before leaving, students will have class every week to prepare for their trip. The class will explain the inner workings and operating structures of hotels, casinos and restaurants in Las Vegas.



LAS VEGAS, KNOWN for its hotels and casinos, will be the spring break destination for more than 20 Texas Tech students who are taking a restaurant, hotel and institutional management class this semester.

"We will be meeting once a week before and after our trip to Las Vegas discussing what we will be doing, who we will be meeting with, and learning the ins and outs of Las Vegas," said Mindy Galloway, a senior business management major from Granbury. "Once we come back from our trip, we will mainly talk about what we did on the trip and how we can apply it to the real world."

This opportunity means more than just a trip to Las Vegas with tours around different casinos and hotels, said Steven Elizardo, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Brownfield.

"It is a chance of a lifetime unless you work in the industry," Elizardo said. "How many people will say they got to see behind the scenes at Caesars Palace or the Bellagio hotel in Vegas."

Although they will be in Las Vegas, the students will not be on vacation. Phelan said the group will have plenty of free time to enjoy their

stay, but also have a lot of work to do. All the tours and events will be mandatory and beneficial.

Other than learning about the inner workings of the industry, Phelan said she believes the trip will give students a chance to make connections and network with people in the industry they are studying.

"I am looking forward to networking, lining myself up with potential people I could possibly talk with about getting a career with once I graduate in May," Galloway said. "Also, I think it will be a great learning experience for me and let me be one step ahead of my competitors once I get ready to find a career."

Students have until Jan. 15 to interview for the class. Phelan capped the class size at 26 students, leaving only five open spots. She wants all students to do a quick interview to make sure the class pertains to their majors and they will benefit from the experience.

"The interesting thing about thing about this course is that they'll get to see the side of Vegas that most people don't get to see because when you go there as a tourist, you see what is going on in the front of the house but you don't understand what is going on in the back," Phelan said. "You don't get to see how many people it takes and the problems that occur, and that is the real benefit of this class."

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Tablets, TVs and gotta-have technologies dominate CES

Having just wrapped up Sunday, this year's International Consumer Electronics Show (more commonly known as CES) is still fresh in the minds of the event's attendees while the regret of not going lingers in those who could only experience the annual Las Vegas trade show through online means. However, that shouldn't stop anyone from being excited for upcoming tech and gadgets at the 2010 iteration of CES.

This year's show was largely dominated by 3-D braggadocio, tablet devices and a veritable deluge of e-readers clearly aimed at overwhelming the simple consumer. Panasonic also tried to pass off a disgustingly gigantic piece of technology as a 152-inch 3D HDTV that is most likely actually one of Arthur C. Clarke's Space Odyssey monoliths. Anyway, here are the highlights of CES 2010.

Best 3-D showcase — You might think this would easily go to the aforementioned Panasonic behemoth, but no dice. Instead, the best piece of 3-D technology at CES was Intel's glasses-free 3-D HDTV. It may not be true HD (i.e. not quite 720p), it may only work with very specific positioning, and it may only work with specifically formatted footage, but that's not the point. The point is this 3-D doesn't require glasses, and that beats any glasses-based solution.

Best e-reader technology — Notice this is not "best e-reader," but rather best technology that powers these popular bookworm devices. If this was the former, this category would be all about Spring Design's Alex (it has two screens) or the ridiculously large Skiff Reader and its progressive Skiff Store. The most promising e-reader technology at CES, however, was

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the Pixel Qi display. Even though it's just a screen and not a total e-reader, the fact it smoothly runs video in both its full-color LCD mode and power-saving monochromatic mode is too impressive to ignore.

Best tablet device — This category goes undoubtedly to the Notion Ink Adam (sorry, Lenovo, but your IdeaPad U1 Hybrid was a close second). The Adam will run on NVIDIA's dual-core Tegra 2 ARM9 CPU and will actually use the previously mentioned Pixel Qi screen. It's capable of 1080p playback on its 10.1-inch capacitive touchscreen, which will also support multi-touch capabilities with its customized version of the Android OS. Combine this with the fact it has HDMI out, a 3-megapixel camera, 3G and Wi-Fi connectivity, and the ability to support multiple e-book formats all in a 14-millimeter shell, and Notion Ink has one compelling piece of technology.

Most dubious return of dead technology — Have you heard of China Blue HD? Chances are you haven't, even though it's three times bigger than Blu-ray in China, CBHD's country of origin. Though this "lead" is largely unconfirmed, that doesn't mean CBHD isn't a serious contender in the reignited HD format war. It's backed by Warner Bros., Universal Studios and Paramount (among others). Anyway, to get back to the category, at TCL's booth was a CBHD player, and among the various formats supported by the deck, one logo stuck out like a sore thumb: HD DVD. Get

to the trenches, Blu-ray, because this war isn't over.

Most transparent gadget — An odd category for sure, but it does give reason to bring up Samsung's ridiculous Mobile Display 14-inch notebook. It's just a prototype and doesn't have a release date or price yet, but it does have a 40 percent transparent OLED screen that allows the user (and everyone else, for that matter) to see straight through the notebook to whatever lies beyond. There's no real justification for this technology to exist other than because it can, though that shouldn't stop you from wanting one.

Best keynote — This may be a bit biased due to its video game nature, but Microsoft had the most intriguing keynote of this year's CES, even though the most interesting bit of information was leaked out before the keynote even began in the form of their upcoming "Game Room" service.

Game Room is being called a "place to relive the glory days of arcade games" and will eventually house more than 1,000 retro game titles during the course of the next three years, including Centipede, Lunar Lander, Pitfall and more. The price scheme is also somewhat interesting in that players can either purchase full games for 240-400 Microsoft Points or go full retro and pay by the game at 40 Microsoft Points per game credit. The Game Room is due out this spring on both the 360 and the PC.

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Los Angeles County prosecutors charge woman in celebrity burglaries

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman suspected of being the mastermind behind a series of break-ins at the homes of Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan has been charged with felony burglary and receiving stolen property.

Rachel Lee, 19, was charged Wednesday. She joins five other young men and women charged with burglaries at the homes of celebrities including Orlando

Bloom, Rachel Bilson, Ashley Tisdale, Megan Fox and Audrina Patridge.

Lee turned herself in Wednesday afternoon and was quickly released after posting \$150,000 bail, jail records showed.

She is charged with the burglaries at the Hollywood Hills homes of Hilton, Lohan and Patridge. She was arrested in October in Las Vegas, where she lives. Los

Angeles County prosecutors initially declined to press charges against her, instead asking police for more investigation.

Lee and Nicholas Prugo, who faces seven counts of first-degree burglary, have been accused by authorities of spearheading the burglaries. Prugo told police that Lee often suggested celebrities whose homes they should target and he would search the Internet for more information,

according to a search warrant obtained in Nevada.

Attempts to reach Lee were unsuccessful and jail records did not list whether she has an attorney. An arraignment date for her has not been set. Criminal charges have not been filed against Lee in Las Vegas, Clark County courts spokesman Michael Sommermeyer said.

Doctors give injured woman new windpipe

LONDON (AP) — For more than 2½ years, Linda De Croock lived with constant pain from a car accident that smashed her windpipe.

Today, she has a new one after surgeons implanted the windpipe from a dead man into her arm, where it grew new tissue before being transplanted into her throat. The way doctors trained her body to accept donor tissue could yield new methods of growing or nurturing organs within patients, experts say.

The technique sounds like science

fiction, but De Croock says it has transformed her life. She no longer takes anti-rejection drugs.

"Life before my transplant was becoming less livable all the time, with continual pain and jabbing and pricking in my throat and windpipe," the 54-year-old Belgian told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Doctors at Belgium's University Hospital Leuven implanted the donor windpipe in De Croock's arm as a first step in getting her body to accept the organ and to restart its blood supply.

About 10 months later, when enough tissue had grown around it to let her stop taking the drugs, the windpipe was transferred to its proper place. Details of the case are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"This is a major step forward for trachea transplantation," said Dr. Pierre Delaere, the surgeon who led the team that treated De Croock.

For years, De Croock lived with the pain and discomfort of having two metal stents propping open her windpipe. She went looking for doctors who might be able to help her and found Delaere on the Internet.

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Moore, Sadler to stay on Tech coaching staff

Texas Tech officially announced coaching staff changes to the football team late Wednesday.

New Tech coach Tommy Tuberville will keep offensive line coach Matt Moore and defensive line coach Charlie Sadler in the same positions.

Graduate assistants Duane Price and Sonny Cumbie also will keep their same positions.

Wide receivers coach Dennis Simmons will stay with the Tech Athletics Department, but his specific position is unknown.

The changes mean inside receivers coach Lincoln Riley, defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill, cornerbacks coach Brian Mitchell, safeties coach Carlos Mainord, running backs coach Clay McGuire and special teams coach Eric Russell are no longer with the team.

As previously reported, Troy offensive coordinator Neal Brown will call plays for Tech next season.

Coming off a national championship, Alabama linebackers and associate head coach James Willis is projected to be Tech's new defensive coordinator. Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers said Wednesday that Willis is visiting Lubbock, but nothing is official yet.

Brown's spread offense at Troy and Tuberville's desire to keep the high-profile offense the program is associated with helped lead to the hire at offensive coordinator.

"Neal is an excellent young coach and his offensive philosophy fits perfectly here at Texas Tech," Tuberville said in a press release. "We are going to keep the Air Raid offense alive and well and Neal's credentials certainly back that up. He understands this system in and out and has had great success with it at Troy and is excited about coming to Texas Tech and the Big 12 Conference."

Brown will be officially introduced to the media at 3 p.m. today.

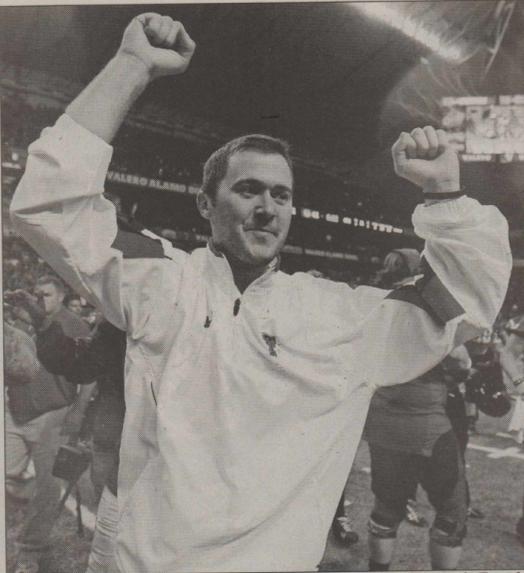


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FORMER INSIDE RECEIVERS coach Lincoln Riley celebrates a 41-31 win against Michigan State in the Valero Alamo Bowl on Jan. 2 in which he served as offensive coordinator after the firing of coach Mike Leach. Riley, along with several other coaches, was not retained by newly hired football coach Tommy Tuberville.

The coaches left off the staff were important parts of some of the most successful years at Tech, most notably McNeill and Riley.

McNeill was named interim head coach after Mike Leach was fired on Dec. 30, 2009 — three days before the Valero Alamo Bowl. Riley was named offensive coordinator for the bowl game.

The two coached the Red Raiders to a 41-31 win against Michigan State, despite the heightened attention the team received after Leach was suspended on Dec. 28.

Numerous attempts to contact McNeill were unanswered as of Wednesday night.

McGuire had just become running backs coach this season after switching from special teams coach. That position was reserved for Russell, who was in his first season at Tech.

Simmons is credited with helping develop Tech standout and first round NFL Draft pick Michael Crabtree, among other receivers.

Mainord and Mitchell coached arguably two of the best defensive backs in school history in Darcel McBath and Jamar Wall, respectively. Being involved in coaching since 1966, Mainord reportedly is retiring.

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Tuberville will handle business

Tommy Tuberville has done some pretty good work when it comes to cleaning up football programs in disarray.

He inherited, literally, a Rebel team when he took over at Ole Miss in 1995. He never had a full allotment of scholarship players in any of his four years because of NCAA sanctions and probations. Yet he still went 25-20 and snagged a SEC Coach of the Year award.

Then at Auburn he turned a 3-8 doormat of a team into a champion. He led them to a 13-0 season, won the SEC and eventually the Sugar Bowl. I could go into more of his accolades while there but you get the picture already.

Fortunately for him, Texas Tech is not one of those programs, but that doesn't mean it's going to be a simple transition.

Tech has won 29 games in the last three seasons and pulled in its best recruiting classes during that span. It's the third winningest program in Big 12 Conference history with a record of 16 straight bowl-eligible seasons.

So turning the school into a winning program isn't the problem. However he is expected to take Tech to "the next level," as he put it. So that's pressure for him to win the Big 12 Championship and reach a BCS bowl. Former coach Mike Leach, who was fired three weeks ago for insubordination and his treatment of injured receiver Adam James, felt that same pressure. So that's really nothing new.

But I'm talking more of the big picture. Not just on the field. I'm not talking classroom either. Tech is one of the best in the nation from that standpoint, which, along with a well-oiled passing attack, is a reputation Leach helped build at Tech.

Tuberville's biggest task is more along the lines of having the envious job of piecing together a family that was ripped apart while a pissed off fan base criticizes

Alex Ybarra



his every move. He has to keep his team focused from not getting sucked into the messy legal battle between Tech and Leach's attorneys, which hit another level on Tuesday with more details being released.

And whether it's about wanting the truth or mourning Leach, the Facebook group Team Leach — with more than 60,000 members — presents a part of the fan base Tuberville needs to win over.

That's why succeeding at Tech is his toughest situation to date.

Of course, battling for recruits against Oklahoma and Texas doesn't make it any easier and I'm sure he'll get a taste of what that's like.

But when Mike Leach was fired and interim head coach Ruffin McNeill took over, I saw a football team come together in the days leading up to the Alamo Bowl.

Credit to McNeill, who I thought should have been the next coach. Anyone who can handle that situation (constant media pushing and pulling cogs of the program) deserves to be a head coach.

Players thought so. Fans thought so. Hopefully some other university thinks so.

But Tuberville is already making waves as head coach, picking up Neal Brown from Troy as Tech's offensive coordinator. Brown may be only 29-years-old, but he called plays for an offense that averaged 485.7 yards per game this year — third nationally.

Brown runs the ball more than Leach's

spread, which is what Tuberville was probably referring to when he said a few "wrinkles" would be added. Somewhere Tech running backs Baron Batch and Eric Stephens are smiling.

Defensively, Tuberville will be just fine, even without McNeill. If he lands Alabama assistant coach James Willis — who is known as an excellent recruiter — as defensive coordinator, then even better recruits will attend Tech to play defense.

He's got to keep the 2009 recruiting class in line though. On the offensive side of the ball, that'll be difficult without receivers coach Lincoln Riley, who was a star recruiter. Riley was among the handful of assistant coaches let go on Wednesday. Tuberville and Brown have some work to do in keeping recruits comfortable.

But this will be Tuberville's toughest job as a salesman. He said he'll be out selling the program for the next six months, and with all the moving around within the staff, the success of his every move will be pretty transparent.

With that in mind, it's imperative that Tuberville win immediately. It will take time for people to get over the betrayal they feel from the administration, and that's understandable. But Tuberville can play a role in speeding that process up.

And I believe he will not miss a beat with this team. His hires so far have been solid and who's not to say the coaches who are no longer with the staff aren't being replaced by coaches just as capable?

Firstly, his salesmanship skills will be tested. Once he gets everyone on the same page, fans will follow suit.

Because we all know that winning solves a lot of problems.

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Cowboys' Barber misses practice

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys coach Wade Phillips has a good reason to believe running back Marion Barber will do everything possible to overcome a knee injury in time to play a second-round playoff game in Minnesota.

"He's been mad at me the last two years because I didn't let him play in the preseason game there," Phillips said, chuckling. "So I know he wants

to play there just from that."

Barber has never played in his home state as a pro, and the high stakes of Sunday's game are further incentive. However, he is dealing with a sore left knee that limited him to three carries this past weekend and forced him to miss practice Wednesday. He was the only Dallas player unable to participate.

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Tech basketball falls to Mizzou in overtime

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight had a message for his players and fans following a 94-89 overtime loss against Missouri Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

Do not give up on the Red Raiders yet.

"I like this team," Knight said. "I think they've got a lot of wins left in them. I hope the fans appreciate how hard they're working and don't give up on us just because we're not off to the start we like."

Wednesday's loss dropped Tech to 12-4 on the season, but more importantly, 0-2 in Big 12 Conference play. And it's before a date with No. 3 Kansas on Saturday.

Tech players were unavailable for comment after the game.

The game could have turned out much differently. In a game that saw nine lead changes, free throws doomed the Red Raiders.

Tech shot 15-of-26 from the free-throw line in regulation, just 62.5 percent. The free throw woes continued in overtime with the Red Raiders making just 2-of-5 free throws.

Trailing 90-89 with 20 seconds left in overtime, Nick Okorie missed back-to-back free throws. With Mizzou already in the double bonus, Tech had to foul Mizzou's Michael Dixon to ensure another possession.

Dixon, a true freshman, hit both free throws and gave the Tigers a 92-89 lead.

Mike Singletary missed a 3-point attempt in the final seconds of overtime and Mizzou iced its victory with two more Dixon free throws.

"Sometimes it takes a situation like this where you actually lose a game because of free throws to make them take it more seriously, I guess," Knight said. "We just have to shoot more (in practice)."

Despite Tech's free throw problems, the Red Raiders made a late, second-half rally to force overtime.

Tech trailed by as much as 11 points in the final five minutes. The comeback

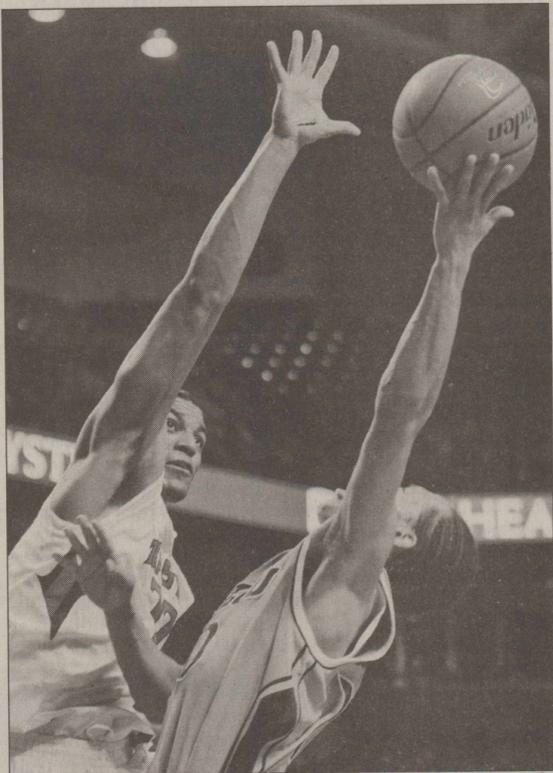


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary guards the shot of Missouri guard Michael Dixon, Jr. during the Red Raiders' 94-89 overtime loss to the Tigers on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

culminated in the last minute of regulation with Tech trailing 74-66.

With exactly one minute left on the clock, Brad Reese hit a 3-pointer to cut Mizzou's lead to five points, and 10 seconds later he hit a second 3-pointer after the Red Raiders stole the Tigers' inbounds pass.

With the Tigers already in the double bonus, Tech entered foul mode and the Tigers hit 3-of-4 free throws to extend their lead to 77-72.

However, Nick Okorie responded with a 3-pointer Tech's next time down the

floor to cut Mizzou's lead to 77-75. After Mizzou inbounded the ball, Okorie fouled Kim English to stop the clock.

English made both free throws and Tech again trailed 79-75, but Mike Singletary scored on a layup. With less than 20 seconds remaining in regulation, Singletary got a steal and John Roberson was fouled by English.

Roberson hit on both of his free throws to tie the game at 79 with less than 16 seconds remaining and Mizzou failed to score on a last-second shot.

The victory gave Mizzou (14-3, 2-0)



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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Brad Reese struggles to shoot over Missouri forward Justin Safford during the Red Raiders' 94-89 overtime loss to the Tigers on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

its first road win of the season, and it came under difficult circumstances. Entering the game, Big 12 teams were

114-1 at home.

"Every game in conference play is big," Mizzou coach Mike Anderson said.

"If you can steal one on the road, that's huge, and we did that tonight."

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