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## SGA re-evaluating impeachment process

By JOEANN BON-JORNO  
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The Texas Tech student senate is taking a closer look at how the senate handles impeachment after senators voted to not impeach Sen. Jordan Dyer at the last senate meeting Thursday.

Sarah Saunders, president of the student senate, said Dyer is the first senator to go up for impeachment this year.

She said several changes have been made this year in how the senate handles impeachments: Those up for impeachment leave the senate room during voting, senators use clickers to vote so no one knows how another person voted, and senators found not fulfilling their duties will be called

by Saunders to have a "step up or step down" talk in her office.

"If a senator was not fulfilling duties I would have them come to my office," Saunders said, "and I would basically tell them to step up and fulfill their duties or step down."

She said six senators have stepped down as a result of these talks.

"They stepped down," Saunders said, "because they didn't want to go through the process of impeachment."

She said in the recent situation with Dyer, she did not have the chance to have one of those



SAUNDERS

talks with him before his impeachment process.

"I feel like it's partly my fault," Saunders said. "With the holidays and everything I just didn't have enough time to talk to him before."

According to the Tech Student Government Association Web site, the Rules and Administration Committee is responsible for preserving the ideals of the student senate as defined by the constitution and to enforce the rules of the senate. Members meet on a biweekly basis to review absences and all legislation prior to its introduction to the student senate.



HOWELL

Sen. Eric Howell, a member of committee, said he thinks some senators are not taking the rules as seriously as officers would like.

"Our job is to enforce the rules," Howell said.

According to the student senate absence policy, illness, class, wedding, funeral or academic leaves are excused absences and require proof such as a doctor's note to be excused.

Fraternity or sorority events, homecoming events and organization retreats are not excused.

All senators are required to complete two office hours between each senate meeting. If the hours are not completed, it counts as an unexcused absence.

Senators also are required to turn in an ab-

sentee form to the committee the Monday before the meeting they will not be attending.

Erica Griffin, journal clerk for the senate, said the absentee forms senators turn in include name, date of meeting they will miss and reasons for missing.

Griffin said she checks attendance at senate meetings and if a senator is absent and has not turned in an absentee form, he or she will be called to a subpoena by the Rules and Administration Committee. She said at a subpoena the senators attend a rules and administration meeting and explain why they did not turn in an absentee form and then the committee determines if the absence will be excused or not.

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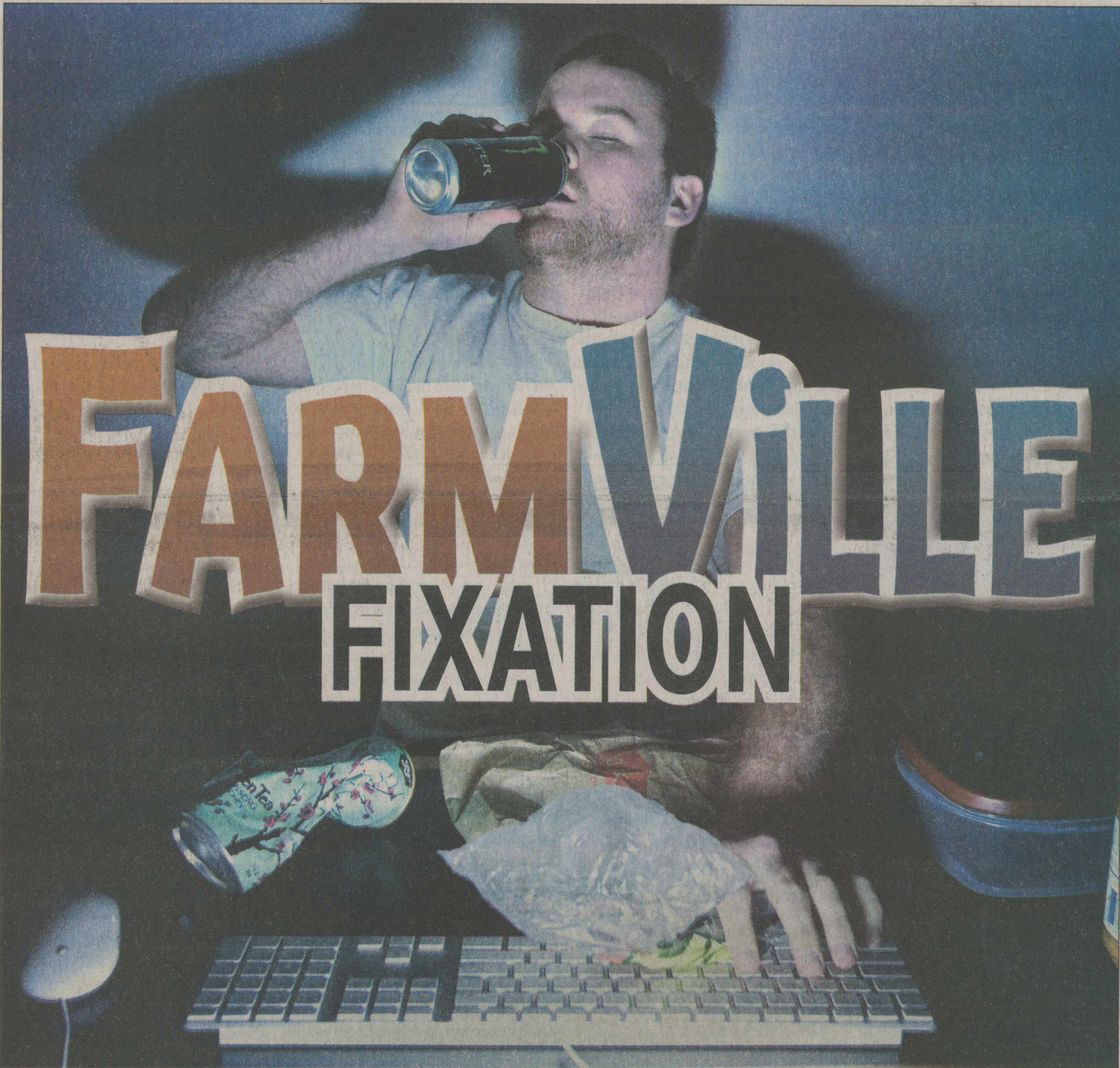


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## Students, professors divided on Facebook trend

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

With today's technology taking over means of communication, another advancement has caused a frenzy in the Facebook world: Farmville.

Farmville is an application on Facebook that lets the user create a farm, which includes an avatar farmer that can be personalized to look however one wishes. The point of Farmville is harvest virtual crops and raise animals.

Many people have become players of Farmville, including Brandon Segrest, a sophomore business management major from Sachse, and Emily Spurgin, a sophomore business marketing major from Dallas. Farmville farmers all have the same goal: advancing to the next level. Having a lot of neighbors helps in the advancement process.

"I have 75 Facebook friends who are on Farmville," Segrest said. "I've got my roommates to be a part of it, too."

Sam Bradley, an advertising assistant professor who has taught Sex and Violence in the Media as well as Advertising and the Consumer

courses, said he believes the addiction to social networking shows the general isolation of our society.

"There has been a restructuring of life around these mass media," he said. "People are being cut off from each other in their real lives."

Bradley said Farmville is illusive, giving its users the feeling of a social connection without really providing one.

"There is a real social nature to it," he said, "but yet, it's not really social."

Although Farmville may be popular to many, it is not loved by all. Stephanie Grissom, a sophomore psychology major from Richardson, said she finds Farmville annoying.

"People are playing a fake life and they are obsessed with it," she said. "I get requests to join, and I just keep declining."

For some people who have yet to jump on the Farmville bandwagon, it isn't annoyance that keeps them away; it is the fear of becoming addicted. Stacia Chavarria, a sophomore journalism major from Colleyville, said she wouldn't want to lose her free time to Farmville.

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## Conference considers Tech as possible host

By KELSEY HECKEL  
STAFF WRITER

The Society of Environmental Journalists hosted a panel meeting in the International Cultural Center last week to discuss the possibilities of using Texas Tech as a host school for the annual SEJ conference.

The decision of where to hold the conference is still undecided, said SEJ President Christy George.

"We still need a formal proposal from Tech and we still need to look at other universities," George said.

Locations for the conference are booked through 2011 at other universities, she said, and the time frame the SEJ is considering Tech for is for the 2012 through 2014 conferences.

"We always try to make a year work," George said. "This isn't so much an elimination thing as it is just finding a time so that everyone can come."

Other members of the SEJ also seemed to like the chance of a conference being held on the Tech campus.

"There seems to be a good knowledge base here," said Don Hopey, SEJ member and writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "I'm very impressed. I think it would be easy enough to draw a good conference around the campus and it still be interesting."

Because of the location of Lubbock and the resources and issues it is surrounded by, Ron Kendall, the director of the Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health, said Lubbock would be a good area to study.

"We are in a national impact area and we are a national impact university," said Kendall, who also founded the institute. "The communication to have the SEJ here went all the way to the president and the provost and they feel we have something to offer internationally and we do."

He said Tech should be a contender for the conference because of what the area offers, including the production of 60 percent of the nation's cotton and one-fourth of the nation's beef supply.

"Lubbock shares some of the same issues from other places around the country and around the world," said Randy Lee Loftis, SEJ member and environmental writer for the Dallas Morning News. "Texas Tech allows us a way to learn about a variety of topics."

If the conference is hosted at Tech in the near future, George said 300 to 400 journalists would come with the addition of 400 people related to the SEJ and others in similar fields.

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RON KENDALL, DIRECTOR of The Institute of Environmental and Human Health, answers a question asked to the panel Friday in the International Cultural Center Hall of Nations.

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**Coast Guard: Vessels in Texas oil spill separated**

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — The Coast Guard used sheets of plastic and skimmers Sunday to contain and clean up a crude oil spill in a southeast Texas port. The spill was contained in a 2-mile area and was not believed to have hurt any local wildlife, the Coast Guard said. The spill happened Saturday when an 800-foot tanker collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges near Port Arthur. The tide lifted the two ships and they separated shortly after midnight Sunday without more oil being spilled, Petty Officer Richard Brahm said. It's still not clear how much oil is

in the water and how much remains in the tanker, Brahm said. A 15-by-8-foot hole in the tanker is near the water line, so plenty of oil could still be in the portion of the vessel under water, he said. The ship's crew members said Saturday they pumped 69,000 barrels from the damaged tank that carried 80,000 barrels, so they have 11,000 barrels — about 450,000 gallons — that they could not account for, Brahm said. Several local officials said only 1,000 barrels, or about 42,000 gallons, of oil had been spilled into the water.

**NATION**

**McCain says campaign finance reform is dead**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain says the movement he led to reform how political campaigns are financed is dead. McCain says the Supreme Court has spoken on the constitutionality of political contributions by corporations. The Arizona Republican had sought to regulate them with a landmark campaign finance law he wrote with Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis. Last week the Supreme Court ruled

that corporations may spend as freely as they like to support or oppose candidates for president and Congress. McCain says there's not much that can be done about campaign financing now. Still, he predicts a backlash over time from voters once they see the amount of money that corporations and unions pour into political campaigns. McCain spoke Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

**WORLD**

**Bin Laden takes credit for Christmas Day attempt**

CAIRO (AP) — Al-Qaida leader Osama Bin Laden issued a new audio message claiming responsibility for the Christmas day bombing attempt in Detroit and vowed further attacks. In a recording carried by the Al-Jazeera Arabic news channel, Bin Laden addressed President Barack Obama saying the attack

was a message like that of Sept. 11 and more attacks against the U.S. would be forthcoming. "The message delivered to you through the plane of the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a confirmation of the previous messages sent by the heroes of the Sept. 11," he said.

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**150,000 Haiti quake victims buried, gov't says**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The truckers filling Haiti's mass graves with bodies reported ever higher numbers: More than 150,000 quake victims have been buried by the government, an official said Sunday. That doesn't count those still under the debris, carried off by relatives or killed in the outlying quake zone. "Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000? 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll?" said the official, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue. Dealing with the living, meanwhile, a global army of aid workers was getting more food into people's hands, but acknowledged falling short. "We wish we could do more, quicker," said U.N. World Food Program chief Josette Sheeran, visiting Port-au-Prince. In the Cite Soleil slum, U.S. soldiers and Brazilian U.N. peace-keeping troops distributed food. Lunie Marcelin, 57, said the hand-outs will help her and six grown children "but it is not enough. We

need more." The Haitian government was urging many of the estimated 600,000 homeless huddled in open areas of Port-au-Prince, a city of 2 million, to look for better shelter with relatives or others in the countryside. Some 200,000 were believed already to have done so, most taking advantage of free government transportation, and others formed a steady stream out of the city on Sunday. International experts searched for sites to erect tent cities for quake refugees on the capital's outskirts, but such short-term solutions were still weeks away, said the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental agency. "We also need tents. There is a shortage of tents," said Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency's chief of mission in Haiti. Their Port-au-Prince warehouse has 10,000 family-size tents, but some 100,000 are needed, he said. The organization has appealed for \$30 million for that and other needs, and has received two-thirds of that so far. In the aftermath of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake, the casualty

estimates have been necessarily tentative. Lassegue told The Associated Press the government's figure of 150,000 buried, from the capital area alone, was reported by CNE, a state company collecting corpses and burying them north of Port-au-Prince. That number would tend to confirm an overall estimate of 200,000 dead reported last week by the European Commission, citing Haitian government sources. The United Nations, meanwhile, was sticking Sunday with an earlier confirmed death toll of at least 111,481, based on recovered bodies. The final casualty estimates, which the European Commission said also include some 250,000 injured, will clearly place the Jan. 12 earthquake among the deadliest natural catastrophes of recent times. That list includes: the 1970 Bangladesh cyclone, believed to have killed 300,000 people; the 1974 northeast China earthquake, which killed at least 242,000 people; and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with 226,000 dead. One who wouldn't die in Port-au-Prince was Wismond Exantus,

who was extricated from the rubble Saturday. He spoke with the AP from his cot in a French field hospital on Sunday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was find a church to give thanks. He spent the 11 days buried in the ruins of a hotel grocery store praying, reciting psalms and sleeping, he said. "I wasn't afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me," he said. With further such rescues highly unlikely so long after the quake, Haiti's government has declared an end to search operations for the living, shifting the focus more than ever to caring for the thousands surviving in squalid, makeshift camps. The World Food Program had delivered about 2 million meals to the needy on Friday, up from 1.2 million on Thursday, Sheeran said. But she acknowledged that much more was needed. "This is the most complex operation WFP has ever launched," she said. The scene Sunday at Cite Soleil, the capital's largest and most notorious slum, showed the need.

**Officials: Suspected US drone crashes in Pakistan**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suspected U.S. drone crashed in Pakistan's lawless tribal area near the Afghan border Sunday, a rare mishap for a program Washington has increasingly relied on to kill Taliban and al-Qaida militants, said intelligence officials and a local resident. Local tribesman in North Waziristan were congratulating each other for shooting down the drone, said resident Saudur Rehman. But the Pakistani army rejected similar claims after a drone crashed in neighboring South Waziristan in 2008, saying it was a technical problem. "I saw that the aircraft was coming down and finally crashed in an open area a distance from me," said Rehman, who indicated he heard

gunfire just before the crash. "Tribesmen are celebrating and congratulating each other for shooting it down." The crash occurred around 6 p.m. in the Hamdhoni area of North Waziristan, some 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) northwest of the main town of Miran Shah, said two intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. North Waziristan is dominated by militant groups that stage cross-border attacks against U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. One of those groups, the Haqqani network, an al-Qaida-linked Afghan Taliban faction, is believed to have helped orchestrate the Dec. 30 suicide bombing at a remote base in Afghanistan that killed seven CIA employees. In the roughly three weeks fol-

lowing the attack, suspected U.S. drones carried out 12 missile strikes in North and South Waziristan, an unprecedented volley since the covert CIA-led program began in earnest in Pakistan two years ago. The strikes are part of a broader trend of President Barack Obama's strategy of relying more heavily on the unmanned aircraft to kill militants in Pakistan than his predecessor. The militants have responded with a wave of killings targeting people they suspect of helping facilitate the drone strikes, including six Pakistani men whose bodies were found in two different areas of North Waziristan on Monday. Pakistani intelligence officials have said at least 30 of their operatives were killed in North Waziristan in 2009, many with notes attached to the bodies

alleging they were U.S. spies. The six bodies found Sunday had similar notes, said intelligence officials and residents. The bodies of five men who had been fatally shot were found on the outskirts of Miran Shah, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media. Authorities found the body of a sixth man who had been beheaded near Mir Ali, another town in the tribal area, said resident Razzaullah Wazir. "This is the fate of American spies," said a note attached to the body written in the local Pashtu language, according to Wazir. The U.S. does not discuss the drone strikes, but officials have said that they have killed senior al-Qaida and Taliban leaders in the country.

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"The conferences are real skill-building opportunities," she said. "We take field trips on the first day of the conference and we cover everything from ranching to cotton to water. We have a lot of national reporters who then can come and cover what is happening in Texas and can relate it to stories about where they are from." George also said reporters that are outside of the environmental beat can gain something from the conference. "I think the environmental beat brings almost everything into it, it's so broad a topic," she said. "It can be from the things that we eat to the water that we drink or even to the air that we breathe, chances are that your covering an environmental story no matter what." George said that the SEJ came to Tech without knowing much about the campus or the area. "We had a similar experience when we went to look to hold a conference at Virginia Tech,"

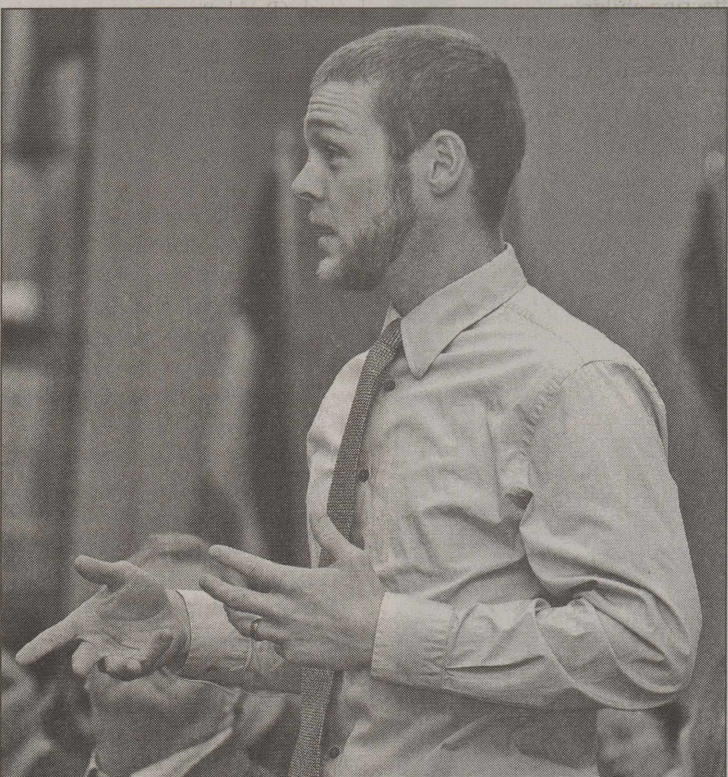


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CURTIS KUKAL, A graduate student in natural resources management from Lubbock, asks the panel a question regarding plant safety and security Friday in the International Cultural Center Hall of Nations. Other schools the SEJ is considering for a conference location include Washington State and the University of Minnesota. >>> kelsey.heckel@ttu.edu

**Wal-Mart cuts about 11,200 Sam's Club staffers**

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Sunday it is cutting about 11,200 jobs at its Sam's Club warehouse division as it outsources in-store product sampling to marketing company Shopper Events in an effort to win more customers and boost lagging sales. The terminations represent about 10 percent of the warehouse club operator's 110,000 staffers across its 600 stores. About 10,000 members of the demonstration department, most part-time workers, were let go. The company also cut its new business membership representative positions, affecting about 2 staffers per store, or

about 1,200 staffers in total. Employees were told the news at mandatory meetings on Sunday morning. "In the club channel, demo sampling events are a very important part of the experience," said Sam's Club CEO Brian Cornell in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "Shopper Events specializes in this area and they can take our sampling program to the next level." Shopper Events, based in Rogers, Ark., currently works with Wal-Mart's namesake stores on in-store demonstrations. Sam's Club is looking to the company to improve sampling in areas such as electronics, personal wellness products and food items to entice shoppers

to spend more. Sam's Club has performed weaker than Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad. Cornell has been working to improve results since taking the helm in early 2009, introducing new store formats, price cuts and offering more variety and more brands of items from take-home meals to baked goods. As consumers eat out less in the shaky economy, Sam's Club has tried to steal customers from grocery chains and rival warehouse stores like Costco Wholesale Corp. by offering more everyday goods like food and health and beauty items and paring its assortment of general merchandise like furniture and clothes.

**SENATE**

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Sen. Ashley Larkin, a committee member, said a subpoena is a warning and does not necessarily mean a senator is going to go up for impeachment. "Subpoenas happen because the committee needs to know where senators were," Larkin said, "and they were not at meetings." She said Dyer was not in attendance at his subpoena and, according to the senate's absence policy, that resulted

in him receiving an additional unexcused absence, which made him eligible to go up for impeachment. Saunders said the date of Dyer's subpoena was Martin Luther King Jr. Day and a lot of people were gone, which made it a sticky situation. Saunders said it is a long process to impeachment and very rarely do people get impeached. The committee provides a report at each senate meeting that states the number of absences each senator has and lists the names of any senators being called to a subpoena along with the time and location of that

**ABSENCE RULES**

- Two unexcused absences
  - Four excused absences
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- subpoena. According to last meeting's committee report, no senators are up for a subpoena that this time. >>> joeann.bon-jorno@ttu.edu

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## Tech chapter hopes to write love on awareness, prevention

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Shirts with the simple logo "To Write Love On Her Arms" can be seen across the nation. For those who know what it means, it inspires hope — but for many, it's just confusing.

To Write Love On Her Arms is a nationwide non-profit that promotes awareness for suicide, self-injury and depression. According to the organization's Web site, the name refers to a young woman who cut insults to herself into her arms and the founders of TWLOHA wanted instead for her to realize how much she was loved.

Last year, the nationwide organization began its U Chapter program, which allows universities with interested students to attend a conference and train to begin local groups. TWLOHA at Texas Tech hopes to "serve as a voice of hope, inspiration and support," according to the chapter's Web site.

Sara Jackson, a sophomore architecture major from Bangs, said she saw the opportunity for the U Chapter online, and with some financial help from the Student Government Association, made it to the conference for training. She is now the president of the Tech chapter of TWLOHA.

Kati Porter, a junior English major from Turkey, is the vice president of Tech's chapter, which she said she is excited

about. She said the first semester went well for the new organization.

"Everything we went through — the paperwork, the conference — it all paid off," Porter said, "Not many discouraging things happened."

TWLOHA at Tech campaigned for votes in the Chase Community Giving contest, which awarded a first-place prize of \$1 million to the nonprofit that could come up with the most votes. TWLOHA came in third, and received \$100,000 for the new IMAlive program. The program will require \$2.5 million for its first year of operation, and is a hot line-style Internet chat system that TWLOHA is creating in partnership with the Kristin Brooks Hope Center, the founders of 1-800-SUICIDE. The program should be ready by the end of Summer 2010, according to the Web site.

"It's less confrontational than a hot line," Jackson said, "It's for anyone, especially people struggling who have nowhere to go."

The system is going to be supported by 1,000 volunteers, who are trained to respond to anyone.

"It will help so many people on so many levels," Porter said.

Although TWLOHA was grateful to come in third in the contest, Porter said misconceptions about the people it serves didn't help the chapter's campaigning.

"People would say that people who

consider suicide or self-harm don't deserve help," Porter said. "They think it's just for attention, but it's a calling out for help. People see it as emo, but we look deeper than a style or phase."

The movement TWLOHA has created of awareness and prevention began with and is popularized primarily by bands. Porter discovered the organization when she saw people in her favorite bands wearing the shirts. She then joined the street team. Music has been part of the nationwide organization since its beginning, and will be a part of TWLOHA at Tech in the spring semester.

"I'm excited," Porter said. "A lot of great things are going to happen."

TWLOHA at Tech will host musicians at a coffee shop as part of the "House Tour" on March 21. The performers will talk about their lyrics and how music is an avenue of expression.

In April, Jamie Tworowski, the founder of TWLOHA will visit Lubbock with a solo musician. Jackson said she expects about 500 people to attend and hear the music and message.

TWLOHA at Tech meets 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building. The first meeting of the semester will take place tonight in front of the Allen Theatre, and all are invited. More information about the group can be found on the chapter's Facebook page.

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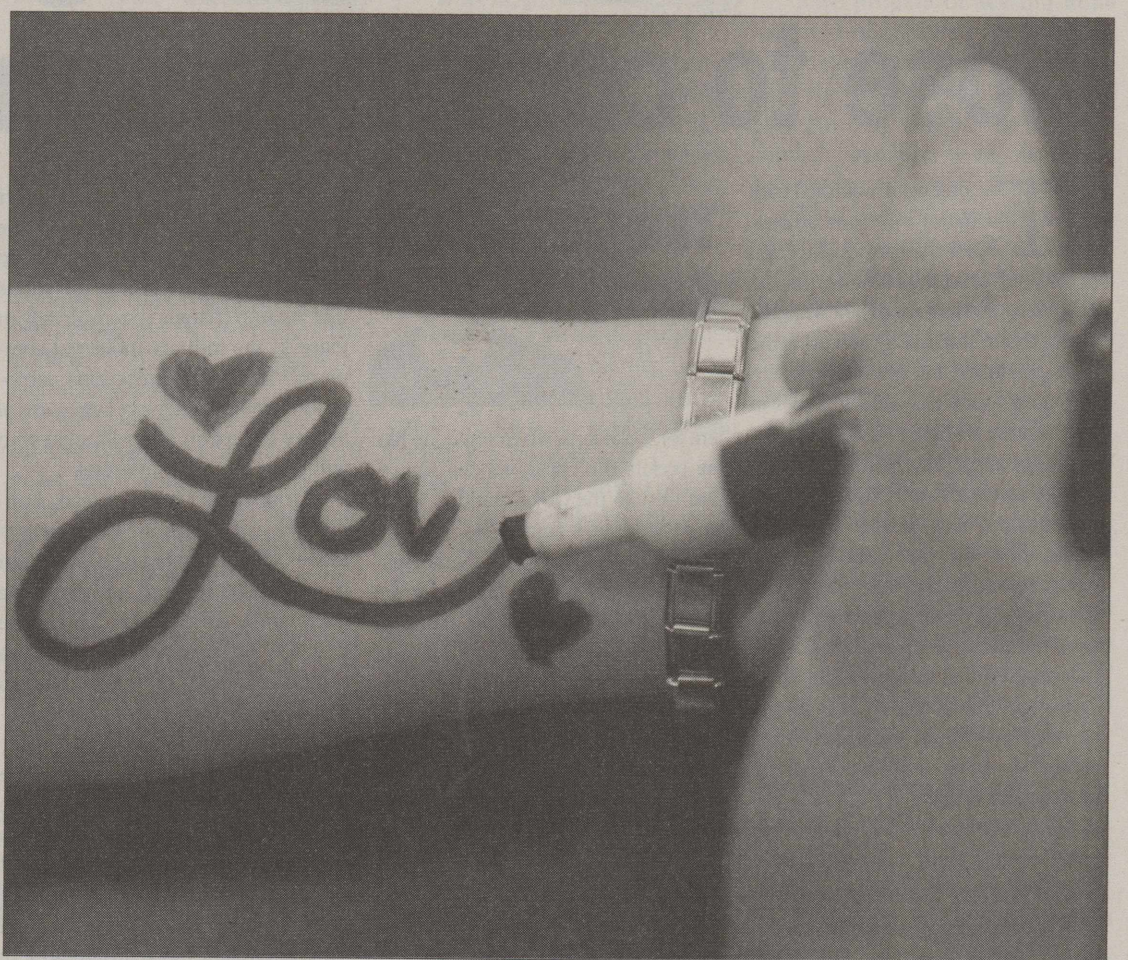


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TEXAS TECH STUDENTS have opened a chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms at the university. The organization whose name the chapter bears was created to raise awareness for suicide, self-injury and depression. An awareness week is recognized in most areas of the country in mid-September.

## 'Avatar' tops box office for sixth-straight week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Cameron's "Avatar" is on a course to sink "Titanic" at the box office.

No. 1 for the sixth-straight weekend with \$36 million, the 20th Century Fox sci-fi spectacle lifted its domestic total to \$552.8 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Avatar" raised its worldwide total to \$1.841 billion. That's \$2 million shy of first place behind Cameron's last movie, the 1997 shipwreck epic "Titanic," at \$1.843 billion.

"It defies all superlatives," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox.

The studio said "Avatar" has hit \$1.29 billion in international ticket sales, passing the \$1.24 billion mark set by "Titanic." The saga set on the alien world of Pandora is also en route to overtake "Titanic"

in domestic sales. After 37 days in theaters, "Avatar" soared past "The Dark Knight" on Saturday to become the second highest grossing film.

"We're witnessing box office history," said Paul Dergarabedian, box office analyst for Hollywood.com. "We're watching all of these big records fall, and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. 'Avatar' is dominating at a time where it has no big summer blockbusters to compete with it. It's perfectly poised to keep breaking all these records."

"Avatar" is also positioned to win acclaim during awards season. While the computer-assisted performances didn't earn any honors at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards, it captured the best drama and director trophies at last week's Golden Globes and is considered

a likely best-picture front runner when Oscar nominations are announced Feb. 2.

Screen Gems' apocalyptic thriller "Legion," featuring Paul Bettany as an Armageddon-fighting fallen angel, debuted behind "Avatar" at No. 2 with \$18.2 million. Fox's family fantasy comedy "Tooth Fairy," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as a hockey player who spreads his wings as a magical deity, took flight in the No. 4 spot with \$14.5 million.

Warner Bros. grabbed the No. 3 position with "The Book of Eli" at \$17 million in its second week, despite three other films debuting in wide release this weekend. The post-apocalyptic action flick stars Denzel Washington as a traveling prophet who battles a villainous gang leader played by Gary Oldman

while protecting the last known Bible.

The medical drama "Extraordinary Measures," the first film from new distributor CBS Films, opened with a disappointing \$7 million in the No. 7 position. The film features Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser as a doctor and businessman who collaborate to develop a drug that will treat a rare genetic disorder affecting children.

"It did well in middle America," said Steven Friedlander, head of distribution for CBS Films. "This is not a shoot-'em-up or fantasy film. It's the true story of people doing courageous things, and it's building good word of mouth. This is the kind of movie that plays well to a family friendly crowd who doesn't need to see the movie the weekend it opens."

## Sawyer on road for much of first month as anchor

NEW YORK (AP) — A month into her new job as "World News" anchor, and Diane Sawyer has piled up enough frequent flier miles to impress even George Clooney's character in "Up in the Air."

Her desire to get out of ABC's New York studio has already set Sawyer apart from her more homebound predecessor, Charles Gibson, who retired in December. She traveled to Copenhagen to interview Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for her first show, and has been to Afghanistan and Haiti.

Monday will be a shuttle flight to Washington to interview President Barack Obama. She'll anchor the broadcast from the capital.

"They have to restrain me," said Sawyer, 64. "I will get on the plane at the drop of a story."

She's giving her first interviews since taking over the broadcast on

Dec. 21, a launch done without fanfare in part because ABC was spooked by expectations raised and dashed surrounding Katie Couric's CBS debut. Sawyer also wanted some time doing the job before talking about it.

Sawyer's tired blue eyes betray the grueling nature of her Kabul to Port-au-Prince trip. She and her team were preparing to leave Afghanistan after several days of reporting on the war when they heard about the Haitian earthquake that has killed more than 200,000 people. She flew into New York and didn't leave the airline terminal, aides passing on replacements to the glasses she lost, BlackBerry she broke and midwinter clothing inappropriate for tropical heat.

From the Dominican Republic, it took two helicopters and a plane to reach Haiti, since airports there were closed.

## Facebook

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"People I worked with would go to the back to get on Farmville, they just didn't care," Chavarria said. "I finally just blocked the application."

Grissom and Chavarria said there are better ways to spend time rather than play on a fake farm.

"It's just sad that part of people's lives is playing on a fake farm," Grissom said.

Because Farmville became so popular, other similar applications on Facebook have sprung up, such as Fishville, Sorority Life and Mafia Wars.

"For a long time it was Oregon Trail, then Mafia Wars," Segrest said. "I was really into Mafia Wars too."

Tom Johnson, the Marshall and Sharleen Formby Regent's Professor of Convergent Media, is an avid Facebook fan, but steers

clear of the addicting applications.

"I try to stay away from Mafia Wars and Farmville," he said. "I use Facebook as a means of staying connected with friends and family."

Johnson said he believes Facebook as a whole can be addicting, not just the games it provides.

"I think almost anything can become an addiction," he said, "Especially for those people who have addictive personalities."

Although it may cause compulsion, Bradley said he understands Facebook's need to draw in more visitors.

"Facebook does these things to make it more addictive, to make it more compulsive," Bradley said. "And we are mediating our lives around the mass media, quite voluntarily."

Segrest and Spurgin said they do not plan to give up on Farmville anytime soon.

"Once you start, it's hard to stop," Spurgin said.

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## 'Pop' icon Bubble Wrap celebrates 50th birthday

SADDLE BROOK, N.J. (AP) — People have walked to the altar dressed in it, protected their garden plants with it, even put it on display at highbrow art museums.

Mostly, they like the sound it makes when they destroy it, piece by piece, which largely explains the appeal of Bubble Wrap, the stress reducer disguised as package cushioning that maintains an inexplicable hold on pop culture.

The product once envisioned as a new type of wallpaper turns 50 this month, and enthusiasts' obsession with it has spawned more than 250 Facebook pages devoted to Bubble Wrap.

Ken Aurichio, communications director for Sealed Air, the Elmwood Park-based company that manufactures Bubble Wrap, thought he'd witnessed every form of Bubble Wrap mania until he received a wedding invitation last year from a woman in Ohio who said she would wear the product on her trip down the aisle.

"I'd never, never met her before," Aurichio said. "She must have gotten my name off the Web site." (No, he didn't attend.)

Like many innovations, Bubble Wrap initially was conceived for an entirely different purpose. According to Aurichio, a New York City designer approached inventors Marc Chavannes and Al Fielding in the

late 1950s with a proposal for creating textured wallpaper.

That idea stalled, but the product the two men had created in a small lab in New Jersey found its niche when, according to company lore, Fielding was flying into Newark Airport and noticed the fluffy clouds that seemed to cushion the plane's descent.

Fifty years later, Sealed Air has global revenues of more than \$4 billion and legions of fans who have come up with myriad uses for Bubble Wrap (It's a wig! It's a mobile home! It's a sleeping bag! It's a flotation device!).

"It seems like every day there's something new," said Rohn Shellenberger, the company's business manager for air cellular products.

Sealed Air's 100,000-square-foot warehouse, just off Interstate 80 about 15 miles west of Manhattan, is an obsessive-compulsive's dream, with row upon row of stacked rolls of Bubble Wrap as big as seven feet in diameter.

The temperature is sweat-inducing, caused by the machines that process millions of granules of resin (one box is labeled "Munchy Resin") into clear plastic sheets at temperatures up to 560 degrees.

Shellenberger pops one myth about Bubble Wrap; namely, that air is injected into all those tiny bubbles. Instead, it is trapped between the sheets after they pass over several rollers, one of which creates the indentations for the bubbles.

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## America getting dangerously close to corporate dominance

The past week was filled with a lot of big news stories. From the earthquake Haiti to the GOP upset in Massachusetts, the news networks have had their work cut out for them. Not actually reporting the news, obviously, but getting people to yell at each other about said issues in between the stories.

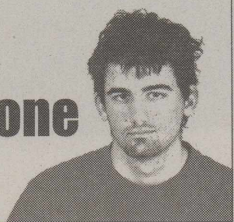
What most average Americans, and, by extension, overworked college students, probably did see was something about an important Supreme Court ruling. It has the potential to be one of the most monumental decisions the court has made. This has the potential to turn into the Dred Scott of this age. One that, in short time, will be overturned, and within the next century could be taught as one of the court's worst decisions.

The court ruled Thursday that government cannot stop corporations from backing a political candidate through money or other support, including ads.

Big corporations already have a stranglehold. Two of the university's most publicized buildings are sponsored by corporations. The United Spirit Arena is named after the supermarket, and the Jones AT&T Stadium for the telecommunications giant. Although they may not be quite as picturesque as the Administration building, they do get more airtime on national TV.

As I write this, I'm sipping blue Powerade from a cup emblazoned with a Coca-Cola bottle outline. With the university's deal with the company, which is no doubt a cash cow for the school, Coca-Cola has the exclusive rights to distribute the drinks across campus. Although this isn't a big prob-

**Tony Cardone**



lem for Coke fans, when someone like me prefers the Pepsi-branded Mountain Dew to the Coke-branded Vault, we're out of luck on campus.

The Conservative, free-market supporters say this is a good thing for the university and its corporate partners. For the most part, I agree. However, this decision by the Supreme Court essentially allows for the same thing to happen to political campaigns. You'll see Senate and presidential candidates no longer pandering to citizens, but to corporations.

As one of the few liberals in the Hub City, it's very frightening, simply because of the way our system works. Compared to working people, corporations are very pro-Republican entities. It's not because they think John Cornyn is a fantastic legislator. It's because the Republican party line, in theory, is a hands-off approach to government.

Rather than tax breaks to individuals, which has occurred most recently in Democrat-controlled Congress, Republicans typically favor tax breaks to businesses. This was a staple of former President Ronald Reagan's administration, but on the opposite end of the spectrum, the Great Depression administration of former President Herbert Hoover also favored this theory.

This, obviously, is very pleasing to

the corporations. They basically get paid money by the government to hire people to work for them. If taken to the fullest extent, however, this works like the iron triangle system already in place in the military-industrial complex. Without the restrictions, corporations would spend very large sums of money to support the politician who will best serve their interests.

If that doesn't work, instead of hiring lobbyists to pressure the representatives, they'll simply hire a lobbyist to run for the office. And, without these restrictions, there's not a big chance that any other candidate will have comparable funds to run. It's hard to envision anything else than the government shifting to the right.

However, the probable shift to the right isn't my biggest concern. It's the impending loss of our republic that is far greater. Although the first part of this piece is largely how I think the corporations have a negative effect on the United States and partially attacks the right wing for supporting them for ages, I think both sides can agree this doesn't improve our country.

Sometimes, the lawyers and scholars of law are too entrenched in the books. They fail to realize although the law may not be crystal clear for or against. If Antonin Scalia were on the Supreme Court in the 1950s, there's a good chance that Brown v. Board would have gone the other way.

Campaign finance laws were designed to protect the government from pressure by these corporations. It wasn't a particularly big deal when the Constitution was written, and Congress since then has had to adapt to the explosion of corporations in

this country. They could enact legislation to counteract this decision again.

None of this would be necessary if not for the poor decision by the Court. The Supreme Court, for good or ill, has a tendency to legislate from their high and mighty throne.

I'm not a legal scholar. As such, I don't believe there is precedence for this decision. The argument, however, could be made that this is impeding on the free speech rights of corporations. If this is true, clearly this court ruling says something far bigger. This ruling essentially gives corporations the rights of citizens. With these rights come responsibilities. Among these are paying a real tax rate and following every law.

Clearly, they shouldn't be given the rights of citizens. However, when five people sit up on their throne in Washington and find some reasoning to allow this, they are essentially green-lighting the corporate funding of our republic.

What, then, do we the people still have? With this ruling, we are losing our own election. If we completely lose our power as electors, it's clear that the United States will no longer be a republic. The United States will become a fascist state, one where the corporations control our economy and government. It's dangerously close already.

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### GUNS UP TO ...

- ✦ ■ **Ruffin McNeill for being named head football coach at East Carolina.**
- ✦ ■ **Texas Tech men's basketball for two Big 12 wins last week.**
- ✦ ■ **Anyone helping with the relief efforts in Haiti.**
- ✦ ■ **Opinions Editor Britton Peele for beating Electronic Media Editor Jon Arnold this week in The Daily Toreador's fantasy hockey league.**

### GUNS DOWN TO ...

- ✦ ■ **Market Street on 50th and Indiana for being sold out of spicy beef Maruchan ramen noodles on Friday.**
- ✦ ■ **NBC for kicking Conan O'Brien off "The Tonight Show."**
- ✦ ■ **"The Office" for trying to pass a highlight reel off as a brand new episode.**
- ✦ ■ **La Vida editor Samantha Hensley for not bringing chocolate chip cookies to the newsroom.**

Have something you want to give a Guns Up or Guns Down to? Submit it at [DailyToreador.com](http://DailyToreador.com)

## Iran unrest 'full-blown human rights crisis'

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's postelection unrest is a "full-blown human rights crisis," a watchdog group said Sunday, calling on Tehran to free government critics detained during the crackdown.

Thousands of peaceful protesters, including students, lawyers and prominent human rights activists have been detained following the June presidential election. That has made Iran's reaction to political dissent "a human rights disaster," New York-based Human Rights Watch said in its annual report on violations and abuses worldwide.

Human Rights deputy Middle East director Joe Stork described the "systematic and brutal targeting" of protesters and government critics by security forces. He said it marked "the worst crackdown" in the Islamic Republic in decades, and called on Tehran to release those who were captured in peaceful protests or otherwise demonstrating their right to free expression.

"Iran's postelection unrest is now a full-blown human rights crisis," Stork said.

He called it "nothing but an attempt to silence voices of dissent."

Iranian officials have acknowledged that at least 30 protesters

died as a result of attacks by the riot police and the hard-line militia group, the Basij. Human Rights Watch believes the death toll is much higher.

The chapter on Iran — one of 15 Middle East countries reviewed in the report — was released in Dubai on Sunday along with findings in Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

In Iraq, human rights conditions remain "particularly poor for the displaced people, religious and ethnic minorities, women and girls and men suspected of homosexual conduct," Samer Muscati, Iraq researcher for Human Rights Watch, told reporters in Dubai.

Civilians remain targets of attacks as the United States starts to withdraw combat forces from Iraq, Muscati said. He mentioned reports of "widespread torture practices" in Iraqi jails as officials struggle to assume responsibility of about 30,000 detainees who currently are in U.S. custody.

Human Rights Watch urged Iraq's government to make sure national elections in March are "free and fair, with full participation of all parties, regardless of their political or sectarian affiliation."

The call comes amid international concern over Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government to ban hundreds of candidates from the ballot because of suspected links to Saddam Hussein's regime.

In the UAE, the human rights situation worsened in 2009, the group said. Migrant workers particularly suffered as the economy — especially in the boomtown of Dubai — dove deep into the red. The report cited tens of thousands of migrant workers who were forced to go home after construction was either halted or canceled.

Some companies have sent home migrant workers on unpaid "leave" as a way to avoid compensation required in their contracts.

Additionally, the report described female domestic workers who remain deprived of wages and food, endure forced confinement and physical or sexual abuse. And it said foreign residents and UAE citizens have been jailed on debt and corruption allegations.

The report also accused UAE and Bahrain authorities of continued harassment of human rights defenders and government critics. It also cited attempts to stifle media that are critical of the official policies in the two Gulf countries.

## No indication of heightened US alarm from new tape

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials on Sunday denounced Osama bin Laden and gave no indication that a new audio message purportedly by the al-Qaida leader had triggered heightened alarm about renewed attacks.

In the tape, which U.S. officials said could not be immediately authenticated, bin Laden claimed responsibility for the plot to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas and threatened more attacks on the U.S.

White House adviser David Axelrod told CNN's "State of the Union" that whatever the source, the message "contains the same hollow justification for the mass slaughter of innocents."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said "nobody's had a chance to authenticate that tape," and he declined comment on whether the U.S. believes bin Laden played any role in the Christmas incident.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Gibbs said, "Everybody in this world understands that this is somebody that has to pop up in our lives over an audio

tape because he's nothing but a cowardly murderous thug and terrorist that will some day — hopefully soon — be brought to justice."

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said there appeared to be no special significance to the bin Laden tape beyond confirming the U.S. view that he remains determined to serve as a "catalyst" for terrorist actions even as he and his senior lieutenants are limited in their ability to plan and direct attacks.

"They offer strategic guidance and rely on their affiliates to carry out that strategic guidance," Crowley said in an interview. The audio tape made public Sunday offers no evidence that bin Laden's relationship with affiliates such as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, based in Yemen, has changed, Crowley said.

"He's trying to continue to appear relevant" by talking up an attempted attack by an affiliate, Crowley added.

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# Adventures in Spain: Missing my fast food

Today we ate lentils. Again. And I won't say that I don't like lentils, but I would prefer to not eat them more than once a week. But such is life.

It has now been two-and-a-half weeks since we all arrived in Seville, Spain, and I think the first phase of being in a foreign country, excitement, has begun to fade. Now reality sets in, and there are tests to take, money to save and no fast-food restaurants open at 2 a.m.

However, do not be mistaken in thinking those are bad things. Adjusting to a different culture can be difficult, but you have to remember things simply are different, and not weird. You can either accept this fact and embrace your new world with open arms, or pout there aren't Taco Bells on every corner open to serve you cinnamon twists after you leave the clubs.

And although I have noticed a shift in my attitude, things are not bad. In fact, I feel more at home here every day.

We had our first test Thursday, and I didn't do half bad. For the sake of modesty, I will not disclose my score, but it was just the pleasant confidence booster I needed. Also, my family said Julianna and I are quick learners. It made us smile. Maybe there is hope for fluency in our future after all.

On Friday, we took our second group trip to Córdoba, Spain. It is such a beautiful city. Its main attraction, if you will, is the Great Mosque of Córdoba. In 785, Muslims controlled the city and began construction on the mosque. It was said that a ruler's power was measured by the size and majesty of his buildings and architecture, and this mosque does not disappoint.

However, in 1236, Christians conquered the Muslims and began a reconstruction effort in the Muslim sanctuary, making it what it is today. In the center of the majestic mosque sits a beautiful chapel with high-domed ceilings made of dark stone, glittering with stained-glass windows.

**Carrie Thornton**



It was gorgeous. However, the floor was made entirely of marble, which is often used for cooling purposes, and by the end of the day I couldn't feel my finger tips.

From the mosque we walked around and visited an old synagogue which had been worn down through the centuries, but still held its original beauty. The city's history is amazing; it still lives in its buildings and streets. Nothing like anything you would see in the United States.

Our mom, Esperanza, packed us each a bocadilla, a sandwich, for the road. It consisted of tortilla de Espana, which is eggs and potatoes fried into a patty, on bread. It was delicious. I ate mine, part of a friend's

and half of a ham sandwich from a friend on the bus. I don't think people realize it, but it adds up when you buy a bag of chips every time we go on an excursion. I limited myself to purchasing a few postcards, and made due

by mooching off of the lunches of my friends. Just kidding, but really, it saves money.

Our tour around Sevilla planned for Saturday was canceled due to more excessive rain. It's becoming a bit ridiculous, because apparently it never rains here. Oh well. I haven't made any more slightly embarrassing language mistakes within the past few days, which is nice. Hopefully I can keep it that way. Dance class begins this week. I am interested to see how this pans out. Until next time.

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# Tech researchers look for weak bones

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Dr. Charles E. Seifert, professor of pharmacy practice and regional dean for Lubbock programs, and Michalea Daggett, pharmacotherapy resident and assistant clinical instructor, have been searching for answers in a recent study as to how and why certain medications cause bone density to drop.

The medications Lexapro, Cefexa, Prozac, Zolof and Luvox contain selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, which work to decrease the amount of serotonin in the brain. These drugs work as anti-depressants for patients, but like any medication, they present different side effects, Daggett said. For this study, the two researchers look at how these prescriptions can have an impact on the bone strength during a period of time.

"The study is about looking at medications, specifically SSRIs and their effects on bone strength," Daggett said.

Previous studies have shown SSRIs taken by people 50 years and older, have a link between the medications and a loss in bone marrow density. Studies have been

completed with old and young adults to determine if the SSRIs have an impact on bone density. The department did a similar study last year with patients 20 to 25 years old and found none of the 50 participants were osteopenic or osteoporotic, but there was a direct effect on their bone density depending on how long they had taken the medicine, Seifert said. The correlation between the amount of time the medicine had been taken and the strength of the patients' bones was fairly high for a clinical correlation.

"We predicted that if they were on the drugs for five-and-a-half years, they would eventually develop osteopenia, and if they were on it for more than eight years, they would develop osteoporosis," Seifert said.

This study focuses on patients between 30 to 40 years old who have been on an SSRI regularly for at least two years. The other studies have shown the SSRIs have an impact on older patients, but this



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study is to determine if the loss of bone density would appear in a younger age group.

"When a patient hits 30 or 40, you would not expect them to have osteopenia, which is like thin bones or osteoporosis, which is an exaggerated form of osteopenia," Daggett said. "We're trying to see if these patients have a decrease in their bone strength."

Because the medications are meant to resolve someone's depression, the study also will evaluate if the depression people are in can have a negative impact on the bones. There is no evident reason for this yet, Daggett said.

"A lot of patients that are depressed, don't have the drive to get up and do things," Daggett said. "They don't do things, they don't exercise as much, they don't do as much physical activity, and physical activity helps build bone strength."

So far, 17 patients have taken part in the study and three of them have been diagnosed with osteope-

nia, Seifert said. Two of the patients did not know about the condition, while the third had taken other medications that caused this.

"But it's sort of panning out that these drugs are significant bone toxins," Seifert said.

The process of testing bone strength takes five to 10 minutes. The researcher cleans the machine and the patient's foot, places one of the patient's feet on the machine and the machine sends ultrasound waves through the heel and ankle.

"We have a heel ultrasound machine — the machine is specifically designed to measure the bone density in your heel and that correlates very, very well with the bone density in your hip," Seifert said. "And so it really does predict bone fragment pretty well."

If a patient is found osteopenic or osteoporotic, the patient is referred to his or her physician for treatment or to get another type of scan, Seifert said.

This study will continue through mid-April and seeks patients to participate in this study between 30 to 40 years old who taken an SSRI for a minimum of two years.

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# 'Inglourious Basterds' wins SAG film award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Bridges of "Crazy Heart" and Sandra Bullock of "The Blind Side" claimed top acting honors at Saturday's Screen Actors Guild Awards, building momentum for possible Academy Awards glory for the two stars.

"I love being an actor — pretending to be other people and getting into the shoes of other folks," said Bridges, who plays a hard-luck, hard-living country singer in the drama.

Although respected by his peers, Bridges has largely been bypassed for major awards. Bullock also got a rare chance to bask in the awards spotlight, winning for her portrayal of a tenacious real-life mom, Leigh Anne Tuohy, who helped a youth in need, future NFL player Michael Oher.

Both Bridges and Bullock had picked up Golden Globes trophies for their roles less than a week ago. Backstage, Bullock refused to speculate on her Oscar chances in

March.

"Shhhhh. Shhhh. Shhhh," she said, repeatedly, to a reporter asking the question.

"I would be a hostess or a waitress or a house restorer before I ever considered myself an actor, because I never thought I was good enough," Bullock added.

In another repeat of the Golden Globes, Christoph Waltz was honored as best supporting actor for his role as an energetically ruthless Nazi in the film "Inglourious Basterds," while Mo'Nique's searing portrayal of an abusive mother in "Precious: Based on the Novel

"Push" by Sapphire," was honored as best supporting actress.

The cast of "Inglourious Basterds," an off-kilter World War II revenge saga from Quentin

Tarantino, won the award for best ensemble performance, a possible sign of the film's Oscar chances for a best-movie nomination and nod for Tarantino.

"It was an honor to be part of it, Quentin," cast member Eli Roth said in accepting the award for the cast.

The cast of AMC's 1960s Madison Avenue saga "Mad Men" won the trophy for best drama series ensemble for the second year in a

row, while 19 cast members of Fox TV newcomer "Glee," about misfits in a high school singing club, accepted the award for best comedy series ensemble.

"Glee" is on a streak: It claimed the best comedy series award at the Golden Globes.

Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey of NBC's "30 Rock" won for best acting in a comedy series, allowing Fey to get in a sly joke about NBC and its bitter late-night battle with Conan O'Brien in her acceptance speech.

"I just wanted to take a moment to say to everyone at NBC, we are very happy with everything, and happy to be there," she said. Both she and Baldwin won the awards last year.

Golden Globe winner Michael C. Hall of Showtime's "Dexter," wearing a cap because of treatment he's receiving for Hodgkin's lymphoma, won best actor in a drama series. The award for best actress in a drama went to Julianna Margulies of CBS' "The Good Wife."

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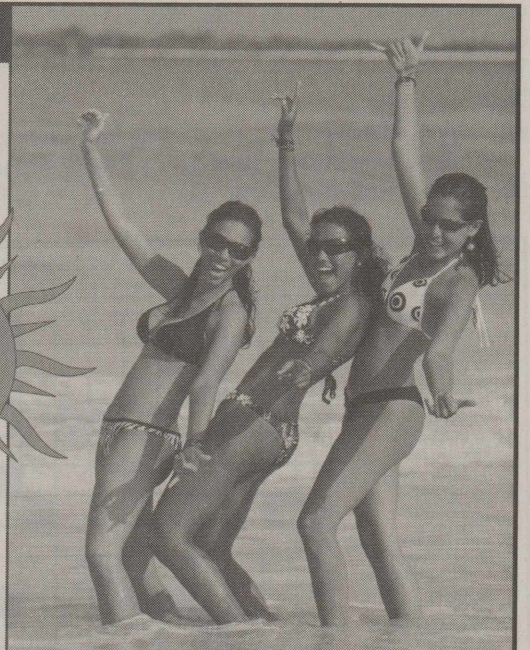
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## Second-half spark pushes Tech past OU

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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There were still 34 ticks left on the clock, but Oklahoma basketball coach Jeff Capel did not want the Sooners stopping the clock with fouls.

Capel watched the Sooners give up 52 second-half points, allowing two big Texas Tech runs on its way to a 75-65 defeat Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Outscoring OU 22-7 in the first nine minutes of the second half allowed Tech to tie and take slim leads in the game's final 11 minutes, and the Red Raiders simply ran away with the game in its final three minutes, with a 10-1 run.

"Congrats to Tech," Sooner coach Jeff Capel said. "They were magnificent in the second half. As good as we were in the first half, we were as bad in the second half. It's tough to win when you allow an opponent to score 52 points in a half."

Tech entered halftime trailing 31-23, but put on a good second-half show for a crowd of 10,408 at the United Spirit Arena.

Sooner guard Tony Crocker began the scoring in the second half with a layup while being fouled by Tech forward Mike Singletary, and after a subsequent made free throw, the OU lead grew to 34-23.

But it was all Red Raiders for the next three minutes as Tech went on a 12-0 run, grabbing its first of six leads in the game.

From that point the Red Raiders and Sooners went toe-to-toe trading leads until about the three-minute mark of the second half. But in the final minutes, the Sooners imploded with several big turnovers on which Tech capitalized.

In total, the Sooners gave up 16 turnovers compared to Tech's eight. Tech and OU gathered 40 rebounds each.

While scoring on just 20-of-31 free throws, Tech scored some big

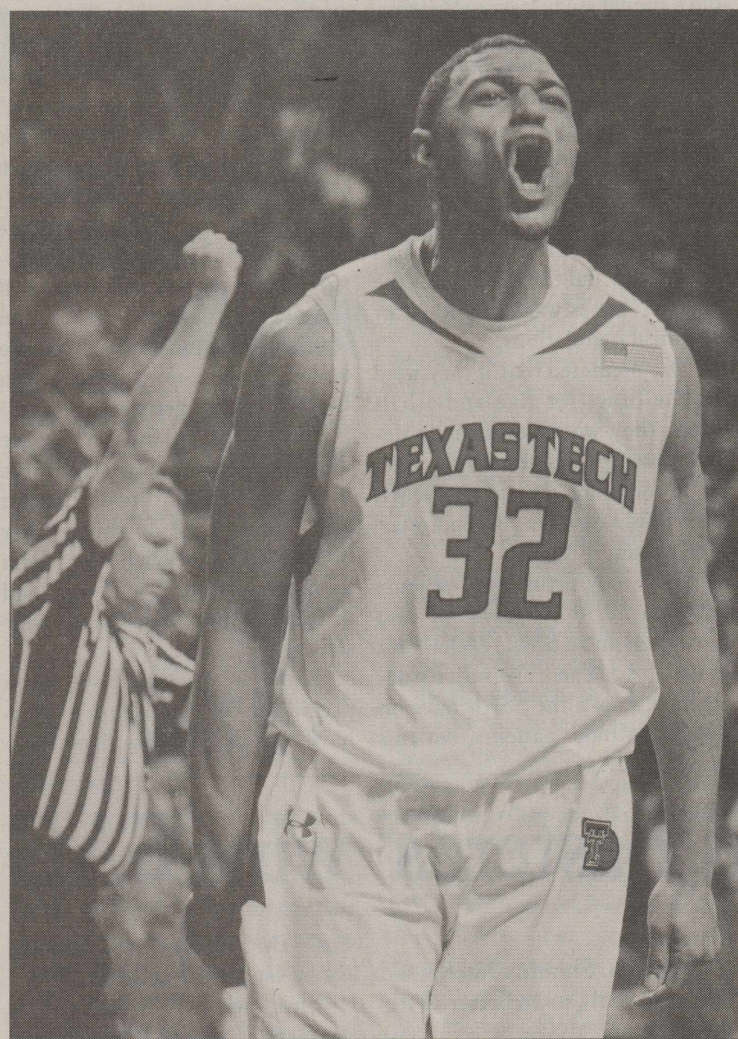


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary celebrates his shot dropping after being fouled late in the Red Raider's 75-65 victory over the Sooners on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

ones in the final three minutes after drawing several Sooner offensive

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DAVID TAIRU  
GUARD  
TEXAS TECH

fouls while in the bonus and double bonus.

Guard David Tairu battled through illness during Saturday's game on his way to 18 points including shooting 3-of-4 from behind the arc. Tairu also hit the floor several times drawing Sooner fouls.

"You've got to sacrifice sometimes," he said while coughing and drinking water during the postgame conference. "Anything that we can do

to get the victory for the team, I'm willing to do."

Singletary is certainly out of a slump that culminated at Kansas on Jan. 16 where the forward scored no points.

He led the Red Raiders in scoring for the second consecutive game with 24 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Nick Okorie rounded out Red Raiders in double digits with 10 points. The game might have ended differently if OU guard Willie Warren — the Big 12 Conference's fifth-leading scorer — had played. Warren was sidelined for Saturday's game and wore a boot on his right foot because of a sprained ankle.

With the win, Tech (14-5, 2-3 in the Big 12) has climbed from the bottom of the Big 12 standings to a share of eighth place with Oklahoma (11-8, 2-3). If Tech can defeat Texas in Austin on Wednesday, the Red Raiders could jump into the top half of the standings.

The win also gave Tech its 14th of the season — tying last season's win total — and was the first time since the 2007-2008 season the Red Raiders strung two consecutive conference wins together.

After the game, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight walked into the postgame conference wearing an NFL New York Jets cap in support of their Sunday AFC Champion-



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TEXAS TECH'S BRAD Reese falls down while guarding Oklahoma's Tony Crocker during Texas Tech 75-65 victory over Oklahoma on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena

### BIG 12 STANDINGS

1. Kansas — 4-0
2. Texas — 3-1
3. Missouri — 3-1
4. Kansas State — 3-2
5. Okla. State — 3-2
6. Texas A&M — 3-2
7. Baylor — 2-2
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9. Oklahoma — 2-3
10. Iowa State — 1-3
11. Colorado — 1-4
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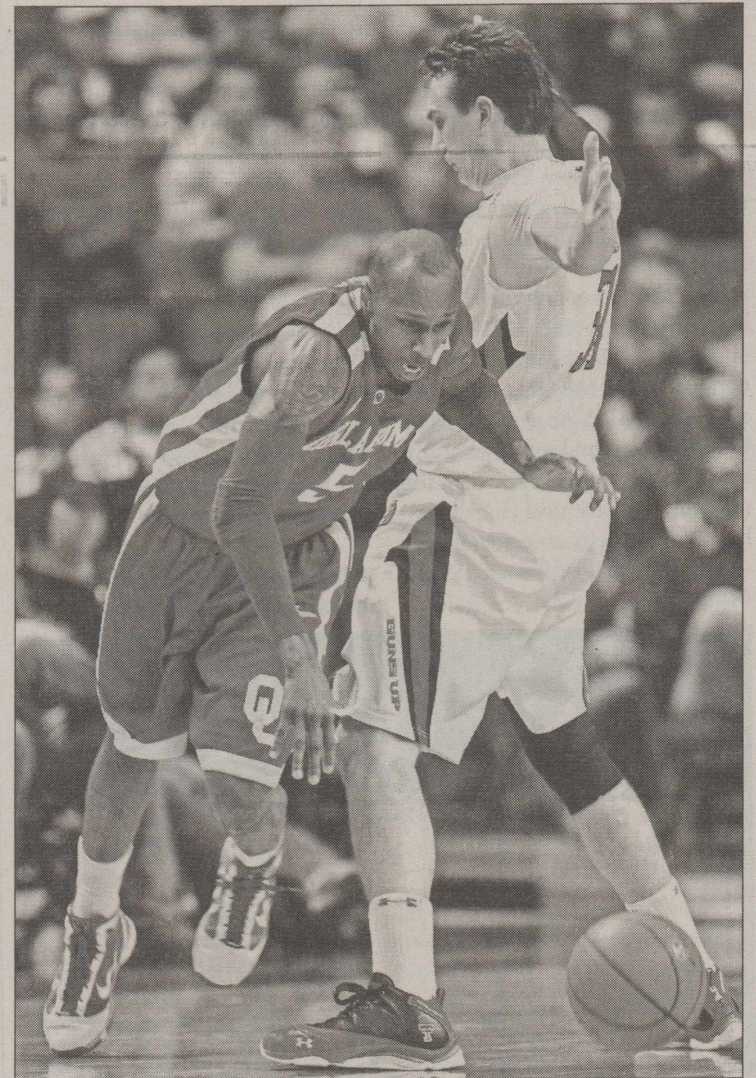


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OKLAHOMA'S TONY CROCKER loses the ball with Texas Tech's Darko Cohadarevic defending during Texas Tech 75-65 victory over Oklahoma on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena

ship game against the Indianapolis Colts.

"I love (Jets coach) Rex Ryan," Knight said. "I like to follow coaches' sons and I dropped him a note when he got the job, and I got a note right back and a shirt. That's why I wanted to win, I didn't want to be in here watching tape and wasting my Sunday when there's some good football on."

Aside from being the sons of coaching legends, Knight and Ryan share another link — improving their respective teams from disappointing campaigns just a season ago.

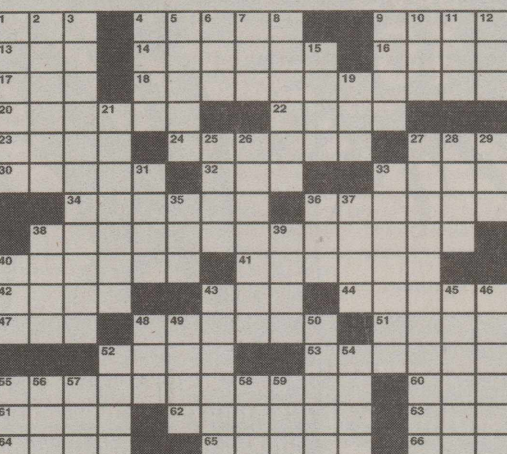
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- 17 Condiment in 51-Across
- 18 Dispirited
- 20 Safe haven
- 22 Drinks dog-style
- 23 Land surrounded by agua
- 24 Globe
- 27 You may be told to button or zip it
- 30 Tigers' dens
- 32 "Ailey" —
- 33 Aplece
- 34 Austrian city with a sausage named for it
- 36 Watson's partner
- 38 Loud and long-winded
- 40 Like a serious sin
- 41 Outlying town, vis-à-vis the city
- 42 Rocks to refine
- 43 Groundhog Day mo.
- 44 Feudal peons
- 47 Longtime Massachusetts senator Kennedy
- 48 Chicken, so to speak
- 51 Normandy city
- 52 Saturate
- 53 1966 musical about a marriage
- 55 Easily offended
- 60 Presently
- 61 German automaker
- 62 Misprints
- 63 Poet's "before"
- 64 Cream of the crop
- 65 Back-talking
- 66 Mom's mate



By Susan Miekimins 1/25/10

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# Women's tennis comes away 3-0 to start season

By **JOSHUA KOCH**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team had more to deal with than just the opponents on the schedule to start the season.

The weather was as much a factor as anything in this weekend's matches.

Two of Tech's three matches at one point had to be moved inside because of weather. But the Lady Raiders still came away with a clean record. Tech defeated UT-Arlington, 4-2, Tulane, 4-2, and New Mexico, 6-1, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The UTA and Tulane matches had to be relocated to the Lubbock Country Club because of wind and rain. Petty saw the change of venues tough on the players.

"You got to turn it off then turn it back on pretty quick," he said. "Obviously quite a bit of difference between outdoor and indoor."

There were more changes to deal with, too.

With some players falling to injury at the end of last week, UT-Arlington only had five players for singles play. This gave Tech an automatic 1-0 lead.

Freshman Lorena Aviles was scheduled to fill the six hole in the lineup for the Red Raiders, but with the Mavericks only having five players, she got the night off.

Tech freshman Sandra Dynka — playing in the No.1 spot — matched up against senior Klara Jagosova. Dynka won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4.

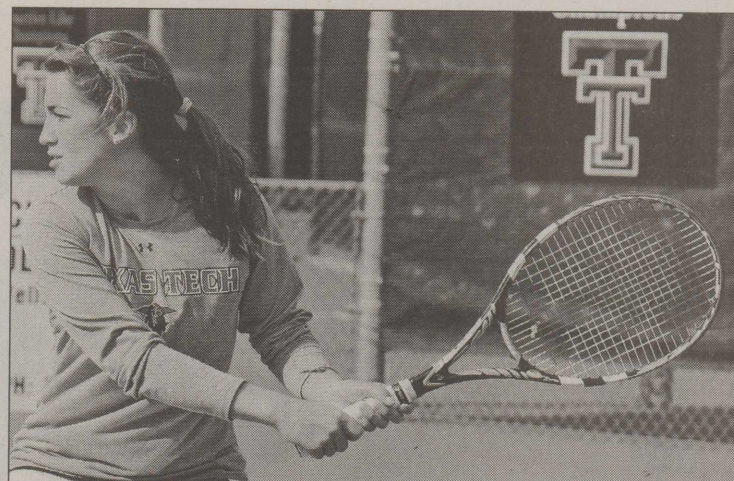


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Treador  
**KELSEY GARLAND PREPARES to hit the ball back across the court during Texas Tech's match against Tulane.**

"I think it would have been easier for me to play up high than low," Dynka said. "Because I probably would have put more pressure on myself then seeing the girls play down there I lucked out today."

With the early 2-0 advantage, the Lady Raiders pulled out victories in the No. 3 and No. 5 spots. Liz Ullathorne and Caroline Starck came away with straight-sets wins.

Coaches decided not to play doubles in this match.

Singles play against Tulane began with Aviles winning in the No. 6 spot in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, against sophomore Marcela Fonseca.

Junior Kelsy Garland, who was in the No. 2 spot for Tech, played into a straight-sets victory against sophomore Elizabeth Hamlin, 6-4, 6-1.

Tulane then cut Tech's lead in

half with sophomore Mariam Kurdadze defeating Dynka, 7-5, 6-1. Tech then regained the lead with Stark winning, 6-3, 6-2 against freshman Hila Elster.

With two singles matches left, it started raining and play was suspended. The match was then moved to the Lubbock Country Club, but the change of venues almost cost Tech in the end.

"It's tough for both sides. They handled it better, the switch," Petty said. "I think the girls were a little too amped, I think they were ready to finish it and almost came out and got out of their comfort level, a little too amped."

When play resumed Ullathorne fell in the third set to freshman Emma Levy, cutting the Tech lead to one.

It all came down to Natalie Leitch against sophomore Lindsay Dvorak. If Dvorak won then



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**SANDRA DYNKA RETURNS the ball during the match against Tulane Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center.**

the teams would have to play doubles to decide the winner of the match.

Leitch took the first set, 7-6, lost the second, 4-6, then won the third, 6-3, to seal the 4-2 Tech victory against Tulane.

"She had the momentum going into the third set so I was a little nervous about that and she got a good lead — I was down (1-3)," Leitch said. "I just tried to stick it

out for my team. I know we have a long weekend ahead of us, so I wanted to play the least tennis as possible."

The weekend was wrapped up Sunday with the win against UNM. The match was highlighted by doubles play for Tech.

Garland and Leitch defeated juniors Ashley Bonner and Anya Villanueva, 8-2, and Stark and Ullathorne defeated freshmen Kristin

Eggleston and Laura Richardson, 8-2. Dynka and Potgieter beat freshmen Michaela Oldani and Amy Shipperd, 8-7 (10-8).

The Tech men were on the road this weekend but came away with a few wins as well. The Red Raiders defeated UNLV, 5-1, and San Diego State, 4-3, on Friday and Saturday, respectively in Las Vegas.

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# Tech track freshmen set pace for Red Raiders

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**  
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Shade Weygandt and Bryce Lamb made sure the Texas Tech Track and Field team saw a youth movement this weekend at the Texas Tech Invitational.

The two talented freshmen athletes were among the top performers for the Red Raiders at the Invitational on Friday and Saturday in the Athletic Training Center.

Lamb, competing in his first collegiate meet, set an NCAA provisional mark with a long jump of 25 feet, 7.5 inches. This distance ranks him second nationally in the NCAA.

"The goal for today was just to get that auto," he said. "To get the provisional in the first meet, personally it felt really good. I was happy I made it through it and nothing bad happened."

Lamb was a highly touted recruit coming out of Phoenix, and holds the Arizona state record in the long jump at 25'-11.7".

Lamb also ran in the 55-meter dash Saturday and said he likes to surprise people with his versatility.

Not surprising, however, was

Weygandt's performance. After setting a school record in the first meet of the season, Weygandt broke her own pole vaulting record with a mark of 4.25 meters.

It was good enough for an NCAA automatic qualifier.

Weygandt said she is happy to get the NCAA mark so early in the season and is looking forward to the dual meet against Nebraska Friday and Saturday.

"Having that off my chest, that I made the national automatic mark, now I don't have to worry about it," she said. "So now for the rest of my meets, they really are going to be more fun and relaxed."

During this two-day event, Tech set eight provisional marks and earned 10 first-place finishes.

Meshawn Graham, a sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, won the women's 600-yard run with a time of 1 minute, 23.56 seconds, and also was a member of the 4x400 meter relay that won with a time of 3:41.71 seconds.

Graham's teammates on the winning relay were sophomore Taylor Evans, freshman Candace Jackson and senior Trudeann Clarke.

Graham transferred from Michigan and the Invitational was her

second meet competing for Tech.

"This week was way better," she said. "Today I was just more focused on getting out there and running my race. Last week I had first-week jitters."

"It had been a while for me running out there because of the transfer, so that was a little shaky for me. Today it was just going out there and doing what I know how to do."

After having early success in its first two meets of the season, Tech faces its first potential roadblock on the way toward a Big 12 Conference championship with a meet at Nebraska.

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association ranks the Nebraska men No. 4, while the women are ranked No. 11.

The Tech men are ranked No. 14 and the women are unranked.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said his team is going to the Nebraska meet not only to compete, but to win.

"We did have some things that were really encouraging," he said. "I was real excited about several things. This being our second meet, there were some good things for really looking toward our future."

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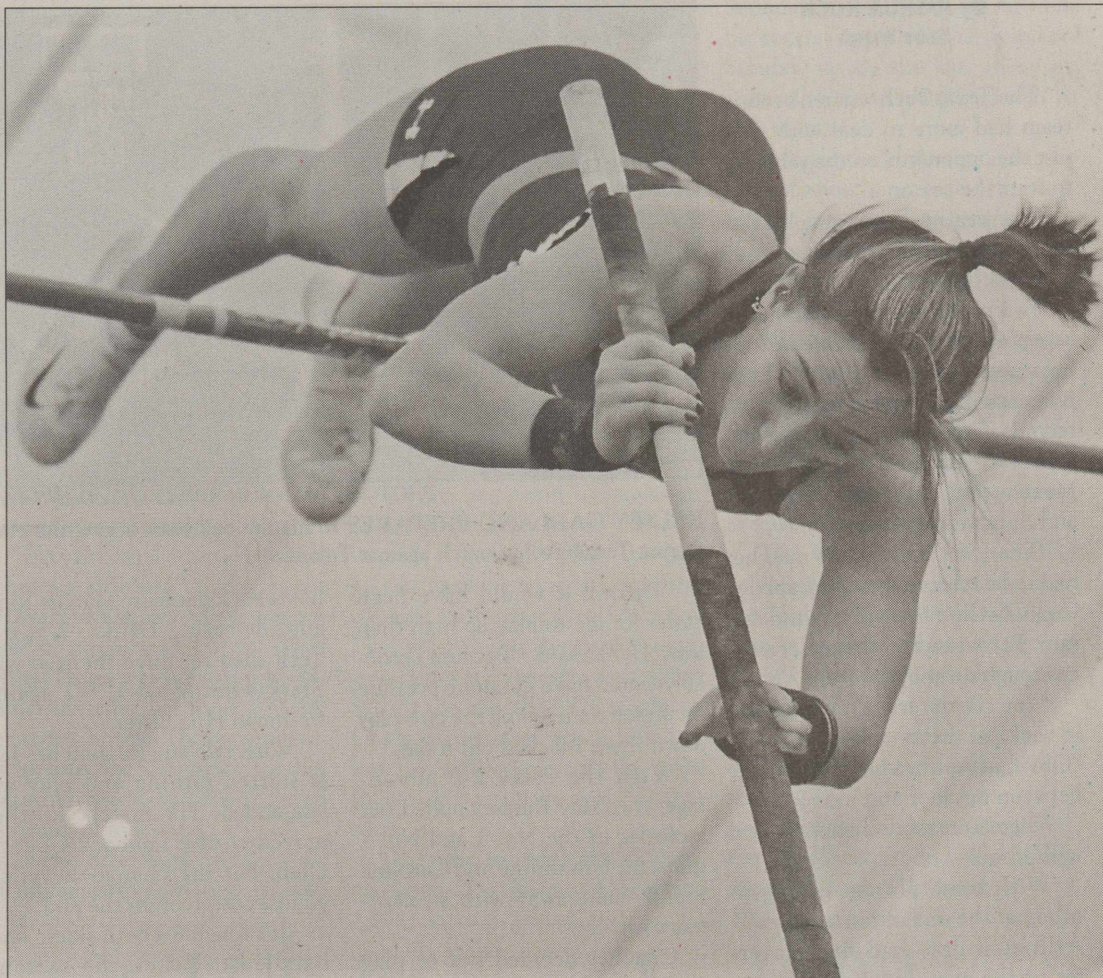


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TEXAS TECH POLE vaulter Shade Weygandt set a school record with a jump of 4.25 meters in the Texas Tech Invitational Friday and Saturday in the Athletic Training Center.

## Greipel wins Tour Down Under

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Andre Greipel of Germany won the Tour Down Under for the second time in three years on Sunday, finishing fifth in the sixth and final stage of the ProTour event captured by Chris Sutton.

Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong placed 77th out of 129 riders in the stage to finish 25th overall, 1 minute, 3 seconds down on Greipel's accumulated time of 18 hours, 47 minutes, 5 seconds.

Armstrong improved on his 29th-place showing in last year's Tour, his first race back from a 3½-year retirement. Armstrong said he felt both lighter and stronger this year than he did in 2009, when he went on to

finish third in the Tour de France.

The Texan hoped the Australian race would be his first step toward an eighth Tour victory in July.

"It won't be easy as a guy who's 39 years old by then, but I'll give it my best," he said.

Armstrong's longtime team manager Johan Bruyneel also saw the American rider's form and physical condition as being ahead of last season.

"Lance is good. He's a lot different (to) last year," Bruyneel said.

"Physically his form is a lot better. He feels good in the bunch and he feels good in the team so that's three things that are a lot better than last year."

Australia's Sutton won the 52-

mile stage over teammate Greg Henderson of New Zealand to give the newly formed Team Sky a one-two finish in the last leg of the six-day tour.

Greipel was credited with Sutton's stage-winning time of 1:52:20, and protected his 11-second overall lead over Luis Leon Sanchez of Spain. Henderson was third in the overall standings, 15 seconds behind Greipel.

Sutton drove to the front of a bunched sprint to win the stage that looped parkland near the city's business hub and was watched by 124,000 people. Henderson took second ahead of Australians Graeme Brown and Robbie McEwen.

## Miami prepares for Super Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — South Florida is ready for the Super Bowl party to begin.

Four teams are trying Sunday to punch their tickets to the tropical playland, and though the game isn't until Feb. 7, Miami officials don't want revelers to wait.

"The last time I looked outside, all the hoteliers were dancing in the street," said Rodney Barreto, chairman of the South Florida Super Bowl Host Committee. "This is going to be a big shot in our arm. And it couldn't have come at a better time."

The city has changed in the three years since the last Super Bowl was held here because of massive job losses, historically high foreclosures and fortunes lost.

But partygoers need not worry. Miami remains an escape, still offering dependable sun and sand, barely dressed women crowding beaches and

dance floors and an international flavor all its own.

"I'm looking out the window at Biscayne Bay and we see a sailboat and we see cruise ships in the port, we're looking at hotels with people by the pool," said Bill Talbert, head of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. "At the end of the day, for the Super Bowl, bottom line is it's warm here and it's cold there."

There's a reason the game is coming to town for a record 10th time. It's a reliably good time. But Miami has faced some tough times during its three-year Super Bowl hiatus:

— The real estate boom was in full swing last time. This time, streets are lined in for-sale signs, home prices are down by almost half from their peak, and the foreclosure rate has multiplied by nearly six.

— The unemployment rate was at 3.6 percent two months before the last

Super Bowl here. Three years later, it was nearly triple.

— Last time the game was here, heads were bowed for a moment of silence, two days after tornadoes killed 20 people in central Florida and destroyed hundreds of homes. Now the earthquake in Haiti is fresh on residents' minds.

— The Orange Bowl is gone. A new Marlins stadium is one of the only big things being built. And the site of the 2008 Super Bowl, Dolphins Stadium? Well, that became Land Shark Stadium. Until this week, when it was renamed again, as Sun Life Stadium.

Talbert says Miami stands up to the great cities of the world, mentioning it in the same breath as Paris, Rome, Tokyo and Sydney. He says the city remains a strong draw for the very same reasons people came a generation ago.

## Roddick outlasts Gonzalez to survive upset Sunday

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Four days after an angry outburst over the rules relating to replays and line calls, Andy Roddick got a crucial call in his favor in his fourth-round Australian Open win over Fernando Gonzalez.

Roddick held off the 2007 Australian Open finalist 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 on Sunday to advance to the quarterfinals at the season's first major for the sixth time in eight years.

The 27-year-old American will meet No. 14 Marin Cilic of Croatia, who ousted U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro

in five sets.

Roddick bucked the trend on a day of upsets that also resulted in fourth-round exits for two of the top women: No. 2 Dinara Safina, last year's runner-up, and No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the reigning French Open champion.

"I got a little lucky tonight, but sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," said seventh-seeded Roddick, who hopes to end a Grand Slam drought that dates to the 2003 U.S. Open.

After wasting four set points in the 10th game of the fourth set, Roddick rallied from 40-0 down in

the 12th — Gonzalez' next service game — to earn a fifth set point. Then he hit the contentious, dipping crosscourt forehand.

The ball was called out and Gonzalez didn't take a swing. Roddick challenged the call immediately, and the evidence showed that the ball just caught the line, giving Roddick the set to level at two-all and igniting a protest from Gonzalez.

The Chilean argued that he could have had a play on the ball and that chair umpire Eric Molina should have replayed the point.

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