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Student senate to review budget procedures

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The Texas Tech student senate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building to discuss the yearly budget and a bill to further open communication between executive officers and student senators.

Sen. Drew Graham said he worked on Senate Bill 45.11 for about three months during which he met with various officials.

The wording of the bill states both the executive branch and the student senate represent a

voice for the SGA and it is important to keeping a system of checks and balances between the two.

Graham said this bill works to open the communication system between executive officers and student senators.

Sen. Tyler Patton, another author on the bill, said there is nothing in place that allows senators to look and approve how money is being spent. He said the bill requires executive officers to present the maximum budget of each project to the



PATTON

Committee Chair Council.

The bill states the council will approve the budget of projects with a majority vote and that the budget is an open record upon request to any student senator.

Graham said although the student senate has overspent the budget only once in the last seven years, he believes implementing the new procedure will help prevent overspending the budget in the future.

Suzanne Williams, Student Government



WILLIAMS

Association president, said she met with Graham a few times regarding this bill and that the SGA already has started these meetings once a month.

"This allows the executive branch and the senators to see what is going on in person versus just on paper," Williams said.

Patton said the bill makes student government work similar to how the president of the United States must have his projects approved.



GRAHAM

"We're adding another layer of accountability and responsibility," he said.

Graham said more people knowing how the budget is spent allows for more transparency.

"The more people that know the better," he said. "As senators we're representing more than just us."

The Tech student senate meets the first and third Thursday of every month. According to the SGA Web site, the student senate serves as a liaison representing students to the faculty and administration of the university.

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Precipitation disrupts Tech, Lubbock life

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The last two weeks of rain, sleet and snow have catapulted this January into the record books for precipitation.

The city of Lubbock accumulated enough precipitation to give 2010 the seventh-highest precipitation numbers in January on record dating back to 1911.

With 1.41 inches dumped on Lubbock in January, most of which occurred last week during a rough winter storm, Lubbock National Weather Service Meteorologist Jerald Meadows said it is still difficult to determine if the weather will keep West Texas out of a possible drought pattern.

January snowfall, which reached 2.8 inches, was the second-largest snowfall in January in the last 10 years, only eclipsed by 4.6 inches in 2007.

According to the National Weather Service, precipitation levels Wednesday were just more than 1 inch as of press time and were projected to reach up to 1.5 inches.

Despite low temperatures and plenty of precipitation, he said, the roads most likely won't be as bad as they were last week.

"I don't think it's going to be near what we had last week 'cause we are going to stay mostly rain (Wednesday) and then change over to sleet and into snow (Wednesday) evening," Meadows said.

Because much of the water pooled on roadways, he said, it presents less of a possibility of freezing unless the water is combined with slush.

Meadows said the change from rain and sleet to snow should last throughout the day today, and temperatures should reach the 40s by the latter days in the week.

Ronald Phillips, university counsel in the President's Office, said Texas Tech officials began receiving reports from the National Weather Service and speaking with the Tech Police Department to determine the safety for students, faculty and staff for today.

Phillips said he was not sure about the status of classes as of



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

LESLIE RIGGS, A freshman special education major from Sacramento Calif., left, and Amy Kress a freshman agricultural communications major from Garland, cross the intersection at 18th Street and Flint Avenue on Wednesday after rain flooded the streets and sidewalks.

press time Wednesday.

"There's been no decisions at this time," he said. "We'll continue to monitor and see how conditions go: the weather, the roads, things like that."

Although temperatures warmed up after classes were canceled Friday due to slick roads, Phillips said university officials determined Friday morning that it was in the best interest of everyone's safety to cancel classes.

"In visiting with the president and provost, the one thing that was of most concern were the conditions of the streets and students, faculty and staff getting to campus, getting off campus and their safety," he

said. "It did kinda warm up and clear up later that afternoon, during the day, but at the time the weather and road conditions were being discussed, it was very slick."

"That impacts a lot of people, and they take that decision very seriously. We gather as much information as we possibly can in making a recommendation for them."

Ariel Walden, a senior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, said the weather makes her commute from her house to campus more difficult and also takes an emotional toll.

"It's just really put me in a kind of down mood," she said.

"It's difficult for me to focus in class because I'm looking outside and dreading having to go back out there."

Walden said she has noticed the difference between this winter and past winters because it normally is more dry around this time of year.

Rob Stewart, senior vice provost, said because the university shoots for about 42 to 45 hours of contact between instructors and students for a three-hour class — instead of a certain number of days — instructors have some leeway in how to make up for canceled classes due to weather.

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Regents vote to move forward with litigation

The Texas Tech Board of Regents authorized the university to move forward with litigation within the parameters set after about an hour in executive session during a special teleconference meeting Wednesday, said Cory Chandler, a Tech spokesman.

Despite rumors from various media outlets citing the meeting was in regards to the litigation between former football coach Mike Leach and Tech, members present in the board's executive session would not comment.

A gag order issued by Judge William Sowder of the 99th District Court prevents anyone involved from speaking about the lawsuit.

Paul Dobrowski, lead counsel for Leach, said his team sent a demand letter for settlement — asking for an unspecified amount of money and a letter of apology addressed to Leach in exchange for the Leach camp releas-

ing all claims — to Tech attorneys last week, but he has not heard back from Tech attorneys.

Tech lead counsel Dicky Grigg did not return phone calls from *The Daily Toreador*.

After the meeting adjourned Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said he could not make any comment.

"I can say nothing, that's what the lawyer said," Hance said.

Calls to Board of Regent members made by *The DT* were not immediately returned.

The board convened into executive session to consult with attorneys for almost the entire duration of the meeting.

According to the meeting agenda, the board discussed pending and potential litigation involving Tech System and consulted with legal counsel.

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Gates: Don't rush to lift ban on gays in military

By ANNE GEARAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should not rush into a change as large as repealing the ban on gays serving openly in the military without making sure the people it affects are on board, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday.

Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said an 11-month study into the effects of lifting the ban will examine practical questions such as how the change would affect the numbers of people who decide to remain in the service when their terms expire.

"There is very little objective data on this. It is filled as you know with emotion and strongly held opinions and beliefs," Mullen said a day after announcing his own opposition to the ban as unfair to gay troops.

"That's the work we have to do over the course of this year. We need to understand that in terms of what the senior military leadership's principal concern is, which is the readiness and military effectiveness of the force," he said.

The study is seen by advocates of a quick repeal as an unnecessary delay, or a

political convenience designed to stretch any real action to lift the ban until after congressional elections this fall.

Answering critics from both parties during testimony on the proposed defense budget for next year, Gates offered his own resume as a cautionary tale. He noted that he has unusually broad management experience, having run three large public institutions — the CIA, Texas A&M University and the Defense Department.

"In each of those I have led and managed change," Gates told the House Armed Services Committee. "I've done it smart and I've done it stupid. Happily, I think, the stupid was early."

Gates said he learned that imposing change from on high does not work, and he is determined not to repeat that mistake. Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said later that Gates was referring to a period in the early 1980s when he headed the CIA's analytical division and made policy changes and sometimes harsh assessments that he came to regret.

"Stupid was trying to impose a policy from the top without any regard for the views of the people who were going to be affected or the people who would have to effect the policy change," Gates said.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Ike fight over rebuilding Galveston public housing

GALVESTON (AP) — Galveston has had public housing for decades, but a petition drive could block rebuilding of units damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ike.

Critics of the Galveston Housing Authority want to bar the city from disbursing any money to build or rebuild public housing on the island without voter approval.

The Galveston Alliance for Responsible Development opposes plans to rebuild 569 government-subsidized units destroyed when Ike made landfall on Sept. 13, 2008.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Wednesday that alliance members hope to have enough petition signatures to put

the question on the May ballot. The deadline for signatures is March 8.

Housing authority Commissioner Ray Lewis said the petition borders on silliness and is a "sophomoric effort at best."

"Not to have any public housing on the island at all, that's a little bit absurd," Lewis said. "We've had public housing on Galveston since 1940. The reason we have public housing in Galveston is because of our population and income level of our population."

Brian Sullivan, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, declined comment.

NATION

Brown demands to be sworn in earlier than planned

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown changed course and demanded he be sworn in to replace the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on Thursday, an accelerated timetable that conservatives had been clamoring for and one that Democrats quickly accepted — and had already been moving to accommodate.

Brown said he wanted to be present for unspecified votes, and his swearing-in would give the GOP 41 votes in the Senate — the precise number it needs to sustain a filibuster of Democratic initiatives.

Jim Manley, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, said he expected a ceremony at 5 p.m.

Thursday. "If that's what he wants to do, I expect he'll be sworn in as early as (Thursday) afternoon," Manley said.

The demand reversed Brown's earlier declaration that he did not want to be sworn in until Feb. 11, a grace period he said he needed to hire a staff and prepare for his new responsibilities. That timetable was reiterated Tuesday morning on Brown's Facebook page.

The change also followed criticism from conservative radio hosts and newspaper columnists about what one dubbed a "three-week victory lap" since the state senator staged an upset to win the Jan. 19 special election to replace Kennedy, who died of brain cancer.

WORLD

Netanyahu: Peace talks could resume in weeks

HERZLIYA, Israel (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday he had reason to believe that long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians could resume in a matter of weeks.

Netanyahu did not give details, but an official indicated Israel would take a step to make it possible for the Palestinians to agree to talks. He did not elaborate and spoke on condition of anonymity because no offer has been made.

Palestinians have been insisting that Israel halt all construction in Jewish West Bank settlements before peace talks are restarted.

They rejected a partial 10-month freeze Netanyahu imposed in late November as insufficient, because it does not include east Jerusalem, where Palestinians hope to establish a capital.

Netanyahu was speaking at an annual security conference sponsored by the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center, where Israeli leaders have made significant policy statements in past years.

Netanyahu told the conference: "I have reason to hope realistically that in the coming weeks we will restart peace talks with the Palestinians without preconditions."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Exit signs, ceiling tiles in residence hall vandalized

Jan. 27
11:05 a.m., criminal trespassing at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
11:20 a.m., medical call in the Student Union Building.
4:30 p.m., criminal mischief in the Z5-B parking lot.
6:01 p.m., accident without injuries in the 3600 block of Fifth Street.
11:37 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia in Coleman Residence Hall.

3:04 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.
10:13 a.m., property damage in the Athletic Ticket Office parking lot.
10:02 p.m., possession of alcohol by a minor and open container in a vehicle in the 3100 block of 18th Street.
10:50 p.m., possession of alcohol by a minor in Murdough Residence Hall.
11:35 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z4-M parking lot.

Feb. 1
9:51 a.m., criminal mischief in Coleman Residence Hall.
2:30 p.m., medical call at the Student Wellness Center.
4:27 p.m., possession of brass knuckles in the 1800 block of Flint Avenue.
10:15 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Flint Avenue.
4:19 p.m., theft of a laptop in the Mechanical Engineering building.
6:21 p.m., theft of a car bumper in the Z4-P parking lot.
7:32 p.m., theft of a GPS system and an iPod from a vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot.
11:45 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Jan. 28
11:45 a.m., medical call at entry station 3.
11:55 a.m., burglary of a vehicle in the C1 parking lot.
1:20 p.m., theft of a car stereo in the Z2-B parking lot.
2:43 p.m., possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and alcohol by a minor in Coleman Residence Hall.
7:12 p.m., possession of alcohol by a minor in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Jan. 30
4:07 a.m., possession of alcohol by a minor in Murdough Residence Hall.
4:53 a.m., assault in Stangel Residence Hall.
10:12 a.m., accident without injuries in the 3800 block of Eighth Street.
4:20 p.m., medical call in Horn Residence Hall.

Feb. 2
12:34 p.m., medical call at the HSC.
2:25 p.m., accident without injuries in the 1800 block of

Feb. 3
5:26 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

BEYOND THE BLOTTER

Bumper, tire valve theft baffles police

A front bumper and three tire valve covers were stolen from a 1997 Model Jeep Wrangler between Saturday and Tuesday in the Z4 parking lot, according to the Texas Tech Police Department.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the department, said the bumper and valve covers were discovered missing at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday by the owner of the Wrangler. An officer documented the theft at 6:21 p.m.

The perpetrator most likely planned to either use the bumper and valve covers or sell them, Hoffman said.

Events like the theft of bumpers

and other car parts are extremely rare on campus, he said, and the theft of only three valve covers is baffling.

"I don't know why they'd steal something so insignificant when you can get them for free at a tire store," Hoffman said.

Since bumpers and valve covers do not have documented serial numbers or methods of identifying them, he said, the chances they will be recovered are slim.

"Even if the bumper were found, it would be hard to prove it was the same bumper," Hoffman said.

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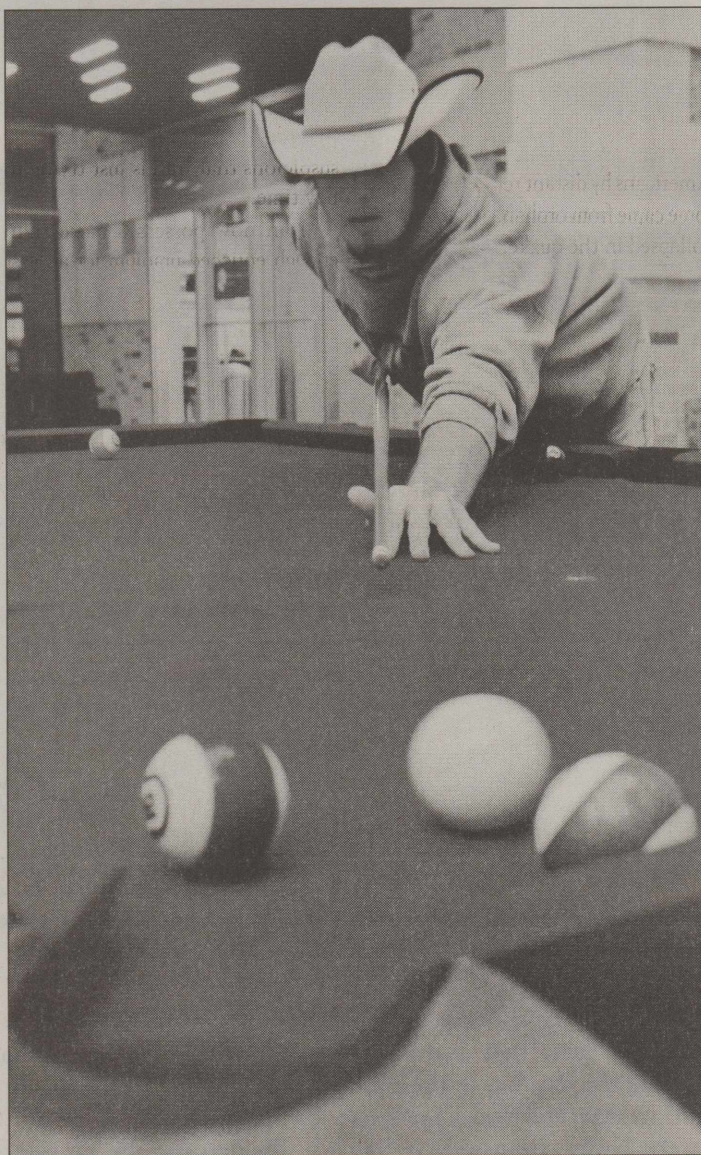


PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Treador
ANDREW BOGART, A freshman chemical engineering major from Crosbyton, shoots at a corner pocket during a game of pool Wednesday in the Student Union Building basement.

Pakistan bombing draws attention to US presence

SHAHI KOTO, Pakistan (AP) — The deaths of three American special operations soldiers in a roadside bombing in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday drew unwanted attention to a U.S. program of training local forces to fight the Taliban and al-Qaida — a little-publicized mission because of opposition here to American boots on Pakistani soil.

The killings were the first known U.S. military fatalities in nearly three years in Pakistan's Afghan border region, where militants are being pummeled by U.S. missile strikes and struggling to regroup following the loss of a key stronghold in a recent Pakistani army offensive.

The blast also killed three girls at a nearby school and a Pakistani paramilitary soldier traveling with the Americans. Two more U.S. soldiers were wounded, along with about 100 other people, mostly students at the school. Several were left trapped, bloodied and screaming in the rubble.

The U.S. special envoy to Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, said it did not appear the Americans were directly targeted by the blast, which he said was caused by roadside bomb. Local officials said the device was detonated by remote control, but at least one police officer said it was a suicide attack.

Witnesses said the vehicle carrying the Americans took the brunt of the explosion as their five-car convoy traveled

along the road in Lower Dir, indicating it may in fact have been directed at the Americans. That would raise the specter of a militant informant close to the training mission.

Lower Dir is a base for militants belonging to the Pakistani Taliban. The Pakistani army claimed to have retaken the area from the militants last June in a widely praised offensive that also cleared the insurgents from the nearby Swat Valley.

The soldiers were part of a small group of American soldiers training members of the paramilitary Frontier Corps, Pakistan's army and the U.S. Embassy said. The mission is trying to strengthen the ill-equipped and poorly trained outfit's ability to fight militants.

Unlike Afghanistan and Iraq, Pakistan does not allow U.S. combat troops on its territory, making training local security forces an important part of ensuring that militants are not able to use the area as a sanctuary from which to attack American and NATO troops across the border in Afghanistan.

While not a secret, neither the Pakistanis or the Americans have talked much about the program because of the political sensitivity in Pakistan of accepting American assistance. While the government in Islamabad is closely allied with Washington, America is deeply unpopular among many Pakistanis, even those who recognize that fighting militants is in their country's interest.

US believes Mehsud is dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. counterterrorism officials believe Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud is dead following a missile attack last month, a senior intelligence official said Wednesday in the strongest signal that Washington has offered about the militant's fate.

Neither Pakistan nor the U.S. has officially confirmed the death of Mehsud, who commands an al-Qaida-allied movement that is blamed for scores of suicide bombings and is suspected in a deadly attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan late last year.

Mehsud's death would be the latest successful strike against suspected terrorists by the U.S. and its allies. The U.S. has recently stepped up its attacks from unmanned aircraft in Pakistan, and a closer collaboration with Yemen has led to recent airstrikes there.

The U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonym-

ity to discuss sensitive security matters, said the conclusion that Mehsud is dead represents the best collective information of U.S. intelligence agencies. Since the attack, authorities have said they were growing increasingly confident Mehsud was dead. The official would not say what evidence the U.S. had gathered.

The statement came after days of posturing by Pakistani Taliban officials, who first said they would prove their leader was alive and well, then reversed course and said they saw no need to prove it.

The attack by a U.S. drone came after Mehsud appeared in a video alongside the Jordanian suicide bomber who killed seven CIA employees at a remote base in Afghanistan. The bomber, Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, said he carried out the attack in retribution for the death of former Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud in a U.S. drone strike last August.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis
ACROSS
1 Clip contents
5 Grass surfaces
10 Whippool
14 Wagered
15 Slanted
16 Like undecorated walls
17 Start of a quote
19 Slammer at sea
20 VIP roster
21 With no margin for error
23 Quote, part 2
28 Gritter's easy mark
29 Prohibition action
30 It's gnus to the lions
31 Prohibition
33 Pilgrim's destination
37 Understood
38 Author of the quote
41 Greet warmly
42 Photographer Adams
44 Curly poker?
45 Geisha's cupful
46 Ragtime piece that became Vincent Lopez's theme
49 Hit, as flies
51 Quote, part 3
54 Quivering
55 Salad bar pair
59 Guernavaca crowd?
60 End of the quote
63 Raced
64 "Whoopee!"
65 Logician's word
68 Empire until 1991: Abbr.
67 Doesn't put anything away for a while?
68 Harbor hauler
DOWN
1 Six-time Emmy winner Alan
2 Send
3 Skirt length
4 Homeric
5 Inspiration for Joyce's "Ulysses"
5 Ancient cross shape
6 Beehive State native
7 Bit of bridge-building hardware
8 Biceps, e.g.
9 Sedimentary rock layers
10 Good time for a beachcomber
11 "Spish Splash" singer
12 Manhattan, for one
13 Safecracker
18 Name of four Holy Roman emperors
22 Doorbell sound
24 Four-F's opposite, in the draft
25 Wave maker
26 Women's links
27 Pressing need?
28 Examiners of boxers
32 Objective
34 Make small talk
35 Greek salad slice, briefly
36 Like good bourbon
38 High, as a kite
39 Get rid of
40 Ex-Speaker Gingrich
43 Retail computer buyer, e.g.
45 Curly group?
47 Much
48 First name in soul
50 "girl"
51 Jackson 5 dos
52 'Stros, for example
53 Up for
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Obama pushes energy plan, hopes for bipartisan support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking for a political and policy victory, President Barack Obama on Wednesday pushed energy proposals designed to attract allies and opponents alike, calling for increased ethanol production and new technology to limit pollution from the use of coal.

Facing a Senate with a newly energized Republican minority, Obama has begun tailoring his energy policy to GOP-supported ideas, starting in his State of the Union address last week with calls for offshore oil drilling opposed by environmentalists and a bigger role for nuclear power.

The first-term president — politically weakened by the loss of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's seat to Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown — also has begun promoting his energy policy as a job-creating boost to the economy.

"Now, there's no reason that we shouldn't be able to work together in a bipartisan way to get this done," Obama said during a bipartisan meeting with governors in the White House's State Dining Room. "It's good for our national security and reducing our dependence on foreign oil. It's good for our economy, because it will produce jobs."

He spoke at the White House released presidential task force recommendations calling on both Washington and the private sector to spend more money on biofuels like ethanol. The group said the nation likely will fall short of goals Congress has set for creating more environmentally friendly energy.

At the same time, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a new rule requiring U.S. companies to produce at least 13 billion gallons

of renewable fuels this year, up from about 11.1 billion gallons in 2009. Thirteen billion gallons is about 9 percent of overall U.S. fuel consumption. Congress has set a goal of 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel by 2022.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said the new rules would reduce oil dependence by million of barrels a year and "help bring new economic opportunity to millions of Americans, particularly in rural America."

In his meeting with the governors, Obama also announced a new task force to study ways to increase the use of coal in meeting the nation's energy needs without increasing the pollution that contributes to global warming.

"It's been said that the United States is the Saudi Arabia of coal, and that's because ... it's one of our most abundant energy resources," Obama said. "If we can develop the technology to capture the carbon pollution released by coal, it can create jobs and provide energy well into the future."

Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire said the president told coal-

state governors he understood their resistance to change when coal suppliers in their states are making money. She said Obama urged them to be partners in developing clean coal alternatives, a proposal that was embraced by many Republicans in the room.

"There was consensus around, let's see if we can develop a clean coal strategy of the future," she said.

The White House meeting comes a day after Obama signaled a willingness to separate a controversial cap-and-trade proposal aimed at limiting carbon pollution from more attractive green energy jobs and energy efficiency proposals. The House approved the anti-pollution measure last year as part of a comprehensive energy bill, but it is unlikely to win Republican support on Capitol Hill.

Energy has been a major part of the president's domestic agenda since he took office, but it has taken on new urgency in the wake of Brown's victory in Massachusetts as both the president and his Democratic allies on Congress look ahead to the fall elections.

"Now, there's no reason that we shouldn't be able to work together in a bipartisan way to get this done"

BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Rain

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"What would be of most importance to most faculty and students is not so much the class hours and days of class missed, but the content," he said.

Even if the university canceled enough class days to be below that number of hours, Stewart said in his 25 years at the university he has not seen the university use a previously scheduled day off of school to make up for canceled days.

Instead, faculty members would be encouraged to find alternative methods of contact with students to make up for missed class days, he said, such as blogging, giving extra homework, out-of-class meetings or other ways to make up missed material.

"One or two weather cancellations is not what we'd consider that disruptive to class content," Stewart said.

Lewis Treadwell, the deputy chief of emergency services for Lubbock, said although snow and rain make road conditions difficult, freezing rain and ice are much worse to handle.

Freezing rain and ice can damage power lines, he said, and had the freezing rain and ice continued for about 30 more minutes, damage to power lines would have been much worse.

Rain that comes before ice and snow also makes it impossible to pre-treat the roads, Treadwell said, because the rain



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

A STUDENT CROSSES the 18th Street and Flint Avenue intersection Wednesday after rain flooded the streets and sidewalks.

washes away the treatment. However, as soon as the snow or ice begins covering the ground, he said, emergency maintenance crews begin treating roads.

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World leaders question Iran nuke intentions

VIENNA (AP) — Iran's effort to revive talks on a deal that would inhibit the country's ability to make a nuclear weapon was met with skepticism by world leaders Wednesday, a reaction to months of waffling by Tehran.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's suggestion that he would at last agree to export a significant amount of uranium for processing comes as the U.N. considers a fourth round of sanctions against the country for failing to rein in their nuclear program. The timing raises suspicions that Iran is just trying to buy time.

Iran now possesses more than enough enriched uranium for at least

one nuclear warhead and the U.N. Security Council has demanded the Islamic Republic freeze its enrichment program. An agreement worked out by the International Atomic Energy Agency would delay Tehran's ability to make such a weapon by requiring the country to export 70 percent of its uranium stock and then wait for up to a year for it to be processed and returned as fuel rods for a research reactor.

Ahmadinejad stopped short of accepting the agreement in its entirety, offering a shorter turnaround time for return of the fuel rods. Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki described it as a "formula which could build confidence."

Western reaction to the plan was cautious, at best. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said he was

"perplexed," suggesting Iran was stalling for time. Officials from the U.S., Britain and Germany were also skeptical.

The announcement came amid other mixed signals by Iran, which on Wednesday launched a menagerie — including a mouse, two turtles and worms — into space on a research rocket.

The Iranian space program has worried Western powers, which fear the same technology used to launch satellites and research capsules could also be used to build long-range missiles and deliver warheads. Ahmadinejad said the launch showed Iran could defeat the West in the battle of technology.

Parents willingly gave children to US Baptists

CALLEBAS, Haiti (AP) — Desperate parents in this struggling village perched above Haiti's earthquake-flattened capital said they gave their children away willingly, trusting the American missionaries who promised to take them to a better life.

The stories the villagers told The Associated Press on Wednesday contradict claims by the Baptist group's leader that the children came from orphanages or were handed over by distant relatives. But they also attest to the misery of a nation that was the hemisphere's poorest even before the Jan. 12 earthquake struck.

The 10 Baptists, most from Idaho, were arrested last week trying to take 33 Haitian children across the border into the Dominican Republic without the required documents, according to Haitian authorities, who have accused them of child trafficking.

The Americans are to appear Thursday before a prosecutor who will decide whether to file charges or release them, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue told the AP.

Even Prime Minister Max Bellerive has said he recognizes the Americans may simply be well-meaning do-gooders who believed their charitable Christian intent justified trying to remove the children from quake-crippled Haiti.

"There is no government in Haiti," their lawyer, Jorge Puello, argued Wednesday by phone from

the Dominican Republic.

Standing amid piles of debris that used to be their homes and the makeshift shelters of tin and plastic sheeting that have replaced them, the people of Callebas told how they came to surrender their children.

It all began last week when a local orphanage worker, fluent in English and acting on behalf of the Baptists, convened nearly the entire village of 500 people on a dirt soccer field to present the Americans' offer.

Isaac Adrien, 20, told his neighbors the missionaries would educate their children in the neighboring Dominican Republic, the villagers said, adding that they were also assured they would be free to visit their children there.

Many parents jumped at the offer. "It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go," said Melanie Augustin, a 58-year-old who gave her 10-year-old daughter, Jovin, to the Americans. Ironically, Augustin had adopted Jovin because her birth parents couldn't afford to care for her.

Adrien said he met the Baptists' leader, Laura Silsby of Meridian, Idaho, in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 26. She told him she was looking for homeless children, he said, and he knew exactly where to find them.

He rushed home to Callebas, where people scrape by growing carrots, peppers and onions. That very day, he had a list of 20 children.

In a jailhouse interview Saturday,

Silsby told the AP that most of the children had been delivered to the Americans by distant relatives, while some came from orphanages that had collapsed in the quake.

"They are very precious kids that have lost their homes and families and are so deeply in need of, most of all, God's love and his compassion," she said calmly, sitting under a mango tree.

Puello told the AP on Wednesday that the missionaries "willingly accepted kids they knew were not orphans because the parents said they would starve otherwise."

Bellerive has suggested the Americans could be prosecuted in the United States because Haiti's shattered court system may not be able to cope with a trial.

"It is clear now that they were trying to cross the border without papers. It is clear now that some of the children have live parents. And it is clear now that they knew what they were doing was wrong," the Haitian prime minister said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the attempt to bring undocumented children out of Haiti was "unfortunate whatever the motivation" and the Americans should have followed proper procedures. She said U.S. officials were in discussions with Haitian authorities about how to resolve the case.

AG: I made decision to charge terror suspect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder said Wednesday he made the decision to charge the Christmas Day terror suspect in civilian court rather than the military system, with no objection from all the other relevant departments of the government.

In a letter to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, the attorney general wrote that the FBI told its partners in the intelligence community on Christmas Day and again the next day that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab would be charged criminally.

Holder's letter was the latest volley in a vigorous counterattack by the Obama administration to Republican charges that the arrest and FBI interrogation of the Detroit suspect was a mistake that cost a chance to learn key information.

The letter followed less than 24 hours after senior administration officials disclosed that the suspect had resumed talking to U.S. interrogators last week after breaking

off his discussions the day of his arrest.

Abdulmutallab has discussed his contacts in Yemen and provided intelligence in multiple terrorism investigations, officials say.

Holder said that the possibility of detaining Abdulmutallab in the U.S. military system under the law of war was explicitly discussed in the days following the arrest, including at a Jan. 5 meeting that included President Barack Obama and senior members of the national security team.

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Immigration big issue for future governor

After watching the Texas GOP debates last week, I find it difficult to believe anyone not named Rick Perry will be our governor any time soon.

Some seem to believe Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has a strong chance of overtaking Perry for the majority of the Republican vote. I suppose those who still believe that didn't catch the debate Friday night.

Hutchison's inability to express her own ideas, while launching a full-blown attack at the Perry campaign, was not overly surprising considering she has been living in Washington, D.C., the past 17 years.

However, the senator wasn't the only one stocked with ammunition. Perry continues to blame the federal government for all the problems his administration has yet to address.

Travis Ellington



Perry's problems with education, state highways and wasteful spending have drawn the attention of most his critics.

It is too bad the nurse from Wharton County doesn't have the media attention or political fire power Perry and Hutchison have. Some would argue Debra Medina won Friday's debate. I'm not sure I would go as far as to say she won; however, she had some of the best ideas in addressing the growing problems our next administration is going to face.

Personally, I would like to see whoever our next governor is step up to the plate when it comes to illegal immigration. That should be the number one concern when dealing with Texas politics.

It is inarguable most of the people who are here illegally do not pay taxes. Therefore, they are taking more from our economy than they are putting back in. The relatively small sales tax the state receives upon purchasing taxable items is microscopic when compared to amount of money property owners pay.

Most illegal immigrants do not own property, pay income tax or spend the majority of their income on taxable items within our borders. Yet, this population continues to grow within public schools, hospitals and prisons American citizens are forced to pay for. These three things in Texas alone stand to cost

Texas taxpayers \$8.01 billion in 2010, according to the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Everyone knows most illegal immigrants work jobs many Americans would not want to work. One cannot argue that. However, that minimal contribution to our society is not anywhere near the costs of health care, Medicaid, Medicare, education, Social Security or any other government expense illegal citizens do not contribute to.

I strongly agree with former President George W. Bush's statement, "Family values do not stop at the border." I do not think it is ethically or morally right just to disregard people who are here trying to support a better living for their family. Who could blame them? It is illogical to blame the immigrants themselves for hurting our economy.

The responsibility rests within our government to take control of the situation and address the biggest problem within the state of Texas.

Eliminating "sanctuary cities" would be a huge step in the right direction. Perry chastised Hutchison's endorsement of such cities in the recent debates; however, he has done little to reduce the increasing number of illegal citizens within those counties. He continues to cite failures within the federal government as the biggest contributor to the growing problem.

Hutchison said she would suggest employers use the E-verify system to prove new employees are here legally. This federal program has yet to be seen as a productive tool in reducing the number of new-hire illegal immigrants. Furthermore, the mere suggestion that runs without benefit or con-

sequence would be pointless.

There is obviously not a clear-cut solution to stop the growing problems associated with illegal immigration. It seems as if Medina's idea of increasing sales tax is the only way Texas could see the increase in funds we need to balance our budget. Her idea of doing away with property tax would be great for those who actually own property (not many college students).

Without further federal intervention along the border, it is extremely unlikely the number of illegal immigrants will decline. The only question left for us college students to ask is: Who is willing to vote for an unknown candidate who wove to increase the sales tax?

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Gays, lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in our military

Our brave men and women give everything they can to protect this great nation. They are the best of the best this nation has to offer. The sacrifice they give is unlike anything else any citizen can do.

This is, of course, unless you are an openly gay individual.

For 16 years, the United States military has had a policy that states you may not serve your nation if you are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. This policy, commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," is a discriminatory policy that ought to be repealed.

President Barack Obama always has supported its repeal and stated as much in his State of the Union

Paul Williamson



address. As a result there have been hearings about the policy in Congress.

Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, "No matter how I look at the issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their

fellow citizens," as reported by *The Seattle Times*. He also said repealing the policy "would be the right thing to do."

He could not be any more right. This policy forces people to suppress who they are as a person to serve their nation. If you are gay and want to serve your country and give the ultimate sacrifice, you just have to not be you and change yourself.

This policy states only heterosexuals are good enough to be in our military. When you look at a list of veterans who served our nation and died protecting this nation, do you really care about their sexual orientation? Does that really matter all that much? No. You just care about brave, courageous individuals who

love this nation.

Those in favor of this policy argue this would harm unit cohesion and hinder the ability of our soldiers to fight.

In testimony, Saxby Chambliss, a Georgia senator, said military life is different from civilian life and military life "is characterized by its own laws, rules, customs and traditions — including restrictions on personal behavior that would not be acceptable in civilian society."

"The armed forces must maintain personnel policies that excludes persons whose presence in the armed forces would create an unacceptable risk to the armed forces high standards, the morale, good order and discipline and unit cohesion," according to an *Atlanta Journal Con-*

stitution blog by Jim Galloway.

The Georgia senator is wrong in assuming military life is something that is static and cannot change. A huge part of military life is a strict adherence to a chain of command. When there is an order that comes from the top, it will be followed through with the upmost efficiency. Top military people have stated they are just waiting on the orders from the top to change their policy.

"We have received our orders from the commander in chief, and we are moving out accordingly," said Secretary of Defense Robert Gates as reported by *The Seattle Times*.

Nothing will get in the way of our military to do its job. When orders are handed down, they will

be followed.

Also, the culture of today is dramatically different than it was 16 years ago. Then, gay individuals were not nearly as accepted and integrated into our society as they are now. Today, there are many people more accepting of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

The bottom line is, this policy only creates more harm than it prevents. It is discriminatory and should be stopped. Let's just hope our leaders in Washington realize this sooner rather than later.

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Obama's dangerous political gambit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slapping Republicans with one hand, extending olive branches with the other, President Barack Obama is playing a dangerous political game.

It's not a new one. And it just might work.

Fearful of losses in the November congressional and gubernatorial elections, Democrats have been urging Obama to help them stay competitive by throwing tougher punches at Republicans. Those calls grew louder after the Democrats' stunning loss two weeks ago of a Senate seat in Massachusetts, seen as an indictment of Democratic control over Congress and the White House and a potentially disturbing bellwether for the fall voting.

Obama is complying, day after day.

Since last Wednesday's State of the Union address, the president has held two campaign-style town hall meetings, including one Tuesday in New Hampshire, where two House races and a Senate seat are in play this year. He used both events to call out Republicans for opposing him on health care, federal spending and other issues. He also spoke at a meeting last week of House Republican lawmakers, where each side aired complaints against the other, sometimes sharply, and then appeared before Senate Democrats on Wednesday.

"We have led," he said of his party. But of Republicans, he said this: "We extend a hand and get a fist in return."

Even if his newly combative approach notches the president some rhetorical wins, though, he risks alienating people at the same time.

As a candidate, Obama built a winning brand as a change agent, a politician above politics. That outsider, reformer image, while attractive particularly to all-important independent voters, is difficult for any politician to maintain once the messy obligations and barriers of governing take over. It is even easier to lose once the bare-knuckled zingers start flying.

What's more, Obama's sharper tone comes at a time of deepening voter ire about Washington's politics of division and inability to solve pressing problems.

"That's the rub," said White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, acknowledging that the White House knows it risks losing as much as, perhaps more than, it gains.

Sensing opportunity, Republicans are taking note. Countering Obama's portrayal of himself as above the political fray, the Republican National Committee sent out a video of what it called the president's "perpetual campaigning" of late.

As the president turns up the heat on the GOP, he will continue to reach out too, asking Republicans to engage seriously in negotiations on legislation and regularly defining areas — such as offshore drilling, nuclear power, clean-coal production, education reforms and deficit reduction — where cooperation may be possible. This

serves two purposes: showing himself the willing conciliator and putting Republicans on the spot.

As Obama seeks to right his presidency and his agenda amid falling poll numbers and ballot box losses, he and his advisers have concluded that the gloves must come off more often. Hence the tough talk in Wednesday's session with Senate Democrats, and more that's planned in the coming weeks, a senior administration official said.

The idea is to stop allowing Republicans to define the White House through their nearly unanimous opposition to Obama's proposals and to start using them as a foil to better define Democrats, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to more freely describe private White House planning.

Obama also plans another line of criticism: Draw clearer contrasts between the Democratic and Republican approaches to the nation's problems. As Gibbs said, "You may not be sold completely on what we've been doing but look at the alternative."

Obama won't be the first president to engage in this political brinkmanship, portraying himself as a reasonable type willing to give while painting the other side as obstructionist and petty.

And, much as voters tell pollsters they're not fooled by the contradictory messages and love Mr. Nice Guy best, Election Day results often don't bear that out.

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Socially conscious business models keep customers happy

By HALLIE DAVIS
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Most students would admit they have little interest in business models or the planning that goes into the clothes they wear and the food they eat, but as companies like Toms and businesses like Lubbock's West Crust Pizza have learned, consumers are interested.

Toms Shoes was founded by Blake Mycoskie on the one-for-one business model — for every pair sold, the company gives a pair to a child in a Third World country. The shoes advertise themselves in that they make every customer a philanthropist, Mycoskie said in an e-mail interview, and that's a fact the company is happy to share when people ask them about what's on their feet.

"A lot of consumers are looking for some kind of added value when they buy things these days, and our one-for-one model creates a benefactor with every single purchase," said Mycoskie, who was scheduled to speak about his business model Jan. 28 at Tech, sponsored by the Rawls College of Business, but he was unable to attend because of the weather. "So that really supports a continued relationship between the

consumer and the company." Mycoskie's belief is echoed by Keith Brigham, a business professor who believes the ties between customer and company are what keep businesses running that have a "dual bottom line" like Toms.

"They get so much buy in from employees and investors because people are inspired by the larger mission," Brigham said.

The cost of goods and the cost of giving were reasons many companies don't give, Mycoskie said.

"Let's face it, most business people and entrepreneurs are starting businesses to make money," he said, "(Giving back) definitely does not help your bottom line."

Locally owned and operated West Crust opened early last semester, said Justin Barnard, part owner and manager of the restaurant. The gourmet pizzeria doesn't necessarily give back, but it does its best to keep from taking too

much by incorporating recycling in the back of the kitchen and the dining room, using compostable, corn-based plastics, and making pizza boxes with completely biodegradable cardboard and inks.

He said doing all of this and more hasn't hurt the new company at all. Almost all its business comes from word of mouth or social media like Facebook and Twitter, and people give a lot of positive feedback about the company being environmentally friendly.

"People make a big deal about it," Barnard said, "and it's a great marketing thing, the shared value. We don't flaunt it, but it's a part of our value system."

Brigham said the value system is what keeps companies like Toms and West Crust in business.

"The difference is that (socially conscious) businesses focus on sustainability," Brigham said. "So it's not focused on next quarter,

but on the problems, issues and the long-term battle. This long-term orientation leads to better financial stability."

Mycoskie said he agreed companies that start with a sustainability mission must plan a business model around it to achieve all they can, rather than adding philanthropy later. However, he said anything to help is worth it.

"Our one-for-one model will not fit for every company or industry, but it's a matter of being able to provide for others to the capacity that you are capable of doing," Mycoskie said.

West Crust does what it can for the environment, and used that as a core value when it began. Barnard said the pizzeria offers fresh and organic items as well as gluten-free products. He said it all goes towards filling a niche, and being environmentally conscious is a part of that.

"We decided from the get-go that we wanted to do what we could, and there are so many things that are easy to do to cover all less our carbon footprint," Barnard said.

Although most feedback is positive, he's sure there are some people who roll their eyes at the recycling bins, but the pizza keeps even those people coming back.

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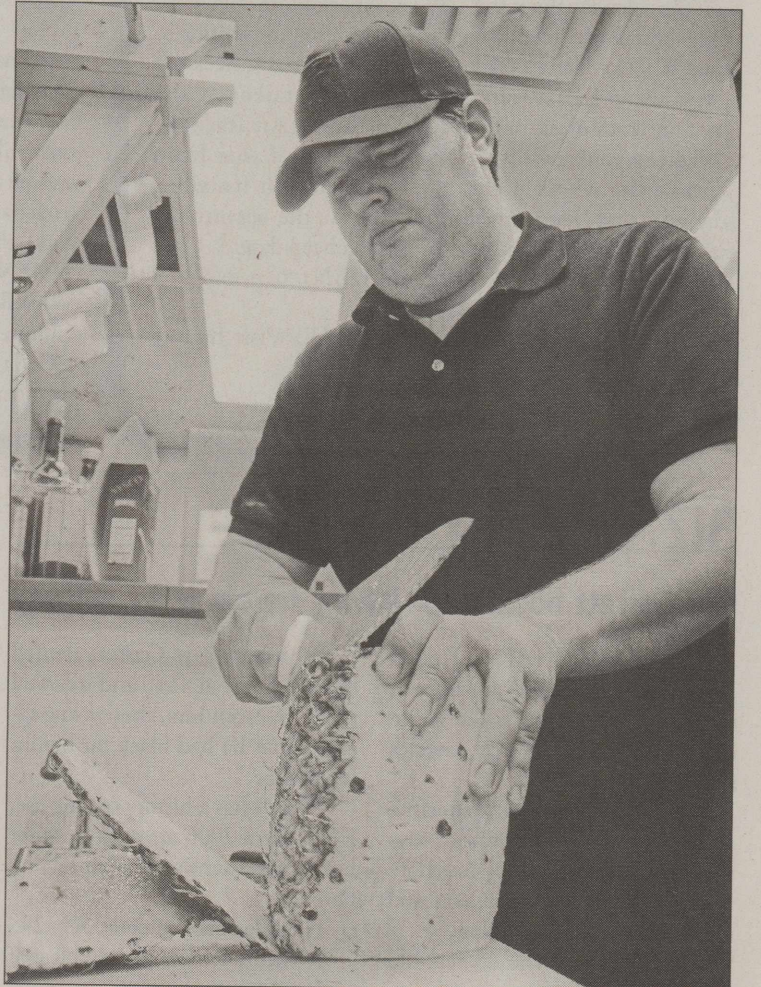


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DAVE HILL, GENERAL manager at West Crust Artisan Pizza, cuts a pineapple to use as a topping for one of the speciality pizzas.

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Grammy Awards Show brings out best, worst music, performances of 2009

I love the Grammy Awards Show, not because it is simply about music, which of course I love, but because it is the only awards show that brings us absolutely incredible live performances (outside of the MTV awards, which will never be taken seriously).

And boy did those performances deliver this year.

This, in my eyes, was the best Grammys since maybe 2006, when the live performances included John Legend, Linkin Park with Paul McCartney and Jay-Z, U2 and Coldplay.

The 52nd Grammy Awards were super entertaining as well, with some excellent moments and some awkward, yet hilarious moments. Let's run down a list of the big winners and losers after the 52nd Grammys Award Show.

Lady Gaga — She was a big winner, opening the night with a very strange yet creative duet with songwriting god

Noel Bryant

Elton John. We may laugh at Lady Gaga's antics, but her talent is real. Check out videos of her early years, when she sang Norah Jones-esque songs, and realize this girl can be a singer/songwriter and also can be a marketable machine.

Green Day — To me, they were losers. Even though they won best rock album, their lame rendition of "21 Guns" with the future cast of their own Broadway play (kill me now, please) was at best silly and at worst the most terrible attempt to fuse the Glee fanboys with the overplayed, super aged and politically naive rockers who should go

back to their house on the Boulevard of Broken Dreams. Wow, that was a little harsh, huh?

Beyoncé — Super dooper winner. Jay-Z should be a proud hubby this week. Beyoncé straight up killed it, as her inner Sasha Fierce came out and dominated the stage. Her voice is nothing short of divine, her look is, well, "bootylicious," and her stage presence is the best in the business.

I loved the mixture of "If I Were a Boy" with Alanis Morissette's great song "You Oughta Know." If I had it my way, I would lay down the law and say her voice is the best in the industry right now, no questions. She took home some good hardware, too (six awards in one night, which breaks the female record for one night).

Taylor Swift — Winner/loser. She gains both in one night (quite a feat). She won big, including the coveted album of

the year award. But she lost so much with her once again terrible, off-key singing in her cheesy ukulele rendition of "You Belong With Me."

Look, I like T-Swift because she is cute, young, charming and writes her own stuff. But for the love of sweet corn, someone tell her to strictly stick with re-recording and not performing in front of millions. I thought it was impossible to make Stevie Nicks sound like that. Eminem/Lil Wayne/Drake — Biggest winners of the night. All three

deserve major kudos. And heck, throw Travis Barker in there, too (though he was basically pointless in that performance except to look cool).

Em won best rap album for "Relapse," and Drake, although not a winner, was a dual nominee in his first real year of being in the game. But the real reason why these guys are the big winners was because their live performance of "Drop the World," and "Forever" was one of the best live Grammy performances I have ever seen, even though CBS did the best they could to ruin it (why not just bleep out the words

instead of the entire audio?).

Eminem showed how good he is when he is serious about his lyrics. Lil' Wayne tore up the stage, and Drake placed his foot in the door as someone who will define the hip-hop game for years to come. This phenomenal performance brought the crowd to its feet and had me dancing in my living room dreaming of becoming a way cooler, way better Asher Roth.

Folks, enjoy the Youtube videos of the performances, because they were oh so good. And please don't expect for this year in music to be any better than 2009's, which was one of the best in a long time. 2010 can and I think will be a solid year in music (especially for indie rock), but those Grammys on Sunday night closed the lid on an incredible 2009.

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Mayer puts on free concert for SC fans

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — John Mayer fans have been huddling outside the South Carolina venue where the rocker has been rehearsing for his upcoming tour, hoping to get a glimpse of him.

For some lucky fans, that wait has paid off. For two hours Tuesday night, Mayer put on a free show for University of South Carolina students, giving back to the loyal fans who have camped out in downtown Columbia during his practice sessions.

"USC students: come watch us run the show tonight. Free," Mayer said in a Twitter message sent at 6 p.m. Tuesday, inviting students to pick up their free tickets at the Russell House student union on campus and show up for a concert two hours later.

Organizers originally said only 200 tickets would be issued, but about 500 were gathered for Tuesday's performance.

Mayer has been in Columbia this week rehearsing for his two-year worldwide tour, which kicks off Thursday in Sunrise, Fla. He returns to South Carolina Feb. 8 for a show in North Charleston but doesn't have any concerts scheduled for Columbia.

Given the warm reception he got Tuesday, Mayer said he might have to reconsider that.

"We will hopefully see you at one of the area concerts, or we'll have to do a show back here," Mayer said. "We'll see you soon."

Tuesday's performance had all the elements of a standard arena concert: screaming fans, cameras feeding live images to a jumbo screen, even an encore. Trying out music from his latest album, "Battle Studies," Mayer told the crowd he planned to run through the touring concert playlist and make tweaks as necessary, even asking the crowd for advice on some show elements, like a semitransparent screen surrounding the stage.

Brooks recalls Anne Bancroft as wife, collaborator

NEW YORK (AP) — Mel Brooks has made audiences laugh for more than a half century, but it was his wife, the late Anne Bancroft, who made him smile.

It's been nearly five years since the actress passed away, but not a day goes by that Brooks doesn't think about her.

"I had 45 of the greatest years of my life," Brooks says.

During a recent interview, the 83-year old Brooks recalled their first meeting in 1961. It was on the set of "The Perry Como Show" in New York, where Bancroft was performing a song called "Married, I Could Always Get." After she finished, she was greeted by Brooks who proclaimed, "I'm Mel Brooks and I'm going to marry you."

Bancroft responded: "Hey, I have your record." She was referring to the classic comedy album

Brooks did with Carl Reiner, "The Two-Thousand Year Old Man."

"The album came out in 1960, and this was Feb. 5, 1961," Brooks recalls. "From that day, until her death on June 5, 2005, we were glued together."

The Brooklyn-born Brooks began his career as a writer for Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows." Alumni from that classic TV program included Reiner, Larry Gelbart, Neil Simon and Woody Allen.

After the success of his comedy record, Brooks established a long career as a writer, director and actor. His first feature film, 1968's "The Producers," won an Academy Award for best screenplay. It became a Broadway hit in 2001.

"Anne was responsible," Brooks says of turning his Oscar script into a Tony-winning musical.

Brooks says he was approached by David Geffen to do the musical

version of the film, but was reluctant at first. Tensions increased when Geffen suggested bringing in Jerry Herman to write the remainder of the songs. It was then that Bancroft intervened.

"I won't let you do this, if they don't let you do the score," she told him. "That's the only reason to do it, the score."

Brooks went back to Geffen, and told him: "It's me or no musical." And the rest is history as "The Producers" won a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards.

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Parabelle, Broken Dayz and Static Union

•Jake's Backroom boasts on the calendar about this concert being a free show, and it looks like a pretty good lineup. Even if you're not into rock music or the bar scene, you can still stay awake the whole night by watching "Paranormal Activity" at 8 p.m. in the Allen Theatre.
WHEN: Doors at 9 p.m.
WHERE: Jake's Backroom
COST: Free

FRIDAY

First Friday Art Trail

•Under all the dust-covered snow and rain of Lubbock there is an artistic interior just waiting to be discovered. Check out the local talent at the First Friday Art Trail. The right side of your brain will thank you. If nothing else, it's the opportunity for a cheap date.
WHEN: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Visit ffat.org for locations
COST: Free

SATURDAY

Chinese Lunar New Year

Celebration Night
 •Who says you can't have a New Year celebration more than once each year? The night to welcome in the year of the golden tiger will feature Chinese cuisine and performances from Japan, Hong Kong and Uzbekistan.
WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: International Culture Center
COST: Members \$5, non-members \$10

SUNDAY

Super Bowl

Colts vs. Saints

•The game itself has plenty of story lines and match ups. Will Dwight Freeney play? How about the quarterback match up? Drew Brees vs. Peyton Manning is one of the best match ups in recent Super Bowl memory. Whether you watch the game or the commercials, the Super Bowl is always an experience.
WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: KLBK on a TV near you
COST: Free

MONDAY

"Sex, Money and the Corporate Ladder"

•At a time when jobs are hard to come by, watch a play about the journey of three people who created the most successful private company in the country and see if they can keep their heads above water. It is yet another quality production of Tech's Department of Theatre and Dance.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Lab Theatre
COST: \$5 with student ID

TUESDAY

Mystery Event

•You won't know where, when or what the heck is going on, but TAB promises something secret is happening somewhere on campus. Hopefully the foreboding description the organization keeps posting on TechAnnounce isn't indicative of the event. The last thing the campus needs is a wild animal petting zoo to be let loose.
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Somewhere on campus
COST: Free

WEDNESDAY

"Paper Heart"

•If you didn't get a chance to see this small-budget film featuring Texas Tech chemistry professor Bill Hase talking about the chemistry of love, now is your chance. What better way to get in the mood of Valentine's Day than with a showing of teenage film featuring—gasp—Michael Cera as an awkward adolescent?
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Student Union Allen Theatre
COST: Free

BIZ WEEKLY

Leif Garrett booked for having heroin in LA subway

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former 1970s teen idol Leif Garrett has been released from jail on a charge he carried heroin into a Los Angeles subway station.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says the actor and singer was arrested late Monday for heroin possession and released on bond Wednesday.

Whitmore says the 48-year-old was shaking and sweating.

Whitmore says Garrett denied having drugs at first and allowed them to search him, then acknowledged that he had black tar heroin in his shoe.

Garrett has a history of drug use, including a 2006 arrest at another Los Angeles subway stop for having heroin.

He is due back in court Feb. 24. It was not immediately clear if Garrett had an attorney.

The wait goes on for Michael Jackson's doctor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers for Michael Jackson's doctor were meeting Wednesday to talk about their client's defense strategy in the event he's charged in the death of the singer.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Conrad Murray and his lawyers had received no word from prosecutors about a decision from the district attorney.

Lead attorney Ed Chernoff was waiting for news in a Los Angeles-area hotel, and planned to meet with the other two members of the defense team later in the day.

"There's no joy in representing someone who shouldn't be charged in the first place," Chernoff said. "But I suppose there's some truth to the proposition that the waiting is the hardest part."

Murray was at a friend's house in Santa Monica, where a crowd of paparazzi was waiting outside. Fifteen miles to the east, a contingent of camera crews and photographers waited at the downtown courthouse, but by afternoon some were drifting away.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said she had no word on when any developments were likely.

Celebrity burglary suspect pleads not guilty in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman accused of being a ringleader of a crew that burglarized the homes of celebrities has pleaded not guilty.

Rachel Lee entered the plea Wednesday through her attorney Peter Korn in Los Angeles. Korn declined further comment after the hearing.

The 19-year-old Lee was charged in January with receiving stolen property and felony burglary after break-ins occurred at the homes of Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan and "The Hills" star Audrina Patridge.

Lee and five other young adults are suspected of taking high-end clothes and jewelry from the homes.

Weather can't stop women's lacrosse team

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
 STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's lacrosse team braves all sorts of weather in their practice in preparation for their upcoming season.

The team has 16 women, all with a passion for their sport. Many of the women played the sport in high school and joined the team as a way to make friends and continue playing a sport they love.

"I played in high school all four years and came across the team and fell in love with all the girls," said Amy Speer, team captain and junior public relations major from Bellaire.

The competitive season will begin later than expected this year due to recent weather problems. The team's first game against Baylor was canceled due to the unusual amount of snow and ice in Lubbock last weekend.

As part of the Texas Women's Lacrosse League, the women play all major schools across the state and in two competitions, said Samantha Goodell, team president and senior English major from Bedford.

The team will travel to San Antonio for its first game against Trinity University on Feb. 20.

"I'd say we can put up a good fight," Speer said. "I think we're going to have a good season this year."

This is one of the two home games the team has during the season. Because the team must travel so far for the majority of their games, it schedules multiple matches in a weekend.

"We're obviously the farthest and almost considered out-of-state on some things," Speer said. "So if we make the effort to make it to Dallas, A&M will usually meet us there or we'll play UNT, SMU and TCU all in one weekend because that's a lot of driving and it's expensive to travel."

For their games, instead of the typical uniform of a jersey and athletic shorts, the women's lacrosse team wears skirts. Keeping the history of the sport alive, the team now wears shorter athletic skirts rather than the traditional kilt.

"We do wear spandex under our skirts so we're not going to moon anybody," said Ellen Miritello, a freshman early childhood education major from Southlake. "I think it's different, but lacrosse is a little different all around, so it just makes it a little bit more fun. I like telling people we wear skirts."

The team practices two hours a day, three times a week which not only prepares them for their upcoming season, but gives the women a chance to bond with each other.

"It's kind of like a sorority in itself," Goodell said. "Everyone's pretty much friends with everyone on and off the field and there's pretty good camaraderie."

Unlike Miritello's former team, this is much more laid back than she expected. The practices are laid back and fun for the women where they are excited to come to practice, she said.

"It's a lot of fun and casual, and I like that," Miritello said.

As team members ready themselves for their first game, Miritello said she hopes their fellow students



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BRIDGETTE HORWATH, A senior interior design major from Glendora, Calif., catches the ball during a passing exercise Tuesday night at the practice fields for the John Walker Soccer Complex.

understand the women have come from all over and have fun playing their sport.

"Just because we're a club, don't underestimate us," Speer said. "We

may not get as much recognition as football, or baseball or basketball, but we still do come out here and play a sport."

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Obama clarifies anti-Vegas remark

LAS VEGAS (AP) — President Barack Obama is known for having a way with words, but some lawmakers from Nevada wish he would pipe down about trips to Sin City.

After sparking a firestorm of criticism from Nevada's elected officials for suggesting that people saving money for college shouldn't blow it in Las Vegas, Obama told U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in a letter that he wasn't saying anything negative about Las Vegas.

It was the second time since taking office that Obama singled

out Las Vegas as a potential example of spending excessively.

"I was making the simple point that families use vacation dollars, not college tuition money, to have fun," Obama said, according to the letter released by Reid's office. "There is no place better to have fun than Vegas, one of our country's great destinations."

Obama said he always enjoys his visits to Las Vegas.

A White House spokesman referred to Obama's letter to Reid and said the administration had no further comment.

Head north this winter for Michigan comedy fest

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Here's a prescription for curing those midwinter blues: Forget jetting off to Florida or the Caribbean. Instead, spend a long weekend in snowbound, frostbitten northern Michigan.

Don't laugh. Well, actually, do laugh — a lot. That's the point.

The inaugural Traverse City Comedy Arts Festival is scheduled for Feb. 19-21, organized by a couple of celebrities with local ties: filmmaker and political gadfly Michael Moore, and Emmy winner Jeff Garlin of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

They conceived the festival to bring a few smiles to a state that's a poster child for the economic deep-freeze — and to create an off-season tourist magnet for Traverse City. The Lake Michigan community 250 miles northwest of Detroit draws thousands of visitors during its sun-splashed summers but is a much less popular destination the rest of the year.

And that's a shame, because — all kidding aside — there's much for tourists to enjoy this time of year in a region dotted with lakes, rivers, forests and resort villages. So let's consider how you might fill a few frosty days in northern Michigan this month.

Begin with the comedy fest. Moore, a native of blue-collar Flint, moved to Traverse City seven years ago and started a summer film festival, at which Garlin has been a frequent guest.

Their humor series will feature acts ranging from A-list (Roseanne Barr) to up-and-comers (Whitney Cummings of "Live! Nude! Comedy!" and Mike Birbiglia of "This American Life").

Independent film pioneer John Waters ("Hairspray," "Pink Flamingos") will present his one-man show "This Filthy World." Garlin himself will perform onstage, as will J.B. Smoove, his co-star on "Curb Your Enthusiasm." The lineup also will feature improv masters TJ & Dave and the two-man sketch group "Teenager of the Year."

Moore says most of the comedians are appearing for little or no charge, which will enable the festival to keep ticket prices low. Some events will be free, including a couple of late-night "talk shows" hosted by Garlin.

All the performances will be within walking distance of each other in the downtown area just off Grand Traverse Bay. Locations include a historic opera house and the State Theatre, a 540-seat movie palace that Moore and friends renovated a few years ago. With its 50-foot-wide screen, thick maroon-and-gold draperies, ceiling resembling a star-spangled night sky and old-fashioned theater organ, it's a spectacle all by itself.

The downtown district has a village-like feel, featuring art galleries, boutiques, brew pubs and restaurants with sufficient price ranges for about any budget. Red Ginger, an upscale Asian dining spot next door to the State, offers a sushi bar and fresh seafood flown in regularly from markets in Hawaii and Japan. On the other side of the theater is Amical, a popular Eu-

ropean bistro that makes liberal use of locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Now that your spirits are lightened from all the jokes and food, what else is there to do?

If those icy gusts off the lake are just too much, indoor options abound. Visit the Dennon Museum at Northwestern Michigan College, where on display through March 28 is "River of Gold," a collection of crafted goldwork excavated from central Panama and dating from the pre-Columbian period 1,000 years ago.

Or drive about 15 miles south to Interlochen Center for the Arts, an internationally renowned training center for teen artists. The Aspen Santa Fe ballet will be on campus Feb. 16, and the Moscow Circus on Feb. 22. Also scheduled for February are several performances by student musical ensembles, whose talent and refinement are well worth the price of admission (\$9 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors).

For some visitors, no up-north excursion would be complete without braving the outdoors.

Michigan may not be among the nation's best-known skiing destinations. But the northern part of the state has hills up to 500 feet high and quality resorts, some also offering cross-country trails.

More extensive yet is the state's 6,200-mile network of trails for snowmobiling — the backbone of northern Michigan's winter tourist economy. The sport is especially popular in the vast, sparsely populated Upper Peninsula, where sledgers zigzag for hours on logging roads that reach deep into state and national forests.

But our theme here is comedy, so let's consider a couple of more offbeat pursuits with at least the potential to make you laugh.

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Tech Basketball uses time to advantage

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

With no midweek game this week, freshman guard Mike Davis and the rest of the Red Raiders have had time to reflect on the season.

But with no game for a full week before Oklahoma State on Saturday, Texas Tech basketball also has had time to emphasize what has held it back thus far in Big 12 Conference play.

"We had a couple of team meetings to talk about everything," Davis said. "How everybody is feeling about the season right now and what we need to do to get better for the rest of the season and also for the postseason."

Davis said the team's consensus is that the 2009-2010 season is already a success because Tech tied last season's win total at 14 games with at least nine more games to go. Still, the players are not satisfied — they want to make the postseason.

But to make the postseason, Tech must get on a roll in conference play.

That means the Red Raiders, who started the season 9-0 and ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll, need to get back to playing defense the way they did in nonconference play.

So that is what has been emphasized this week in practice.

"We're trying to clean up the defense," guard John Roberson said. "We've been giving up way too many points. (Rebounding) has also been killing us. I think Texas A&M had 20 offensive rebounds against us. We've been working on just hitting and going, boxing our man out. There's a lot of drills just getting us familiar with just going and getting rebounds."

With Oklahoma State's James Anderson up next for the Red Raiders, the defensive work couldn't have come at a better time. Anderson lit up the Red Raiders earlier this season with more than 20 points in the first half.

He still leads the conference in scoring as of Wednesday night, averaging 22.8 points per game.

The Oklahoma State game could be the perfect time for

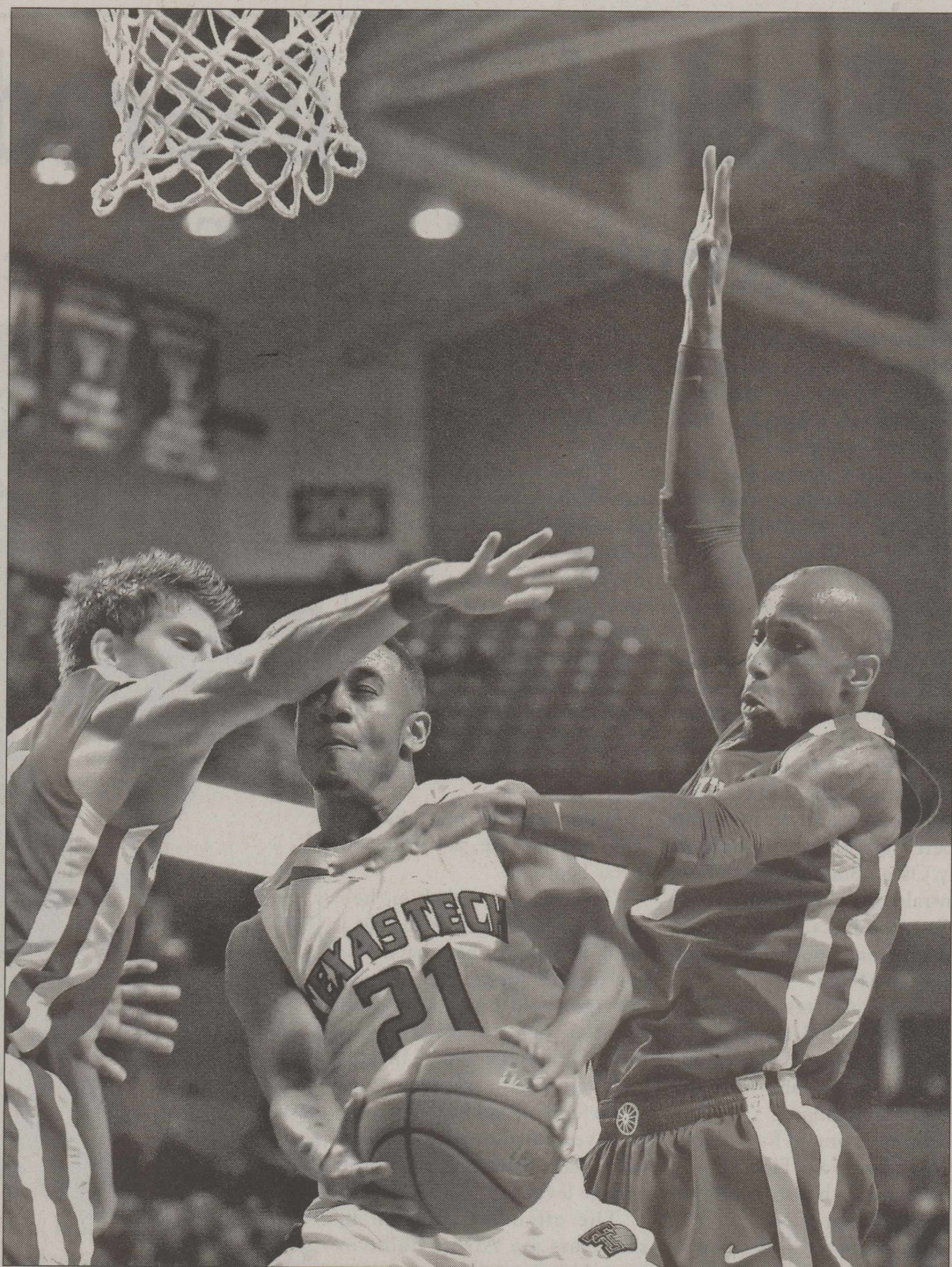


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OKLAHOMA'S CADE DAVIS and Tony Crocker guard Texas Tech's John Roberson as he attempts to score during the Red Raiders' game against the Sooners on Jan. 23. Tech did not have a game Wednesday, but Oklahoma State comes to town at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

the Red Raiders to turn things around. Tech is hoping to put a halt to a two-game skid a few more tough conference game around.

While Tech ranks sixth in the conference with 77.9 points per game, it has the worst defense in the Big 12, giving up an average of 74.7 points per game. Colorado ranks 11th averaging 71.9.

The Red Raiders' rank 11th in scoring margin, leaving little breathing room if the offense has

an off night.

Tech also ranks last in the conference in rebounding defense, allowing opponents an average of 38.4 per game. The Red Raiders allowed 37 rebounds in their last game against A&M and 46 against Texas the game before while averaging just 28 during those two games.

Despite the numbers, Tech was right in the mix of both games until the final minutes. The Red Raiders led Texas at

halftime, 50-47.

A marginal improvement in the defense and rebounding departments could set the Red Raiders apart in close games in the future.

Davis said he believes things can turn around that easily.

"A lot of the things are things that are fixable," Davis said. "Communication errors, and just going all out on defense."

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Tech soccer nabs 8 new athletes on Signing Day

It wasn't Signing Day just for the Texas Tech football team.

The Tech soccer team inked eight athletes Wednesday, adding to the Red Raiders' team for the 2010 season.

The Red Raiders signed four midfielders, two forwards, two defenders and a goalkeeper.

"Our staff is very excited to announce the class of 2010 for Texas Tech Soccer," Tech coach Tom Stone said in a news release. "This group addresses many of our specific needs for the 2010 season, while also helping us build for our future."

This class comes after some of the most successful years in Tech soccer's history. During Stone's tenure of two full seasons, Tech has 23 wins — one shy of all the wins the program had from 2000 to 2006.

Commits consist of Hayley Haagsma, Gabby Kaufman, Malory Yacullo, Haley Fournier, Jessica Disabella, Margaret Gottsacker, Anna Lavis, Becca Rowland and Jessica Fuston.

Haagsma and Kaufman are the first recruits from California under Stone. Yacullo is from Parker, Colo., and Fournier is from Leawood, Kan.

Haagsma is a midfielder and Kaufman comes in as a goalie. Both played in the Laguna Hills Eclipse soccer club in California.

Not only will Fournier play soccer this fall, but she'll play tennis next spring as well.

Disabella, Gottsacker, Lavis and Rowland are from Texas. Lavis and Rowland hail from Arlington, Gottsacker is from Dallas and Disabella is from Flower Mound.

Fuston already has enrolled at Tech and she will compete in the exhibition schedule this spring.

"Our entire coaching staff and all those involved in our recruiting efforts on campus did a wonderful job in the process of bringing such quality student-athletes to Texas Tech," Stone said in the release. "This group hails from some of the best club teams in Texas, Colorado and Southern California, and they bring a high level of expectation and experience to our young squad."

Another new face on the team is Whitney Sharpe, who transferred from UCLA this spring.

Tech missed the Big 12 Championship tournament last season, losing to Kansas in a play-in game for the No. 8 seed.

The Red Raiders finished the season 8-8-4. But it was a successful season for Tech — no Tech team had finished .500 or better since 1998.

The spring exhibition schedule has not been announced yet. ►adam.coleman@ttu.edu

Streaking Iowa State hands Texas Tech fifth consecutive loss, 63-48

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Kelsey Bolte scored 19 points, including hitting five 3-pointers, and No. 22 Iowa State beat Texas Tech 63-48 on Wednesday night.

Alison Lacey added 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for the Cyclones (17-4, 5-3 Big 12), who won for the fifth time in six games. Texas Tech (13-8, 1-6) dropped its sixth straight Big 12 Conference game, all to teams ranked in the Top 25.

Iowa State, the league's top defensive team, held the Lady

Raiders to 32.7 percent shooting and finished with a 39-25 rebounding edge.

Nine times this season ISU has held opponents to 50 points or less.

The Cyclones trailed 22-21 after Monique Smalls' steal and lay-up with 5:49 to play in the first half. But Tech didn't hit a field goal the rest of the half and watched as Iowa State went into the break on a 14-2 run and broke the game open.

Ashlee Roberson led the Lady

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Tuberville brings in first recruiting class as Tech head coach

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Tommy Tuberville stayed true to his philosophy when he hauled in his first recruiting class as Texas Tech head coach.

National Signing Day for Tech concluded Wednesday with 25 signed recruits — 17 of them play on the defensive side of the ball.

With Tuberville's ambitions to add the 3-4 defense to Tech's arsenal, this class could be a step in the right direction.

Tech's first-year staff recruited eight defensive linemen, four cornerbacks, three linebackers and two safeties.

Additionally, two recruits are athletes who played both sides of the ball in high school, which could mean more additions to the Tech defense.

"I've told people for years," Tuberville said during a press conference Wednesday. "They look at all these recruiting ratings and the great players and the four and five star."

"You can throw it all out and you can grade the defensive linemen that you recruited and if they're good football players, you're going to win more games."

It seems Tech has reloaded the defensive line with the right players, too.

Defensive end Jackson Richards is one of the prized recruits of the class.

As a four-star recruit and the No. 45 overall player in Texas according to Rivals, the Southlake Carroll product is the lone player in the class to participate in the Under Armour All-American game.

There's Dartwan Bush from Brazoswood High School in Clute, who led his team in sacks the last three seasons.

Frankston product Coby Coleman was ranked No. 57 among best defensive tackles in the nation. Lawrence Cayou, defensive end from McDonogh #35 High School in New Orleans, had 17 sacks during his

BREAKDOWN

By State

- Texas — 13
- Florida — 4
- Louisiana — 3
- Oklahoma — 2
- Arkansas — 1
- Hawaii — 1
- Maryland — 1

By Position

- Defensive Tackle — 4
- Defensive End — 4
- Cornerback — 4
- Offensive Tackle — 3
- Athlete — 2
- Safety — 2
- OLB — 2
- Wide Receiver — 1
- Running Back — 1
- Quarterback — 1
- ILB — 1

SOURCE: TECH ATHLETICS

senior season. Mike Jones was a first team all-district selection at Kempner High School in Sugar Land.

Tuberville also got three junior college transfers to bolster the defensive line. Donald Langley from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi, Lawrence Rumph from Navarro College in Corsicana and Scott Smith from Butler County Community College in Kansas highlight this part of the class.

The additions to the defensive line are warranted, considering

defensive ends Daniel Howard and Brandon Sharpe exhausted eligibility. Sharpe had the most sacks in a single season in school history last year with 15.

Linebackers in this class consists of Joe Carmical, who won a state title at Monticello High School in Arkansas, Cqulin Hubert from Eisenhower in Houston and Zach Winbush from Clemens in Schertz.

The Tech coaching staff also added to the secondary with Stony Point's Desmond Martin, Dallas Carter's Russell Polk, Urell Johnson from O. Perry Walker High School in New Orleans, Tre'Vante Porter from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla., Brandon Smith from Central LaFourche High School in Raceland, La., and Phillip Warren from Southridge High School in Miami.

The two athletes in the class are Benjamin McRoy from Lakeland High School in Florida and LaVaughn Whigham, who also went to Southridge.

Warren is one of four players in this class from Florida — a state where Tech historically has not recruited in often.

Tuberville said Warren is the unsung hero in this class, as he was an all-around player for Southridge.

It might not show in the statistics though, because Warren did not get an interception during his senior season. But his high school coach Patrick Burrow said not many threw the ball Warren's way, and when they did, they paid for it.

"He was playing in this public versus private (school) all-star game at the end of the season and somebody was crazy enough to throw a ball his way," Burrow said. "He did get an interception. He got a pick-six."

As for nabbing players from Florida, Tuberville said that can be credited to his ties in the state after coaching at schools such as Auburn, Ole Miss and Miami (Fla.).

"That's a state that everybody goes into," he said. "We'll continue to do that. I think there's a lot of players that are overlooked. Obviously some of the players that we signed were not highly recruited until we started recruiting them. We evaluated them and then of course, we had a player like Shawn Corker who everybody wanted."

And Corker is one of the few offensive players in this class — six to be exact. Three of those six on offense are skill players.

Corker, a receiver from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., caught 58 passes for 741 yards and 11 touchdowns during his senior season. Delans

Griffin put up big numbers at Clinton High School in Clinton, Okla. — he rushed for 3,712 yards and 57 touchdowns in his career.

"There's pretty good ones around here, he's probably as explosive as we've ever had," Clinton coach Mike Lee said of Griffin. "It seemed like every time he touched the ball — I think he scored 40-something touchdowns his junior year."

Then there's Denton Ryan High School quarterback Scotty Young, who will attempt to follow a long list of prolific passers at Tech.

Young was the best quarterback in the state, according to Texas Football.

"Just visiting with him, he's a very mature young man that I think is going to be a heck of a quarterback for us, and he's got some good older guys in front of him that he'll be able to learn from," Tuberville said. "I like his release. I like the way he gets rid of the football and he's very competitive, which is a big attribute for a quarterback playing on the college level."

The offensive linemen in this class are Aleon Calhoun from Navasota, Beau Carpenter from Sulphur Springs and James Polk from Alief Elsik in Houston.

The twist with this class was many of the recruits' decisions after former Tech coach Mike Leach was fired Dec. 30.

Some drew closer to the program after Tuberville's hire, such as Warren. Being in SEC country, Burrows said the Tuberville hire and James Willis coming to Tech from Alabama made Warren feel a little more comfortable.

Lee said Griffin had some concern because he grew close to former Tech running backs coach Clay McGuire. But Lee also said the new staff helped erase any doubt.

Polk said he had little contact with Leach, talking mainly with offensive line coach Matt Moore during the recruiting process.

"I liked coach Tuberville," Polk said. "I can tell he's going to be coaching me hard, but also help me in the classroom as well. I never really talked to coach Leach, so the whole coaching change — I was shocked — but it really didn't affect my decision."

There also are some players who got away. Although top recruit Kadron Boone reportedly was interested in Tech, the four-star receiver according to Scouts, Inc. signed with LSU on Wednesday.

Still, Tuberville is confident his staff went in the right direction with this class.

"I can't bring up names if we didn't sign them, but there were a couple that we would've liked to have had," he said. "But with what we've got coming back on offense, that wasn't really an area we concentrated on."

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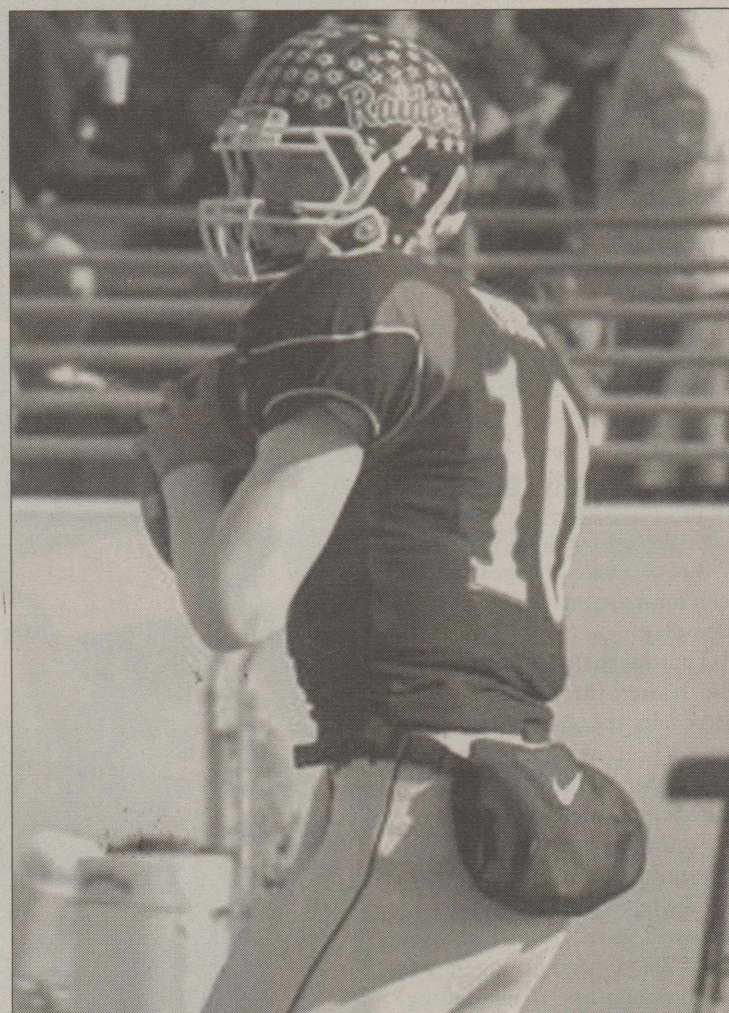


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SCOTTY YOUNG, A quarterback from Ryan High School in Denton is the only quarterback in Tech's 2010 class.

A CUT ABOVE

Scotty Young

Quarterback
6-foot-3, 190 pounds
Denton, Texas (Ryan)

"Scotty has all the intangibles — he's tough, a fierce competitor, and he is a winner. There is no doubt that Scotty will continue the tradition of prolific passers here at Texas Tech."

—NEAL BROWN

TECH OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Shawn Corker

Wide Receiver
6-foot-1, 180 pounds
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

"Shawn fills an immediate need for us. He is a big, physical receiver that is capable of making plays on the outside. He's got tremendous potential. Shawn comes from a strong high school program, where he's been well coached."

—NEAL BROWN

TECH OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Jackson Richards

Defensive End
6-foot-4, 240 pounds
Southlake, Texas (Carroll)

"Jackson is a fierce competitor and a great leader on and off the field. He is the future of Texas Tech football. Jackson has amazing athleticism combined with good size. He excels in the classroom as well and will graduate among the top in his class."

—JAMES WILLIS

TECH DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Tre'Vante Porter

Cornerback
6 feet, 176 pounds
Midwest City, Okla. (Carl Albert)

"Tre'Vante is an outstanding football player. He has great ball skills, and when combined with his size and explosiveness, makes him a dangerous player. Tre'Vante is the prototypical corner that will do well at the college level."

—JAMES WILLIS

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