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Football player proposes at Jones AT&T Stadium



TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL player Lonnie Edwards proposed to his girlfriend and former Tech volleyball player Brittany Hughes at the 50-yard line of Jones AT&T Stadium on Sunday.

By ADAM COLEMAN

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While Valentine's Day was celebrated all across the nation Sunday, the holiday found its way to the 50-yard line at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Texas Tech offensive lineman Lonnie Edwards made the day a memorable one by proposing to his girlfriend and former Tech volleyball player Brittany Hughes at the stadium.

A small group of friends and family attended as Edwards surprised Hughes with the

Edwards blindfolded Hughes until the two arrived on the field. He walked her down the Jones AT&T Stadium ramp to the 50-yard line where friends and family watched, flowers in his left hand. When Hughes removed her blindfold, Edwards was on one knee and what seemed like the biggest smile in the world at the time graced her face as she accepted his proposal.

"It's a very special moment," Edwards said. "Football's my life. Apparently, she is too. We've been dating for about two years and I thought I'm a junior this year and I figured, why not?

"Not a better spot to do it." The idea was a creative one on Edwards' part

and he had help in setting up the proposal. He contacted Donald Scott, an equipment manager with the Tech football team, about setting up the proposal.

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Lab safety committee created after explosion

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials have decided to form a laboratory safety committee to evaluate the procedures used at the university after an explosion in the Chemistry building severely injured a student Jan. 7,

According to a letter to the research community from Robert Smith, provost and senior vice president, and Taylor Eighmy, vice president for research, Tech officials are using the situation to begin campus dialogue about laboratory safety awareness among staff, faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students working in the laboratories.

Eighmy said Tech officials al-Good Good ready have established a high-level organizations committee to look always try to at all aspects of laboratory safety improve and learn training and awareness and use pendfrom these sorts of ing investigations by the Chemical accidents. Safety Board, the federal sponsor of **TAYLOR EIGHMY** the research and VICE PRESIDENT U.S. Department FOR RESEARCH

curity to address possible improvements in practices, procedures and

The accident, Eighmy said, allows everyone to remember care must always be taken and that applying simple practices and procedures will minimize the chance for faculty, staff and students getting hurt.

of Homeland Se-

"Good organizations always try to improve and learn from these sorts of accidents," he said, "and we will too."

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department also has been discussing

the incident, Eighmy said. "If we can learn from this unfortunate accident, then there is an increased chance that this new awareness will translate into greater accident prevention," he said.

In the letter, Smith and Eighmy asked deans to work with department chairs involved with research and education involving laboratories to clarify all personnel working in or using laboratories have taken the appropriate online laboratory safety training module.

Randy Nix, executive director of Tech Environmental Health and Safety, and his staff are available to recommend the relevant modules and to assist deans with this request.

"Our letter to the community requires that all faculty, staff and students working in laboratories go through training or refresher training," Eighmy

The university has good laboratory safety training programs, he said, and the training should be practiced and adhered to in the laboratory environment.

Nix said he does not think laboratory safety procedures will change as a result of the accident as much as the procedures already in

place will be implemented more.

"Not so much changes as things already in place getting emphasized,"

Tech has a good training system in place, Eighmy said, but the university is prepared to make changes based on what is learned from the U.S. Chemical and Safety Board, the internal investigation and work done by the committee.

"We have reached out to the entire university community," he said, "to ask faculty, staff and students to reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that laboratory safety practices are in place and implemented."

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Romantic comedy 'Valentine's Day' draws lovers to theaters

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

The day some see as the most romantic holiday of the year, while others see it as their personal hell, came and went Sunday, but not before serving as inspiration for the newly released film "Valentine's Day."

Grossing \$52.4 million on opening weekend, the film hit theaters Friday, and grabbed the No. 1 spot in the box office ratings, according to The Associated Press. Revolving around its 20 major characters, the film explores the hits and misses of people's expectations Valentine's Day for all ages.

"It was an all-star cast," said Brett Wesley, a sophomore human development and family studies major from San Angelo. "There was a lot of comic relief and the plot line was really good and all the mini-stories tied in. It was really cool."

With each character comes a differ-

ent story line intertwined within the thing ever for everything a guy does other plotlines, all of whom have their own Valentine's Day story. Even the youngest character, Edison, expresses his

love for his teacher on the holiday. "Valentine's Day is a great holiday if you're with someone," Wesley said. "It's just another opportunity to show your significant other that you care for them and would do anything for them."

The "Valentine's Day" cast consists of more than just the 20- and 30-somethings that fill the screens of many romantic comedies. Between Taylor Swift's character carrying the almost life-size teddy bear around that her boyfriend Willy (Taylor Lautner) gave her and Emma Roberts's desire to make the day special for her and her boyfriend, the film also shows the value the younger generation places on the day.

"The movie did a good job portraying the younger high schoolers because the girl will think it is the sweetest

Sunny

on Valentine's Day," said Amy Brewer, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Ennis. "It was really cheesy because if a guy left me a 50-pound teddy bear outside my room, I'd be annoved."

Love goes both ways in this movie and rather than showing story after story of happy endings, some Valentine's Day plans were more successful than others. The film portrayed the stories as realistic rather than just romantic, said Emma Fratangelo, a freshman with no declared major from Tyler.

Not everybody's flowers will be delivered on time, accidents happen and people don't always give the desired answer on Valentine's Day, but the characters discovered how to move on when some stories worked out and others went in a completely different direction, she said.

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreado

PEOPLE WAIT IN line to purchase tickets for "Valentine's Day" Friday at Cinemark

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STATE

Texas GOP ballot includes 5 nonbinding resolutions

Republican voters will have a ers in Austin and Washington, chance to give their opinions on such issues as voter identification and federal stimulus spending through five nonbinding resolutions that will appear on the GOP primary ballot.

The resolutions, which include perennial Republican priorities that have failed in the Legislature, were chosen by the State Republican Executive

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas send a message to elected lead-

"These ballot propositions are Texas Republicans' chance to be heard on issues facing our state," said Republican Party of Texas chairwoman Cathie Adams. "Voters should study the questions and then use their vote to speak directly to their elected officials."

Early voting starts Tuesday for Committee and are designed to the March 2 primary election.

NATION

Mich. house fire kills 4 young kids; dad escapes

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A fire that apparently started after a man fell asleep while cooking swept through an apartment building, killing the man's young child and three others he was baby-sitting, authorities said.

The fire started at about 11 p.m. Saturday in the town house's kitchen, said Rod Slaughter, executive director of the Flint Housing Commission.

The 28-year-old father was able to escape through a first-floor window, but no one was able to reach the children in time, Slaughter said. The children were between the ages of 1 and 4 years old.

A next-door neighbor ran out and saw flames jumping from the window but was unable to do any-

thing to save the children.

The housing commission was working to find new lodging for five families displaced by the fire, Slaughter said.

"No matter how bad the economy is, Flint and Genesee (County) will come together," Slaughter said, listing a range of community groups that were offering food, clothing and furniture to the families.

Pink and blue balloons, teddy bears and candles were placed outside the burned town house in an impromptu memorial for the victims. The neighborhood is pockmarked by vacant lots and boarded-up singlefamily homes in a battered industrial city hard-hit by the loss of tens of thousands of General Motors Corp. jobs over recent decades.

WORLD

Irish bishop: no resignations on agenda with pope

one-by-one will give an accounting to Pope Benedict XVI of their views, actions or knowledge about decades of sexual abuse by clergy, a participant said Sunday, but resignations were not on the agenda for the Vatican's extraordinary summit over the scandal.

"A casualty of all this has been the truth," Clogher Bishop Joseph Duffy said on the eve of the two-day summit. "The fullness of the truth must come out, everything must be laid on the table."

Duffy, a spokesman for the Irish Bishops Conference, said the church was "admittedly slower than in needs to be" in grappling with a "culture of

concealment. Last year, an investigation re- he stepped down.

ROME (AP) — Irish bishops vealed that church leaders in Dublin had spent decades protecting childabusing priests from the law while many fellow clerics turned a blind eye. A separate report in Ireland had been released months earlier documenting decades of sexual, physical and psychological abuse in Catholic-run schools, workhouses and orphanages.

The revelations shocked and disgusted the predominantly Catholic nation, and victims quickly demanded certain Irish bishops resign. Several have agreed, including two who stepped down on Christmas Day, but others have flatly refused.

Among the 24 bishops at the summit will be Martin Drennan of

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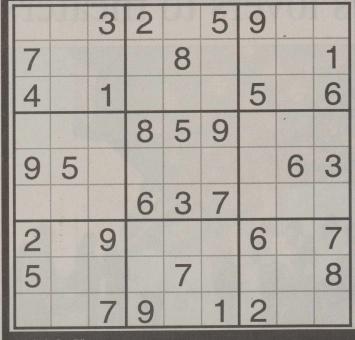
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AHN TRAN, A junior nutritional sciences major from Lubbock, passes out red envelops filled with "lucky money" during the Vietnamese Student Association's Tet Celebration Friday in the International Cultural Center's Hall of Nations.

Ala. prof's family, friends: No hint of violence

shooting six colleagues was vocal in her resentment over being denied tenure and the looming loss of her teaching post, though relatives and students said she had

Not even Amy Bishop's husto her students at the University good job." of Alabama in Huntsville said the teacher seemed normal in the hours those around her.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — before police say she opened fire in An Alabama professor accused of a faculty meeting Friday afternoon, leaving three dead and another three

Jim Anderson — the father of Bish-

op's husband, James Anderson — told The Associated Press on Sunday his never suggested she might become son had no idea Bishop was planning the bloodshed she's accused of. "He knew nothing. He didn't know

band knew she might turn violent, anything," the father said. He said that according to the man's father. the police had spoken with his son Everyone from family and friends at length and that "they are doing a

In 1986, Bishop shot and killed her 18-year-old brother with a shotgun at their Braintree, Mass., home. She told police at the time that she had been trywhen it accidentally discharged.

was never charged, though police Chief Paul Frazier on Saturday questioned how the investigation was handled.

Some of Bishop's colleagues, including William Setzer, chairman of the shooting, Bishop's friends, col-Indeed, there were many things the department of chemistry, told The leagues and students said she was acting intelligent and at times awkward Bishop apparently did not reveal to Associated Press they did not know like the intelligent — but odd — proabout her brother's death.

Police say the gun she's accused of using wasn't registered, and investigators don't know how or where she got it.

Bishop, who has four children, was ing to learn how to use the gun, which arrested soon after the shooting and her father had bought for protection, charged with capital murder. Other charges are pending. It wasn't imme-Authorities released her and said diately known if she has an attorney, the episode was a tragic accident. She and efforts to contact Bishop's husband have been unsuccessful. Her husband was detained and questioned by police but has not been charged.

Even in the days and hours before

Biden and Cheney spar over antiterrorism policies

Pingponging across the airwaves, nuclear program.

Biden called Cheney "misinformed or he is misinforming" on current national security strategies. Cheney said taking the al-Qaida threat seriously. But, in a marked that the Bush White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — suspected terrorists to justice.

Highly partisan public skir-Vice President Joe Biden and mishes between the Obama White predecessor Dick Cheney bick- House and Cheney — the result of ered Sunday over terror trials the former vice president's unusual and interrogations, credit for public criticism on a successor adsuccess in Iraq and the long- ministration - have become stanrunning effort to contain Iran's dard fare. And the back-and-forth that was set up in Sunday's sequential appearances of television talk shows did not disappoint.

President Barack Obama wasn't commitment to fighting terrorism ignored the facts.

change of tone, the former top 20 people. We have taken out ing that the Bush administration the Vancouver Olympic Games. vice president acknowledged 100 of their associates," said Biden. "They are in fact not able to do struggled with how to bring anything remotely like they were tried in federal civilian courts or sertions are not accurate."

don't know where Dick Cheney has talking about?"

instead insisting that Biden was for terrorist captives. "dead wrong" to assert that a fresh Biden struck first, declaring attack by al-Qaida "the biggest said on ABC's "This Week." that Cheney's attacks on Obama's strategic threat the United States faces today."

too was divided on whether terror

in the past. They are on the run. I taken before military tribunals.

"I can remember," Cheney said, been. Look, it's one thing, again, "a meeting in the Roosevelt Room to criticize. It's another thing to in the West Wing of the White sort of rewrite history. What is he House where we had a major shootout" - one that he said he lost -Cheney did not answer directly, about civilian versus military trials

"We never clearly or totally re-Sept. 11-style strike was unlikely, solved those issues. These are tough calling a nuclear or biological questions, no doubt about it," he

Biden got in the first licks on NBC's "Meet the Press" in an Even so, Cheney appeared to interview taped late Saturday in "We've eliminated 12 of their dial back the rhetoric, acknowledg- Canada, where he was attending On Cheney's assault on the Obama suspects should be charged and administration, Biden said "his as-



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Schools face big budget holes as stimulus money runs out

nation's public schools are falling under severe financial stress as states slash education spending and drain federal stimulus money that staved off deep classroom cuts and widespread job losses.

School districts have already suffered big budget cuts since the recession began two years ago, but experts say the cash crunch will get a lot worse as states run out of stimulus dollars.

The result in many hard-hit districts: more teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, smaller paychecks, fewer electives and extracurricular activities, and decimated summer school programs.

The situation is particularly ugly in California, where school districts are preparing for mass layoffs and swelling class sizes as the state grapples with another massive budget shortfall.

The crisis concerns parents like Michelle Parker in San Francisco, where the school district is preparing to lay off hundreds of school employees and raise class sizes because it faces

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The a \$113 million budget deficit over next two years.

> "I'm worried they're not going to have the quality education that's going to make them competitive in a global society," said Parker, who has three kids in district elementary schools.

> Around the country, state governments are cutting money for schools as they grapple with huge budget gaps triggered by high unemployment, sluggish retail sales and falling real estate prices. A recent report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that 41 states face midyear budget shortfalls totaling \$35 billion.

"The states are facing a dismal financial picture," said Jack Jennings, president of the Center on Education

The Obama administration's \$787 billion federal stimulus package provided roughly \$100 billion for education, including \$54 billion to stabilize state budgets. In October the White House said the stimulus created or saved 250,000 education jobs.

MONDAY, FEB. 15, 2009

dog at Westminster

dog, this little Sadie.

won more than 100 best in show rib- two kuvaszok. bons and is the overwhelping favorite this week at Westminster. She's already charmed the judge, in fact.

go wrong for America's top dog at for best in show. America's top pooch pageant?

Well, plenty.

Madison Square Garden. Her handler's new shoes were too squeaky, the wooden boards covering the ice hockey rink TV monitor that threw her, too.

accident on the green carpet while coming out to take her place in the final ring.

Sadie's turn. Or not. Because inside those purple and gold ropes, the show world revolves around one guiding principle.

Dog on the day.

David Frei, longtime host of the West-called Treasure who is the country's No. minster telecast on the USA Network and CNBC. "It doesn't matter what you've done in the past. It's what you do judging at Westminster in 2008 and inside that ring on any given day."

So maybe there's room for another contender, perhaps a prize Doberman in the big ring, handler Gabriel Ranpinscher, a familiar puli or a sweet gel took to having strangers feed her golden retriever.

Dogs from 173 breeds and varieties begin competing Monday morning, the terrier group. "Maybe I should take with three newcomers to Westminster: the Irish red and white setter, the Norwegian buhund and the Pyrenean up winning best in show. Crowd

There are a full 2,500 entries — up from last year, when a slow economy took a bite out of the show - in-

NEW YORK (AP) — She is a hot cluding a 12-year-old shiba inu and 10-month-old miniature bull terrier. Tongue out and wagging tail up, the Australian shepherds are the most perky, 4-year-old Scottish terrier has popular with 44 while there were just

The hound, toy and nonsporting to complete dogdom's Triple Crown groups will be judged Monday. The sporting, working and terrier groups go Tuesday. Then shortly before 11 p.m., What in the show world could judge Elliott Weiss will make his pick

Chances are, Weiss will see Sadie among the final seven - oddsmaker Two years ago, she got spooked at John Avello playfully lists her as the easy 8-to-1 favorite at the Wynn Las

Weiss chose Sadie as best in show at thumped too loudly. There was a stray an event in North Carolina in September. It's common for top judges to see Then last February, she had a potty the best dogs at competitions around th country during the year.

Plenty of judges have picked the coal-black Sadie, whose registered Come Tuesday night, it could be name is Roundtown Mercedes of Maryscot. She won the prestigious National Dog Show in November and the AKC/ Eukanuba National Championship in

"Incredible," praised Clint Liv-"That's what we always say," said ingston, handler of a golden retriever 4-ranked show dog.

Sadie got rankled during terrier was the runner-up. Trying to prepare her for all sorts of future distractions

Last year at the Garden, Sadie won a Scotch," Rangel said.

An underdog, so to speak, wound favorite Stump, a 10-year-old Sussex spaniel, took the ribbon and silver bowl. He's now retired, living a dog's

Scottie is the hot Tech begins 8-week fitness program

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Getting in shape is a common item on lists of New Year's resolutions, and Texas Tech has a program to help students, faculty and staff keep their goals.

For those looking to enhance their commitment to being healthier, FIT Tech has partnered with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to provide activities and accountability to help teams of six become healthier and more

The eight-week program, which is associated with the Garrison Institute on Aging, kicked off Saturday with registered teams getting free T-shirts, a quick information session and an invitation to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center's Valentine's Day Fun Run.

Debra Reed started FIT Tech six years ago to create awareness for faculty, staff and students to make healthy choices, Reed said.

"A lot of people know they need to be healthier, but they don't have the momentum," she said. "This to let each other down," Reed said, gives them motivation to act on."

FIT Tech offers optional demonstrations of healthy foods at the the team can rec, weekly walks, a hiking trip and a new feature this year called webinars, Reed said. Webinars are online seminars and will cover topics like semester's promindless eating and liquid calories. gram was off to

All of this is provided to the a great start, said more than 60 six-person teams Shweta Gohel, competing to get the most minutes senior nutriof exercise per week to win prizes. tional sciences Door prizes were given out at the major from Lubinformation session, and there were bock. There was many more to be won at the end of a huge increase the program. Each week the team in the number of with the most minutes wins lunch teams from last from Chick-fil-A. The team aspect semester's turn is one of the most important parts out at the kickoff, and that made for of the program, she said.



MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN FIT Tech's one-mile fun run/walk come across the finish line during FIT Tech's spring kickoff Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Gohel is the FIT Tech student co-

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Gohel said.

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great starting motivation.

in making a healthier difference in the

range of members of the community showed **DEBRA REED** up to the rec center, from

Reed encouraged everyone to >> hallie.davis@ttu.edu

join, regardless of age or fitness level, saying it's fun and informational; and since everything is online this year, the teams don't necessarily have to go to the rec center to get all of the knowledge available from the

After the kickoff event inside the rec center, teams could go on either a 1-mile walk or a 5-kilometer jog. Though not officially a part of FIT Tech, the Valentine's Day Fun Run was a way for people to immediately start getting active.

Martin Balch, a freshman civil engineering major from Katy, said he recognized the fitness and holiday aspects of the event.

"It's a good day to work out," Balch said, "And free dates are always nice."

Men's Club founded to create leaders



MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech Men's Club, along with Carpet Tech, hosted a free tailgate before the men's basketball game Saturday outside the United Spirit Arena.

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Partnering with Carpet Tech, the Tech Men's Club welcomed fellow to take part in philanthropy work as group was invited to join based on their students, families and friends to the club's first tailgate before the Red Raiders basketball team played Texas A&M University on Saturday.

The organization was created this pus. John Stewart, Tech Men's Club president, said the club's main focus is the university.

We want to build a network that community. builds leaders post-college," Stewart said. "There isn't anything on campus that can act like this for guys."

nization and fraternities is this club's purpose is to build up a potential busiall organizations, he said.

now, but we're really focused on getting students from SGA and the fraternities, in the classroom. from all around campus and those who and bringing them together," said Eric come from that," he said.

Odom, vice president, treasurer and economics major from Dimmitt.

well as serving Tech in any way it can, achievements and leadership talents work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of club will include being a second-year America and Habitat for Humanity.

"We want to be known for our ser- and being male. year as a way for Texas Tech men to vice to Texas Tech University and to the come together as a networking group city of Lubbock," Odem said. "A lot of about guys that are leaders and guys as well as to bring a good name to cam- community service is what we want to that have their hands in other parts do — community outreach type deal."

The club plans to host alcoholto bring a group of effective leaders to free socials throughout the year to get the organization's name in the

"We're looking into doing multiple socials, but there's no alcohol," said The difference between the orga- engineering major from Amarillo. "It's social group in sororities, he said. The good, clean fun."

ness network and to bring in men from Club represent the leaders of many or- men can network and meet people in ganizations from across campus, Bradley "We're a social organization right said. Although most of the members are involved in organizations across sororities and the women's service a network of student leaders, getting campus, some members are just leaders organization and only had good things

"When you take the leaders of leadstand out in each of those organizations ers and put them into one, good has to in sororities."

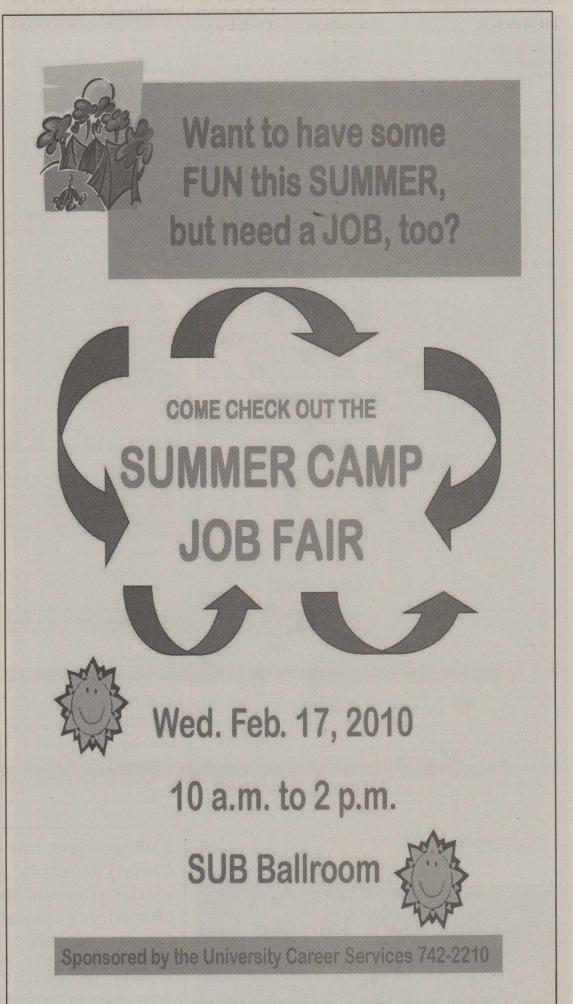
Next semester, the club will put sophomore agriculture and applied hopefuls through the basic application process, which will include an inter-Throughout the year, the club plans view. Unlike next year, the charter he said. The group of men plan to on campus. Requirements to join the college student, having a 2.75 GPA

"The guys who started it, they hear of the university and guys that are constantly active and they liked that," Bradley said. "We're trying to bring the leaders of the university all into one organization."

The club's members do not want to exclude women, but believe women Blake Bradley, a sophomore mechanical have found a similar networking and men are not trying to exclude women The men involved with Tech Men's from the mix they have created where a social setting.

> "I've talked with my friends in come from it," Stewart said. "We've only received support from our friends

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JPINIONS

Political progress, action disappointing

aybe it's me, but for some reason instead of seeing progress in our political system I seem to be watching a high-school-themed reality show. It's more about who wrote what on their hands and who is a crazy socialist than what actually is being done and what mistakes and why we are still we will do.

Truly this whole he-saidshe-said business is tiring and frustrating, it certainly doesn't ten to the point of "don't ask, and "bad" before change? do any good for the morale of won't tell" in our relationship in the health care reform bill, the won't tell us why. It's a sign of Looking back now I think maybe war in Afghanistan or Iraq. How complacency, and to me it's along with the youth populamuch more money do they want frightening. taxpayers to shell out before we actually get a somewhat decent election, I feel like our political pursuit of power. Where explanation as to why we are system has become more about is our importance now still paying for other people's who has the power and who will that everything has been



loosing our loved ones to the Middle East.

Since the last presidential advantage of just for the

ally using the power and influ- you, I can break you"? ence they have to make things happen now. Every strategy seems of 2008 was the youth to be more about the 2012 effect vote. The college stuof the Republican or Democratic dents and young adults Party than the 2010 effect of our that make up this nadisheartened nation.

On that note, whatever happened to hope and change? Did Sometimes I think we've got- they leave out the "less" in hope

I don't regret my voting deci-United States citizens. And it with the government. We don't sion in 2008, but I would be lying forgotten definitely doesn't help in ex- ask anymore questions about our if I said that I am happy with plaining to us who wins and loses tax dollars because they simply our status in the White House. avoided tion, I was duped, taken

regain the power in 2012 than said and done? Haven't they ever because what we thought would want to say, "Why can't we all

The loudest voice tion were a force that proved to be a political asset. But now it seems we have been — or at least

our trusted elected officials actu- heard of the old adage "I made be a reality by now is more of a just get along?" But that would distant dream.

> to even enter the workforce and acting like hungry beasts. have retreated back to school. And if the future keeps looking been filled with so much excite-

into the mix (oh wait, that, and news report. already happened with Sen. than proactive.

All this has done is dislose even more faith in the major from Lubbock.

be a far stretch. At this point I We aren't economically don't care which animal is most healthier, jobs are still hard to wrong or right in that animal come by and many are too scared house, because I'm tired of them

To be honest, it's sad to have bleak, it won't be a surprise ment and good spirits just to have when unexpected outcomes them slowly stripped away from arise and a wrench is thrown you with every passing allegation

I want what I signed up for. Scott Brown). Yes, it seems I want hope and I want change our suited-up donkeys and el- in the right direction, because ephants have been living up without them then the next to their names they've been presidential election will only more stubborn and forgetful be a choice between the lesser of two evils.

appointed me and made me Ramos is a senior finance

political system. I almost just >>> marcia.ramos@ttu.edu

Palin horrible choice for candidacy

It's fairly obvious she

is far too unqualified

to become leader of the

once-free world.

arah Palin may very well be the worst presidential candidate in the history of U.S. elections. It's not because she's a Conservative and I'm a Liberal. It's because she's plain unqualified to manage a game of "Civilization IV," much less the political affairs of the office of the president.

why she has so many supporters, because anyone with a vocabulary larger than the words "you" and "betcha" understands she rivals former President George W. Bush in literacy.

For those of us that don't watch Fox News, this was illustrated perfectly at the lower education standards in connation's political system. the National Tea Party last week. The servative states. In Associated Press story printed across the 2006, the Census nation started with the following line: Bureau released a "Sarah Palin, in a speech that was short report detailing the on ideas but big on enthusiasm, took aim at President Barack Obama ..."

Therein lies the problem. Enthusiasm bachelor's degree or will get absolutely nothing done in intermore. A key statisnational politics nowadays. Palin would tic behind the highmake an absolutely terrible president. She est 15 states: each has a lot of enthusiasm, I'll give her that. one of them Obama She knows how to get all folksy and talk to won in 2008. an audience like my mother. The problem with this is that my mother would probably make a terrible president.

For some reason, there has been an intellectual backlash against Obama. The term intellectual was bounced around during the 2008 campaign in a derogatory fashion. Personally, I would love to based on their educational alma maters.

It is a mystery to me, to be honest, be called an intellect, but it seems to play directly into the conservative movement of anger and hate. The conservative movement, ever since the Civil Rights Act of cal prowess has sharpened her understand-

elitist and for the intellectuals.

percent of people in each state with a

most intellectual states want an intellectual president. But the question begs, why doesn't everyone? Shouldn't we elect the smartest capable person to the most powerful office in the land?

However, every president since Lyndon her hand as a notepad at a Tea Party B. Johnson has been to a very prestigious convention and incorrectly characteruniversity, ignoring the brief period an actor with terrible leadership qualities led the country between 1981 and 1989. It satire on Fox News Sunday. shows having a good education is necessary to even become the president, much less unqualified to become leader of the become a good president. Bush was actually once-free world. Not only is she about a Harvard grad, if you can believe that.

academia, it seems unlikely that her politi-1964, has considered the Democratic Party ing of the world. Her most recent gaffes are far more embarrassing, as they show The backlash could be attributed to her distinct lack of understanding of the followed by a term as the junior Illinois

Four days after ABC News.

fore the election,

I don't think that's a coincidence. The she completely melted down in a CBS interview with Katie Couric, insisting she reads all of the newspapers. In that same interview, she could not name a Supreme Court ruling other than Roe v. Wade.

Perhaps her most famous quote from Typically, it's hard to judge people that interview was her response to a Couric question regarding the \$700-billion bailout. "But ultimately what the bailout does is help those who are concerned about the health care reform that is needed to help shore up our economy." A 4-yearold playing Mad Libs can construct a more competent sentence.

This week alone featured her using

izing fellow right wing pundit Rush Limbaugh's use of the word "retard" as

It's fairly obvious she is far too as politically savvy as the lipstick she Since her brief stint in the world of puts on a pig, her credentials just don't stack up. Obama was again targeted by the Conservatives for being unqualified and not prepared for the job. He served in the Illinois Senate for seven years, senator in Washington.

Palin, meanwhile, hasn't had a her resignation position of national prominence. Her as Alaska gover- highest office was the position of Alaska nor, she famously governor, and she resigned that position referred to the after two-and-a-half years. Her previnon-existent De- ous international political experience partment of Law involved looking at Russia from her in Washington in house. She cannot, and should not, an interview with be expected to deliver a speech to the United Nations without even knowing Mere weeks be- Kenya's location. She could start a war with the country of Africa without even knowing it is more impossible to win that war than our two current wars.

> I only get one column a week, and I'll be going well over my word count again this week. I can't even discuss half of the stuff that makes her a terrible candidate. However, presented with the aforementioned proof, I have to ask her supporters one question. Why, exactly, do you support this woman?

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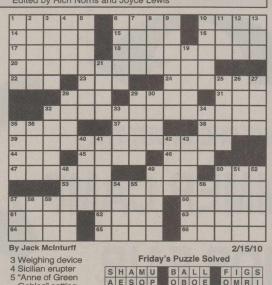
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Billboards link abortion, race

ATLANTA (AP) — The message minorities by putting birth control clinics is provocative: Black children are an Parenthood denies. "endangered species."

mixed, but the "Too Many Aborted" campaign, which so far is unique to only Georgia, is drawing support from other anti-abortion groups across the country.

"It's ingenious," said the Rev. Johnny Hunter, national director of the Life Education and Resource Network, a North Carolina-based anti-abortion group aimed states. "This campaign is in your face, and America." nobody can ignore it."

Atlanta and urge black women to "get outraged."

The effort is sponsored by Georgia legislation that aims to ban abortions supports abortion rights. based on race.

majority of abortions in Georgia in 2006, even though blacks make up just a third of state population, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, black women were more women, according to the CDC.

"I think it's necessary," Cheryl Sulepidemic proportions. They're not really aware of what's actually going on. If it shocks people ... it should be shocking."

on dozens of billboards across the city in their neighborhoods, a charge Planned

"The language in the billboard is The eyebrow-raising ads featuring using messages of fear and shame to a young black child are an effort by the target women of color," said Leola Reis, anti-abortion movement to use race to a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood rally support within the black community. of Georgia. "If we want to reduce the The reaction from black leaders has been number of abortions and unintended pregnancies, we need to work as a community to make sure we get quality affordable health care services to as many women and men as possible.'

In 2008, Issues4Life, a Californiabased group working to end abortion in the black community, lobbied Congress to stop funding Planned Parenthood, at African-Americans that operates in 27 calling black abortions "the Darfur of

Pro-Life Action League Executive The billboards went up last week in Director Eric Scheidler said a race-based strategy for anti-abortion activists has gotten a fresh zeal, especially in the wake of the historic election of the country's Right to Life, which also is pushing first black president, Barack Obama, who

"He's really out of step with the rest Black women accounted for the of black America," Scheidler said. "That might be part of what may be shifting here and why a campaign like this is appropriate, to kind of wake up that disconnect."

Abortion rights advocates are disthan three times as likely to get an turbed. Spelman College professor abortion in 2006 compared with white Beverly Guy-Sheftall called the strategy

"To use racist arguments to try to lenger, senior policy adviser for Operation bait black people to get them to be Rescue, said of the billboard campaign. anti-abortion is just disgusting," said Guy-"Abortion in the black community is at Sheftall, who teaches women's history and feminist thought at the historically black women's college.

"These one-issue approaches that are Anti-abortion advocates say the not about saving the black family or black procedure has always been linked to race. children, it's just a big distraction," she They claim Planned Parenthood founder said. "Many black people don't know who Margaret Sanger wanted to eradicate Margaret Sanger is and could care less."

Cheney mum on supporting Palin

says he has not decided on a candidate to support for president in the candidate. next election, sidestepping a ques-Sarah Palin for the office.

support behind Palin when asked qualified.

WASHINGTON (AP) - For- Sunday on ABC's "This Week" mer Vice President Dick Cheney whether he would back the former Alaska governor as a presidential

Cheney said the person he tion on whether he would support supports is going to have to prove capable of being president. He did Cheney declined to throw his not say whether he thinks Palin is

White House press secretary tweeting

House press secretary Robert Gibbs thing.' has a new way to communicate directly to people — Twitter.

President Barack Obama's chief spokesman ventured into the Twitter world on Saturday with his warned. Because Gibbs' account was first 'tweet' or Twitter message on set up through the White House, his his official White House account. Gibbs wrote: "Learning about 'the and messages received through such twitter' — easing into this with first tweet - any tips?

Gibbs later told The Associated Press: "I opened it today. I was watching a twitter feed while the active on Twitter. President visited the briefing room last week." He said he "thought it

with leaders of Congress. Gibbs wrote: "Seemed like add- up his town hall meetings.

WASHINGTON (AP) - White ing our voice to that is a good

The press secretary had lured more than 6,200 followers Saturday within hours of that first post.

But fellow Tweeters be fore-Twitter page notes that comments pages are subject to the Presidential Records Act and may be archived.

A Gibbs colleague, deputy press secretary Bill Burton, has long been

This is one more way for White House officials to get their message was fascinating to watch and see directly to people. People can already what people were thinking, doing sign up on the White House Web and writing." Gibbs was referring site to get messages straight from to Obama visiting the press room top administration officials. Also, Tuesday after a bipartisan meeting Obama did a YouTube interview a couple of weeks ago and is ramping

reconcile new and old eras

"The Wolfman" has its fair share of entertainment — to a

It attempts to pull off a feat so many who have preceded it have tried for of which, few have succeeded. It tries to reconcile the new and the old. The biggest problem is the way it tries to room to stretch their legs and redeem these two eras in an ex- showcase their abilities. traordinarily formulaic fashion.

Talbot, an emotionally troubled actor from a wealthy family who by something.

frequent interaction with his repetitive. estranged father (Anthony Hopkins) with whom Lawrence has a very dark and murky past.

Lawrence is led to a group of gypsies and a terrifying encounter that changes his life and the lives

in a film: It panders to the audience for two straight hours.

Saturday saying this could have and 1940s and would've been been the movie to usher in a content with more of them. Like whole new wave of pictures that I mentioned above, the acting took audiences back to what in here is not bad by any means, horror and entertainment could just constricted. I wanted to see have (and has) been in the past: more of the tension between an intermingling effect that does Del Toro and Hopkins and each everything an audience would other gradual descents into what want, all without a baby spoon.

However, "The Wolfman" takes every opportunity it can been a joy. for blood and violence and runs

have been meager with the por- and two hours. tions of the beast and let the torment of what he was inflicting build on the audience slowly. This would have not only reversed the absolutely numbing effect of this film but also given the actors more than enough



Instead, "The Wolfman" has Benicio Del Toro is Lawrence quick and rapid scenes, not nearly enough dialogue and enough blood to satisfy a 14 year old. It returns home at the behest of his cares little for story and much sister-in-law (Emily Blunt) when more for action sequence after his brother is brutally murdered action sequence after action sequence. It could have been taut, Lawrence pledges to help scary and wildly entertaining, any way he can even if it means instead it is heart-breakingly

To its credit, this film is cast tonear perfection. Del Toro, Hopkins, Blunt, etc. all do what they In his quest to find out what can with what they are given, but exactly happened to his brother, all of them seem to be suffocating under a lousy script (Hopkins especially).

That being the case, there are of everyone around him forever. still enough well-cast actors and The direction this movie takes inventive cinematography and does exactly the thing I hate most wild effects to at least consider seeing this flick. I loved a handful of shots in this film that echoed I walked out of the theater back to the lore of the 1930s their character was experiencing; I have a feeling it would have

If your girlfriend is being friendly, don't see "The Wolf-This film should've been con- man." If she isn't, there are worse servative with itself. It should ways you could spend a few bucks



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'Wolfman' panders, doesn't Chinese Lunar New Year luncheon promotes multicultural importance

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Sunday marked the beginning of the Chinese Lunar New Year and the beginning of the year of the tiger, and Provost Bob Smith saw the value in what the new year means.

"The year of the tiger has the characteristics of strength, happiness and courage," he said. "These characteristics also describe the spirit at Texas Tech."

In celebration of the New Year, the Chinese Faculty and Staff Association gathered at Skyviews restaurant on Friday for a festive luncheon. The event brought together several distinguished Tech and Lubbock community leaders including Tech President Guy Bailey, Smith, Vice President Juan Muñoz, Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin and Lubbock

Friday's luncheon not only Year, it highlighted the growth Tech and in Lubbock.

Yuan Shu, president of the business." Chinese Faculty and Staff Association, said this is a time he encourages "to plan for a new year of successes and achievements," and the organization is looking community. forward to continued growth and cultural awareness in the ism is a pri-

In 1966, P.K. Koh became Tech, and we the first Chinese faculty mem- will continue ber at Tech. His wife, Jean Koh, to bring forbegan the then one-person eign students Chinese Language and Culture here and we Department at Tech a year will continlater. Today, there are more ue to send than 50 Chinese faculty and our students staff members at Tech, thanks abroad," he in part to The Koh Family said. "Tech's relationship with in China. This would not be pos-

"Our numbers have in- ing students and professors, will ence of the Chinese community >>> brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

Power and Light CEO Gary GUY BAILEY, PRESIDENT of Texas Tech University, eats with members of the Texas Tech University Chinese Faculty & Staff Association during the Chinese New Year Luncheon Friday at Skyviews Restaurant.

celebrated the Chinese New creased dramatically," Shu said. shape the university's future. at Tech which encourages culengineering, geosciences and presence here."

> Bailey said the growth of the Chinese

"Globalority at Texas

China, recruiting and exchang- sible without the help and pres- Lubbock is our home," he said.

Smith said

Lubbock.

The year of the tiger has the characteristics of strength, happiness and courage.

> **BOB SMITH PROVOST**

"We also boast four endowed Texas Tech is better off because tural diversity. Tech will continue of the Chinese community at chair professors in electrical of (the Chinese community's) to encourage global engagement and awareness in the future.

These sentiments were echoed he agreed by Muñoz, who said for the bet-Tech is ap- terment of the Tech community, preciative students need to be prepared of all of the for multicultural environments contributions through similar events promoting made by the "all the cultures that call Texas Chinese com- Tech home."

Shu said the Chinese Faculty munity at Tech and in and Staff Association will continue to expand on the efforts Smith said of the Koh family to make Tech Tech's longest and Lubbock an even better place relationship to call home in the year of the with an inter- tiger. She said the organization national in- will continue to support diversity stitute is with and academic excellence for the a university university.

"Texas Tech is our family and

Embracing history: Man sets hugs record in Vegas

7,777 hugs in 24 hours for a new world record.

squeezes under the costumed al- style championship belt. ter ego Teddy McHuggin, broke the record Saturday night outside really doesn't mean a lot," he not eating. But Ondash said he the Paris Las Vegas hotel-casino said. "Teddy McHuggin on the wasn't planning to go to sleep on the Las Vegas Strip.

they all walk away from each now going after the world maraother smiling," Ondash said. thon hugging champion. "They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away; a hug a day it's just fun."

Ondash said he wanted to champion to raise money for the hugs in one hour with 1,205, ing American Heart month.

The cause is important to him because his brother and father both died relatively young because of heart problems, he

His daughter Carlie, who

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"The ending made me cry be-

Teakell, a freshman photo-commu-

nications major from Abernathy.

caught me off guard," said Emma whack at it.

Movie ←

51-year-old Ohio man has em- attempt on Friday, came up with hugs per minute. Ondash logged braced the Valentine's Day spirit his pseudonym to make his spec- just over 700 hugs during his faster than anyone before, giving tacle a bit more fun. As Teddy first hour of embraces on Friday McHuggin, Ondash sports a red NASCAR-style driver's suit with Jeff Ondash, who sought the hugging logos and a wrestling- of people throughout Friday

other hand, he's the reigning right away. "When you hug somebody, world speed hugging champion,

"No one on earth has ever attempted something like that tify his record for several weeks. before," he said.

become the world's hugging already held the record for most Instead, independent judges American Heart Association dur- according to Guinness World were to submit affidavits to the

> The previous record of 5,000 hugs in one day was set last year is now eyeing both the world's by Siobhan O'Connor in Dublin, Ireland, Guinness spokesman Philip Robertson said.

tallied her father's hugs with a Ondash needed more than 208

about the holiday including worka-

who hosted an anti-Valentine's day

party full of karaoke, wine and a

heart-shaped piñata that lasted

"I thought that part was funny

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A manual counter at the start of his hugs per hour — or about 31/2 night.

> He said he embraced all kinds night and Saturday and was "Jeff Ondash breaking a record tired from being on his feet and

"I'm going to go and enjoy the town tonight," he said Saturday.

Ondash said he did not expect Guinness World Records to cer-The organization did not have Ondash, of Canfield, Ohio, a judge present at his attempt. who tracked Ondash in shifts organization.

Ondash says he, as McHuggin, longest single hug — currently 24 hours and 1 second — and breaking his current two records To break O'Connor's mark, consecutively, which he said was "unheard of."

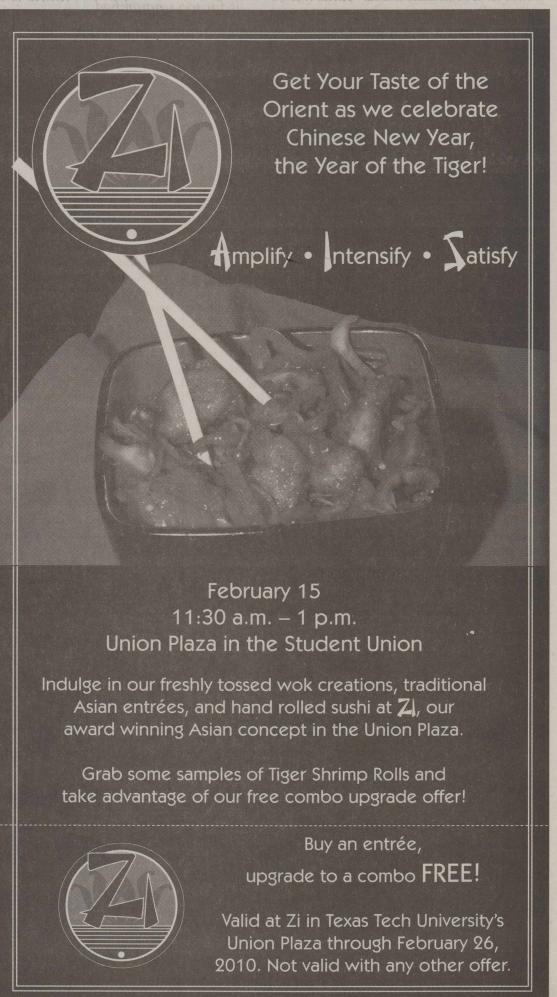
Even those who weren't happy holic Kara Monahan (Jessica Biel) this day had once agian come around found, in the end, love is what matters most regardless if their love is for their spouse of cause I didn't see it coming and it only until the first guest took a many years, high school boyfriend,

"Love is meant for everyone, because it gave a view of how a lot and love is the only thing that is Because the number of charac- of girls feel about Valentine's Day," constant," Teakell said.

family, best friends or colleagues.

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"I came to all the games as a

kid," he said. "So there's a whole

lot of guys that I watched in these stands when I was a kid, watching

them play, win all those games

back then. So it's pretty cool for

me to get to meet and hang out

impressive day. As a freshman

among a veteran-driven lineup, he

could be instrumental for the Red

This weekend also gave Barnes

the opportunity to keep adjusting

to right field. The Fort Bend Austin

High School product had played

shortstop all his life until being

moved to the

outfield. He

even played a

little first base

comfortable

out there

now," he said.

"They got

me out there

every day be-

fore and after

practice. So

everything's

fine. I should

be ready for

"I'm pretty

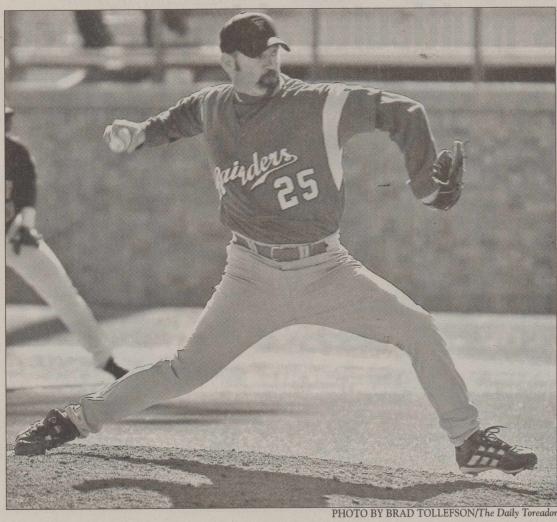
Saturday.

Barnes may have had the most

with them."

Raiders this season.

Tech baseball's Alumni Game connects past, present



ALUMNUS ZACH STEWART pitches the ball during the Alumni Game Saturday at Dan Law Field.

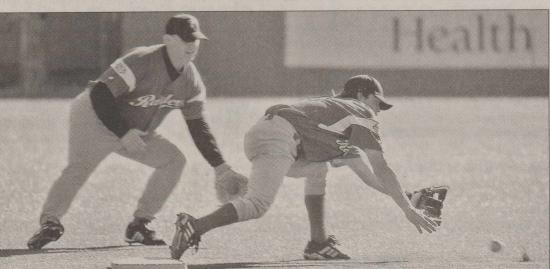


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador ALUMNUS SCOTT HOLZHAUER goes for a grounder at second base during the Alumni Game Saturday

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

While the young guys made sure they were sharp for the 2010 Texas Tech baseball season, the ones who used to don the scarlet and black laced up the cleats one more time.

The Alumni Game was dubbed a success in its re-installment Saturday at Dan Law Field. The weekend brought former players from many different decades back to Lubbock to reconnect with each other. Those same alumni also had the chance to play the 2010 Red Raider baseball team.

The alumni team included players such as David Alexander, who played for Tech in 1981, Saul Bustos, who played from 1993-1994, and Matt Miller, who played from 1994-1996. Even players from older generations made their way to Lubbock this weekend -Michael Woods played for Tech in 1962.

This is the first Alumni Game

"It wasn't just a group of guys that I played with, it was all across the board," Miller said. "Obviously, the guys you're most excited to see are the guys you played with. It's been a long time. Guys don't keep up real well with each other. I'm really glad that coach (Dan) Spencer brought it back."

The Alumni Game was preceded by a dinner Friday night and the Old-Timer's game at noon Saturday. The Old-Timer's game featured players from older generations and even Spencer got behind the plate to do a little catching.

The Red Raiders flexed their muscles as far as the Alumni game is concerned.

Tech defeated the Alumni 21-1 in the friendly exhibition, sparked by a solid pitching performance from Bobby Doran and a huge day for freshman outfielder Barrett

Barnes went 3-for-6 with a

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double, triple and game-high six RBIs. Doran struck out six with no walks, one home run and four hits in five innings of work.

While the weekend had a festive mood to it, Doran said players took the game seriously, considering the season opener is just around the corner.

"I think it was very important because it really puts an emphasis on taking the first-game jitters out of the way," said Doran, who is a transfer from Seward County Community College in Kansas. "We approach

this (Saturday) like it was We're going to do our first game. Next week it every year and when we play Jacksonville I hope I'm here a State — you're always going long time so we can to have jitters —but it'll take just keep doing it. it away a little

But the junior might not have

much reason to be upset consid-

ering who it came from. Chris

Richburg, a prospect with the

Cincinnati Reds, hit a solo home

run in the top of the first inning

to give the alumni its only lead of

other stiff competition on the

alumni side, with players such as

AJ Ramos and Joe Dillon playing

chance to reconnect with team-

mates for Richburg, it was a chance

to see the players he grew up

Not only was this weekend a

professional baseball right now.

The Red Raiders had some

Doran was

pleased with

his perfor-

mance Satur-

day, except for

that lone home

DAN SPENCER COACH

TEXAS TECH

the season next Friday." With this being the first Alumni Game since 2003, Spencer said he hopes to keep the tradition alive. Alumni and players said they would like to see the event

continue as well. "We're going to do it every year and I hope I'm here a long time so we can just keep doing it," Spencer said. "I think it's great. The only thing that bothers me a little bit about it next year is (Chad) Bettis is probably going to be pitching against us next year. They're going to have Bettis and (Zach) Stewart and all them guys. So it might really be a hard one to win."

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Red Raider golfers staying Tech men's tennis sweeps McMurry, ACU at home humble amid recognition

The Texas Tech men's golf ent in the field team might walk into San Antonio with a target on its

at Dan Law Field.

After a seventh-place finish in the Mauna Lani Invitational in Hawaii, which included a field filled with ranked teams, the No. 11 Red Raiders may be one of the top teams in the UTSA Oak Hills Invitational.

"We look at them, but it's kind of hard not to see them," Tech coach Greg Sands said of the rankings. "We try not to teams were in this tournament pay attention to them too much because it's something that's never really our goal. It's nice to receive that recognition, but we don't dwell on it."

It may help a little bit that Tech won this tournament last season. The UTSA Oak Hills Invitational begins today and ends Tuesday at the Oak Hills Country Club in San

Antonio. After competing in Hawaii with teams such as No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Stanford, the Red Raiders turn their attention to squads such as Baylor, Illinois State, Iowa State, North Texas, Oklahoma and host UTSA.

"It will be quite a bit differ-



in that in Hawaii there were 12 teams in the top 25, if not, but around that number," Sands said.

While the field may not be as strong in this tourney as the one in Hawaii, Sands said there is no reason to underestimate the opponents.

Sands said some of the same two years ago and the Red Raiders did not come away with

He said it will be a matter of his golfers focusing on the task at hand if they want to repeat as winners this year.

"If we can handle everything and play the way we're capable of, then I expect us to win," Sands said. "But you got to always respect your opponent and you've got to play the game and play the golf course."

The course at the Oak Hills Country Club is 6,765 yards and a par 71. Tech will have key golfers such as Nils Floren, who was named to the Ben Hogan Award Watch List Thursday. » adam.coleman@ttu.edu

One of the negatives of playing two dual-matches in the same day can be wear and tear on players. But this wasn't an issue for Tim Siegel and the Texas Tech men's tennis team.

"The best part about today was that everybody got to play," Siegel said. "Some of the guys that are not in the lineup, it was a big day for them."

By JOSHUA KOCH

STAFF WRITER

Every player contributed for two sweeps this weekend in the Red Raiders' home opener, with a 7-0 win against McMurry and another 7-0 win against Abilene Christian Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

It did not take long for the Red Raiders to take care of business, winning all of the singles matches against McMurry in dominating fashion.

All of the matches were won by four points or more, but sophomore Raony Carvalho clinched the match win.

Carvalho defeated senior Will Davis in straight-sets 6-0, 6-0 to put Tech up 4-0 in the match and clinch the victory for the Red Raiders.

In doubles, freshmen Zach Jiganti and Jeff Bryan got the opportunity to get on the court and they made the most of it. The duo defeated senior Brent Abilez and junior Tony Williams, 8-2.

The Tech men do not get many chances to play at home, so players enjoyed the opener. Tech's next home match is not

MSG

Carvalho said the fan support at both matches was better than expected.

"Nobody really talked about this match around campus, so nobody knew," he said. "But I was surprised. It was more people compared to some matches last semester, so it was pretty good."

Tech's second challenge of the day came against a well-known opponent in Abilene Christian.

Singles was once again dominated by the Red Raiders. The clinching victory came in the No. 3 spot of the lineup this time, as sophomore Rafael Garcia defeated ACU's John Strahl in straight-sets 6-0, 6-0.

The Red Raiders (5-1) took two of three matches in doubles play against the Wildcats.

One of those victories came from the No. 35 ranked combination of freshman Andre Stabile and sophomore Gonzalo Escobar, who defeated sophomore Eldad Campbell and senior Brett Proc-

Although the opponents might not be as strong, Stabile said getting these wins at home is important.

"It was our first match here, and this makes us more confident for other matches," he said. "And other teams see that we can play really hard."

dropped its match to Arizona, ers have started the season 5-1. 5-2, Saturday in Houston. Singles wins came from Natalie Leitch, who defeated Arizona's Ariane Masschelein, 1-6, 6-0, 6-1, and



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreadon The Tech women's tennis team TEXAS TECH MEN'S tennis player Gonzalo Escobar and the Red Raid-

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The Auld Mug, as the ornate silver jug is also known, now belongs to San Francisco's Golden Gate Yacht Club.

Tech topples Cowgirls for 2nd straight upset

postseason was possible.

division, the Lady Raiders are try- the Longhorns that ended it. ing to make a late-season charge.

15 Oklahoma State 65-57 on Sat- girls (18-6, 6-4). urday night.

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TEXAS TECH

We really do.

The Lady Raiders (15-9, 3-7 Big 12) had lost six straight games — all against Top 25 teams before beating then-No. 13 Texas A&M on Wednesday. But Tech got out to a hot start and never trailed while sending the Cowgirls to their third straight defeat.

"Playing Top 25 teams is no excuse for defeats,

(No. 13) and (No. 15).

Playing in a division in which ranked in the top 15, Tech fell to 18 points but was eight below her last week and had a chance to tie sure.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — 1-7 in the Big 12 with a variety average. She also didn't make a Six straight losses weren't enough of losses. Some were close, such free throw for the first time this to make Jordan Barncastle and as the 95-90 double-overtime loss season, while getting to the line Texas Tech stop believing the to Texas that started the six-game just twice. skid. And some were blowouts, in-In perhaps the nation's deepest cluding the 30-point defeat against with 153 free throws in 193 at-

Barncastle scored a career-high leading scorer Kierra Mallard, who OSU coach Kurt Budke suggested 19 points and Christine Hyde has been suspended indefinitely. she was less aggressive after pickadded 12 as Texas Tech notched Barncastle, a sophomore, replaced ing up two first-half fouls and one its second straight win against a her in the starting lineup and had early in the second half. ranked opponent by beating No. a breakthrough against the Cow-

> breakers. the line." That's one course and

them," Tech from there. coach Kristy think there's

any question but I think that definitely we don't that we were happy to finally get ensuing inbounds pass. like the feeling of loss," Barncastle that second one, and it makes that say what you want, but we still tonight." "I think that we're building on believe we can get in (the NCAA We really do."

Riley, who leads the Big 12 tempts, said she couldn't explain That loss was the first without why she didn't get to the foul line.

"We didn't give them anything easy and we did not put them on "We've foul line," Curry said. "You cannot had some put her on the foul line. She does injuries and a great job of getting her body into we've had you and jumping into you. We a suspen- tried to watch a lot on film with sion and that and we did a better job than we've lost we've done in years past on her, I some heart- thought, as far as keeping her off

After trailing by 14 midway thing about through the second half, the Cowthese kids. girls charged back to get within They've just four with 3:55 to play but couldn't stayed the get any closer.

Riley and Toni Young each had continued to a pair of baskets as OSU scored buy in and eight straight points to cut its to believe in deficit to 55-51, but Barncastle what we're hit a pair of free throws to stop the trying to tell surge and Tech was able to stabilize

left while trying to press on the

said. "I think that we're doing ev- third one easier and hopefully it's night. That's all," said Riley, skid started. erything that we can do now, and going to make the fourth one and who was 8-for-22 from the field. we know what it feels like to beat the fifth one. You can sit here and "That's the words to explain time for this team," Budke said. game



Riley got Oklahoma State back MONIQUE SMALLS AND the Lady Raiders beat their second within 62-57 with a layup in the consecutive Top 15 opponent when they beat No. 15 Oklahoma "I don't final minute but she committed State 65-57 on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. Texas Tech also beat her fifth foul with 37.4 seconds then-No. 13 Texas A&M on Wednesday.

> for the conference lead with a win "Very, very disappointing at Nebraska before the current you, I don't know the answer."

"Are you willing to do the little Tegan Cunningham added 17 things that it takes to win in the to the basics," Riley said. "We that and maintaining that energy tournament) at 7-9 or 8-8 or 9-7. points and Young had 12 points Big 12? Obviously, we've done it haven't been doing the basics and 11 rebounds off the bench for before this and I don't know if the last couple of games. You've Andrea Riley, the nation's top OSU, which made it to the top 10 they've hit a little wall here or got to block out, you've got each of the other five teams are scorer, led Oklahoma State with for the first time in school history whatever's happening, I'm not to rebound and you've got to

"If I knew the answer, I'd tell Oklahoma State's players "It's just pretty much gut-check held a team meeting after the

"We've just got to get back

Proposal

Scott said he had to clear it with his supervisor first. But being an equipment manager, he got a volleyball, football, football helmet and Edwards' No. 78 and Hughes' No. 5 jerseys and placed them on the 50-yard line to add a little touch to the moment.

Scott also said it helped knowing he was doing this for two good friends

"I feel real good because these are two of my best friends right there," he said. "I've known her since I've been here so that's the person I've always hung out with.

"I'm happy for both of them. He's a great guy. She's a great girl. They're perfect for each other."

Family and friends, who also previously knew of Edwards' plans, were as excited to be a part of the moment. Hughes' family made the trip from Monahans to be a part of the surprise.

Melody Hughes, Brittany's mother, said many things raced through her mind when the moment finally

"I was excited about the plan when I got to thinking about, 'Oh my gosh, when he blindfolds her, what is she going to be wearing?" she said. "I was thinking, 'Oh how cold is it going to be? We're three hours away.' But it all worked out perfect."

Perfect is the way Brittany described the moment as well, which will be a part of her life forever.

The two have plenty of time to revel in the special moment, too. While Brittany is a substitute teacher in the Lubbock Independent School District, Edwards will be one of the veterans on Tech offensive line coach Matt Moore's unit for another two

"We had kind of talked about it, but I never imagined this," Brittany said. "I was definitely surprised. It couldn't have been more perfect. He's a really amazing guy. I couldn't really ask for more. I'm very happy." » adam.coleman@ttu.edu

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SPORTS

Red Raiders fall to Aggies at home, still under .500

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Pat Knight and the Red Raiders were a few free throws or a bucket away from erasing a 2-5 start to Big 12 Conference play.

But now, Texas Tech has to regroup once again.

Poor shooting and free throws, among other things, doomed the Tech basketball team in a 67-65 loss to Texas A&M Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

"Now you go back, you get beat by two, every little thing counts," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "Every bad pass, missed layup or quick shot — now it really stands out."

So many little things could have helped the Red Raiders squeak by the Aggies, but the most glaring errors were from the free throw line.

Early on, Tech was awful from the charity stripe and finished the first half having made just 11-of-19 attempts.

With more than 14 minutes left on the clock in the first half, guard John Roberson was fouled while attempting a three-point

sequent free throw attempts, but the game. Tech had the lead at that point.

With 1.9 seconds remaining ers were unin the first half, and Tech trailing 33-30, A&M's Bryan Davis the game. committed an offensive foul to give the Red Raiders the last as Tech played possession of the half.

Tech attempted to inbound in the game, the ball, but threw it to the they played other side of the court in hopes great in othof a game-tying three. But the ers. result was the ball flying out of Tech was bounds with no time coming off down 39-30 the clock.

on a dunk off A&M's inbounds second half, pass with no time left on the but captured clock and the Aggies took a 35-30 the lead nine halftime lead.

"They missed a lot of jump er on a 21-8 shots for us too," A&M coach scoring run. Mark Turgeon said of the Red

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S ROBERT Lewandowski blocks a shot by Texas A&M's Bryan Davis during the Aggies' 67-65 victory against the Red Raiders on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

Roberson missed all three sub- the field for a 40.8 percentage for

ference play) was 20-of-49 from before the first half woes began. 21 of 34 rebounds on defense. The defense improved from the Red Raiders' meeting with in scoring with 22 points,

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PAT KNIGHT

COACH

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TEXAS TECH

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We can win on the tion, an 85-70 Raiders. road. We got that points off

Roberson led all players the Aggies followed by forward Mike on Jan. 30 in Singletary, who had 17. David Tairu scored nine for the Red

A&M (16-8, 7-3) got its T e c h final lead with about five minforced 21 utes left and, trailing 63-58 turnovers with less than a minute left, compared to Tech had to enter foul mode. its 13 and The Aggies made enough free scored 26 throws to ice the game.

But Knight said the Red turnovers. Raiders should enter their next The Aggies' game with a lot of confidence when they take on Baylor on overs per Tuesday in Waco after defeatgame is less ing Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., last Tuesday.

"We can win on the road," said many of he said. "We got that monkey the turnovers off our back. I think conficould be at- dence-wise they know they jumped out in front of A&M tributed to the noise — 11,453 fans can do it."

Tech (16-8, 4-6 in Big 12 Con- (18-6, 7-3) 18-7 early in the game attended the game. Tech also got ➤michael.graham@ttu.edu

Tech track shines in A&M challenge

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Texas Tech track and field had two unfamiliar teammates rivals Texas and Texas A&M.

Tech competed in the Texas A&M Challenge in College Station alongside its in-state rivals against teams from the Southeastern Conference and Conference USA. Each conference was represented by three teams.

The Big 12 Conference won easily with a score of 301.5 points in the men's competition and 290 points in the women's.

The SEC finished second in both the men's and women's with 140.5 and 163 points, and C-USA finished third with 127 and 130 points, respectively.

"It ought to tell everybody just how tough the Big 12 is," said Tech coach Wes Kittley. "There are so many teams that are going to be in the top ten and 15 in the nation for the team championship later on in March. It's awfully tough, but of course Texas, Texas A&M and us are three of the best teams, and I think we really put it on today."

Overall on the day, Tech athletes finished with two NCAA automatic marks and 10 provisional marks.

Against some of the top competition the Red Raiders have seen all season long, highlighted by No. 1 Texas A&M, Tech managed to win

Senior Darrell Roddick earned one of the NCAA automatic marks in the triple jump with a mark of 16.30 meters.

The mark puts him fourth in the nation, right ahead of teammate Bryce Lamb, who set his automatic

The other automatic mark from Tech was by freshman pole-vaulter Shade Weygandt, who equaled her season high mark of 4.25 meters.

Weygandt won the women's pole vault for Tech, while senior Brian Porter won the men's pole vault and improved with a mark of 5.26 meters.

Saturday also was a good day for Tech's 4x400-meter relay teams, as both the men and women set provisional marks, with the men winning their event and the women finishing third.

The members of the men's 4x400 were Gil Roberts, Markus Henderson, Zach Plinario and Bryce Brown, and the women's team consisted of Erica Alexander, Trudeann Clarke, Taylor Evans and Candace Jackson.

"We had a lot of good things, I felt like we did get in there and compete and got in there in some good schools and we hadn't really had an opportunity to do that until now," Kittley said. "You're lined up with some really good people and creates in your mind sometimes, you either step up and compete or you fold a little bit."

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Tech softball hits five home runs in first win

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball coach Shanon help my team, Hays received a slew of gifts for his especially the birthday on Friday night from his younger players team in the form of five home runs in a 9-1 win against Southern Utah.

The Red Raiders hit eight home runs in four games, winning three of them, in an impressive display of power on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The five home runs in the win against Southern Utah tied a school record for most in a single game.

"Hitting can be contagious sometimes," Hays said. "We've worked very hard on swinging the bat in the offseason and we want to be known as a team that's potent with the bat. My teams with Lubbock Christian did a really good job with that.

"When a pitcher makes a mistake, you want to make them pay. I'm really proud of our girls, the approach that they've had."

Sophomore Emily Bledsoe hit two home runs in the win, while Raven Richardson, Mikey Kenney and Holley Gentsch each had one of their own.

Tech opened the season this weekend with five games in four days in the ASU Kajikawa Classic, starting 4-1.

The Red Raiders won their final game against San Diego State 6-1 Sunday.

Tech won its first game of the season against Wisconsin 5-2 behind a strong pitching performance from senior starting pitcher Ashly Jacobs.

Jacobs pitched 4 2/3 innings of perfect softball, before beaning a batter and then giving up her only hit, a two-run homer.

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"I'm just so glad to get going >>> tommy.magelssen@ttu.edu

again," Jacobs said. "I was really hoping to who might've been nervous.

It felt so good to be able to com-

pete. I'm not sure I really thought about it being a perfect game, but I know I want that one pitch back."

In Friday's game against Southern Utah, Tech cut the game short and won in five innings after building an eight-run lead.

Karli Merlich earned the win for Tech, allowing only one hit and one unearned run, while striking

Tech could not continue its power surge against Auburn Saturday afternoon, and only logged two hits in a 6-1 loss.

However, the Red Raiders came from behind just a few hours later against Oregon with a 4-3 win, thanks to Raven Richardson's threerun homer in the top of the seventh to cap the rally.

The only senior position starter, Leah Legler, earned hits in all four games, and was a key component to the Red Raiders' victories.

"Right now, we're just relaxed and having fun," Legler said. "We feed off each other and it's so great. A lot of people got in the game tonight and everybody contributed in so many ways. It's really a great thing for this group to be able to work together and enjoy each other's successes as much as we are. We have tough games coming up, so building confidence and getting hits is, well, it's just so much fun."

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