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## Enrollment hits record, retention remains steady

By JOEANN BON-JORNO  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech announced a new enrollment record Monday for the second time in six months with a spring enrollment of 28,014 students.

Although the record shows an almost 2,000 student increase from Spring 2009, retention rates from the fall to the spring remained almost identical at about 93 percent.

Jim Burkhalter, senior associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said retention rates usually stay the same from year to year.

"When dealing with large amounts of people retention rates stay stable," Burkhalter said.

The retention rate of Tech is above average compared to other institutes of its size, he said, but officials would like to improve it if possible.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said officials have been working on retention rates for some time now and are working with the same firm they work on enrollment with.

"Retention rates are a big priority going forward," Hance said.

In the future he said he would like to see one person in charge of retention.

"We are not that far along yet, but I would like to see one person coordinate retention," Hance said.

The final Spring 2010 enrollment is about a 5.6 percent increase from the Spring 2009 enrollment of 26,528. The record Fall 2009 enrollment of 30,049 students was about a 5.7 percent increase from the Fall 2008 enrollment.

According to news release, graduate enrollment is up to 5,104 from 4,705 and international student enrollment is at 125 students; 98

graduate and 27 undergraduate, representing 39 countries.

About 79 percent, or 22,320 students, of Tech's spring enrollment is composed of undergraduate students, which is up from 21,215 last spring.

Hance set a goal to reach 40,000 students by 2020 when he accepted the chancellor position at Tech in 2006. To meet that goal, he said in a previous interview with *The Daily Toreador* the university would need to increase enrollment by about 500 students per year.

Although the first two years into the initiative were not on pace with the goal, with an increase of only 264 students in 2007 and 162 students in 2008, the fall 2009 semester made up for those two semesters and then some with almost 2,000 more students enrolled than the previous year.

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PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/*The Daily Toreador*  
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS WALK through Memorial Circle during a campus tour Monday.

## A PIECE OF home

### Brazilian culture makes way onto Tech men's tennis team

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

To most of the Texas Tech men's tennis players, Portuguese is the language of choice, snow is an uncommon sight and quiet tennis matches are new experiences.

For five Red Raiders, home is nowhere near Lubbock, or the United States for that matter.

Brazil is known for its soccer players, but for Tech coach Tim Siegel and the Red Raiders, it's a great source for top-notch tennis talent.

Tech has struck gold in Brazil, having five players and a coach on the roster from the South American country. That crew includes Tech assistant coach Marcelo Ferreira, sophomores Raony Carvalho and Rafael Garcia, and freshmen Vitor Manzini, Raphael Pfister and Andre Stabile.

"I knew that Brazil was a country that had talented players," Siegel said, "but was more of an untapped country. There wasn't as many Brazilians playing at colleges in the U.S."

Ferreira, Manzini and Pfister are from Sao Paulo; Carvalho is from Brazilia; and Garcia and Stabile are from Ribeirao Preto.

While playing in Brazil, Stabile was ranked in the Top 10 in the 18-and-under division. But playing in the largest country in South America is different than playing tennis in the United States.

Stabile said clay courts can be much slower than the hard courts

played on in the United States. Unreturnable shots often are hit on the hard courts, but on a clay court, since it can slow balls down, shots can be more difficult to ace.

Because of this fact, Ferreira said the way the game is played is different.

"Because these guys grew up playing on clay courts, they played more of a grinder style, playing behind the baseline trying to work a lot of balls,"

he said. "But here, especially in college tennis, you have guys playing very aggressively on the baseline trying to hurt you all the time."

The weather is another difference.

The average February temperature in Brazil is in the mid-80s, whereas in Lubbock the average temperature sits in the mid-50s.

"When I got here it was freezing, and the wind was impossible

to play in," Carvalho said. "It was different because in Brazil I used to live on the beach. So the whole year was all summer."

Another difference in tennis between Brazil and the United States is the fans.

In the United States, the fans at a tennis match get quiet when the match starts, and applaud when a point is scored. Rarely is there any booing at a match.

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PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/*The Daily Toreador*  
FROM LEFT, ANDRE Stabile, Rafael Garcia, Raony Carvalho, Raphael Pfister, assistant coach Marcelo Ferreira and Vitor Manzini are from Brazil and make up part of the Texas Tech men's tennis team.

## Tech works to keep violence off campus

By RALSTON ROLLO  
STAFF WRITER

While previous school shootings have occurred by the hand of a student, such as those at Northern Illinois University and Virginia Tech University, the shooting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville on Friday has Texas Tech administrators pushing programs for awareness of potentially dangerous situations.

According to The Associated Press, professor Amy Bishop killed three faculty members and injured three others when she opened fire at a faculty meeting at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

The Threat Assessment Committee is one of many intervention groups at Tech that strive to keep campus safe, said Ronald Phillips, Tech emergency management coordinator.

The committee identifies irrational and odd behavior in faculty members, discusses it and takes action as necessary, he said.

The Employee Assistance Program, he said, is another valuable resource in the prevention of irrational behavior and is open to any Tech employee who may be dealing with difficult issues.

The keys to preventing faculty violence on campus, he said, are prevention and awareness.

"Tech does a good job of providing resources to avoid a situation like (the Huntsville shooting) occurring on campus," Phillips said. "People need

to understand that these resources are out there and available to them."

Many of the resources can be found at Tech's main Web site under the Emergency Preparedness tab, he said.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said shots never have been fired at Tech.

"Fortunately, we haven't had (a shooting) happen here," he said.

Although there has not been an outbreak of violence on campus, Hoffman said, it is not uncommon to hear of verbal threats.

"We've had many threats that were investigated and later turned out to not be serious," he said. "The (threats) I've worked with have always been a heat-of-the-moment kind of thing."

Hoffman said members of the police department regularly convene with other Tech faculty as part of the Threat Assessment Committee.

"Rather than take a chance, we check it out," Hoffman said.

Although the university began requiring criminal background checks of all faculty members, Phillips said the university always has conducted criminal background checks for security-sensitive positions.

The background checks will be performed for new faculty hires starting April 1, assistant vice president of Human Resources Janet May said in a previous story in *The Daily Toreador*.

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## Early voting begins today

Early voting for Lubbock and state elections begins today for Republican and Democratic primaries.

Major primary races include the position of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and U.S. Representative for District 19.

Early voting locations near the Texas Tech campus include the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday and 8

a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Feb. 26. University Medical Center will host a polling location from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Covenant Medical Center on 19th Street will host voting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Voters also can apply for ballot by mail until Feb. 23.

Election date is March 2, and the Student Recreation Center and Student Union Building on campus will be open for voting.

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**STATE**

**New clip shows JFK arriving in Dallas in 1963**

DALLAS (AP) — New color video footage showing President John F. Kennedy's arrival in Dallas the day he was assassinated is the best home movie ever made of the event, the curator of the Dallas JFK museum said Monday.

The short clip, shot on 8mm film by a 15-year-old student, provides a rare, high-quality color close-up of John and Jackie Kennedy as they arrived in Dallas. The Sixth Floor Museum put the film on display for public viewing on Presidents Day.

Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963, as his motorcade made its way through downtown Dallas.

The footage shot earlier that day by William Ward Warren mainly shows Air Force One and Air Force Two arriving, and briefly features the Kennedys making their way through the crowd at the airport.

"Viewing this footage makes you feel as though you're standing next to Warren as he's filming it on that very day," said museum curator Gary Mack. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza chronicles Kennedy's life and death and is located in the old book depository building from where Lee Harvey Oswald fired at the president's motorcade.

**NATION**

**Police: Victims aid police in Calif. church attack**

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — Two victims wounded during a brazen shooting inside a Northern California church were cooperating Monday with police in the search for a hooded gunman and two other suspects.

The victims and several other witnesses were initially reluctant to aid investigators but have since provided leads, police Sgt. Bisa French said.

"If I knew something, I'd say something, but others can't see an advantage in that," said Frank Robinson, a Richmond native who lives near the church. "If those guys were bold enough to shoot up a church, who's to say they won't come up to your front door and shoot you?"

Police still don't know why the man opened fire Sunday at the New

Gethsemane Church of God in Christ in Richmond, but investigators don't believe the attack was random.

It was the latest shooting in the city of about 103,000 on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay that already has seen seven homicides this year, including a 23-year-old pregnant woman killed during a drive-by shooting while picking up her son from school.

Richmond garnered national attention after the gang rape of a 16-year-old girl outside a high school homecoming dance while as many as 20 bystanders watched without calling police. Seven people from 15 to 43 years old have pleaded not guilty in the attack.

**WORLD**

**Taliban step up attacks in besieged Afghan town**

MARJAH, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban fighters stepped up counterattacks Monday against Marines and Afghan soldiers in the militant stronghold of Marjah, slowing the allied advance to a crawl despite Afghan government claims that the insurgents are broken and on the run.

Taliban fighters appeared to be slipping under cover of darkness into compounds already deemed free of weapons and explosives, then opening fire on the Marines from behind U.S. lines.

Also Monday, NATO said five civilians were accidentally killed and two wounded by an airstrike when they were mistakenly believed to

have been planting roadside bombs in Kandahar province, east of the Marjah offensive.

The airstrike happened one day after 12 people, half of them children, were killed by two U.S. missiles that struck a house on the outskirts of Marjah. Afghan officials said Monday that three Taliban fighters were in the house at the time of the attack.

On the third day of the main attack on Marjah, Afghan commanders spoke optimistically about progress in the town of about 80,000 people, the linchpin of the Taliban logistical and opium poppy smuggling network in the militant-influenced south.

**SWING AWAY**

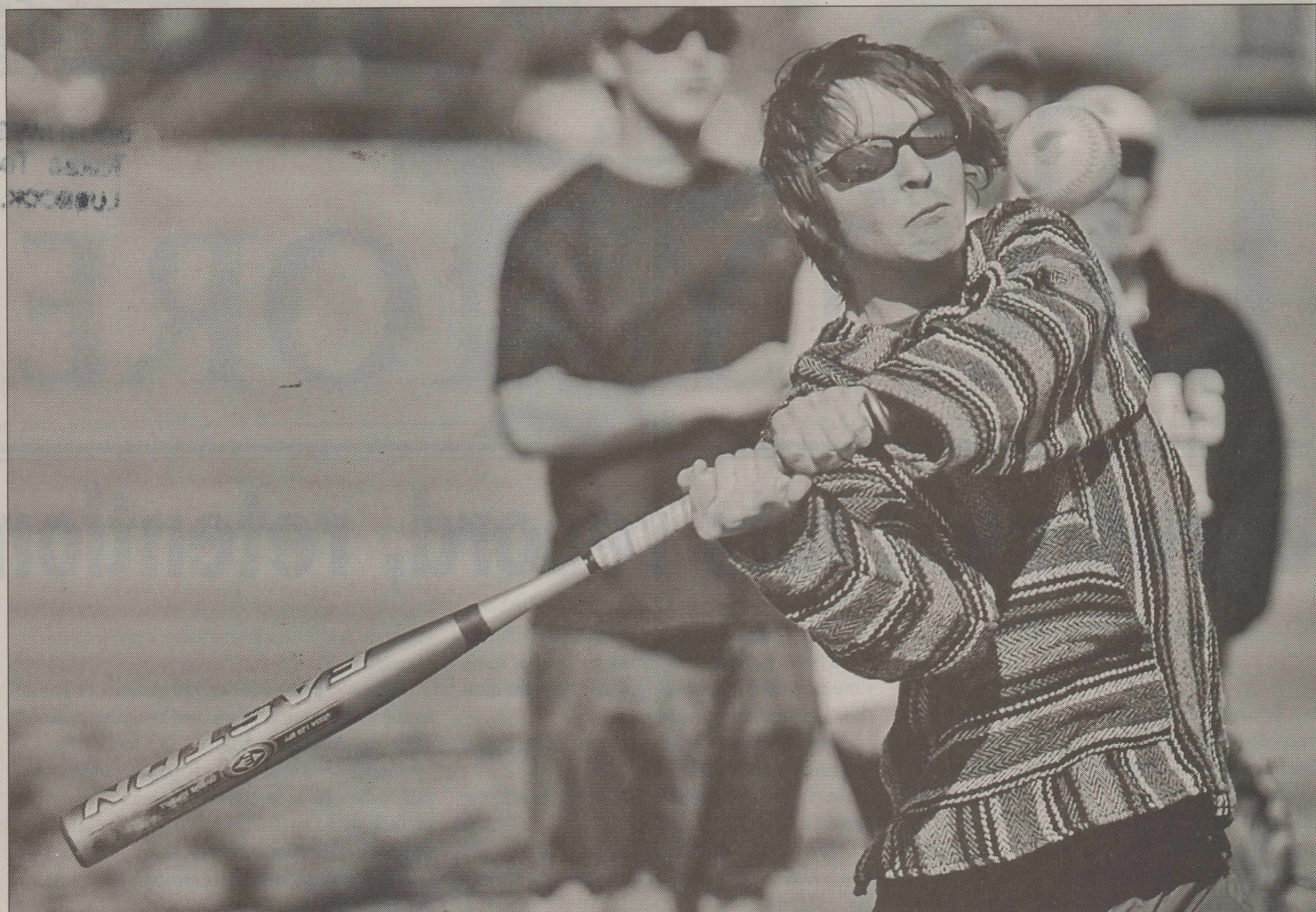


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador

LARRY WADDLE, A junior agricultural education major from Lago Vista, hits a home run during a softball game Monday near the soccer fields.

**Institute's new program director at HSC hopes to renew funding**

By DEREK MOY  
STAFF WRITER

Shannon Kirkland was named director of the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and said she hopes to renew funding for the program.

Kirkland has been involved with the program since its establishment in 2001 and was named assistant director in 2005. During her tenure, she created the Texas HOT Jobs Web site, which helps prospective students find careers in the health industry.

"What the AHEC does is

really to help create a pipeline of health care providers for the future," she said.

David Lefforge, chief operating officer for the institute, said it is "fantastic" that Kirkland received the promotion.

Kirkland brings a wealth of knowledge about health education programming for West Texas, he said.

"When we talk about West Texas and the programs that we would like to work on communities with, one of the most important things you can say to somebody is, 'They get it,'" Lefforge said, "and Shannon gets it."

The funding for the AHEC Program expires soon. Program

officials are informing the region and attempting to receive legislative aide for permanent funding from the Texas government.

Kirkland and Lefforge said funding is vital for the program to succeed and grow.

"The return on that investment is significant from what the program provides throughout the region," Lefforge said.

Kirkland also brings a bright, new outlook on the program's future, he said.

"From the day that she walked in and we said we'd like for her to become the new director, and just almost immediately she said, 'Great. Here are some of the things I'd like to accomplish,'"

Lefforge said.

Kirkland said she suggestions she made are being reviewed and she did not want to discuss them because they might not come to fruition.

The AHEC Program reaches 35,000 students throughout the West Texas region. The program also supports health care professionals.

Twenty people work in five centers for the program, which provides services to 105 of the western-most counties of Texas. Students looking to gain knowledge for a health care position can visit [www.texashtjjobs.org](http://www.texashtjjobs.org) or [www.ttuhsc.edu/ruralhealth](http://www.ttuhsc.edu/ruralhealth) for further information.

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**Correction**

The outline of the top photo accompanied with the story "Tech baseball's Alumni Game connects past, present" in Monday's issue

of *The Daily Treador* should have identified the pitcher as alumnus Rodney Steph. *The DT* regrets the error.

**Toyota death claims surge**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Complaints of deaths connected to sudden acceleration in Toyota vehicles have surged in recent weeks, with the alleged death toll reaching 34 since 2000, according to new consumer data gathered by the government.

Complaints to a database maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about the popular Toyota Prius hybrid grew by nearly 1,000 in just over a week.

On Monday, Transportation Department spokeswoman Olivia Alair said NHTSA is

quickly gathering information to help guide the government's examination of sudden acceleration and other safety issues.

Toyota Motor Corp. has recalled 8.5 million vehicles globally during the past four months because of problems with gas pedals, floor mats and brakes, threatening the safety and quality reputation of the world's No. 1 automaker. The government typically receives a surge in complaints following a recall. None has yet been verified.

**Ala. prof went to range before shooting Huntsville coworkers**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — The husband of an Alabama professor accused of fatally shooting three colleagues said Monday that the couple went to a shooting range recently, but that he didn't know where she got the gun she used for practice that day.

James Anderson told The Associated Press that his wife, Amy Bishop, didn't do anything unusual in the days before Friday's shooting. Bishop, a Harvard-educated neurobiologist, is accused of pulling a gun at a faculty meeting and shooting six people, three fatally. Two of the survivors remained in critical condition Monday.

Anderson said he knew his wife had a gun, but didn't know when or how she got it.

"I really don't know how she got it, or where she got it from," he said in an interview at his home.

Police have previously said Bishop had no permit for the gun they believe she used in the shooting, and investigators said they didn't know where she

On Monday, some victims' relatives were questioning how Bishop was hired at the university in 2003 after she was involved years ago in separate criminal probes. University of Alabama in Huntsville officials were meeting privately to review the files concerning her hiring.

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 trying to learn how to use the gun, which her father had bought for protection, when it accidentally discharged.

Authorities released her and said the episode was a tragic accident. She was never charged, though current Braintree police Chief Paul Frazier questions how the investigation was handled. Frazier said she also fired once into a wall before hitting her brother, then fired a third time into the ceiling.

Her husband said Monday he had known about her brother being shot, but said "it was an accident. That's all I knew about it."

In another incident, The Boston Globe reported that Bishop and her husband were questioned by investigators looking into a pipe bomb sent to one of Bishop's colleagues, Dr. Paul Rosenberg, at Children's Hospital Boston in 1993. The bomb did not go off, and nobody was ever charged.

Anderson defended himself and his wife as innocent people questioned by investigators casting a wide net. He said the case "had a dozen people swept up in this and everybody was a subject, not a suspect."

*"I really don't know how she got it, or where she got it from."*

**JAMES ANDERSON**  
HUSBAND OF ALABAMA SHOOTER

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Western Florida city
- Rice
- Air gun ammo
- Catherine of "Seedlip Juice"
- Binary system digits
- Exercise unit
- "Relaxing soak"
- Brew in a yard
- "Just suspected"
- "... have you \_\_\_ wood?"
- Company whose calling is calling
- Blo kin
- "Great concert turnout"
- Sympathetic connection
- Cease
- Blood system letters
- Confirmation, e.g.
- Outperforms
- "Many an exec's remuneration"
- Work with hair
- Pre-coll. catchall
- Bit of internet mirth
- Binary system digits
- Pulls an all-nighter
- "Unlucky selection"
- Course with many problems
- Hip-swiveling dance
- Beachgoer's shirt
- Rioting group
- Former California fort
- What you can say about sketches, and about the stoned clues
- NFL's Cardinals, on scoreboards
- Free-for-all
- McDermott of "The Practice"
- Soap-making need
- "my case"
- Figure out

**DOWN**

- Heavy weight
- Bigeye or yellowfin, at a sushi bar
- Cheese partner
- Radio signal booster
- Signs of contentment
- HIV-treating drug
- Masonry reinforcing rod
- Tree-dwelling apes
- "Almost ready—be patient"
- Suffix with Brit network
- "Top Chef"
- Downstairs, at sea
- Blow, as dough
- Well driller
- Skin care maven
- Adrien
- Uncouth
- Good thing to kick
- Hobbyist's glue
- Westermost
- Aleutian island
- Kurt of Nirvana
- Poster in the right direction
- Preceding, in poetry
- Tex-Mex dip
- "Rainbow" fish
- Mythical air dweller
- Regional plant life
- Corisca neighbor
- Skeptic's demand
- Her book is read during the Jewish holiday Purim
- "Remington ..."
- Pre-fetus stage
- Shallow sea area
- Speed things up
- Song from the past
- Three-time N.L. stolen base champ José
- Gambler's concerns
- Pa. plant in the 1979 news
- Like Gen. Powell
- Every last one
- Sound file suffix
- L.A.-to-Helena dr.

By Nancy Kavanaugh 2/16/10

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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 ATLANTA BRAVE  
 SISE LOY OAKLEY  
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 STYRE CIA EENS  
 WEARETHEWORLD  
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# Engineering Week to showcase students' work

By **KELSEY HECKEL**  
STAFF WRITER

As a part of National Engineers Week, the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering is hosting a week of events, contests and demonstrations to celebrate and promote engineering to the rest of Texas Tech.

Events consist of a Student Organization Fair, a pizza day with the dean, Pink Engineering Day, a Trebuchet Contest and an honors ceremony.

"The two biggest events are the Student Organization Fair and Student Design Demonstrations and the Trebuchet Contest," said Jeff Sammons, senior editor of marketing and communications in the College of Engineering.

The fair will feature many of the engineering student organizations in the Engineering Key with booths and demonstrations, he said. Events will include various hands-on activities and a "pie in the face" booth with faculty and staff.

"The pie in the face is hosted by Tau Pi Beta," said John Kobza, senior associate academics dean. "I remember it as being for a few dollars you can toss a pie at teachers in the college."

Booths from engineering organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers, Engineers Without Borders and the Institute of Industrial Engineers will have booths set up to answer questions from students. The fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Engineering Key.

The Trebuchet Contest is another Engineering Week tradition that draws a lot of student interest and participation, Kobza said. Students build trebuchets, or medieval-type catapults, and compete against each other to launch a toilet paper roll the farthest across the key.

"Last year Civil Engineering had this huge thing that they had welded together," he said. "It was pretty intense."

The contest will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Another event that will take place is an honors convocation at 2 a.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre to recognize engineering students who are junior or senior level with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

"We will normally have some speakers and then we honor those students who have reached the GPA standard," Kobza said.

To increase student involvement, members of Pi Tau Sigma will answer questions at events such as the Student Organization Fair.

"We try to build it up and get more students involved," said Aaron Clements, Pi Tau Sigma chapter president. "We are really wanting to project this across campus so students who aren't even in engineering can come and ask questions and talk to our different student organization. Looking back to my freshman year that was something that I wish was more well known so we could get help."

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## SCHEDULE

• **Student Organization Fair and Student Design Demonstrations**  
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday  
WHERE: Engineering Key

• **Whitacre College of Engineering Dean's Pizza Day**  
WHEN: All day Wednesday  
WHERE: Livermore Center Lounge

• **Pink Engineering Day**  
WHEN: All day Thursday  
WHERE: Across campus

• **Trebuchet Contest**  
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday  
WHERE: Engineering Key

• **Engineering Student Organization Cookout**  
WHEN: Saturday  
WHERE: Engineering Key

• **Honors Convocation**  
WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday  
WHERE: Student Union Building Allen Theatre

## Fears of another quake become new Haiti worry

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Hundreds of houses that survived Haiti's killer quake still stand empty even as quake victims desperate for shelter crowd the streets. The reason is fear: Nobody is quite sure they can withstand another quake.

At least 54 aftershocks have shuddered through Haiti's shattered capital since a Jan. 12 quake killed more than 200,000 people. They have toppled weakened buildings faster than demolition crews can get to them, sending up new clouds of choking dust. On Monday, three children were killed when a school collapsed in the northern city of Cap-Haitien. It wasn't clear what caused the collapse, which occurred after a late-night tremor and heavy rains.

"I tried sleeping in the house for a night, but an aftershock came and I ran outside," said Louise Lafonte, 36, who beds down with her family of five in a tent beside her seemingly intact concrete house. "I'm not going inside until the ground calms down."

That may be awhile. Seismologists say more, damaging aftershocks are likely and there's even a chance of another large quake following quickly after the initial catastrophe in the

capital of 3 million people.

In 1751, a large quake hit the island that Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic. About a month later, another one destroyed Port-au-Prince.

A magnitude-7.4 quake that killed more than 18,000 people in northwestern Turkey in 1999 was followed three months later by another of magnitude-7.2 only 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the initial epicenter.

"There are many other examples like that of two significant earthquakes following each other," said Eric Calais, a geophysicist at Purdue University who said he warned the Haitian government two years ago that the country was vulnerable to a major quake.

The prospect of another quake is on the minds of planners trying to rebuild the country and on those trying to prevent more deaths.

U.N. inspectors have advised people to stay away from dozens of structures. On Jan. 26, four people were trapped when a building collapsed on them, and on Feb. 9, a magnitude-4.0 aftershock shook loose debris at a shattered supermarket, trapping several more.

## Clinton: Iran becoming military dictatorship

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday Iran is sliding into a military dictatorship, a new assessment suggesting a rockier road ahead for U.S.-led efforts to stop Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

As the first high-level Obama administration official to make such an accusation, Clinton was reflecting an ever-dimming outlook for persuading Iran to negotiate limits on its nuclear program, which it has insisted is intended only for peaceful purposes. The U.S. and others — including the two Gulf countries Clinton visited Sunday and Monday — believe Iran is headed for a nuclear bomb capability.

Clinton also was revealing the logic of the administration's plan to target the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps with a new round of international sanctions intended to compel Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions before it increases the likelihood of a military clash.

Clinton flew to Riyadh, the Saudi capital, where Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal seemed to express doubt about the usefulness of seeking more sanctions on Iran over its nuclear

program. In a joint appearance with Clinton, he said the threat posed by Iran's nuclear ambitions demands a more immediate solution. The Saudi foreign minister didn't identify a preferred short-term resolution.

"Sanctions are a long-term solution. But we see the issue in the shorter term because we are closer to the threat," he said.

U.S. officials said privately that they were unsure of al-Faisal's meaning and that they were certain Saudi Arabia was not opposed to new sanctions. They said the Saudis have some doubt that sanctions can be effective. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to describe diplomatically sensitive conversations with the Saudi leadership.

Clinton was driven in King Abdullah's private bus about 65 miles northeast to Rawdat Khurayim, a secluded royal hunting retreat where the vacationing king hosted her for

lunch — and where a large-screen TV was on. Afterward they met privately in his elaborately appointed tent, which includes five crystal chandeliers in the reception room. Clinton also met with al-Faisal in Riyadh and later was flying to Jeddah on the Red Sea coast.

Earlier in the day, in Doha, Qatar, Clinton spoke bluntly about Iranian behavior and what she called the Obama administration's view of Iran as increasingly dominated by the Revolutionary Guard Corps. Her statements may have been designed to deepen what U.S. ana-

lysts see as growing fissures between Iran's regular armed forces and the Revolutionary Guards, whose authority has widened since the disputed presidential election in June.

Last week the U.S. Treasury Department announced that it was freezing the assets in U.S. jurisdictions of a Revolutionary Guard general and four subsidiaries of a previously penalized construction company he runs because of their alleged involvement in producing and spreading weapons of mass destruction.

The Revolutionary Guard has long been a pillar of Iran's regime as a force separate from the ordinary armed forces. The Guard now has a hand in every critical area, including missile development, oil resources, dam building, road construction, telecommunications and nuclear technology.

It also has absorbed the paramilitary Basij as a full-fledged part of its command structure — giving the militia greater funding and a stronger presence in Iran's internal politics.

"The evidence we've seen of this increasing decision-making (by the Revolutionary Guard) cuts across all areas of Iranian security policy, and certainly nuclear policy is at the core of it," Clinton told reporters flying with her from Doha to Saudi Arabia.

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**HILLARY CLINTON**  
U.S.  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## Small plane crashes at mid-NJ airport, killing 5

WALL TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A small plane trying to land broke apart and tore through a snowy field next to a runway Monday afternoon, killing all five people aboard, including a teenager and a child, and scattering debris over 200 feet.

The crash was reported at 3:45 p.m. at Monmouth Executive Airport, about 35 miles east of Trenton, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters. The weather was overcast, but no precipitation was falling.

Capt. Tim Clayton of the Wall Township police said debris from the crash was scattered over a 200-foot stretch of snowy ground.

Clayton said the victims were three men, a teenager and a young child. The names of the victims were not immediately released, but Clayton said at least three were related. Two were from New Jersey, the other three from elsewhere, he said.

The plane was based at the airport and was returning to land when the crash occurred, Clayton said. It was not immediately clear how long the plane was gone. Relatives of some of the victims were at the airport when the crash occurred, Clayton said, but it was not clear if they had witnessed the crash.

Peters said the plane was a Cessna 337 Skymaster, a make known in aviation circles as a "Push Me, Pull You" because its

twin engines are located in the nose and behind the fuselage. It was registered to Jack Air LLC, a Wilmington, Del., company. A telephone listing for the company was not immediately available.

Peters said the National Transportation Safety Board will lead the investigation into the cause of the crash.

Dana McNally, 39, of Wall, told the Asbury Park Press of Neptune that she witnessed the crash. McNally said it appeared the pilot was coming in for a landing and attempted to abort. But something — possibly the tail of the plane — broke off, she said. The plane veered to the right and nose-dived into a snowy field alongside a runway, McNally said.

## Violence

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Ken Gassiot, associate director of Parent and Family Relations, said he is impressed with Tech's proactive approach to the prevention of violence and that Parent and Family Relations tries to take safety measures of its own.

Those safety measures include hosting events indoors and requiring those who attend such events to register and carry a ticket for access to the event, he said.

Although a strong police presence on campus plays a role in maintaining campus security, Hoffman said, it is most important for students and faculty who observe strange behavior to report it.

Tech President Guy Bailey and Chancellor Kent Hance expressed their condolences through a news release.

"As the University of Alabama Huntsville deals with this unimaginable tragedy, we here at Texas Tech will keep the UAH family in our thoughts and our prayers," Bailey said in the release. "I know that the Huntsville campus community family will find the strength and wisdom to face the challenges and terrible sadness of the coming days."

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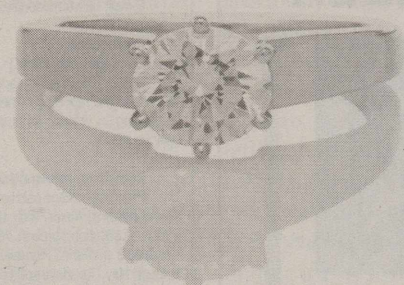
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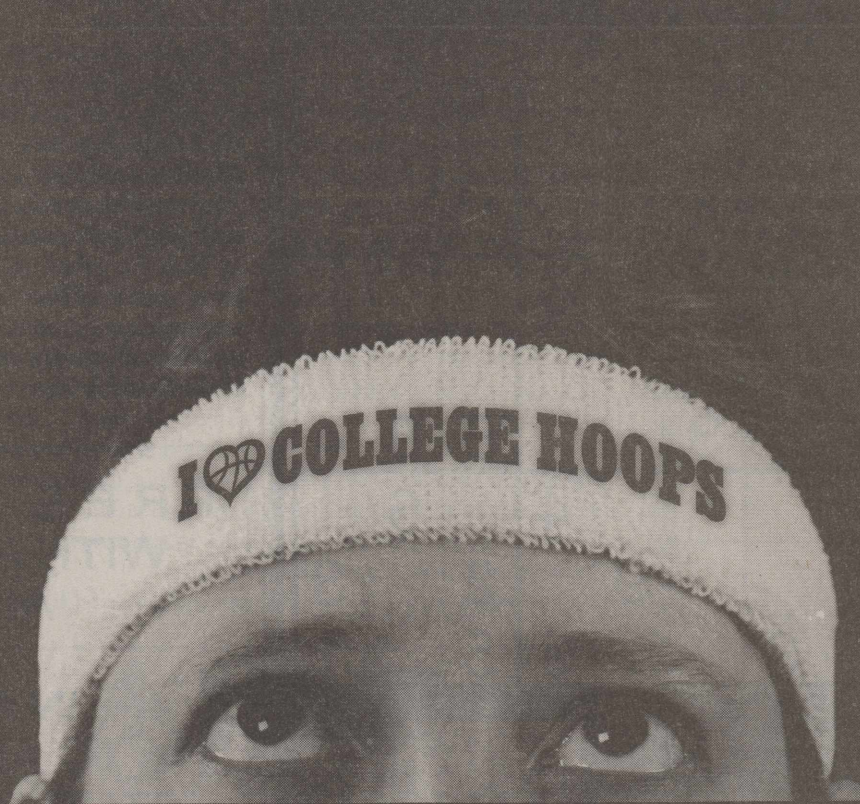
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## Workload balance not easy among students

What possesses us to take on more than we should? I know it happens to everyone. We take on a project that we honestly don't have the energy for, or we commit ourselves to attending a meeting on a regular basis for which we have no time.

It happens to the best of us. Often times we will have good intentions and just fail to follow through with them. For example, it's like a gym membership. We know it is good for us, and yet we can never make room for it in our schedules.

Then, there is the admission we are all just too lazy to get up at six in the morning, but the early birds of society are more productive than those who are not as energetic in the morning.

For instance, Tech Habitat for Humanity is quite active. Individuals involved in it get up every weekend and make a real, physical difference in the Lubbock community. If that's not taking on something greater than us, I do not know what is.

Speaking of schedules, I am taking 18 credit hours. If I had endless space here, I would probably gripe all day about it. Then again, I did it to myself, and I am not alone. There are many here at Texas Tech who take on a greater load than what is considered full-time. I remember last semester I knew a guy who was taking 21 hours. I told him not only was that load too heavy, but he was nuts for taking it.

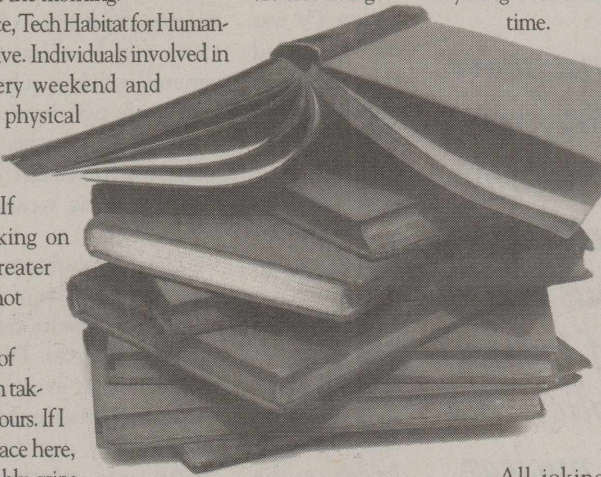
I suppose he wants to graduate as

**Colleen Gartner**



much as I. Truthfully, that is why most of us take extra classes. We all just want to either graduate early or graduate on time.

Of course, there are some of the student body who are workaholics in disguise. Those students take more just because they know they can, making the 12-hour full-timers look like they are not doing anything with their time.



All joking aside, it is not easy for anyone (even the workaholics) to take more than 12 hours. The balance it requires is a commitment to the workload because the additional amount of time that must be set aside for it.

I always have been ahead in my degree plan. Part of that is taking classes during the summer when Lubbock

is empty and sunny. I will be honest, though. I slow down when it is hot outside, which leads to procrastination. Also, I probably did not learn too much last summer, especially with the opening of the Student Leisure Pool.

These days, though, I can only dream about sunny days in the pool, and the fact it has been snowing just about every week makes summer seem even further away. At this rate, I think I will be a hermit by mid-April.

So, how does one get that balance? Routine helps tremendously. Waking up at a specific time, packing the backpack the night before and leaving at the same time everyday are just a few examples of a good routine. Especially with so much homework around midterms and finals, concentrate on what is due first.

Also, keep a detailed, online calendar with tests, quizzes and appointments you can access anywhere.

I happen to be an incredibly absent-minded person when I'm overwhelmed, so this type of access is crucial to me. The last thing I want to do is spend a late night on campus researching a paper instead of spending a late night at home because I forgot to research a paper.

Now, different things work for different people. Some people prefer to read a chapter right before going to bed. Other people believe flashcards are the greatest idea.

Whatever the process, though, make it routine. The repeated use of these processes is the key to success in school and in the workforce.

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## Energy drinks not the answer

The transition from high school to college was long for me. I spent several years overseas and, when I returned to attend college, I noticed many things had changed. Not only did everyone and their dog use cell phones constantly, but everyone was carrying around little bottles full of energy drinks.

I initially thought this was odd, considering most things we eat and drink are intended to give our bodies energy and help us function in the world. I had heard of Red Bull before, but I had not heard of NOS or Rockstar. It did not take long for their proliferation to spread and for me to learn what these energy drinks really do to the body.

The appeal to energy drinks is pathetic. They advertise as though their market is full of 4-year-olds. You can be a star if you drink this drink. You can have wings. How stupid. No drink controls my destiny. The promise for energy assumes that we cannot manage ourselves, including our own energy levels. It is very much shrouded in the language of a drug addict, needing a new fix of energy.

Energy drinks are overloaded with caffeine. The typical energy drink has roughly double the amount of caffeine of a cola drink per ounce, according to sources such as WebMD. Considering the purpose of adding caffeine to cola drinks is to help form an addiction, it is not surprising many who start drinking energy drinks cannot stop.

You might ask why I am writing about energy drinks when people can become addicted to

**Roy Long**



almost anything and this can be unhealthy in any form. Well, as a society we often express outrage at tobacco companies for using addictive substances in their products, causing many people, including youth, to continue using their harmful substances. How is this any different from energy drinks?

Energy drinks aren't harmful, you say? According to "The Energy Drink Epidemic" by Dr. Thomas J. Boud, a family medicine doctor, caffeine is known to correlate with osteoporosis, high blood pressure, gastrointestinal disorders, acid reflux, urinary incontinence, restless leg syndrome, tremors, irritable bowel syndrome, atrial fibrillation and possibly higher cholesterol and coronary heart disease.

Forensic Science International even reported in 2005 two cases of fatal caffeine overdose. Energy drinks are the highest concentration of pure caffeine I have seen, except for in organic chemistry lab (and only if one is good at following instructions).

You have been duped. You have been taught these drinks with energy jolts can improve life, just as the advertisements say. The sad part of this story is there are many healthy things people can do to increase their energy and help them function with the rigors of college life.

Working out at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center,

which is free after tuition and fees, will increase energy levels. This occurs because metabolism levels rise in response to working the body. True, you will have to eat more to keep up with an increased metabolism, but where is the downside in that? Can anyone say, "All-you-can-eat buffet?"

There are other more healthy ways to eat and increase energy. A good mixture of carbohydrates and protein in our diets will provide both quick energy and sustained energy for the day, without the fatigue that comes when the jolt is gone.

Also, we can avoid buying into the tired mentality. As students, you and I know we complain all the time about the work load. "College is so hard." Bah humbug. In many ways, my experience in high school was more draining than college.

The truth here is we are only as tired as we allow ourselves to become. Tiredness is more often a mindset than a physiological condition. Yes, we need to sleep and relax, but we also can control our feelings. Take it from a father with a newborn who often has colic: We can function when we should be tired a lot more often than we believe we can.

We do not need these energy drinks. They are taking our money and our health, only with an empty promise of "energy" which we can provide for ourselves. Let us rid ourselves of these parasitical drinks and become masters of our own destiny, unshackled from the red bull of death.

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## Bayh exits Senate against backdrop of angry voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monday's stunning announcement by Sen. Evan Bayh that he's retiring from a Congress he says he no longer loves makes him the latest to flee Washington as many voters seem furious about the country's economic malaise and poised to take it out on incumbents.

The decision by the Indiana Democrat, who was in strong position to win a third term in November, gives Republi-

cans a formidable chance to capture the seat in his GOP-leaning state. It also compounds the problems facing Senate Democrats this fall as they cling to their majority in the chamber, where they now hold 59 of the 100 votes.

Bayh joins a growing roster of recent Democratic retirements that includes Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island and Sens. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Byron Dorgan of North

Dakota. Yet the congressional casualty list has a decidedly bipartisan flavor, with recent retirement announcements coming from Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., and other GOP House members from Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas and Arizona.

"Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, you've probably had some very nasty town hall meetings lately, and most normal human beings don't enjoy being yelled at," said Jack Pitney, a political scientist at Claremont-McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. "Democrats stand to lose more than Republicans because they're the in party, but Republicans are catching some of this too."

Democrats have a 255-178 edge in the House, with two vacancies from Democratic-held seats. But there are 49 Democrats from districts Republican presidential candidate John McCain won in 2008, placing them among the most endangered House Democrats.

With the public upset over job losses, spiraling federal deficits and spending, huge bonuses awarded to executives of bailed-out financial institutions, and Washington's yearlong

preoccupation with health care, one need look no further than recent polls to gauge the poisonous political atmosphere facing members of Congress seeking re-election.

The departure of Bayh, 54, sent deeper shock waves than most. Telegenic and on the list of potential running mates for the past two Democratic national tickets, Bayh is known more for the moderate tone of his politics than for any particular legislative achievements, and his parting words had a notably plaintive tenor.

"To put it in words most Hoosiers can understand: I love working for the people of Indiana, I love helping our citizens make the most of their lives, but I do not love Congress," Bayh said in the statement he read in Indianapolis announcing his decision.

He also lambasted the acid divide between Democrats and Republicans in Washington, saying, "I am not motivated by strident partisanship or ideology." He added that he wanted to work in the private sector, perhaps running a business, university or charity, for "solutions not slogans, progress not politics."

## New clip shows JFK arriving in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — New color video footage showing President John F. Kennedy's arrival in Dallas the day he was assassinated is the best home movie ever made of the event, the curator of the Dallas JFK museum said Monday.

The short clip, shot on 8mm film by a 15-year-old student, provides a rare, high-quality color close-up of John and Jackie Kennedy as they arrived in Dallas. The Sixth Floor Museum put the film on display for public viewing on Presidents Day.

Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963, as his motorcade made its way through downtown Dallas. The footage shot earlier that day by William Ward Warren mainly shows Air Force One and Air Force Two arriving, and briefly features the Kennedys making their way through the crowd at the airport.

"Viewing this footage makes you feel as though you're standing next to Warren as he's filming it on that very day," said museum curator Gary Mack. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza chronicles Kennedy's life and death and is located in the old book depository building from where Lee Harvey Oswald fired at the president's motorcade.

Warren was at the airport because Dallas students were given the day off

for Kennedy's visit. "I was very excited," Warren, who donated the footage to the museum, said in a news release. "It was cool and yet the sun was shining bright, and there was lots of excitement."

The final few seconds of the three-minute film show JFK passing through the crowd, smiling at cameras. Jacqueline Kennedy follows, carrying a bouquet of red roses given to her by local officials. She's walking alongside Lyndon Baines Johnson, the vice president at the time. A smiling Lady Bird Johnson appears briefly. She's followed by Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the shooting later in the day.

Warren, now the 61-year-old owner of a freight brokerage business, tells the museum in an oral history that Kennedy came so close he couldn't decide whether to keep filming or stop to shake his hand.

The clip offers interesting historical perspective, showing the suits and dresses of the day and the old-style TV cameras. It briefly cuts to a shot of students flying a Texas flag and a Confederate flag.

The event was captured by local black-and-white TV cameras. There were numerous other cameras at Dallas' Love Field that day, but most of that footage hasn't been released to the public, Mack said.

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## Adventures in Spain: Carnival Cadiz story

Sitting in my bed Sunday, drinking a Coke and falling in and out of sleep at 3 p.m., I realized the Spanish party harder than I could have ever imagined.

Before I start talking about our Friday excursion to La Rábida, the story of Carnival Cadiz must be told. Saturday night a big group of us embarked on an adventure; none of us knew what to expect, and we were met with the biggest party any of us had ever seen. Literally.

Carnival is a yearly occurrence in Spain's oldest city. The fiery fiesta includes Saturday night costume extravaganzas, musical performances, acrobats and more. This is all I had heard: a big Spanish party. My Spanish family's vague description left much to be desired, and I don't think I was prepared for what the woman on our bus told us.

"More than one-and-a-half-million people come to Carnival every year guys, let's be safe," said our blond caretaker dressed in a cupid costume.

My mouth dropped as I looked at Julianna, we grinned nervously under the moustaches we had drawn on our faces with eyeliner. We were dressed as Mario and Luigi. However, my costume lacked an "L," and I was wearing a jacket so I just looked like a weird girl with a beret and fake facial hair. Oh well, the large amounts of alcohol consumed by those surrounding me ensured me no one would remember much about the night, let alone my costume.

After getting off the bus, we walked into the screaming crowd awaiting us underneath a stone archway bearing the sparkling words "Carnaval Cadiz." I had never seen such a strange assortment of costumes before; and Julianna and I also ran into about 20 other Marios and Luigis. Costume fail. Guess we weren't as creative as we thought.

Also, another feature I noticed: cross

### Carrie Thornton



More often than not I saw men dressed up like a creepy woman character. It was weird.

We arrived in Cadiz around 10 p.m., and were scheduled to stay until 5:30 a.m. If you know anything about me, you know I hardly can stay up past 1 a.m. Around that time Julianna and I were getting restless, and the chaos around me was starting to take a toll.

Needless to say we elected to use alternative transportation and leave early. We were home by 2:30 a.m. and I immediately passed out, not to wake until 1 p.m. the next day: Valentine's Day. Alone in a rainy Seville, feeling like a truck hit me from the night before — great feeling, Julianna and I kept each other company, though, and we decided to stay in bed all day watching Internet TV. My new favorite.

Oh, on a side note, it's supposed to rain in Seville until the end of February. This is after we repeatedly are told the rain will stop soon because the weather is never like this here. I'm over it, and I become increasingly thankful I brought my bulky rain boots.

Now it's time to rewind to Friday, where the group faced the rain and cold to visit a piece of history. We ventured to La Rábida, a Franciscan monastery where Christopher Columbus stayed for two years and sought guidance from the monks there in regards to his problem of finding resources and financial support for his expedition.

For those of you who might not be his

torically inclined, the expedition I speak of is his search for the Indies. His actual point of arrival was Cuba, by the way. I learn something new every day here.

At the monastery, Columbus found friendship in Queen Isabella's confessor, Francisco Jiménez de Cisneros, who essentially put in good word to his lady who in turn agreed to fund Columbus' trip.

In the ancient building a wooden table stood where Columbus was said to have lounged occasionally, and it was the original. This was a nice surprise, because to my great dismay much of what we have seen here has been replicas due to the abuse of time and humanity.

We took turns taking pictures touching the table, as if we were getting to touch this ancient explorer as well. It was fun, besides the chilling rain.

From there we ventured to Huelva, a small city where replicas of the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria can be found. But because of the rain we were restricted from walking on the floating museums, but we could walk around their perimeter. Julianna and I chose warmth and headed back to the bus to escape the cold rain.

The bus made a final stop at the beach where everyone besides my roommate and I got out taking pictures, and for some, jumping into the icy waves. Julianna and I had a good nap, and I heard the beach was pretty fun. I just took their word for it.

In short, it was a very interesting weekend. This week I plan to find ways to keep me entertained as the rain continues to dampen Seville. Maybe I'll find some new tapas bars to gorge myself. When sad, food will always be there to lift you. And then make you feel like a whale. And in lighter news, I have yet to see fried sardines on my plate again. My family loves me.

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## ABSTRACT ART



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GARRETT FERGUSON, A sophomore architecture major from Denton, paints an abstract self-portrait Monday in the Architecture building.

## Fraternities host Haiti Relief Fund concert

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The men of Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Beta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon will host a fundraiser concert tonight benefiting the Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund.

The concert event will take place at 9:30 p.m. at Tequila Jungle. Brian Roberts, a sophomore Business major from McKinney and social director for Delta Tau Delta, decided to put forth an effort to help after seeing a Red Cross commercial on TV.

"No one had really done anything for Haiti yet," Roberts said, "so, I called the other socials from Fiji, Phi Delta Theta, SAE and Kappa Sigma and they were all willing to get together and do something."

After seeing the commercial, Roberts went online and looked up the regional director for the Red Cross, Brian Grimes, and set up a meeting with him to discuss planning the event.

"I informed Brian of my intentions with the fundraiser, and he was on board," Roberts said. "There is a minimum donation of \$100, but hopefully we can give at least \$3,000."

With the help of Richard Amadin, co-owner of Tequila Jungle, Roberts said he — along with social directors of the other fraternities — could get serious about hosting the event.

"We've put it on Facebook, so people know about it," he said. "This is our chance to give back and show the com-



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FROM LEFT: ISAAC Lewis, a senior economics major from Prosper; Brian Roberts, a sophomore business major from McKinney; Stratton Haley, a junior business major from Abilene; Britt Fisher, a senior finance major from Austin; and Andrew Crites, a junior finance and real estate dual major from Lubbock are hosting a concert tonight at Tequila Jungle benefiting earthquake survivors in Haiti.

munity that we do care."

Although the cause of the event may be a somber one, the men are doing everything they can to make it a festive night. Since the event will take place on Fat Tuesday, the theme of the event is Mardi Gras.

"We want everyone to have a good time," Roberts said, "but, we also want to do something to help raise awareness

about this disaster that took so many lives."

The concert, which will feature Emory Quinn and Nelo, is \$10 at the door and 50 percent of all proceeds will go to the Haiti Relief Fund. Roberts will sell tickets at the Delta Tau Delta Lodge, #10 Greek Circle, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today, and tickets also are available at Conference Café.

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## Tuesdays with Tina: Politics and Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day turned out a lot more interesting than I thought it would this year.

I've never been one to celebrate the holiday — contrived affection isn't my cup of tea — and I try to steer clear of eating out that day, too. The best watering holes are always a zoo, probably an adverse effect from Hallmark cards and artificially flavored chocolate.

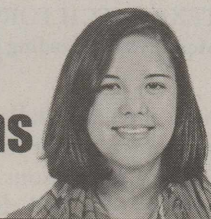
However, I'd made plans already to go out to lunch with friends. We didn't realize Sunday would fall on Valentine's Day until later, and then we decided not to change our plans.

We originally planned to eat at Home Café, but it turned out to be too crowded. We settled for Well Body. I hadn't eaten at either place before, so it didn't make much difference to me.

The lunch group turned out larger than I had expected — a few friendly faces as well as some new ones. I was glad to see that several of my friends could come because I had wanted to introduce my boyfriend to my friends from Seva ever since I joined the student organization at the beginning of this semester.

After we'd been introduced

### Tina Arons



force his beliefs on us? Or was it perfectly acceptable?

He didn't bring any new information about the issue to the discussion. He didn't use any sources, just his own opinions. In retrospect, I really don't think he did anything besides stir the pot. He was unlike the first stranger, who said what he thought and left.

It certainly wasn't helpful, but was it rude? I'd like to hear what others have to say about it.

By the way, I am purposely avoiding disclosing the specific topic discussed. I think my friends would all agree none of us are experts. We just found it interesting and possibly insightful to talk about our perceptions of the issue among friends.

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## Israel discovers large Byzantine-era wine press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli archaeologists said Monday that they've discovered an unusually shaped 1,400-year-old wine press that was exceptionally large and advanced for its time.

The octagonal press measures 21 feet by 54 feet (6.5 meters by 16.5 meters) and was discovered in southern Israel, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

"What we have here seems to be an industrial and crafts area of a settlement from the sixth to seventh century, which was situated in the middle of an agricultural

region," said excavation director Uzi Ad of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

During this period, the whole area was part of the Byzantine Empire — the eastern half of the old Roman Empire.

"The size of the wine press attests to the fact that the quantity of wine that was produced in it was exceptionally large and was not meant for local consumption," Ad said in a release.

The wine was probably intended for export to Egypt, then a major export market, or to Europe, he said.

An identical wine press was previously uncovered 12 miles (20 kilometers) away, north of Ashkelon, he added.

The shape of the press' collecting vats was impractical because sediment would collect in the corners, Ad noted. They must have been built in this manner, and not in the customary circular or square shape, for aesthetic reasons, he concluded.

"This is a complex wine press that reflects a very high level of technology for this period, which was acquired and improved on from generation to generation," he said.

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# Upsets have Lady Raiders thinking tournament berth

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

An NCAA tournament berth seemed to be far out of reach for the Lady Raiders about a week ago.

But that was before Tech defeated two Associated Press Top 25 opponents in a row. The Lady Raiders beat then-No. 13 Texas A&M on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena and got a road win against then-No. 15 Oklahoma State on Saturday.

With a win streak in the Big 12 Conference — arguably the best conference in women's collegiate basketball — Tech players and coaches are optimistic about earning a spot in the dance.

"We all definitely feel that we can make the NCAA Tournament," Tech forward Ashlee Roberson said. "That was our No. 1 goal this year as far as team goals. We're just looking forward to getting these next couple of wins hopefully and we'll take it from there. Hopefully it leads us to the NCAAs and we'll be satisfied."

A key to the team's turnaround has been Roberson's play of late.

Her effort was recognized Monday when she was named the Phillips 66 Big 12 Player of the Week along with Kelsey Griffin of Nebraska.

The award is warranted considering the senior averaged 17.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in the two wins last week. At OSU, Roberson had 10 points and 11 rebounds, putting her at eight double-doubles on the season and 11 for her career.

She leads Tech in both scoring and rebounding with 12.8 and 8.6 per game, respectively, which can be attributed to her work ethic.

"The thing about Ashlee is her consistency," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "I've said this 10,000 times, she practices as hard as she plays. She's very much an emotional leader for us. Great effort, great energy, just a competitor and it's contagious to the rest of her teammates. She's been our most consistent kid all year."

Roberson's recent play also has helped Tech close out games.

In home games against Texas and Oklahoma, the Lady Raiders could not hold on to leads late in the game, which resulted in two losses.

Another positive the team can fall back on may be the fact that the success has come without the



TEXAS TECH FORWARD Ashlee Roberson was named the Phillips 66 Co-Big 12 Player of the Week Monday after leading the Lady Raiders to wins against Texas A&M and Oklahoma State.

help of Kierra Mallard, who was suspended earlier this month for undisclosed reasons.

Roberson said the team can only get better.

"Those two wins were very huge," she said. "There have been plenty of close Top 25 wins but we actually pulled these two out and finished them. So hopefully we can do that against Baylor. Whenever (Mallard) comes back, she'll help us improve even more."

Some of the younger players have stepped up as well. Freshmen Marissa Ashton, Chynna Brown and Christine Hyde have seen more action in the last week and have made an impact.

Ashton, along with Jordan Barncastle have replaced Mallard in the low post the last three games. Brown grabbed a career-high seven rebounds against OSU and Hyde has a total of two starts this season, both of which happen to be Tech's last two wins.

Additionally, Barncastle has stepped up at the right time — she had a career-high 19 points at OSU.

"You look at Christine Hyde's play, look at Chynna Brown's play, Monique Smalls, these kids are really improving," Curry said. "They continue to get better everyday. I think you're starting to see us become better because they're getting more comfortable."

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## Tennis

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Players said in Brazil the fans get more into the matches and there is more passion involved in the sport.

Another popular sport in Brazil probably has a lot to do with that.

"This is because soccer in Brazil is really popular, and everyone is screaming in soccer," Manzini said. "So when they go to a tennis match, they want to do the same."

The biggest challenge of going to another country is the language barrier. In Brazil the national language is Portuguese, so all the players had to start learning English.

Even though the players have to speak English most of the time, when they are around each other they like to speak Portuguese.

Speaking in Portuguese helps during matches, too. Ferreira said Siegel sometimes tells him to instruct a player in Portuguese to prevent opponents or opposing coaches from hearing.

"We all speak Portuguese all

the time," Pfister said. "Even coach gets mad sometimes, because we speak Portuguese all the time. When we speak to each other it's impossible to be in English, we speak in Portuguese to make jokes, and sometimes we don't want them to understand, too."

All of these players have played on an international level already in their careers. When playing on an international level, doubles matches do not exist, and usually there are no dual-matches either.

But Garcia said dual-matches

create the one aspect of tennis that it's not usually associated with — being a part of a team.

"Even though I am playing my match, and I am focused on mine, I am always paying attention on how it is going for them," he said. "We have the opportunity here to lose your match and your school is still winning."

"That's the most important thing, and what really matters not our individual result, but the team's result."

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# McCoy says recovery 'really coming along'

FORT WORTH (AP) — Colt McCoy is throwing 40-50 balls a day in an intense rehabilitation program for the injury that knocked him out of the national championship game and hopes to fully participate in the NFL draft combine.

The former Texas quarterback said Monday that the nerve injury in his right shoulder is "really coming along" and is close to being 100 percent.

"Hopefully I'll be able to throw in the combine. That's my goal, I love to compete, I want to go out and compete with those guys, go out there and throw and be myself," McCoy said. "But obviously if the doctors don't let me, I'm not going to be able to do that."

McCoy has remained mostly in California doing rehab since getting hurt in the BCS title game Jan. 7. He returned to Texas to be recognized Monday night with the Davey

O'Brien Award as the nation's top quarterback, and plans to return to the West Coast after speaking at an FCA banquet Thursday night in Austin.

On the Longhorns' fifth offensive play against Alabama last month, McCoy took a hard tackle that pinched a nerve and caused his throwing arm to go numb. He didn't return in Texas' 37-21 loss.

"The injury and I think the way that my college career ended has kind of sparked a fire inside of me as far as I'm going to show that I'm going to be ready to go. I'm going to show them that I'm the best, I'm going to show that I'm confident," he said. "I can't wait to step out on the field again, forget the taste that's in my mouth for the last time I played a game. That's what's driving me every day."

McCoy, whose rehab is being overseen by noted sports doctor James Andrews of Birmingham, Ala.,

said if his doctors determine he can't throw at the combine that begins next week, he will still do everything else possible in Indianapolis. He also plans to participate in the Longhorns' pro day March 31.

There is nothing structurally wrong with his throwing shoulder and McCoy is going through the process of restrengthening his arm.

"My arm feels really good. I'm able to do everything they ask me to do," he said. "It's really healing quickly."

While his 45 career wins at Texas are an NCAA record, McCoy fell short of his ultimate goal of winning a national championship.

"It's one of those things that you'll think about forever. ... Disappointing is probably the real word," McCoy said. "But at the same time, I've been raised the right way and you've got to find a positive in every situation. I think

about that and I think about how I still have a lot of football left to play. I'm confident that my best football is ahead of me and that's what keeps me going."

The O'Brien winner last year was Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, who missed all but three games of his junior season because of a shoulder injury sustained in the season opener last September. Bradford, the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner and a close friend of McCoy's, is also entering the NFL draft and has Andrews as his doctor. Bradford is working out in Florida.

"He definitely boosted me up a little bit, talked to me and said, 'Hey, it's one of the most frustrating things in the world. You're strong and you'll get over it,'" McCoy said. "It kind of stinks that both of us had to go through something like that in the same year. We both try to look for the positive things, and both hope the best for each other."

# LeBron James, Dwyane Wade wait to see if help is coming

DALLAS (AP) — Electrifying as teammates for one night, imagine LeBron James and Dwyane Wade together for an entire season.

At least one of them does. "We can dream, can't we?" Wade said. "I dream."

After watching them Sunday night in the All-Star game at Cowboys Stadium, who wouldn't? Well, except rival coaches.

"I don't think you needed to see tonight to understand that that would scare any of us in this league," Eastern Conference coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Wade scored 28 points and was the MVP, James added 25 and the East beat the West 141-139 before 108,713 fans, the largest crowd ever to attend a basketball game.

A James-Wade partnership could happen, but that wouldn't be until the summer. In the meantime, one or both of them still could get some All-Star caliber help.

The NBA trade deadline is Thursday, with Cleveland and Miami among the teams most frequently appearing in the usual mid-February speculation. And for the second consecutive year, much of it focuses on Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix.

The Cavaliers and Heat both have been linked to the All-Star forward, a terrific Plan B if neither can make a James-Wade tandem happen.

"I'm aware of the talk just like everybody else," James said. "I've been a part of guys getting traded to our team and getting traded away from our team. I never get caught up into it until I know or hear from our coaching staff or GMs that the deal has actually happened."

The Cavaliers may not need a deal after rolling into the break with a 13-game winning streak and an NBA-best 43-11 record, even without the injured Mo Williams. But they also want to show James they are totally committed to winning before he becomes a free agent this summer, and there's still some improving that can be done.

Cleveland thought it had a team that could win last season, but Orlando exploited its lack of athleticism at the power forward spot in the Eastern Conference finals. A player such as Stoudemire or Washington's Antawn Jamison could fill that void.

Miami needs a little of everything after reaching the break in seventh place in the East with a 26-27 record. Wade has warned the Heat his decision to stay this summer will be based on whether he believes his team can compete for the championship.

"I haven't been following it too much. I always know that when trade deadline comes, the city of Miami is going to be in something because it's a very attractive city, so automatically our name is going to come up," Wade said Friday. "But I'm a believer you wait for things to happen before you go too much into it."

Some recent deadline days have been duds, but more teams could have incentive to deal this year. There's a chance to save money for owners who are losing millions, or the opportunity to position themselves to be buyers in what's expected to be a stellar free-agent class.

Dallas jumped on a Washington team looking to cut payroll during a disastrous season by acquiring two-time All-Star Caron Butler and center Brendan Haywood in a seven-player deal Saturday. If the Wizards keep cutting, Jamison also could be moved this week.

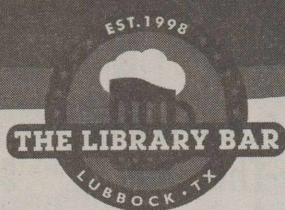
The second half begins again with the NBA dreaming of a Cavaliers-Lakers final that would deliver a highly anticipated matchup between Kobe Bryant and James — this time even bigger with the inclusion of Shaquille O'Neal, too.

The Lakers won their last three before the break and will be even stronger once Bryant returns from an injured left ankle that forced him to skip the All-Star game.

"Hopefully I'll be — I'll definitely be — healthier than I was the last month, so that's a plus," Bryant said.

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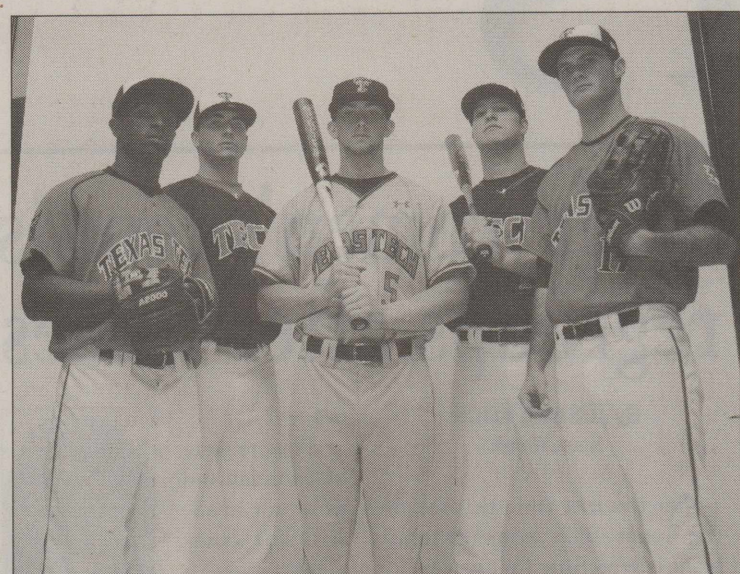
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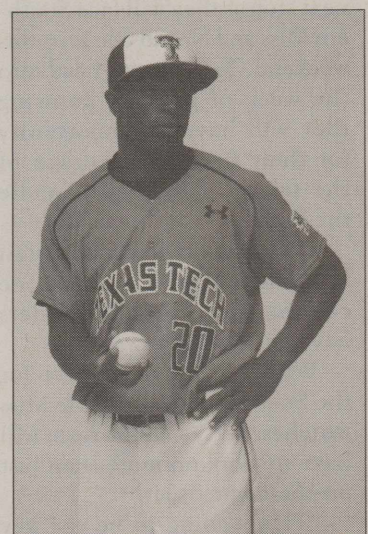
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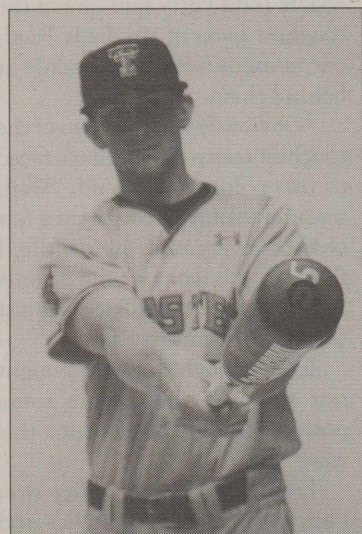
A NEW LOOK



FROM LEFT, JAMODRICK McGruder, Chad Bettis, Jeremy Mayo, Nick Hanslik and Taylor Ashby wear Tech's new uniforms. The uniforms were unveiled Monday and feature six different styles, including a throwback jersey.



JAMODRICK MCGRUDER



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CHAD BETTIS, TECH'S No. 1 starting pitcher and member of the United States National Team, enters his senior season. Bettis compiled a 6-1 record last season along with seven saves and a 3.59 ERA.

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# Tech track ready for another meet against top competition

By TOMMY MAGELSEN  
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The Texas A&M Challenge, which featured some of the best teams in the nation, only left the Texas Tech track and field team wanting more.

The Red Raiders competed alongside No. 1 Texas A&M Saturday in the Texas A&M Challenge in College Station, helping the Big 12 Conference to a win in the meet.

It was a small taste of what Tech should see at the Big 12 Championships on Feb. 26 and 27 in Ames, Iowa.

"I'm glad we were able to do this because as a team, we needed to compete against these better teams," pole-vaulter Brian Porter said. "And that gave us a really good chance of doing that, and travel-wise I thought we did a great job, everybody did well."

Porter won the men's pole vault and was one of 10 Red Raiders to set provisional marks Saturday.

The Texas A&M Challenge featured teams from the Big 12, Southeastern Conference, and Conference USA in a competition pitting all three conferences against each other.

Saturday's was Tech's final meet before the Big 12 Championships, and also was the last chance for athletes to improve their marks.

"I was able to work on a lot of good things," Porter said. "I can definitely see the future and it should be pretty good so I'm pretty pumped about that. Individually, I was able to work on a lot of good things so I'm pretty excited about that."

Porter was up against returning national finalist Maston Wallace for

Texas and reigning national champion Jason Colwick of Rice.

The men's triple jump featured senior Darrell Roddick winning the event and setting an NCAA automatic mark with a jump of 16.30 meters.

Roddick said the team did a good job keeping up with the Aggies and performed well in the underdog role.

"I like it better because being in the limelight you always have people gunning after you," he said. "But when you can just go out there and do what you do regularly, it's a lot easier."

Both Roddick and Porter traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., on Feb. 5 to compete in the University of New Mexico Classic & Combined Events.

"Going in, I was pretty confident because the week before in Albuquerque I had jumped an indoor personal best, and it wasn't even really that good of a jump," Roddick said. "So I was kind of confident about going into the meet."

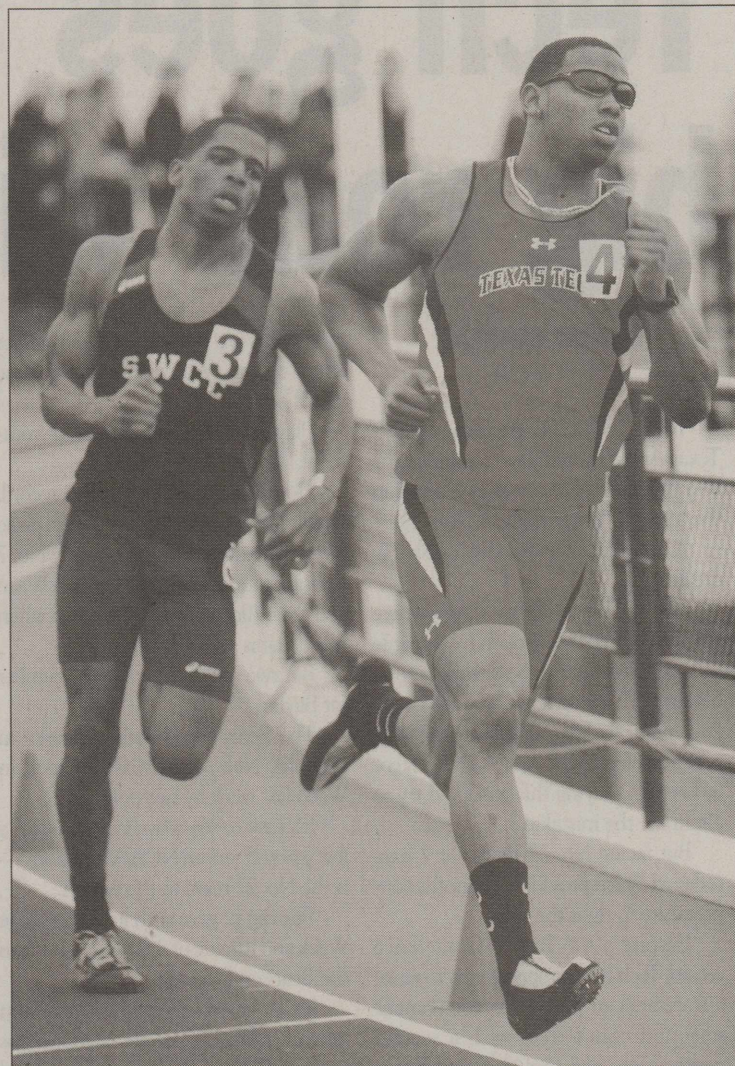
The Red Raiders faced the largest crowd they have seen so far this season, and for the first time they were not the home team.

Senior runner Shannon Jackson said the anxiety of traveling for the first time of the season was there, but she and her teammates enjoyed competing outside of Lubbock.

"It was actually good to get away from home, and to be able to compete to use what we do here and to use it somewhere else," she said. "That experience and that exposure alone was good."

The team traveled by bus to College Station, and used the long ride to get to know each other better and form a better team atmosphere.

"When you're in that situation you get



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

GIL ROBERTS AND the Texas Tech track team looks forward to the Big 12 Championships on Feb. 26 and 27 in Ames, Iowa. Tech is fresh off the Texas A&M Challenge in College Station this weekend.

to bond," Jackson said. "You talk about random stuff from your favorite food to the favorite spike you used to wear. It's

just bonding time that brings us closer together and it shows when you run."

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# Thrilling finish saves NASCAR from pothole debacle

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — There's nothing NASCAR can do to overcome the embarrassment that comes when a pothole nearly swallows the biggest race of the year.

That pesky hole in the pavement stalled the Daytona 500 two different times for more than two hours total, and created the unforgettable image of yellow-clad track workers slogging a pink puddy-like filler into a torn patch of pavement at Daytona International Speedway.

Television viewers across America

changed their channels, while fans in attendance streamed toward the gates.

They had every right to turn away. But they're probably regretting it now.

Tuning out of Sunday's season-opening race meant missing a finish that will go down as one of the best in NASCAR history. There were three attempts to run a two-lap sprint to the finish, and the racing that led to Jamie McMurray beating Dale Earnhardt Jr. was simply breathtaking.

Greg Biffle saw his shot at victory

wiped out by the first of two late cautions, setting up a green-white-checkered overtime attempt. Kevin Harvick shoved Martin Truex Jr. to the lead, then nearly wrecked the field when he darted in front of Biffle for his own attempt at the win. The second late caution snatched Harvick's near-win away, and set up a sequence of racing that left seasoned NASCAR viewers speechless.

McMurray and Harvick raced each other for the lead, with McMurray using a huge push from good friend Biffle to

claim the lead. Carl Edwards made it three-wide behind them to tighten the pack, and give Earnhardt a chance to make some eye-popping moves through the field.

Earnhardt, a 12-time Daytona winner, dodged and darted his way through traffic. He shoved his Chevrolet between Biffle and Clint Bowyer, nearly losing control before sliding out into his own clean air. McMurray, who had put some space on the pack, suddenly had Earnhardt breathing down on his bumper.

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## Tech goes for another big road win at Baylor

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's loss Saturday against Texas A&M should have reminded the Red Raiders of a lesson they learned in the Missouri loss at home on Jan. 13.

A handful of plays can crush big dreams.

"We've had two (games) now where you hit the free throws, or have a couple of hard plays, and we're sitting here at 6-4 in third or fourth place," Tech coach Pat Knight said during Monday's Big 12 coaches teleconference. "We've just got to keep on playing this good and try to eliminate the mistakes."

But facing No. 22 Baylor at 7 p.m. today in Waco provides yet another opportunity to right the ship.

Despite a 4-6 Big 12 Conference record, Tech has the opportunity to make a statement to postseason tournament selection committees with a second consecutive road win in a conference that entered Monday with a combined 147-21 record on home floors.

Winning on the road may be tough, but the Red Raiders defeated Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., last week and snapped the Sooners' 11-game unbeaten streak at home this season.

The win at Oklahoma should give the Red Raiders (16-8, 4-6 in Big 12 play) some confidence—at least for this game. Tech did not win a single Big 12 road game last season.

Knight said he has tried everything to change Tech's luck on the road, including whether to watch a movie the night before a game, changing hotels and changing the food the team eats on the road.

"You don't want to talk about it, but it's just there," Knight said after the A&M game. "I think the preseason gave those guys confidence to win on the road, but it's not a Big 12 road game."

Hopefully, we have three road games left, if we can sneak one or two of those that'd be great."

Players were unavailable for comment Monday.

However, with a 12-1 home record, Baylor (19-5, 6-4) has been a tough place for visiting teams all season. Only No. 7 Kansas State defeated the Bears in Waco and the Wildcats won by just two when those teams squared off Jan. 26.

But two seems to be a lucky number for Baylor.

The Bears edged both Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., and Missouri back in Waco last week by two points.

It's easy to see why Baylor—just a few years off serious NCAA sanctions—is the No. 22 team in the nation.

The Big 12 gave both its Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week awards to the Bears on Monday.

Junior guard LaceDarius Dunn won his third Player of the Week award this season and Ekpe Udoh won his second Rookie of the Week honor. It is the second time this season the duo have won the honors in the same week.

While Dunn and Ekpe both average double-digit scoring numbers, they are not the only players on the Bears roster who are dangerous.

The Bears also have an athletic guard in Tweety Carter, who scores about 16 points per game.

Rankings, solid players and a strong home record aside, Baylor coach Scott Drew is wary of the Red Raiders on the road. In the conference that combines for the best conference RPI rating and the best records against other major conferences, he knows no game will be easy to win.

"Every home game is going to be a battle," Drew said. "It's tough to win on the road and even at home. Every night's a war and a battle."

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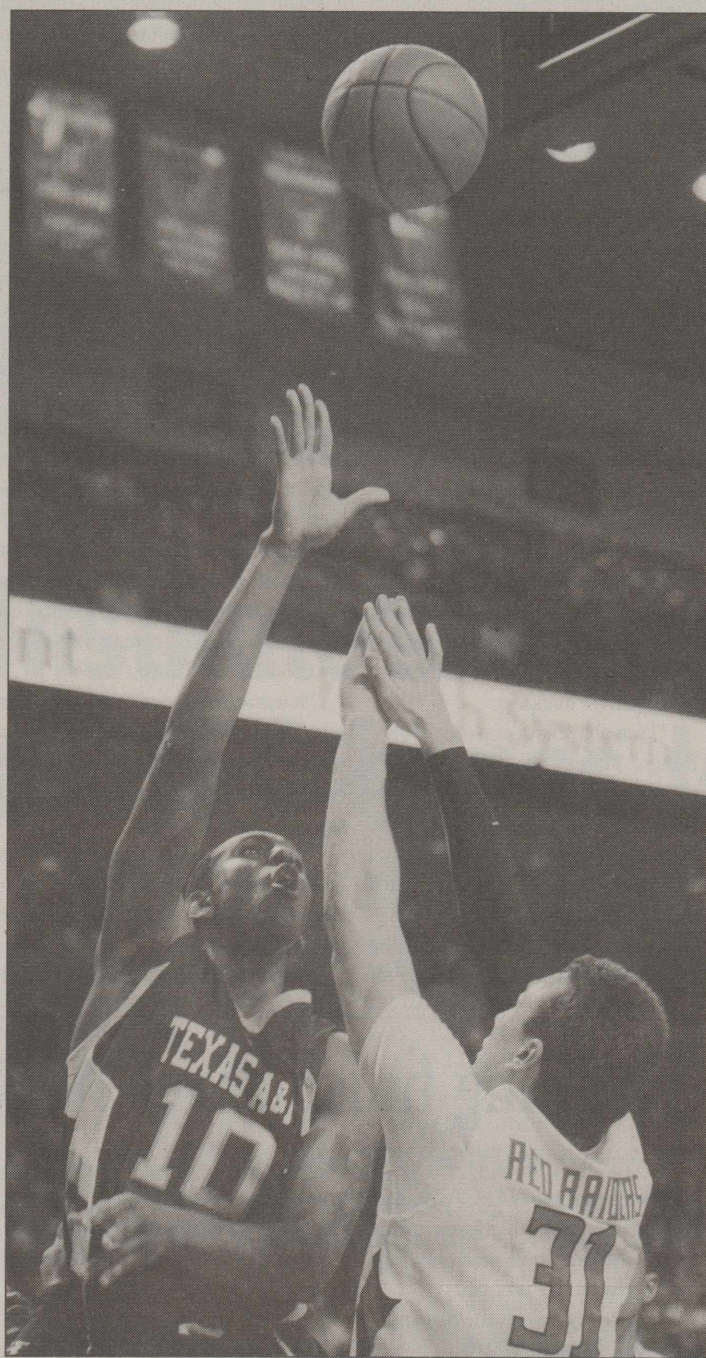


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TEXAS TECH'S DARKO Cohadarevic and the Red Raiders will go for another upset on the road when they face No. 22 Baylor at 7 p.m. today in Waco.

## Tech women's tennis regroups after losses

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

6-4, 6-2.

Players were off Monday and were not available for comment.



AVILES

For the first time this season, the Texas Tech women's tennis team is searching for answers.

After a 5-2 loss to Arizona and a 6-1 loss to Rice on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, Tech coach Todd Petty said one of the toughest parts of the Lady Raiders' nonconference schedule is behind them.

"Obviously we faced two of the toughest teams that we have faced to this point," Petty said. "With a young team you cough up a few chances every once in a while. I think that is what we did against Arizona, and I think Rice was just the better team that day."

Even though the scores might not show it, there were some positive things to take into this week.

Freshman Lorena Aviles won both of her singles matches and she did so in dominating fashion.

Aviles defeated Arizona junior Jane Huh, 6-2, 6-4, and notched the only match victory for the Lady Raiders against Rice by beating freshman Daniella Trigo

For the Lady Raiders, Mississippi is their next stop as they will face Southern Miss and No. 18 Ole Miss this weekend. Tech players head into the week of practice knowing they will have an opportunity for their first marquee win of the season if they can handle the Rebels.

Coming off such a tough weekend and with another one coming up, the Lady Raiders have quite a bit to work on.

With a week to prepare for the Southern Miss and Ole Miss matches, Petty said the team will have to work on more than just on-the-court issues.

"That's going to be the key this week," he said. "Trying to keep their confidence up and knowing that they are making strides in the right direction and that it will break in their favor before long."

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## Kansas is not Big 12's only punch this season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Big 12 is busting its buttons.

For this week at least, the league with the No. 1 team in America also sports the No. 1 RPI and the No. 1 record against outsiders.

That makes it tough for Big 12 coaches to fake modesty. So does their sterling record against all comers from the other major conferences. Nobody tops the Big 12's 28-12. The ACC, at 24-21, is the only other conference that's over .500 against the other majors.

"Obviously, we all think it's the No. 1 conference in America," Colorado coach Jeff Bzdelik said Monday.

He'll get no argument from any of his Big 12 colleagues.

"I think from top to bottom it is definitely the strongest league in the country," said Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford. "You've got great teams, great individual players."

Starting with No. 1 Kansas, the league has five teams ranked in the Top 25. Frank Martin's Kansas State Wildcats are No. 7, the highest they've been since John F. Kennedy was just getting settled in the White House.

Texas is No. 15, Baylor is No. 22 and Texas A&M cracked the rankings on Monday at No. 24.

In the latest RPI, no league can match the Big 12 with seven teams in the top 40 and eight in the top 45. The Big 12 also has six teams with 18 or more wins, more than any other league.

And of course, no one has forgotten that absolutely astounding 106-1 home record against outsiders.

"I have the third-longest tenure in the Big 12 and this is definitely the best it's been since I've been here," said Baylor coach Scott Drew. "The statistics are pretty easy when you see the No. 1 RPI conference in America, and against the other power conferences the Big 12 being 28-12. That's quite impressive."

Maybe this will be the year a Big 12 team squeezes into the NCAA tournament with something less than a break-even conference mark. That hasn't happened since the Big 12 was formed in 1996 although Iowa State did it three times as a member of the Big Eight, including in 1995 when the Cyclones were 22-10 overall but only 6-8 in the league.

Since the NCAA tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, 33 teams with losing conference records have made it to the Big Dance.

"ACC teams have gotten in with below .500 records," said Texas Tech coach Pat Knight. "The way we keep beating up on each other, I would not be surprised if somebody got in at 7-9. But I think the league's so tough and some of the other leagues are weaker this year. It depends on the last couple of weeks and what kind of run they have in the Big 12 tournament. I

## Miller wins downhill bronze behind Defago, Svindal

WHISTLER, British Columbia (AP) — Bode Miller seemed oddly silent riding the lift to the mountaintop alongside U.S. teammate Marco Sullivan for Monday's Olympic downhill.

"I don't think we said a word to each other," Sullivan said.

Later, hanging out in the athletes' lounge as race time approached, other skiers were surprised by Miller's mood, too.

"It was fascinating," said Liechtenstein's Marco Buechel, who is at his sixth Winter Games and has known Miller for years. "He said he was nervous. I'm like, 'What?! Nervous? You? I never saw you like that.'"

One never knows what to expect from the ever-enigmatic Miller, on the slopes or off. As a favorite four years ago in Turin, he flopped. As something of an afterthought this time around, he flourished. With a controlled run down a choppy slope Monday, Miller

won the downhill bronze behind Switzerland's Didier Defago and Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal at the Vancouver Games for his U.S.-record third career Olympic Alpine medal.

At the last Winter Games, Miller said Monday, "I wasn't emotionally very involved in the races. I was treating them very cold and clinical." Now, in contrast, "I let myself go more."

Maybe it's because he considered retiring six months ago. Maybe it's because he's the father of a toddler. Maybe it's because there is less attention, fewer sponsor commitments, not as much "minutiae," as Miller called it.

Asked what's changed most about him since 2006, Miller replied: "It doesn't feel like anything. I'm pretty steady, actually. I've been about the same since as long as I can remember."

Had the 32-year-old from Franconia, N.H., won, he would have been

the oldest Olympic men's downhill champion. Instead, that honor went to Defago, also 32 but, unlike Miller, never before a medalist at an Olympics or world championships.

By zipping down the course in 1 minute, 54.31 seconds, Defago claimed his country's first Olympic gold medal in men's Alpine skiing since 1988. Pumping his arms in the air after completing the run, Defago nearly tumbled backward over the padding that lines the finish area.

"I've always believed in myself," Defago said.

Not everyone did. The guy even had to earn a spot on the Swiss downhill roster at Whistler with a good training run last week.

The opening Alpine race of these Olympics originally was scheduled for Saturday, but was delayed because of snow, rain and too-warm temperatures that made for a messy mountain. Cold,

dry weather overnight allowed the slope to freeze.

"The conditions were perfect for me," Defago said. "I knew I would do well, but I never expected to do this well."

Don't call this an upset, though.

"I knew Didier was on fire," said his Swiss teammate, Didier Cuche, who already owns an Olympic silver from 1998 and was expected to fare better Monday than his sixth-place finish before breaking his thumb last month. "He makes no more of those big mistakes he used to."

Any sort of glitch would have made a difference on this day: With reigning overall World Cup champion Svindal only 0.07 seconds behind Defago, and Miller 0.09 back, it was the tiniest margin between first and third place in Olympic men's downhill history.

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## Mavs look different after break

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks would like to host another big-time NBA event this season. So they made some changes.

With the record-breaking All-Star weekend in their back yard over, the Southwest Division-leading Mavericks will begin the final 30-game stretch of the regular season Tuesday night looking much different than they did when losing five of seven games before the break.

A seven-player weekend trade brought two-time All-Star guard Caron Butler, 7-foot center Brendan Haywood and guard DeShawn Stevenson to Dallas from Washington. Often promising and disappointing Josh Howard was sent with Drew Gooden and two others to the Wizards.

"Now I don't know how many of you out there are going to pick us in a seven-game series against the Lakers, but in our opinion the guys in that locker room, we're ready to lock horns with anybody," Mavericks president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said. "We feel like this solidifies us a little bit."

Enough to think about the possibility of playing Los Angeles in a Western Con-

ference final? Or getting back to the NBA Finals four years after blowing a two-game lead and losing in six games to Miami?

"We'll find out," owner Mark Cuban said. "You just never know until you get out there and play, and if we can get back to where we were early in the season and get healthy... I think we're better."

The Mavericks (32-20) still lead their division despite a slump before the break that included a 36-point loss to Denver, one of the three teams ahead of them in the West, in their last game.

"We were struggling here for a month, so we are excited now to have some new guys," All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "It's not going to be an easy ride, but we are looking forward to coming together quick and hopefully finish the season strong."

The Mavericks will have to assimilate the newcomers without a practice. The three could only watch Monday's workout because of a paperwork delay, coach Rick Carlisle said. Assuming the all-clear comes Tuesday morning, the former Wizards will go through a shootaround and then straight into their first game with Dallas at Oklahoma City.