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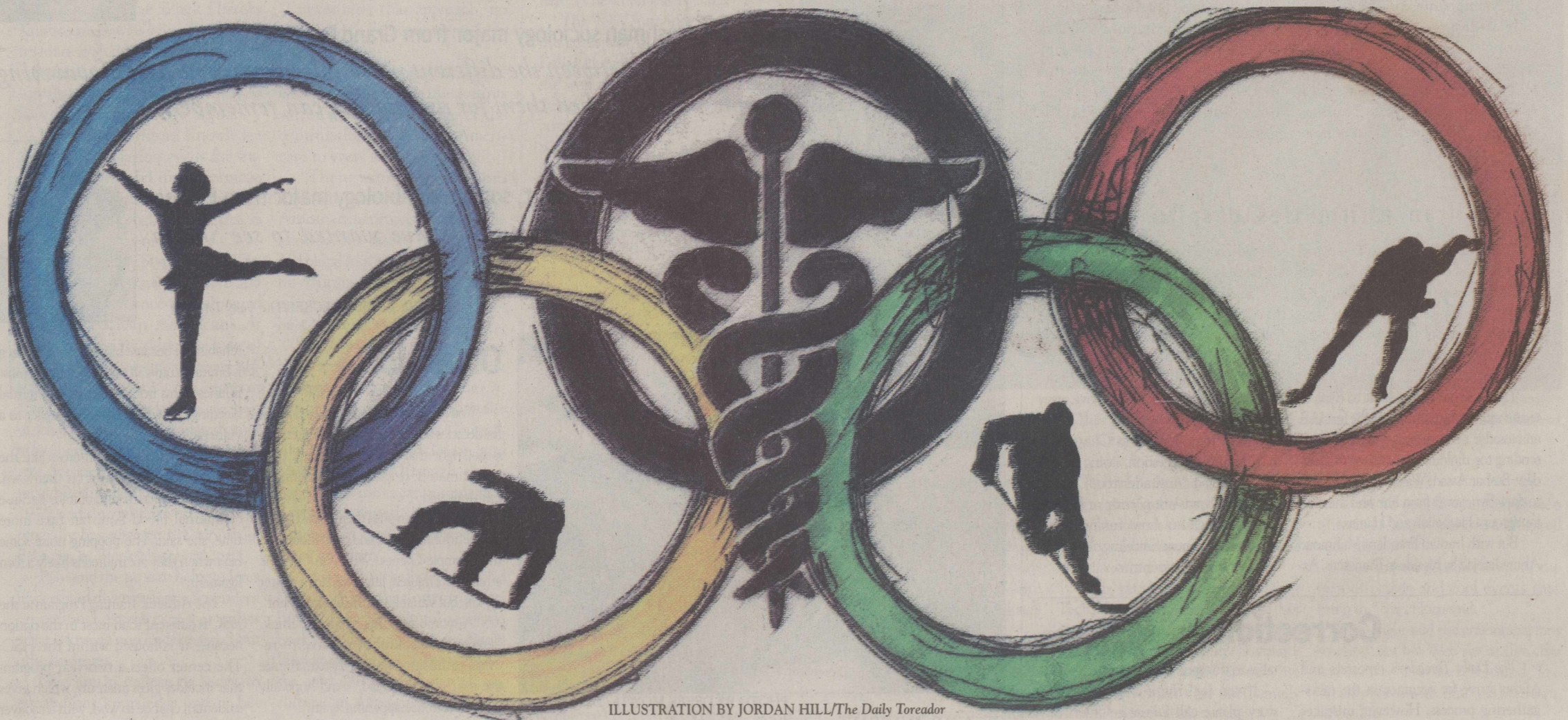


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### HSC Student, former Olympian uses experience in studies

By **DEREK MOY**  
STAFF WRITER

After overcoming an injury to help her team win the bronze medal in the 2006 Winter Olympics, former U.S. women's hockey player Kristen Wright is attempting to earn her master's degree in athletic training at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Injured athletes must overcome different struggles to compete again, and Wright said she believes it is a challenge to get back into competitions as soon as possible after an injury.

She said she was healthy in college competition but got injured during the Turin, Italy, Winter Olympic Tour before the games.

"Some athletes handle it differently, some see it as a challenge to get back as fast as they can, and that's kind of how I saw it," Wright said. "Whereas other athletes may get depressed or down on themselves or

lose their athletic identity."

After facing an injury that could end an athlete's career, they go through different mental stages of dealing with the trauma, like denial, Wright said. Other variables, such as the timing of the injury, can impact recovery.

"It's kind of a snowball effect if you get down and depressed and your rehab's not going well and then you just kind of get deeper and deeper and deeper," Wright said. "If you don't have the time to get out of that cycle, then it can lead to end of career or end of that Olympic season. I think it's really important that you got to stay focused and stay positive."

LesLee Taylor, program director and associate professor of athletic training, said the HSC offers education for athletic trainers to be certified to handle a variety of injuries, from those suffered by actors in plays to soldiers on the battlefield.

People react differently to injuries, whether an Olympic athlete or a student, Taylor said, and they all have to set goals to get physically fit again. Athletic trainers must not prepare for the worst but be honest and ready to fix the damage done.

"You have to work with them where they are, and everybody reacts to being injured and hurt in a different way," Taylor said. "And so there is a lot of psychology involved with rehabbing and returning an athlete to play."

Physical therapy is another major part of recovering for injuries sustained by athletes.

Dr. Mimi Zumwalt, associate professor of orthopedic surgery and director of Sports Medicine at the HSC, said injuries are sometimes outside of the athlete's control.

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### Tech Terrace resident files civil lawsuit

By **RALSTON ROLLO**  
STAFF WRITER

In response to repeated neighborhood disturbances caused by reported parties at 3202 22nd St., 62-year-old Tech Terrace resident Sherry Grusendorf filed a lawsuit against the owners of the home early Wednesday afternoon.

Texas Tech student Holden Jacoby and his parents, Thomas Jacoby and Kelli Jacoby from Melvin, own the house.

Grusendorf said she will be represented by Sean Crowley of Glasheen, Valles, Inderman and DeHoyos, LLP, a law firm based in Lubbock.

Crowley declined to comment on the case, but provided *The Daily Toreador* with a copy of the plaintiff's petition.

"The petition pretty much speaks for itself," Crowley said.

The petition, which is signed by Crowley, cites private nuisance, public nuisance, negligence and gross negligence as the main causes

for legal action by the plaintiff.

The defendants, Grusendorf said, repeatedly have neglected to address the problems and hazards caused by frequent parties at the residence.

After she was reportedly assaulted in her front lawn Saturday night by an intoxicated party-goer wielding what appeared to be a broken glass beer bottle, she said, she had enough.

"I hate that it has come to this," Grusendorf said. "I've never been part of a lawsuit in my life, but when you fear for your safety in your own neighborhood, steps must be taken."

Although she suffered no serious injuries, Grusendorf said the experience was terrifying.

"It was nothing life-threatening, but at the time I didn't know," she said.

At this point, Grusendorf said, legal action is the only way to put an end to the frequent disruption of her neighborhood by parties at 3202 22nd St.

Capt. Greg Stevens, public information

officer of the Lubbock Police Department, said the department strives to maintain objectivity in this case.

"We're in a precarious situation and don't take sides on this at all," he said.

Although the department strives for objectivity, Stevens said he can "empathize" with both sides of the case.

Although Stevens would not describe any details regarding the investigation of Saturday night's reported aggravated assault, he said progress is being made.

Manager of the Lubbock Codes Department Stuart Walker said citations have been issued to the residents and the owners of the residence for violation of a law that limits the number of unrelated individuals living in a single-family dwelling to two.

The violation, he said, is considered a Class C Misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000.

Multiple telephone calls to the Melvin residence of the defendants were unanswered.

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### No accord at health debate; Democrats to try last push

By **CHARLES BABINGTON**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giving no ground, President Barack Obama and Republican leaders fought forcefully for their competing visions of historic health care reform Thursday in an exhausting, often-testy live-on-TV debate. Far from any accord, Obama signaled the Democrats were prepared to push ahead for an all-or-nothing congressional vote.

The marathon, 7½-hour session did reveal narrow areas of agreement on the topic that has vexed Congress for months and defied U.S. leaders for decades. But larger ideological differences overwhelmed any common ideas, all but cementing the widely held view that a meaningful bipartisan health care bill is not possible as time grows short

in this election year.

Obama rejected Republican preferences for starting over, discussing the issue much longer or dealing with it in a limited, step-by-step fashion.

"We cannot have another yearlong debate about this," Obama declared. "I'm not sure we can bridge the gap."

Party officials said March is probably the last chance to act.

It has been more than a year since he proposed his overhaul, which would be important to virtually all Americans in remaking the way they receive and pay for health care. The version he embraces, basically tracking legislation passed by the Senate, would expand health coverage to some 30 million people who lack it and stop insurance companies from dropping people for questionable reasons or denying coverage to people who have certain illnesses.

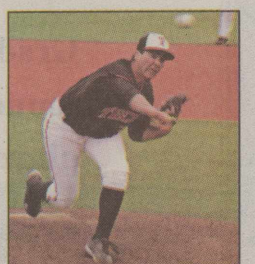
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## IN BRIEF

## STATE

## West Texas man indicted for killing 51 bison

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas man has been indicted for allegedly killing 51 bison earlier this year after the majestic animals strayed from their ranch.

Jackie Doyle Hill is accused of shooting the bison over two days in early January after they strayed from the QB Ranch to a nearby one in remote King County, about 80 miles east of Lubbock.

The 50-year-old Aspermont man was indicted Feb. 16 on a third-degree felony charge of criminal mischief for allegedly killing the animals.

Hill has a nonpublished phone number and could not be reached Thursday. Prosecutor David Hajak said he did not believe Hill had an attorney yet.

If convicted, Hill faces up to 10 years in prison.

## NATION

## Snowstorm in Northeast, rain pounds New England

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A slow-moving winter storm packing heavy, wet snow and potentially flooding rain spread over the Northeast on Thursday, disrupting air traffic and closing schools. Utility companies braced for possible widespread power outages overnight due to high winds and toppled trees.

The strongest wind and heaviest snow was forecast for late Thursday and early Friday, with a foot or more

of snow and high winds expected from southeastern Pennsylvania, into New Jersey and New York and up to parts of New England.

Parts of western Maine received nearly a foot of snow, while Philadelphia received a dusting. About 4 inches of snow fell in New York City, where a man was killed by a falling snow-laden tree branch in Central Park — one of at least three deaths being blamed on the storm.

## WORLD

## Syria, Iran affirm ties despite US calls

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad defied U.S. calls to loosen ties with Iran on Thursday, saying his long-standing alliance with Tehran remains strong despite overtures from Washington intended to shift his loyalties.

The U.S. has reached out to Syria in recent months by nominating the first U.S. ambassador to Damascus since 2005 and sending top diplomats to meet with President Bashar Assad. Washington is hoping to draw Syria away from Iran and the militant groups Hezbollah and Hamas.

But with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by his side in Damascus, As-

sad said Thursday that America should not dictate relationships in the Middle East.

"I find it strange how they talk about Middle East stability and at the same time talk about dividing two countries," Assad told reporters when asked about Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's call Wednesday for Syria to move away from Iran.

Assad took a swipe at Clinton for making such a suggestion, saying he and Ahmadinejad "misunderstood, maybe because of translation error or limited understanding." In a show of unity, the two signed an agreement canceling travel visas between the their countries.

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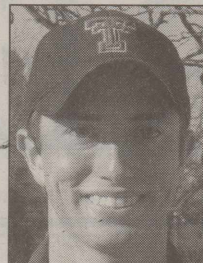
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## Tech's Olympic favorites

Brad Moriel, sophomore business finance major from Seminole

"Curling has become my new favorite because it's new and I had never heard of it before until I was watching it the other day. I thought it looked almost like shuffleboard on ice."



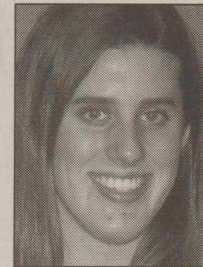
J.D. Pritchett, junior biochemistry major from Glen Rose

"My favorite part about the Olympics is either hockey, speed skating or the downhill sledding. I think they are all awesome."



Catherine Swindle, freshman vocal performance major from Lubbock

"I think ice skating is the best part. There is the men and women's singles and then the pairs and the ice dancing. I love how they are all so different but they still have the same elements."



Amanda Jaskie, freshman sociology major from Grand Prairie

"The competition between the different nations is my favorite part of watching the Olympics. I've watched them for as long as I can remember."



Mark Betancourt, sophomore biology major from El Paso

"Snowboarding is definitely my favorite event. I have wanted to see Shaun White go in."



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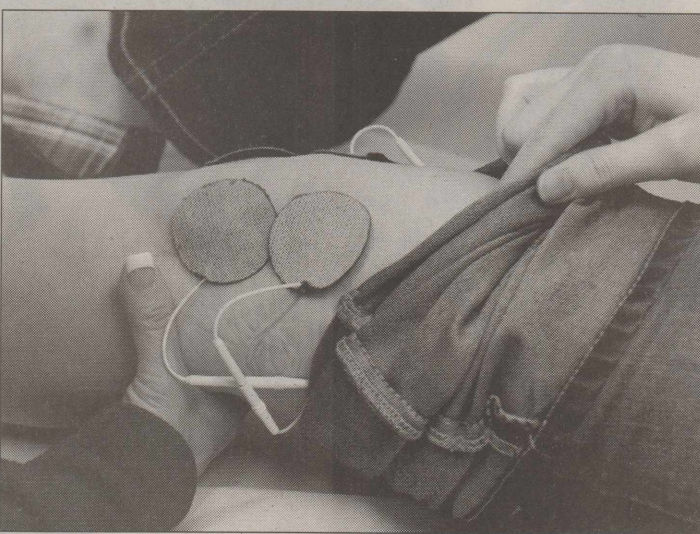


PHOTO BY DEREK MOY/The Daily Toreador  
DR. MIMI ZUMWALT, associate director of orthopedic surgery and director of Sports Medicine, treats a patient at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

## Olympics

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"You never know. They can be doing it for decades and all of a sudden something is not right that one moment and then unfortunately it causes their demise," Zumwalt said.

Athletes often push themselves hard in competition, she said, and even more so in the Olympic Games. When an Olympic athlete gets injured, it is often not a matter of skill, but variables in the environment.

"Anytime anything happens, I think, personally speaking, you have to re-evaluate the situation and try to minimize the risk," Zumwalt said. "And hopefully prevent it from happening again."

Athletes are more prone to injuries around the joints and ligaments. Tendons and ligaments are the most difficult to

rehabilitate because blood flow to the area is limited, Zumwalt said. The pain in most injuries stems from bruising and internal bleeding caused by a specific impact to a vulnerable region.

Surgery is needed on areas like the ACL, which do not heal on their own. Bones are easier to rehabilitate because of internal blood flow, but take more time, she said. The popping noise some hear when they are injured is likely a torn ligament.

The Athletic Training Program at the HSC is different than most in the nation because it is housed within the HSC. The center offers a two-year program that includes gross anatomy, which gives students a chance to work with a cadaver and see the inner workings of muscles and tissue of the body.

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## Toyota pledges to take safety 'to the next level'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota's chief executive visited the assembly line at Toyota's largest North American manufacturing plant Thursday and met with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, repeating pledges he made to Congress this week to improve safety efforts.

Akio Toyoda told LaHood that the world's top automaker would

"advance safety to the next level" as it tries to restore customer faith in its cars and trucks that has been badly damaged by the recall of 8.5 million vehicles over safety concerns. He later toured Toyota's plant in Georgetown, Ky., and said the company was "at a crossroads."

"We need to rethink everything about our operations," he told about

100 workers.

The recall has damaged Toyota's reputation and the company is facing legal and PR problems on several fronts: a criminal investigation by federal prosecutors in New York; a probe by the Securities and Exchange Commission; and anger by U.S. dealerships in line to repair potentially millions of recalled vehicles. Toyota is offering some customers new reimbursements for rental cars and other expenses.

Company lawyers are bracing for large numbers of death and injury lawsuits. The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee plans a hearing Tuesday and has asked LaHood, federal highway safety chief David Strickland and two Toyota executives — Toyota's North American president, Yoshi Inaba, and quality control official Shinichi Sasaki — to testify.

Transportation officials said Toyoda's meeting with LaHood lasted about 30 minutes and focused on the importance of safety and protecting consumers. Toyoda "promised to take the initiative to advance safety to the next level," according to a Toyota statement.

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## Black History Month queries take stage in Knowledge Bowl

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Why was February chosen as Black History Month? Who is Thurgood Marshall? Who was the first African-American to play in the MLB? These are just a few of the trivia questions that will be discussed at the Black History Knowledge Bowl.

The Black History Knowledge Bowl will be hosted by the Mentor Tech student organization on Saturday. Tiffany Flood, Mentor Tech treasurer, said the Black History Knowledge Bowl is a program aiming to educate students on the influence African-Americans have in U.S. history through trivia and historical facts answered in a game-show fashion.

"The Black History Knowledge Bowl is an engaging event for students to understand the importance of African-Americans to our society," Flood said, "through a game that is both exciting and rewarding."

In the United States, Black History Month is a time to observe and acknowledge the accomplishments made by African-Americans. It is also a time to value the role of African-Americans in American history. Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," the creation of scholar Carter Woodson and other prominent African-Americans. Former President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, and since then every president officially has selected the month of February as Black History Month.

Pool said the need to help students understand diversity is not dependent on personal experiences, but rather what is known and understood about other cultures.

"We are in college to learn, to expand our knowledge and to become well-rounded," she said. "It is very important to be educated on all cultures that make up America, to support our efforts of becoming a more diverse people."

Professor Carlos Hill, who teaches courses on African-American History and the History of Lynching in America, is new to Texas Tech, and said he was brought to the university specifically to teach those courses. Hill stressed the importance of all history, but especially African-American history.

"Many of the struggles that African-Americans have fought, in-

cluding the fight against slavery and civil rights, were national movements," he said. "These struggles transformed America, as a nation."

As far as celebrating February as Black History Month in his classes, Hill said he doesn't do anything special because every month is Black History Month to him.

"My approach in class is to demonstrate how important black history is to understanding American history as a whole," he said. "I never alter that approach, no matter if it's February, September or April."

Pool said she hopes the knowledge bowl will provide the students with a greater knowledge of the contributions of African-Americans to every aspect of society.

"There many everyday uses that were invented and created by African-Americans that should be known," she said. "The stoplight and blood transfusions were created by African-Americans, and without those contributions we would be a less-functional society."

Many organizations on campus have brought attention to Black History Month, including the Office for Institutional Diversity, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Black Student Association and Mentor Tech. Although she is happy with the organizations that have contributed, Pool said she believes all organizations should make an effort.

"It is a job well done, but I also believe that other organizations besides just the cultural-centered ones, should contribute to Black History Month in a better way," she said. "In every aspect of our culture, an African-American has been a pioneer in it and recognizing that would be a great contribution to celebrating Black History Month."

The Black History Knowledge Bowl will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building. There will be cash prizes for the first-, second- and third-place winners.

"The event is for all ages and it caters to those that seek knowledge about the African-American culture," Pool said. "It's just a great social event."

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## 'Last Comic Standing' winner returns to Tech to perform

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Iliza Shlesinger has been to more than 60 colleges this past fall, but Tech is special to her. It was the first college campus the comedian ever visited.

"I was like 8. I bought a T-shirt," Shlesinger said. "My mom's friend went here. (The shirt) wasn't cute."

The Tech Activities Board hosted the comedian who is originally from Dallas. Her career got a jump start when she won the NBC show "Last Comic Standing." Shlesinger has since been on E! Network's "Chelsea Lately," "The Soup" and NESN's "Comedy All Stars" among many other shows.

Shlesinger began doing stand-up comedy right after graduating from college, she said.

"Two to three years I'd been doing comedy at night, but I had a day job," Shlesinger said. "Then one day I just quit my day job, like out of the blue."

Shlesinger worked many jobs as an aspiring comedian, writing for others, doing webisodes and hosting things, before she auditioned for "Last Comic Standing."

"It's great bringing something free to do," said Sam Highnote, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Katy, "and letting us see a big name from Hollywood."

TAB was excited to have Shlesinger on campus, said Aspen Teague, a junior restaurant hotel and institutional management major from Keller. TAB officers had seen part of Shlesinger's routine before and began planning the event in November.

"She's a female comic, which we really haven't had yet," Teague said. "She has a very different, relatable style."

Shlesinger's style involved a lot of physical humor as she mimed both a



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador

WINNER OF LAST Comic Standing 6, Iliza Schlesinger, performed her routine Thursday night in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre.

shark and the poor swimmer it was attacking. Shlesinger also brought her dog Blanche on stage for a while, and part of her act was to tell the half chihuahua-half dachshund's made-up life history, although Shlesinger said her favorite joke in the show was about Kellogg's Corn Pops.

"(The comedy industry) used to be dominated by men, it's cool women are getting into it," said Alison Van Horn, a communication studies major from Austin.

TAB already had given out 200 tickets, and expected many last-minute attendees for a total of 300 to 400 people, said Teague, who is also the nightlife coordinator for TAB.

Many people heard about it through TechAnnounce, but for some, her reputation was enough. Jim Donzanti attended with his son Zach Donzanti, both of whom are from Lubbock. Jim said he saw Shlesinger on Comedy Central and was ready to laugh.

"I thought she was good, she's very

outgoing," he said.

Even for people who hadn't seen Shlesinger before, the event was well received.

"I'm impressed with a lot of the famous people and cool events they bring in," Van Horn said.

Shlesinger said she encourages fans to check out her Web site at iliza.com and the Web show she hosts called "The Weekly News with Iliza" at thestream.tv/weekly.

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## Baldwin ready to co-host Oscars

NEW YORK (AP) — As a kind of warm-up to his upcoming gig as Academy Awards co-host, Alec Baldwin appeared at the Time Warner Center for a personal and wide-ranging conversation.

But he did have one Oscar forecast: Expect wardrobe changes for himself and co-host Steve Martin.

"It's a very metrosexualized kind of a show now," Baldwin joked.

The Wednesday evening event, presented by Fordham Law School, came shortly before the anticipated March 7 ceremony. Though sold out and crammed, the audience was a mere 500, far less than the 1 billion who supposedly watch the Oscars worldwide.

Baldwin, star of the NBC sitcom "30 Rock," was skeptical of how such a number could be deduced

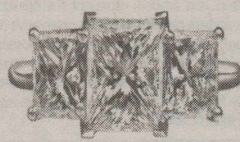
but marveled at the effective promotion.

"You could be a gas station attendant in New Mexico: 'The Oscars? They got a billion people watching the Oscars — a billion, ya know,'" Baldwin said.

Though he's under orders not to discuss his preferences for the various awards, he said he's been beset by questions: "Everywhere I go, people say, 'So who do you like in the Oscars?'"

While the Academy Awards will be a button-down event beamed around the world, the talk Wednesday was more intimate. The event, moderated by professor and novelist Thane Rosenbaum, was ostensibly about Baldwin's history playing lawyers in films and his various work as an activist.

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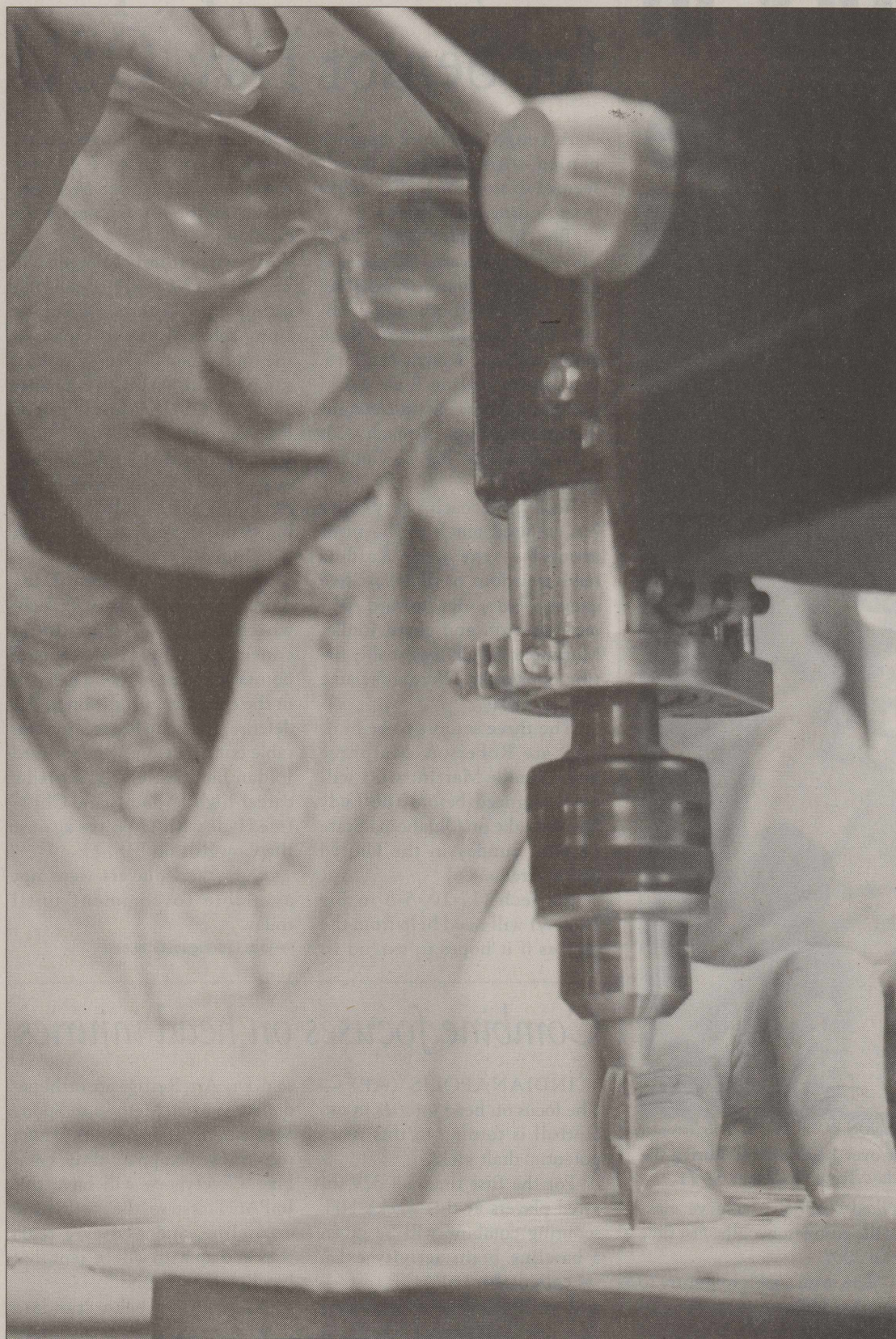


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ANDREW TRIPLETT, A sophomore architecture major from Canyon, works on a diagram model Thursday in the architecture building.

# Addiction and recovery center hosts convention

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI  
STAFF WRITER

The Association of Students About Service from the Center for Addiction and Recovery will host its 19th annual ASAS Recovery Convention tonight and Saturday for any student, faculty, staff or community member interested.

In 1991, Texas Tech had one of the only centers for addiction and recovery on a college campus in the nation. A group of students involved in the program put this event together as a way to spread awareness about addictions, said George Comiskey, the ASAS adviser.

"We're the service group of the center," said Katie Ryan, the ASAS public relations officer and freshman with no declared major from Highland Park. "We try to be a service to the center in anyway possible. We have this convention so that we can represent all addictions and give people a chance that don't normally get to talk about it or hear about it, hear about someone else who has come out on the other side of it."

The event will host guest speakers to discuss their testimonies about their struggles with different types of addiction as well as their recovery, Ryan said.

"The purpose of the event is for Texas Tech students to have an opportunity to see what recovery at Texas Tech looks like," Comiskey said.

The convention will have people speaking about Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Families Anonymous, eating disorders, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Gam-

blers Anonymous, an Alcoholics Anonymous archivist and a spiritual speaker. ASAS brought in the variety of addiction speakers because there are other types of addictions than just substance addictions, said Jay Davis, ASAS member, former secretary and Ph.D. candidate in early childhood education from Monroe.

"There's a lot more to it than what the general public knows and would like them to have a better understanding of what is out there," he said.

Twelve-step programs have proven successful for many recovering addicts, but some find it more helpful to use their faith, Davis said. The spirituality speaker will tell people about how her faith has helped her.

At past conventions, the speakers were mostly local residents who were in recovery from their addiction, but this year's convention speakers come from across the state. The students have connections with people from around the state, giving the group the opportunity to gather a diverse group of speakers, Comiskey said. One of the speakers is Gus Gerard, a former NBA and ABA player who will share his personal testimony with alcoholism.

"They did research online and found him that way and decided that it would be a good person to speak," Davis said. "He's a high-profile person and that would help sometimes because it becomes more real for other people."

## CALENDAR

### FRIDAY

- 6 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous speaker Louis L.
- 7:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Archivist John M.
- 8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous speaker Gus Gerard

### SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. Spiritual speaker Che' H.
- 11:15 a.m. Families Anonymous speaker Paul C.
- 2:15 p.m. Eating disorder/self harm lecture
- 3:30 p.m. Sex Addicts Anonymous speaker Rick F. and Allan R.
- 4:45 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous speaker Richard B.

The convention is free of charge for anyone interested and people are welcome to stay for as long or as little as they want, he said. It will take place on the first floor of the Center for Addiction and Recovery beginning at 5:30 p.m. today and 9 a.m. Saturday and all meals will be provided both days.

"Almost everybody has been exposed to someone that is an addict or is an addict themselves," Davis said. "It will help the general public to understand what addiction is and what it means. It's a process that requires support and a group of people. It will give (the audience) a better understanding of how they can help or support someone in their recovery."

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# Former Miss Texas speaks at Tech law school

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Winning the prestigious 2006 Miss Texas competition and being the first runner-up in the 2007 Miss America competition shows Shilah Phillips is beautiful, talented and poised. But Phillips also embodies an inner beauty she claims is even more important than her outward appearance.

During the Black is Beautiful presentation Thursday at the Texas Tech School of Law, Phillips said people often value one type of beauty, but that these stereotypes should not be what is valued.

"A person's inner beauty is more important than physical beauty," she said. "Self-love and self-appreciation makes a person beautiful."

The presentation was sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and other organizations. Donmale Gbaanador, third-year law student and Moremi Initiative for Leadership Empowerment and Development fellow from Sugar Land, organized Thursday's event.

Gbaanador said she asked Phillips to speak at the event because

she was the first black woman to win the Miss Texas title and because of what she represents.

"(Phillips) is an example of a beautiful, black woman. She is talented, successful and educated," Gbaanador said.

This presentation was important to Gbaanador in part because she said she saw that women in general, and black women specifically, were not valued enough by society.

"There is not enough appreciation of women in our culture," Gbaanador said.

Phillips said women have more rights, education and opportunities now than ever before, and it is important to celebrate these advancements.

Because February is Black History Month, Gbaanador said she saw the opportunity to focus the advancements and image of black

women, which are often negatively represented in pop culture.

"The media often portray black women for the things that they aren't," said Evan Jackson, a first-year law student from Lubbock. "It's encouraging to see Phillips and hear about the things that black women are: strong and beautiful."

Black History Month is a month of celebrating how far all Americans have come in society and should remind Americans of how far they can go, Gbaanador said.

"We are celebrating our first black president," she said, "and this should be encouraging to all Americans regardless of skin color."

A goal of the Black is Beautiful event was to empower the women of Lubbock and Tech. Sondet Parnell, a second-year law student from Houston, said

from the presentation and Phillips' speech, she has learned to have confidence in herself and that perseverance is necessary to achieve goals.

The focus of Phillips' speech was able to transcend the African-American population and be an inspiration to women of all ethnicities.

"Beauty belongs to everyone," Gbaanador said. "It crosses borders, nationality and skin color."

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# Tech seeks road victory in difficult Nebraska venue

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

John Roberson and the rest of the Texas Tech basketball team are back in "must-win" mode.

After an 0-3 start in Big 12 Conference play, the Red Raiders called the next few games "must-wins" to become contenders in the conference. Now with a 4-9 conference record, Tech must get a win 3 p.m. Saturday at Nebraska.

"It's a must-win," Roberson said. "If you're going to go to any tournament, we have to win this one. I think everybody is focused in on that right now."

The Red Raiders' hopes of making the NCAA tournament appear slim at this point without going deep into the Big 12 tournament in March. But the Red Raiders believe their chances for an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament are alive if they

win two out of their final three remaining regular season games.

And with the bottom two teams in the conference still on tap for Tech in Nebraska and Colorado, the Red Raiders should be favored to win at least those two. Tech also will face No. 24 Baylor on Tuesday.

But if Tech can beat anyone during the remainder of the regular season, it should be Nebraska — ranked last in the conference.

Aside from the worst Big 12 record by two games, Nebraska has the worst offense in the Big 12,

averaging 66 points per game. Tech averages 76 per game.

But it is almost never as easy as it appears.

Tech averages about 75 points against per game — statistically the worst defense in the conference. Nebraska has the second best defense behind No. 1 Kansas, averaging about 11 points less per game than the Red Raiders.

Despite the Huskers 1-12 conference record, Tech guard Nick Okorie said playing in Lincoln, Neb., should be a tough challenge with always-strong fan support.

"They're having a hard year, but Nebraska at home should give

them some kind of confidence," Okorie said. "We know we still have to bring our 'A' game and they'll be a tough team because they're in the Big 12."

The Huskers are led by senior guard Ryan Anderson, who leads the team in scoring with 11.6 points

per game. No other player on the Husker roster averages more than nine points.

Tech has three players who average double-digit scoring per game.

From the two teams' respective records, Nebraska's only conference win came against Oklahoma at home. Tech defeated OU at home and then snapped more than a season-long conference losing streak Feb. 9 in Norman, Okla. Tech also has a home win against Iowa State 78-71 while Nebraska lost to the Cyclones 56-53 in Lincoln.

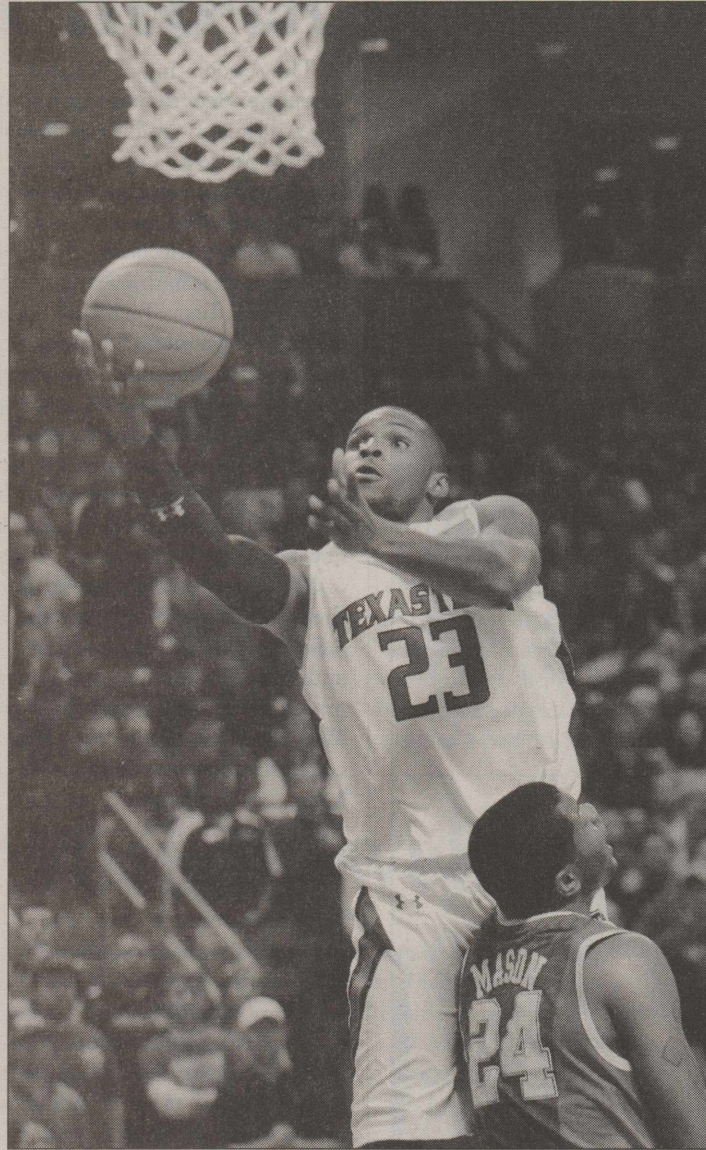


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TEXAS TECH'S NICK OKORIE shoots over Justin Mason during the game at the United Spirit Arena Saturday. Texas Tech lost 67-71.

But Nebraska does seem to have Tech's number, winning the past three meetings. Tech's last win against Nebraska came in Lincoln in 2006, but only because Tech's all-star Jarriss Jackson scored 41 points in a 70-64 victory.

Without a game-changing performer like Jackson, and without NCAA tournament implications at this point, Tech will have to be driven by the goal they have

worked all season to achieve: making the postseason for the first time since 2007.

"The team goal is to just try to win out so we can make postseason play," said Okorie, who is in his last collegiate season. "We don't want to regret anything. Tech hasn't been to postseason play for two years, so we're just trying to make it to postseason play."

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# Lady Raiders prepare for Senior Day, OSU

A tough schedule accompanied with adversity hasn't seemed to stop the Lady Raiders from finding their stride.

The last time Texas Tech played Oklahoma State, the Lady Raiders found themselves off the NCAA Tournament bubble. Tech was playing its third game without Kierra Mallard, and despite beating Texas A&M just days before, a tournament berth seemed out of reach with a 2-7 record in Big 12 Conference play.

Tech head coach Kristy Curry has credited much of the turnaround — the Lady Raiders have won four of their last five games — to senior forward Ashlee Roberson and guard Jordan Murphree, which is probably fitting considering Sunday's game is Senior Day.

The three seniors to be honored are Roberson, Murphree and Tilmila Martin, who will be recognized before the Lady Raiders take on Oklahoma State 12 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

So Tech (17-10, 5-8 in Big 12 play) will need help from the seniors if it hopes to extend its

winning streak to three games. The Lady Raiders have just one road game left against Missouri, which has the worst record in the conference.

The opportunity to sweep No. 23 OSU (19-8, 7-6) is one that cannot hurt Tech's prospects of being selected to participate in the tournament, which is crucial since the Cowgirls also could use a victory. OSU has lost five of its last six matches.

If they want another win against OSU, the Lady Raiders may want to follow a similar game plan from the first matchup.

OSU guard Andrea Riley scored 18 points against Tech, which may not be a bad thing, considering she averages 25.2 points per game — good for fifth in the country. In addition to the defense, the Lady Raiders got notable contributions from forward Jordan Barncastle, who scored a career-high 19 points and Christine Hyde with 12 points against the Cowgirls on Feb. 13.

Curry and players were not available to comment until today.

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# Combine focuses on head injuries

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The focus on head injuries in pro football is turning to this year's potential draft picks.

For the first time, all 32 invited players at this week's NFL scouting combine will be given a baseline brain activity exam — called the ImPACT test — and will likely face more grilling than previous classes did about their concussion histories. Those implementing the changes call it smart football.

"We're testing everybody, not just at-risk athletes who have had more than one concussion,"

said Dr. Art Rettig, an orthopedic surgeon at Methodist Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, which runs the medical part of the combine. "Everybody will have this ImPACT test so they will have a baseline, and whatever team they end up with will be sent that baseline information."

That hasn't been standard operating procedure in past years, though all 32 teams individually now use similar tests on their own. Doctors compare pre-injury and post-injury answers to determine whether a player can safely return from a head injury.

# Tech softball looks to extend winning streak with three games in Arlington

By **TOMMY MAGELSSON**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball is back on the road this weekend to continue its program-best 10-1 start.

The Red Raiders will play three games in Arlington for the UTA tournament Saturday and Sunday. Tech also will play Monday in Denton against North Texas.

Tech coach Shanon Hays said his team is taking each game one at a time and they cannot afford to look ahead the schedule. The Red Raiders open the UTA tournament with a game against 2-2 Texas Southern.

"The Texas Southern game, our goal is to go out and play hard and try to win that game," he said. Tech's game against Texas Southern is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and its games on Sunday are at 11:30 a.m. against Prairie View A&M and 2 p.m. against UT-Arlington.

Tech should be eager to get some more games under its belt not only to try to extend its eight-game winning streak, but also to get back in the groove after having a two-game series against UTSA canceled this week due to weather.

However, Hays said this week has been good for his team because the players have been able to get all of their academics in order and should be ready to play a focused game.

Tech's 10 wins in 11 games is impressive considering the team's 15-42 record last year. Sophomore Raven Richardson leads the Red Raiders with 11 RBIs and said it is important for the team to maintain a high level of physical play.

"Every out, each out, every inning, just do what you have to do," she said. "Be aggressive in getting the outs and it will help you win. But our main goal is just to get to regionals. That's our ultimate goal, and then whatever happens after that just happens."

For the Red Raiders to make it to the postseason, they will have to compete well against

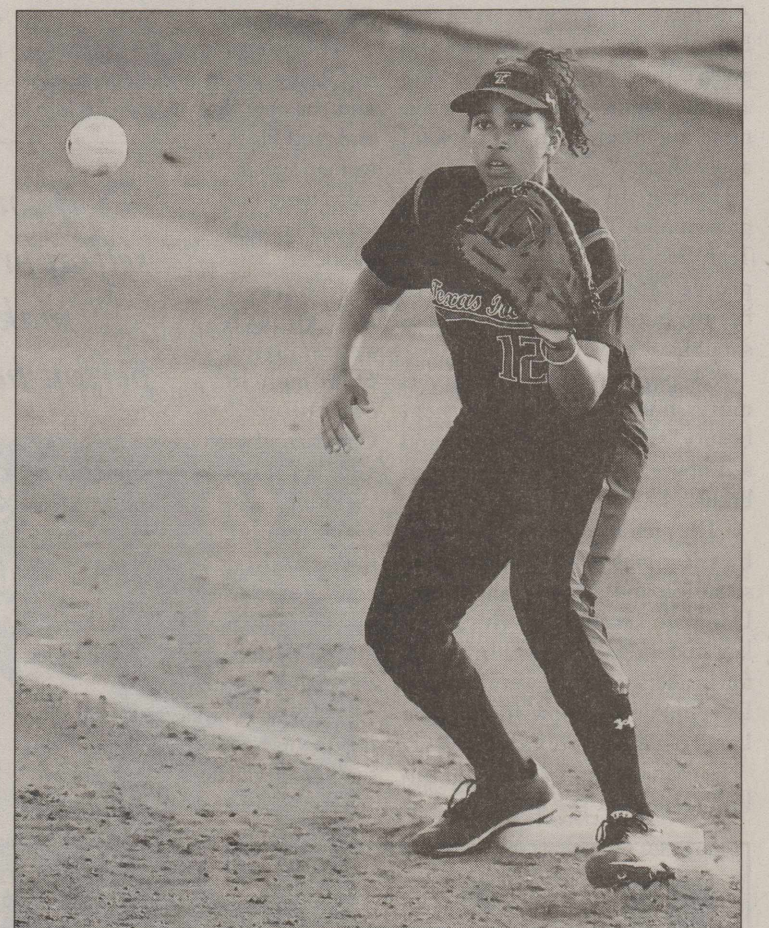


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Raven Richardson catches a ball thrown to her to tag out the runner during the game against University of Maine on Friday at Rocky Johnson Field.

good teams on the road. Tech's game against UT-Arlington will be its first true road game of the season.

UT-Arlington is the only team at the tournament besides the Red Raiders with a winning record. The Mavericks are 7-3.

"They have played well. I think they've played good teams," Hays said. "They've beat some good teams. They'll be a very tough test at their ballpark."

Hays said the Red Raiders will have a chance to win each game they play if they can pitch well. He said freshman pitcher Ashley Brokesoulder, who missed all six games last weekend, is day-to-day and the Red Raiders may only have three pitchers available for this weekend.

Despite this disadvantage, Tech pitching has been one of the

early season highlights with some stellar pitching performances already.

Sophomore left-hander Karli Merlich is 5-0, and pitched a one-hitter against Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday.

Merlich said she is just a small factor in the team's early success and she would not be 5-0 without her teammates behind her.

"Well, I thought we would do well because how we practice every day and scrimmage and do well," she said. "And yeah, I have five wins, but it's not just me who has five wins. It's our team who has five wins as a team — it's not just one person."

Tech will return home for a doubleheader at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field against Houston Baptist.

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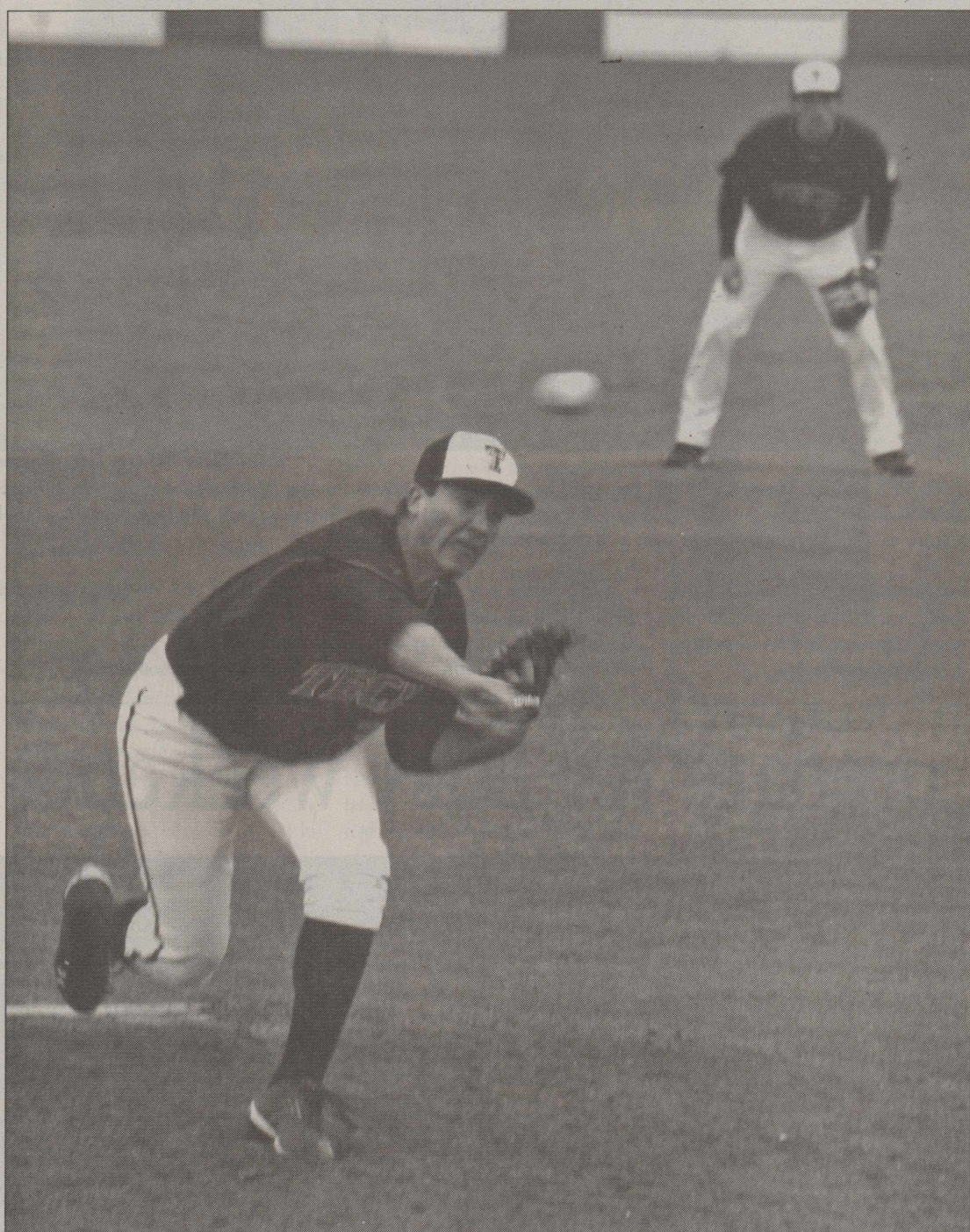
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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders get going, handle B-CU 12-8



By **ADAM COLEMAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech pitcher Chad Bettis had a bit of rocky start, but the Red Raiders knew he would settle down eventually.

They just had to keep the offense going.

Tech baseball cruised to a 12-8 win against Bethune-Cookman on Thursday at Dan Law Field to start the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic off on the right foot.

Bettis' second start of the season was not like his first — he pitched for seven innings, allowing eight hits, six runs, four earned. He also walked four and struck out five. In his first start, Bettis only allowed one run.

But the bats continued to fuel Bettis for his second win. Tech (5-0) scored those 12 runs along with 15 hits, 11 RBIs and two home runs.

"That's part of picking somebody up," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "I thought Chad was good. I thought they had a good approach on him early and they jumped him a little bit, some fastballs. Then Chad adjusted and started throwing more breaking balls, throwing more change (ups) and man those zeros and let us get a chance to separate a little bit."

Bettis gave up five hits and three runs in the first three innings. After an error from right fielder Barrett Barnes put Bethune-Cookman's Juan Perez on second, Matt Wright drove him in for the early 1-0 lead. An RBI single from Justin Hoyte and an RBI double from Wright gave the Wildcats the other two runs in the first three innings, leaving the game tied at three heading into the bottom of the third.

The top of the seventh was troublesome for Bettis as well.

After an error on Nick Popescu put two Wildcats on instead of one, Bettis balked to advance those runners to

second and third. Then a Wright single drove in two runs. A third run in that inning was unearned.

It wasn't all bad for Bettis, however.

There were three innings — the fourth, fifth and sixth — where Bettis blanked the Wildcats. Bethune-Cookman (1-4), on the other hand, couldn't find a way to slow Tech's bats down.

Tech was led by catcher Jeremy Mayo and center-fielder Taylor Ashby, who both had career days. Mayo was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a home run. The three hits tied his career-high.

Ashby didn't have a bad day either. A two-run home run in the second and a single that drove in two runs gave the senior four RBIs, which ties a career-high.

Mayo said the lineup got a lot of good pitches to hit Tuesday night, which caused another offensive outburst from the Red Raiders. The Wildcats did use five pitchers, four of which allowed at least two runs.

But Mayo also said Bettis was as solid as he could be Tuesday.

"Chad was good," he said. "Came out, got banged around a little bit. Came back and started throwing strikes for us and got the win."

Ashby said Tech's hitters usually know when they have to put runs on the board, such as Tuesday when the Wildcats kept finding ways to

stay in the game.

During those three innings Bettis kept the Wildcats' bats quiet, Tech put up four runs. And even in the seventh inning when Bettis gave up two, Tech bounced back with two of its own.

"That's kind of our deal," Ashby said. "Whenever we get in there, get everyone fired up and try to get the runs back that we give away."

While the score may have been a little close, Spencer was not surprised the Wildcats came out swinging the way they did.

Bethune-Cookman won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and made it to an NCAA Regional last season. Spencer described this Wildcat team as scrappy and fearless, and the Red Raiders will face them again Saturday at 4 p.m.

And there is another team who could present a challenge.

The Red Raiders will hand the ball to Bobby Doran at

4 p.m. today when they take on Washington State. The Cougars finished second in the Pac-10 Conference last season.

"We've been playing for 10 days and they haven't had much adversity yet," Spencer said of his team. "They haven't been beaten. We haven't had an 0-for-14 from a guy yet. So you got guys just a little bit giddy and I think maybe that game closing up tight will help us lock in a little bit."

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**JEREMY MAYO**  
CATCHER  
TEXAS TECH

PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Chad Bettis fires a pitch as second basemen Garrett Totten looks on Thursday during the Red Raider's 12-8 win against Bethune-Cookman. The Red Raiders' offense carried Tech to its fifth consecutive win to start the 2010 season by scoring those 12 runs along with 15 hits.

## Canada blanks US for gold in women's hockey

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Canada's game. Canada's ice. Canada's gold. Again.

Marie-Philip Poulin scored two goals, Shannon Szabados made 28 saves, and Canada rolled through its American rivals, 2-0, to win the gold medal in women's hockey for the third straight Olympics Thursday night in front of a raucous Vancouver crowd ringing cowbells and frantically waving thousands of maple leaf flags.

After Poulin's two first-period scores, the Canadians dominated every aspect of the biggest game in this young sport, earning their 15th straight Olympic victory.

"I looked up in the stands and saw a sign that said, 'Proud to be Canadian,' and that's what I am today," Szabados said. "My teammates were unbelievable today. We played a great game, and this is an incredible moment."

Playing with a consistency and passion its men's team hopes to emulate this weekend, Canada remained unbeaten at the Olympics since 1998, when the Americans won the first

women's gold.

The Canadians kept nearly the entire game in the Americans' end — outpassing, outshooting and simply outworking the only team in women's hockey with a chance of standing up to them.

While some debate the viability of an Olympic sport with two such dominant powers on top, the Canadians celebrated — and several even went back on the ice an hour after their win, carrying champagne bottles and posing for pictures in the near-empty arena.

"We commit. We work hard," said Canadian captain Hayley Wickenheiser, a four-time Olympian with three gold medals. "It's up to the rest of the world to catch up. This is not as easy as it looks, trust me."

Earlier, Finland won the bronze medal, beating Sweden 3-2 in overtime.

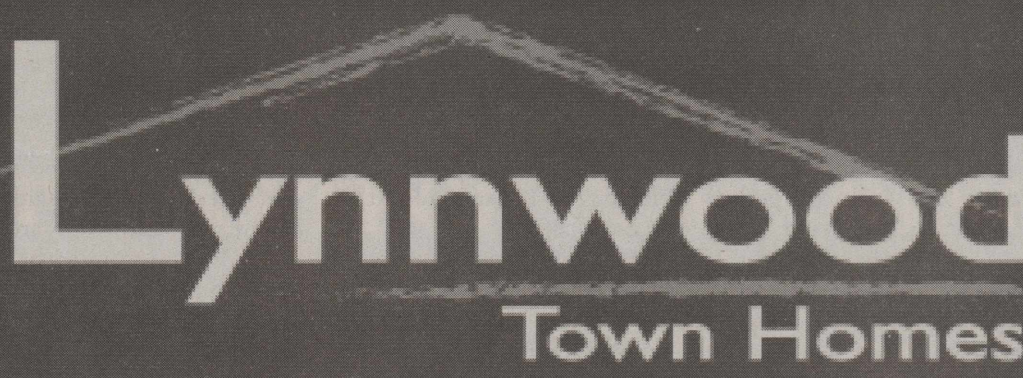
Canada got two first-period goals from Poulin, the super-speedy 18-year-old forward from Quebec who claims she felt no Olympic pressure. Their smooth, graceful goalie did the rest, with Szabados capping her first

Olympics with flawless netminding in a win that sometimes seemed just as one-sided as Canada's 18-0 victory over Slovakia to open the Olympics 12 days ago.

Much of the Canadian men's team, which faces Slovakia in the semifinals Friday, watched the game from press box seats above the ice, while Michael J. Fox, Wayne Gretzky and several Canadian gold medalists from other sports were in the stands. Several members of the American men's team were there, too.

"We kept turning to each other after the game and saying how much we love having the Olympics in Canada," four-time Olympian Jennifer Botterill said. "This country has supported us any time we've played, and today was an amazing example of that."

Jessie Vetter made 27 saves for the Americans, whose offense evaporated in front of Szabados and the Canadian defense. The potent power play that produced 13 goals in the last four games went 0-for-6, and the Canadians consistently won most of the battles in a physical, grinding game.



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