# THE WRIGHT STUFF



## 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."

through different mental stages of dealing with the trauma, like denial, Wright said. Other variables, such as the timing of the injury, can

"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 After facing an injury that could end an athlete's career, they go 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

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 in this case. and hazards caused by frequent parties at the

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 "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 terrify-

"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

"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. >>> ralston.rollo@ttu.edu

## 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, 71/2-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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### BRIEF

### STATE

### West Texas man indicted for killing 51 bison

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West this year after the majestic animals allegedly killing the animals. strayed from their ranch.

the QB Ranch to a nearby one in attorney yet. remote King County, about 80 miles east of Lubbock.

The 50-year-old Aspermont man Texas man has been indicted for was indicted Feb. 16 on a third-degree allegedly killing 51 bison earlier felony charge of criminal mischief for

Hill has a nonpublished phone Jackie Doyle Hill is accused of number and could not be reached shooting the bison over two days in Thursday. Prosecutor David Hajak early January after they strayed from said he did not believe Hill had an

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

### **NATION**

## Snowstorm in Northeast, rain pounds New England

tially flooding rain spread over the up to parts of New England. Northeast on Thursday, disrupting toppled trees.

and early Friday, with a foot or more storm.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A of snow and high winds expected slow-moving winter storm pack- from southeastern Pennsylvania, ing heavy, wet snow and poten- into New Jersey and New York and

Parts of western Maine received air traffic and closing schools. nearly a foot a snow, while Phila-Utility companies braced for pos- delphia received a dusting. About sible widespread power outages 4 inches of snow fell in New York overnight due to high winds and City, where a man was killed by a falling snow-laden tree branch The strongest wind and heaviest in Central Park — one of at least snow was forecast for late Thursday three deaths being blamed on the

### WORLD

## Syria, Iran affirm ties despite US calls

to loosen ties with Iran on Thursday, loyalties.

recent months by nominating the first U.S. ambassador to Damascus since 2005 and sending top diplomats to meet with Presimaking such a suggestion, saying he and dent Bashar Assad. Washington is hoping Ahmadinejad "misunderstood, maybe to draw Syria away from Iran and the militant groups Hezbollah and Hamas.

Ahmadinejad by his side in Damascus, Asbetween the their countries.

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian sad said Thursday that America should not President Bashar Assad defied U.S. calls dictate relationships in the Middle East.

"I find it strange how they talk about saying his long-standing alliance with Middle East stability and at the same time Tehran remains strong despite overtures talk about dividing two countries," Assad from Washington intended to shift his told reporters when asked about Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's The U.S. has reached out to Syria in call Wednesday for Syria to move away

Assad took a swipe at Clinton for because of translation error or limited understanding." In a show of unity, the two But with Iranian President Mahmoud signed an agreement canceling travel visas

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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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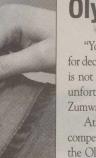


PHOTO BY DEREK MOY/The Daily Toreador DR. MIMI ZUMWALT, associate director of othopedi surgery and director of Sports Medicine, treats a patient at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

## Olympics \

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

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.

personally speaking, you have to reevaluate the situation and try to minimize The center offers a two-year program the risk," Zumwalt said. "And hopefully that includes gross anatomy, which gives 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 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 injuries stems from bruising and internal bleeding caused by a specific impact to a

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

The Athletic Training Program at the "Anytime anything happens, I think, HSC is different than most in the nation because it is housed within the HSC. students a chance to work with a cadaver and see the inner workings of muscles and

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

safety efforts.

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chief executive visited the assembly it tries to restore customer faith in its

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The recall has damaged Toyota's line at Toyota's largest North American cars and trucks that has been badly reputation and the company is facmanufacturing plant Thursday and met damaged by the recall of 8.5 million ing legal and PR problems on several with Transportation Secretary Ray vehicles over safety concerns. He later fronts: a criminal investigation by fed-LaHood, repeating pledges he made toured Toyota's plant in Georgetown, eral prosecutors in New York; a probe to Congress this week to improve Ky., and said the company was "at a by the Securities and Exchange Commission; and anger by U.S. dealerships "We need to rethink everything 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

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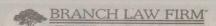
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## Black History Month queries take stage in Knowledge Bowl

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 Black History Month in his classes, are just a few of the trivia questions Hill said he doesn't do anything that will be discussed at the Black special because every month is 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 matter if it's February, September to educate students on the influence or April." African-Americans have in U.S. history through trivia and historical facts edge bowl will provide the students 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 by African-Americans, and withacknowledge the accomplishments out those contributions we would made by African-Americans. It be a less-functional society." 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 happy with the organizations that 1976, and since then every president have contributed, Pool said she officially has selected the month of believes all organizations should February as Black History Month.

Pool said the need to help students understand diversity is not dependent believe that other organizations on personal experiences, but rather besides just the cultural-centered what is known and understood about ones, should contribute to Black other cultures.

expand our knowledge and to be-culture, an African-American has come well-rounded," she said. "It is been a pioneer in it and recognizing very important to be educated on that would be a great contribuall cultures that make up America, to support our efforts of becoming a Month." more diverse people."

courses on African-American His- to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Student tory and the History of Lynching in Union Building. There will be cash America, is new to Texas Tech, and said he was brought to the university specifically to teach those courses. American history.

"Many of the struggles that Af- social event." rican-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 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

Pool said she hopes the knowlwith 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

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 make an effort.

"It is a job well done, but I also History Month in a better way." "We are in college to learn, to she said. "In every aspect of our tion to celebrating Black History

The Black History Knowledge Professor Karlos Hill, who teaches Bowl will take place from noon prizes for the first-, second- and

## '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 Hollywood."

TAB was excited to have Shlesinger on campus, said Aspen Teague, a jumanagement 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 Horn, a communication studies major Central and was ready to laugh. has a very different, relatable style."

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

The Largest

Selection of



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.

petroleum engineering major from Katy, shark and the poor swimmer it was at-"and letting us see a big name from tacking. Shlesinger also brought her dog Blanche on stage for a while, and part of her act was to tell the half chihuahuahalf dachshunds's made-up life history, nior restaurant hotel and institutional 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 from Austin.

TAB already had given out 200 outgoing," he said. tickets, and expected many last-minute attendees for a total of 300 to 400 Shlesinger before, the event was well people, said Teague, who is also the received.

nightlife coordinator for TAB. TechAnnounce, but for some, her reputation was enough. Jim Donzanti attended with his son Zach Donzanti. both of whom are from Lubbock. Jim are getting into it," said Alison Van said he saw Shlesinger on Comedy

"I thought she was good, she's very

Even for people who hadn't seen

"I'm impressed with a lot of the Many people heard about it through 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 Weakly News with Iliza" at thestream. tv/weakly.

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### third-place winners. "The event is for all ages and Diamond Hill stressed the importance of it caters to those that seek knowl-Engagement Rings all history, but especially African- edge about the African-American culture," Pool said. "It's just a great in Lubbock. » devin.sanchez@ttu.edu







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## Baldwin ready to co-host Oscars

NEW YORK (AP) — As a but marveled at the effective prokind 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,

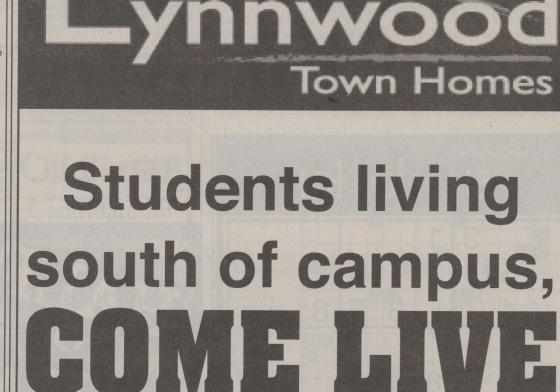
came shortly before the anticipated March 7 ceremony. Though sold out and crammed, the audience was a mere 500, far less than the 1 billion who supposedly watch the Oscars

"30 Rock," was skeptical of how such a number could be deduced as an activist.

"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 Baldwin, star of the NBC sitcom about Baldwin's history playing lawyers in films and his various work



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## Judge shouldn't intrude on lives, businesses

Tlove cigars. When you get the right one that gives a wonderfully smooth and full smoke, coupled with a lovely scotch or a nice glass of wine, life doesn't get much better.

For me, there's something fantastically relaxing about sitting back with some friends at a nice bar, lighting up, and hoping nobody disturbs the cloud of smoke we've created.

they impose their will on the smoker compliance. and the business owners who work their work.

Cole

the local attorney who has chosen to run for Lubbock County judge. In 2001, grumpiness about not being able to I know quite a few who feel the same when Nelson served on the Lubbock way I do about cigars or a pipe as well. City Council, he was one of four council Many agree they're the perfect way to members to vote for Lubbock's oppressive wind down after a hectic day or week. anti-smoking ordinance. In fact, Nelson This penchant for the most wonderful wrote the ordinance, which was considand relaxing of pastimes has however, ered a "compromise," since it allowed drawn the ire of many who would prefer three years for restaurants to come into

I'm not really sure why it's considered diligently to create their dreams through a compromise, because any way you because there would be a market for look at it, it's increasing governmental

the Lubbock business owner's wallet and around the lovely clouds of carcinogens the fact those who were buying the foods citizens, as Nelson already has. As far as

The ordinance was an ego-stroking to spend their money. move by the council to tell owners of Lubbock establishments they, in their seemingly infinite wisdom, knew what customers needed rather than what they

The issue isn't so much about my smoke in certain places. It's about recognizing the freedom of the business owner to decide what they'd prefer in their establishments. Personally, I think if people decide to invest their time and money into a business, they should be able to decide what is acceptable in their establishment, within reason.

It would inevitably balance out, restaurants that didn't allow smoking,

have the freedom to find another place knew they were doing something that I know, the only misstep Head has ever

Unfortunately, that fact wasn't good enough for Nelson, who wanted to further suck bits of liberty out of an entire city. Restaurant owners who want to allow smoking here now must have completely separate areas in their businesses to accommodate everyone, whether they like it or not. It's an unreasonable discrimination against those owners who are simply trying to serve their customers.

Now that Nelson has spent a few years out of the public eye, he's decided his best move is becoming Lubbock county judge. I disagree. We've got enough officeholders across the nation who believe they've been anointed from above to tell citizens what's good for them. Just look at New Head, on the other hand, has been a Shooter is a senior political York City, whose elected officials chose very dedicated public servant and hasn't science major from Lubbock.

the delicious foods anyway.

I'm not often a fan of the slipperyslope arguments, but this is an area where it would be applicable. If I choose to jump into my excessively large sedan, go have a greasy burger, a Coke and a smoke, then plop down in front of the television and watch blokes in even faster cars destroy a deserved brush-off. things, it's my right to, whether the health and eco-mentalists think so.

hopped into a hybrid, picked up a leafy salad, planted a tree, and watched "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," because it's their right to live as they choose.

Current Lubbock County Judge Tom One such person is J. David Nelson, regulations at the extreme expense of because patrons who didn't want to be to ban trans-fats from restaurants, despite worked to tread on the freedoms of the >>> cole.shooter@ttu.edu

wasn't great for them, but chose to enjoy taken is daring to have a sense of humor. The poor man was once branded a racist by a bunch of blithering idiots for simply posting something that he found funny, which was political in nature, not racist. It's something that many professors choose to do at Texas Tech, and if someone were to take offense, they'd likely get

The only other option is Nelson, and he already has proven that his main inter-I wouldn't care if someone else est is chipping away at people's personal liberties. Head is a fine county judge, and the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court would be a much more dangerous place without him.

## Sports important for society, well-being

ore than a billion hearts in India and many more around the world exulted in elation as Ravi Shastri, commentator for the second One Day International cricket match at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, exclaimed in delight. The match was between India and South Africa, the world's currently secondand third-placed ODI teams,

it's a religion. This is not a cliché, it dren, managers and employees alike get prayers answered.

It was a match of epic propor- the games they excel in. tions as the record books kept getting

Sachin, also known as "The Little Master" by both adulating teammates should be used in both studies and and terrified opponents, made an athletics. You may not be the next Miexhibition out of South Africa as he chael Jordan, but if you believe that you proved a point to his critics who were have a gift, it should wholeheartedly be of the opinion that he was way past his pursued. If he had just gone home, cried prime. As always, the soft-spoken and and hung up his shoes because he was modest Tendulkar let his bat do all the cut from his school's basketball team, talking.

The 4's and 6's flowed from his bat on the courts. to every corner of the outfield, much to bowl to him.

Today's

sports are an integral part of everyday life. It is heartening to see college stu-In India, Cricket is not just a sport, dents and their professors, parents, chil-

is dogma. And with their idol Sachin together to cheer their football, baseball Ramesh Tendulkar, one of the greatest and basketball teams. You could not be cricketing legends ever, becoming the a sports fan by any measure, yet pay to only cricketer to score a double ton in watch Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods or an ODI, the fervent followers had their Alex Rodriguez do their magic and hold you spellbound. Such is their sway over

> I believe sports should definitely be pursued with zeal and vigor in schools. The left and right lobes of the brain we wouldn't have seen "His Airness'

Sports are good for health because to the chagrin of the bowlers. To their regular physical activities reduce the credit, I'm of the opinion that when risk of early death and various illnesses the "Master Blaster" is in the mood, such as cardiovascular illnesses and you have to be very good, nay, stellar cancers. Daily exercise improves the quality of life, helps you slim down In the United States, as in India, and tones up your body, which means

body and spirit.

With the increasingly sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy food we consume, it's no wonder that based on the latest statistics published by the World Health Organization, globally there are more than 1 billion overweight adults, at least 300 million of them clinically obese.

Obesity rates that have risen threefold or more since 1980 in some areas of many countries, including North America. Economic growth, moderniza-

a healthier you with a happier mind, tion, urbanization and globalization of food markets are just some of the forces thought to underlie the epidemic.

With these chilling statistics, it is important for us to maintain our sanity and physical well-being by taking up

So let's get out those shorts and sneakers and start playing.

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## **GUEST COLUMN**

is no question we are faced with a critical choice. Students of Texas Tech should recognize the effect this election will have on our future.

The outcome, not just on March 2, but in the November general leadership.

In this election, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is the only candidate who has proposed actual solutions for moving our state forward and confronting our state's challenges head on. Hutchison has unveiled praise and support.

And while Hutchison is talking about Texas' future, our current governor, Gov. Rick Perry, who believes he is worthy of a third term, is mired in the past, trying to re-write his own

For example, our governor's hisregents such as those at Tech greatly undermines our state and our university. This type of heavy-handed rule, where loyalty is demanded over a person's basic democratic right to choose the candidate of his or her choice, is not the type of leadership of which our founding fathers would

has put forth the substantive policy proposals Texans deserve. She is the only candidate who has a plan to

7ith the Republican reform the grossly mismanaged Texas gubernatorial primary Department of Transportation and kill now upon us, there the Trans-Texas Corridor, strengthen education, protect private property rights and ensure that every Texan knows their rights when it comes to property taxes.

Hutchison will protect Texas taxpayers by cleaning up TxDOT and election as well, really will deter- increasing its commitment to bottom-up mine how Texas moves forward. I'm transportation planning that includes talking about status quo versus new meaningful input from the local level. After all, she knows a true transportation strategy doesn't simply include fixing potholes and adding major toll roads.

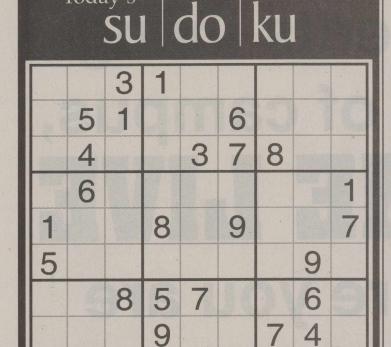
TxDOT's broken financing schemes are hurting our taxpayers and Hutchison will make certain it works for Texans again. Most importantly, a Hutchison much needed policy initiatives that administration will accomplish this continue to receive a great deal of while protecting Texas property owners from the creeping expansion of eminent domain that has taken place under Perry's administration.

Not only do our transportation problems cost our state financially, but the current dropout crisis in our school record and lashing out at anyone who system does as well. Hutchison underwould oppose him or his system of stands we cannot continue to attract business and jobs to Texas and grow our economy if we do not have an educated tory of playing politics with university workforce. That is why she has offered a plan to fix the problem. She plans to prepare our children for the 21st century economy by making better use of technology through more innovation, efficiency and accountability.

Additionally, she understands that too often, the best teachers leave after just a few years in the classroom, which costs Texas' students and taxpayers. As Hutchison, on the other hand, governor, Hutchison will find incentives to keep experienced teachers in the classrooms. She will also promote giving school districts greater salary flexibility to retain teachers, along with continuing professional development opportunities, by enhancing benefits and reducing restrictive rules.

This is a critical election that will determine how Texas moves forward, and how we, as college graduates, will move forward with our careers. These solutions are imperative. Hutchison will lead with fiscal restraint, and if elected governor she will tax less, spend less and borrow less. She has fought for conservative policies that keep us strong. Texans are ready for a serious leader who puts Texas first and delivers results. The status quo of "politics first" is unacceptable.

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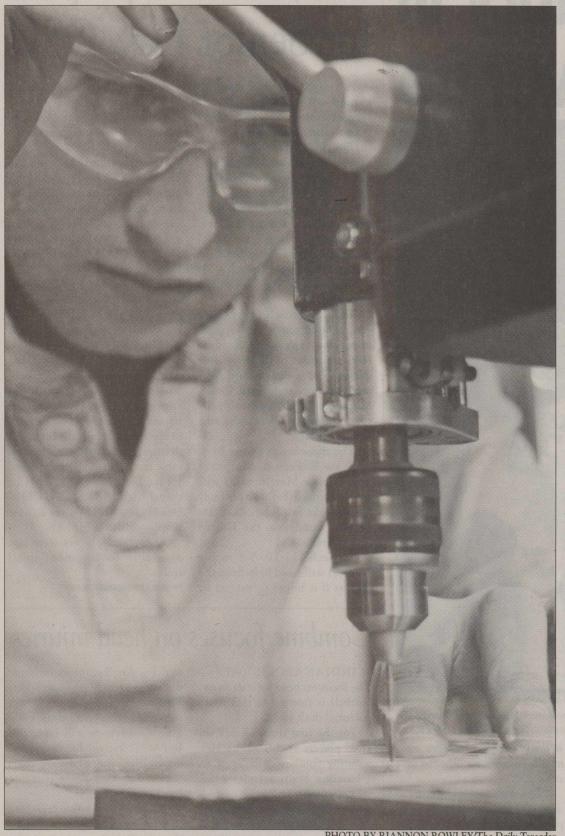


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ANDREW TRIPLETT, A sophomore architecture major from Canyon, works on a diagram model Thursday in the architecture building.

## **Addiction and recovery** center hosts convention

STAFF WRITER

for Addiction and Recovery will host its 19th annual ASAS member interested.

campus in the nation. A group out there," he said. of students involved in the prokey, the ASAS adviser.

the center," said Katie Ryan, the her faith has helped her. ASAS public relations officer on the other side of it."

timonies about their struggles alcoholism. with different types of addic-Ryan said.

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 CALENDAR spiritual speaker. ASAS brought The Association of Students in the variety of addiction speak-About Service from the Center ers because there are other types of addictions than just substance addictions, said Jay Davis, ASAS Recovery Convention tonight member, former secretary and and Saturday for any student, Ph.D. candidate in early childfaculty, staff or community hood education from Monroe.

"There's a lot more to it than In 1991, Texas Tech had one what the general public knows of the only centers for addic- and would like them to have a tion and recovery on a college better understanding of what is

Twelve-step programs have gram put this event together as proven successful for many rea way to spread awareness about covering addicts, but some find addictions, said George Comis- it more helpful to use their faith, Davis said. The spirituality "We're the service group of speaker will tell people about how

At past conventions, the and freshman with no declared speakers were mostly local resi- charge for anyone interested and major from Highland Park. dents who were in recovery from "We try to be a service to the their addiction, but this year's center in anyway possible. We convention speakers come from have this convention so that across the state. The students we can represent all addictions have connections with people and Recovery beginning at 5:30 and give people a chance that from around the state, giving p.m. today and 9 a.m. Saturday don't normally get to talk about the group the opportunity to and all meals will be provided it or hear about it, hear about gather a diverse group of speaksomeone else who has come out ers, Comiskey said. One of the speakers is Gus Gerard, a former exposed to someone that is an The event will host guest NBA and ABA player who will speakers to discuss their tes- share his personal testimony with

"They did research online and recovery at Texas Tech looks it becomes more real for other recovery." people."

## FRIDAY

- 6 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous speaker Louis L.
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### 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
- 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 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

"Almost everybody has been addict or is an addict themselves," Davis said. "It will help the general public to understand what addiction is and what it tion as well as their recovery, found him that way and decided means. It's a process that requires that it would be a good person support and a group of people. It "The purpose of the event to speak," Davis said. "He's a will give (the audience) a better is for Texas Tech students to high-profile person and that understanding of how they can have an opportunity to see what would help sometimes because help or support someone in their

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## Former Miss Texas speaks at Tech law school

Self-love and

self-appreciation

makes a

person beautiful.

SHILAH PHILLIPS

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By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Winning the prestigious 2006 Miss Texas competition and being beautiful, black woman. She is aren't," said Evan Jackson, a firstthe first runner-up in the 2007 Miss talented, successful and educated," 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 not enough should not be what is valued.

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

The presentation was sponsored women have by the Black Law Students As- more rights, sociation 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 advancements and image of black law student from Houston, said

win the Miss Texas title and be-represented in pop culture. cause of what she represents.

Gbaanador said.

to Gbaanador in part because she are: strong and beautiful." said she saw that women in general, and black

women specifically, were not valued enough by society. "There is

appreciation

Phillips said education and

opportunities now than ever before, should be encouraging to all Ameriand it is important to celebrate cans regardless of skin color." these advancements.

tory Month, Gbaanador said she women of Lubbock and Tech. saw the opportunity to focus the Sondet Parnell, a second-year

she was the first black woman to women, which are often negatively from the presentation and Phil-

"(Phillips) is an example of a women for the things that they that perseverance is necessary to year law student from Lubbock. "It's This presentation was important about the things that black women African-American population

Black History Month is a month of all ethnicities.

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

A goal of the Black is Beauti-

Because February is Black His- ful event was to empower the

lips' speech, she has learned to "The media often portray black have confidence in herself and achieve goals.

The focus of Phillips' speech encouraging to see Phillips and hear was able to transcended the and be an inspiration to women

> "Beauty belongs to everyone," Gbaanador said. "It crosses borders, nationality and skin color." >>> brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu

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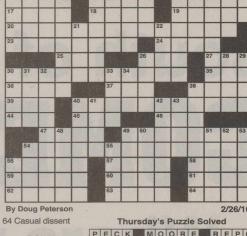
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## Tech seeks road victory in difficult Nebraska venue

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

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, Cyclones 56-53 in Lincoln.

averages 76 per game.

But it is almost never as easy as

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

The team goal is to

just try to win

out so we can

make postseason

**NICK OKORIE** 

GUARD

TEXAS TECH

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

Tech has three players who average double-digit scoring per

From the two teams' respective records, Nebraska's only conference win came against Oklahoma at in 2006, but only because Tech's home. Tech defeated OU at home all-star Jarrius Jackson scored 41 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 at this point, Tech will have to

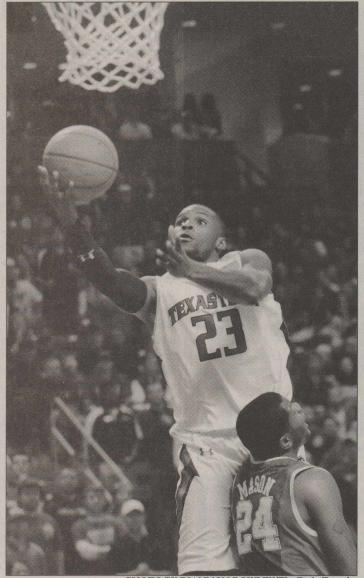


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH'S NICK Okorie shoots over Justin Mason during the game at the United Spirit Arena Saturday. Texas Tech lost 67-71.

But Nebraska does seem to have Tech's number, winning the past three meetings. Tech's last win against Nebraska came in Lincoln points in a 70-64 victory.

Without a game-changing performer like Jackson, and without NCAA tournament implications 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

OSU guard Andrea Riley scored 18 points against Tech, which may not 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

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## Combine focuses on head injuries

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — said Dr. Art Rettig, an orthopefootball is turning to this year's potential draft picks.

For the first time, all 329 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,"

The focus on head injuries in pro dic 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.

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

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN 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 eightgame winning streak, but also to get back in the groove after having a two-game series against UTSA canceled this week due to

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

impressive considering the team's The Mavericks are 7-3. 15-42 record last year. Sophomore tain a high level of physical play. tough test at their ballpark."

"Every out, each out, every inning, just do what you have to do," to regionals. That's our ultimate after that just happens."

For the Red Raiders to make this weekend. it to the postseason, they will have to compete well against Tech pitching has been one of the

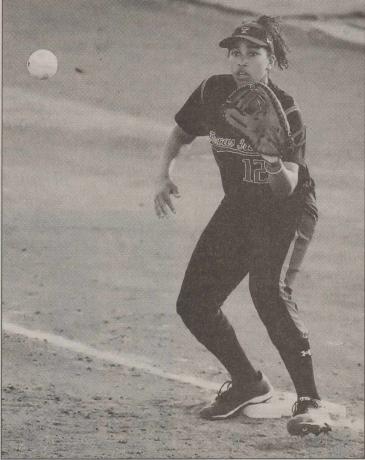


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreado

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

UT-Arlington is the only team at the tournament besides the Red Tech's 10 wins in 11 games is Raiders with a winning record.

"They have played well. I Raven Richardson leads the Red think they've played good teams," Raiders with 11 RBIs and said it Hays said. "They've beat some is important for the team to main- good teams. They'll be a very

Hays said the Red Raiders will have a chance to win each game she said. "Be aggressive in getting they play if they can pitch well. the outs and it will help you win. He said freshman pitcher Ashley But our main goal is just to get Brokeshoulder, who missed all six games last weekend, is day-to-day goal, and then whatever happens and the Red Raiders may only have three pitchers available for

Despite this disadvantage,

early season highlights with some stellar pitching performances

Sophomore left-hander Karli Merlich is 5-0, and pitched a onehitter 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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## Track competes for Big 12 indoor championships

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Omo Osaghae has one last chance to help lead his team to an indoor conference championship this weekend.

"I've been wanting a team Big 12 championship since I stepped on here in '06, and this is looking like we've got a really, really, really good chance at getting indoors," said Osaghae; a senior hurdler. "And if I don't win and we were to win as a team, that would make up for it tenfold, easily.

"That's what I've been wanting as long as I've been here, more so than anything.'

The Texas Tech track and field team is competing in the indoor Big 12 Conference Championships today and Saturday in Ames,

Big 12 60-meter hurdles cham-

The 60-meter hurdles are the first event of the Big 12 championships, and Osaghae said starting the meet with a good showing is important.

finished sixth at last year's championships with 62 points. Texas won with 115. However, the women are looking to build on their second-place finish last year with a Big 12 title.

"It's just getting it all to fall in the same place at the right time, which is (this weekend)," Osaghae said. "We've got the talent to do it, there's no question about that, we've just got to get it all, get it all going and maybe do something really amazing this year."

The Big 12 is one of the top track and field conferences in the nation, boasting five teams in the men's Top 25 and three in the women's rankings.

The Tech men's team is ranked No. 9, its highest ranking of the season, while the women are unranked.

Despite the absence of the Osaghae, an All-American Lady Raiders in the poll, Techfrom Lubbock, is the defending coach Wes Kittley said he expects the Big 12 women's title to go either to his squad or No. 2 Texas

> Kittley said A&M should be favored to win both the men's and women's championships - the Texas A&M men are ranked No.

be the dark horse in the meet, which he likes.

"I think we're ready, and I am really excited," he said. "I'm going to be disappointed if we don't have a good meet, but I do think we're ready to. We've got a few injuries on the men's side that where people aren't 100 percent, but in the women's side to my knowledge we're about 100 percent, so it's going to be fun I think."

The event should feature some of the best athletes Tech has seen so far this season, but the Red Raiders boast some pretty good ones of their own.

Tech has three All-Americans who will try to set the pace in Osaghae, sophomore Markus Henderson, and junior Gil Rob-

The women's distance medley relay team of Purity Biwott, Gladys Kipsang, Trudeann Clarke, and Caroline Karunde are the

sional marks this season and three meet, so it is important for his automatic marks. Kittley said team to not try and do something The Tech men's track team 1 — but he believes his teams to sometimes athletes will try and do it hasn't done before.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

reigning champs, and their time THE TEXAS TECH track and field team will be looking for a title at the Big 12 Championships, which begin of 11 minutes, 10.28 seconds ranks today and end Saturday in Ames, Iowa on the campus of Iowa State University. Tech will look to make school them sixth in the nation and first history as the program has never won a conference title in indoor track.

Tech already has set 22 provitoo much at a big, championship

again," he said. "So I try and just tell them relax, concentrate on >>> thomas.magellson@ttu.edu

"What got you here, you just your race and do what you did need to go in there and do that to get here and you're going to

## Tech men's, women's tennis prepare for busy weekends

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

This weekend is crucial for both Texas Tech tennis teams as tournaments and Big 12 Conference play are coming up for both squads.

Coach Tim Siegel and the Red Raiders are coming off an impressive weekend on the road.

After wins against No. 40 TCU and No. 26 Wisconsin, Tech jumped from No. 41 to No. 32 in the nation.

'We looked at last week, we played well, but we're also ready to even get better and better," Siegel said. "That's what I feel best about the team, because I think we are a lot better team or a few weeks ago."

No. 25 Arizona (6-1) at 1:30 p.m. today and No. 49 Denver (7-1) at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

One of Tech's losses last season came at the hands of the Wildcats, 4-3 in Arizona. But in that loss, sophomore Gonzalo

Escobar was one of two Red Raiders to notch a victory in singles

Tech plays its second match of the weekend Sunday against

The match was scheduled to be played at the McLeod Tennis center at 10:30 a.m., but according to a news release, the match will be moved indoors to the Falls Athletic Club in case of bad weather.

Tech got its first win last season against Denver after dropping its first two matches.

Sophomore Gonzalo Escobar said this weekend's matches carry importance for the future of the

"I think this match, especially than we were even a month ago the first one against Arizona can make a difference for the rest of The Red Raiders (7-1) play the year," he said. "By beating met was in 2008 when Tech upset them we can jump in the Top 25 in the country. After that we have two tournaments ahead and being seeded in those is going to help us a lot."

But unlike the men's team, the Lady Raiders don't get the luxury of staying at home this

Tech hits the road for the fourth weekend in a row to play Nevada and San Francisco on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, in Reno, Nev.

The Lady Raiders (4-4) took

"We needed to build on the though the score looked bad

Nevada is first up on the schedule for Tech this weekend.

more than just a win and a loss from last weekend's play.

confidence we got from the Southern Miss match," Petty said. "And also build on even against Ole Miss, it was a very contested match in the singles. So being able to take from that, we can play with anybody in the country and use that in our development."

This weekend marks the home losses came at the beginning of in recent history. the season, one of them coming to No. 47 Sacramento State.



TEXAS TECH'S JEFF Bryan and the men's tennis team are at home for just the second time this season. The The last time these two teams Red Raiders face No. 25 Arizona today at 1:30 p.m. and No. 49 Denver at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center. The Lady Raiders face Nevada on Saturday and San Francisco on Sunday in Reno, Nev.

The final match of the week- against ranked opponents, inopener for the Wolf Pack (2-2) as end for the Lady Raiders is cluding No. 11 Stanford and No. its first four matches of the sea- against San Francisco; these son have been on the road. Both teams have not faced each other

> San Francisco is 3-5 on the season with two of its losses

45 St. Mary's.

Even with another weekend of travel ahead of them, freshman Lorena Aviles said the Lady Raiders are prepared.

"We are real excited to play this weekend," she said. "We know that both teams are beatable. We are training hard and working in doubles to get a victory.'

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# SPORTS

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

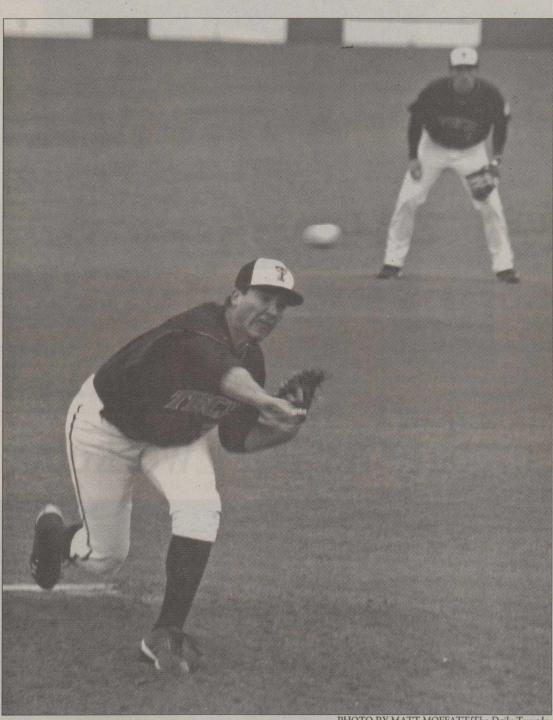


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Chad Bettis fires a pitch as second basemen Garrett Totten looks on Thursday during the Red Raider's 12-8 win against Bethune-Cookman. The Red Raiders' offense carried Tech to its fifth consecutive win to start the 2010 season by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

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

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 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, how-

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 tworun 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

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 balked to advance those runners to the Wildcats kept finding ways to

stay in the game.

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the win.

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.

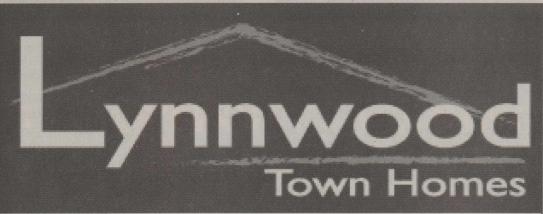
And there is another team who could present a challenge.

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

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

VANCOUVER, British Colum- women's gold. bia (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 dominant powers on top, the Cacrowd 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

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 nadians 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 over-

Canada got two first-period goals from Poulin, the super-speedy 18year-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.

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

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.

