Interning on the Hill Tech students work with congressmen, congresswomen

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Nineteen Texas Tech students are earning class credit while living and working on Capitol Hill this semester as part of the President's Congressional Internship and the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources Government Internship Program.

The program began in 1999 when then-Tech president Donald Haragan established a scholarship program to send students to Washington, D.C., to learn firsthand how the U.S. federal government works.

Ten years later, the program has sent more than 180 Tech students to work and study in the nation's capital.

Each year, the program grows more and more, said Missi Currier, Government and Public Internship

to intern in the spring, fall or summer semester.

Zach Gilbert, a 2009 agriculture economics graduate from Sweetwater, said his experience in Washington as a CASNR intern has been a oncein-a-lifetime experience.

"I've always been interested in American history and government," he said. "This internship has given me the opportunity to actually see how our government works, firsthand. I get to witness

Gilbert interns in the office of Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX). Michael Stwarka, the office legislative correspondent for Brady, said working with the Tech administration has been a pleasure and Tech interns always have had a great reputation on Capitol Hill and a recognizable Texas accent goes along with constituents.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACH GILBERT CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS AT Capitol Hill (from left) Laramie Adams, Zach Gilbert, Shelby Stokes, Jett Thompson and Kat Harris stand at the Arlington National Cemetery. They are some of the 19 Texas Tech students earning course credit by interning for Congress in Washington, D.C.

Second graduate VP election begins today

By JOEANN BON-JORNO STAFF WRITER

After technical difficulties with voting, invalid election results and a second school student campaign effort, Deepali Butani and from Pampa, said Mac Smith will go head-to-head again he agrees with today for the Student Government Butani on the im-Association vice president of Graduate portance of interand Professional Affairs.

Voting for the position starts at 9 exemptions, but wants to focus on other a.m. today and ends at 7 p.m. Wednes- issues as well.

in chemistry from New Delhi, India, Smith said. said she wants to increase law library She said she wants to increase graduate student employment and develop

"I want to find out exactly what facing law and graduate students." graduate and professional students want, and help them get that," Butani said.

Having served as the Graduate Affairs Committee chairwoman, she said, as well as working closely with the last sional students at Tech. two graduate vice presidents, she already has developed relationships with sioner, said the elections were delayed some of the officials the person who because when law school students

wins the position will work with.

Smith, second-year law national insurance

"Focusing almost exclusively on Butani, a fifth-year graduate student insurance is a disservice to students,"

Involvement with the law school as hours to thos of the university library. a law student gives him a "unique" perspective he can use to specifically address issues concerning the law school; a waiver policy for university-provided he said. He also said being a graduate health care for international students. student allows him to understand issues

> Both candidates said they would like to increase the scholarship base, rate of retention and amount of representation given to graduate and profes-

Drew Canham, elections commis-

went to vote, they

could not. "We primarily heard from law students about not being able to vote, so we looked into it and realized they couldn't

vote," Canham said.

As a result of law school students not being able to vote, he said, the elections commission ruled the March 2 and March 3 results for vice president of Graduate and Professional Affairs invalid.

He said the commission decided to allow the rest of the elections to continue since students could vote for all other positions.

Graduate students can vote online at sga.ttu.edu today and Wednesday until the polls close. The elections commission will announce the unofficial results at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Building and the person elected will be sworn in with the rest of the executive officers April 16.

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Attorneys seek information from Frenship in Leach case

By JON VANDERLAAN NEWS EDITOR

Lawyers for Mike Leach filed a subpoena for documents from Frenship Independent School District last week for the Mike Leach vs. Texas Tech University lawsuit, requesting documents about correspondence between new head football coach Tommy Tuberville district is suband Frenship ISD.

Ted Liggett, one of Leach's and Privacy Act, school records may attorneys, refused to comment not be released without written conon the issue until depositions are sent of the parent. completed Monday.

A hearing about the subpoena requests for documents, memoranda, was scheduled for 9 a.m. March 26 correspondence and other writings in the 99th District Courtroom.

Leach also is scheduled to make a deposition at 9 a.m. Friday in Liggett's office.

Dicky Grigg, one of the Tech attorneys, said he has "no earthly idea" what the Leach attorneys are attempting to communications between the school do with the requests.

for Frenship ISD also have filed a motion for protective order. The attorneys claim in the document that because the

ject to the Family Education Rights

Leach's attorneys have made four

from Frenship ISD regarding the Tuberville and the Tuberville family: The first request is for docu-

ments about Tuberville and/or the Tuberville family.

The second request is about any district and the Tuberville family.

ments about interest in admission, potential admission and/ or admission of members of the Tuberville family into Frenship ISD also was re-



The final request is for any communications between Tech and Frenship ISD about any member of the Tuberville family.

The firing of Leach before Tech's bowl game spurred a lawsuit for defamation and wrongful termination from the former head football coach.

Since then, Tech attorneys have claimed sovereign immunity for the university as a branch of the state, although the judge has not yet ruled on that claim.

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Student to campaign for Lubbock mayor

By RALSTON ROLLO STAFF WRITER

Cody Smart, a 23-year-old graduate student at Texas Tech. is one of the candidates who will draw for a position on the voting ballot Wednesday for the Lubbock mayoral race.

Smart said he hopes to help bridge the gap between Tech students and Lubbock's govern-

"Tech has no voice in Lubbock government," he said.

Patrick Aten, assistant to the City Council, declined comment on the upcoming election but said the Tech community represents a very significant portion of the entire Lubbock community.

Dee Jay Wilde, external vice president of the Tech Student Government Association, said Smart could have a great impact on the Tech community if elected.

"It would be great for Tech to have a voice like that in the City Council," he said.

As the result of a discussion with his friends about the issues faced by the Lubbock community, Smart said he was inspired to be involved in efforts to resolve those

"I want to raise (the number of people who) care about homeless issues," he said. "Lubbock calls is) in too much debt."

Smart said he identifies himself as politically independent because "does his homework." of his tendency to be conservative social issues.

mother, said she initially was face of a challenge. shocked by her son's intent to be Lubbock's next mayor.

She said Cody is an inspired learns." individual who "tries to make a difference wherever he is" and concerns about Cody's campaign

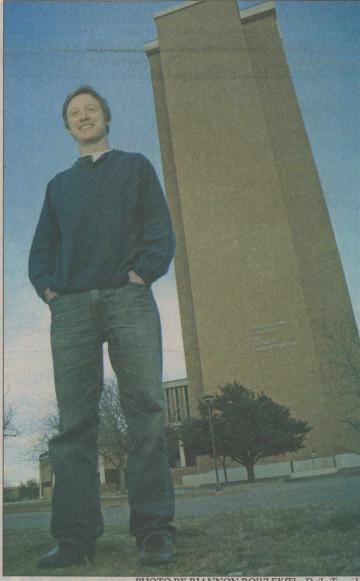


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreadon

itself a conservative city, but (it CODY SMART, A graduate student in business administration, is running for Lubbock mayor. The election is May 8.

Brenda said Cody sees the oppor-

about fiscal issues but liberal about tunity to be the mayor of Lubbock as a solid stepping stone for his future. Brenda Smart, an Abilene She said she is confident in Cody's resident of 25 years and Cody's ability to adapt and succeed in the "Cody is always prepared," Bren-

da said. "What he doesn't know, he

She said she does not have any

and supports his pursuit of election as Lubbock's next mayor.

Cody said he is in his last semester of seeking a Master's of Business Administration with a concentration in management and leadership skills.

"By election time, I will be done with my (Master's of Business Administration)," he said.

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NBRIEF

STATE

\$11 billion budget shortfall projected for Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature will face a budget shortfall of at least \$11 billion when it meets to write the next state budget in 2011, a key state official said Monday.

The shortfall is the projected difference between available revenue and the cost of maintaining services at their current levels billion.

in the next two-year budget. The shortfall is mainly a result of lower-than-expected sales tax

John O'Brien, director of the Legislative Budget Board, told a committee of House budget writers that the estimate is conservative and could grow to as much as \$15

NATION

Toyota disputes critic who blames electronics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota, dogged by millions of recalls and claims that it still has not fixed its safety problems, took its strongest step yet Monday to silence critics who blame faulty electronics for runaway cars and trucks.

Toyota assembled a group of experts to refute studies by an Illinois professor who revved Toyota engines simply by short-circuiting the wiring. Toyota's experts say the experiments were done under

conditions that would never happen on the road.

The automaker maintained its assertion that simpler mechanical flaws, not electronics, were to

"There isn't a ghost issue out there," Kristen Tabar, an electronics general manager with Toyota's technical center, told a news conference at the company's North American headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

WORLD

Survivors shiver in Turkey after quake kills 51

OKCULAR, Turkey (AP) — Hundreds of earthquake survivors huddled in aid tents and around bonfires Monday in eastern Turkey, seeking relief from the winter cold after a strong temblor knocked down stone and mudbrick houses in five villages, killing 51 people.

The damage appeared worst in the Kurdish village of Okcular, which was almost razed. At least 15 of the village's 900

residents were killed, the Elazig governor's office said, and the air was thick with dust from crumpled homes and barns.

The pre-dawn earthquake caught many residents as they slept, shaking the area's poorly made buildings into piles of rubble. Panicked survivors fled into the narrow streets of this village perched on a hill in front of snow-covered mountains, with some people climbing out of windows to escape.

Corrections

the error.

The article "Sorority, fraternity see-saw for child abuse awareness" in Monday's issue of The Daily Toreador, should have said Amanda Custer. The DT regrets the error.

In Monday's issue of The Daily Toreador, the story "Tech softball bounces back after snapped win streak" should have read "Texas Tech softball trailed Boise State by five runs ..." and "The Red Raiders beat Wichita State 8-0 in five innings ..." The DT regrets

BREATH OF FRESH AIR



JUSTIN KINDRED, A junior energy commerce major from Granbury, swims freestyle laps Monday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational

Tech law school student earns bankruptcy award

I think Tech in

general is starting

to get a lot of

national exposure.

JOHN BECK

By KATHERINE ROWE STAFF WRITER

A Texas Tech School of Law student will be honored by the American College of Bankruptcy on March 12 at the United States Supreme Court for Huffman, achievements in bankruptcy law.

John Beck, a third-year law student from Bedford, received the honor of 2010 Distinguished Law Student in the Fifth Circuit for excelling in his achievements in bankruptcy law.

"It's a huge asset as far as getting a job," Beck said. "It is going to be a ments at the collection of the top bankruptcy lawyers in the country that will be there this weekend when I go to the conference. It sounds like they're going

events for you to socialize and meet won both of the awards in bankruptcy

these people and allow you to network." Walter

the academic dean of the Texas Tech School of Law, said Beck has had many accomplish-

TECH LAW STUDENT school. Beck was chosen for this honor above law stu-

Tech School of Along with monetary awards

law given by the

from law school alumni, Huffman feels like the tough curriculum and rigorous courses in the department have provided

> Beck with a path for suc-

to go out of their way to have these sippi, Huffman said. He said Beck also the law school, nominated Beck for the honor.

He said the nomination then was sent to a committee where they processed his accomplishments. Beck is invited to attend the annual American College of Bankruptcy meetings in Washington, D.C.

By having a student receive such an honor, Huffman said, the word about Tech is spread, and the university gains national recognition.

"I think Tech in general is starting to get a lot of national exposure," Beck said. "I think we've always been known around Texas as producing really good lawyers and really good practitioners but not so much nationally."

Dean Pawlowic, a professor in >>> katherine.rowe@ttu.edu



Mayor ←

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dents in Texas, Louisiana and Missis-

Having studied business administration, Cody said he is confident in his ability to meet his goals of bringing more fiscal responsibility to Lubbock's government.

After candidates have drawn for a position on the ballot Wednesday, according to the Cody Smart for Mayor Web site, Cody will begin his campaign efforts, including a voter registration drive during the week of March 22 at the Student Union

tion for mayor, according to Lubbock City Secretary Becky Garza, are incumbent Mayor Tom Martin, Roger Settler and former Tech professor Richard Quade.

Other candidates in May's elec-

The deadline to file for candidacy was 5 p.m. Monday, she said.

Wilde said he and the Student Government Association encourage Tech students not only to register to vote in Lubbock county, but also to get involved with the Lubbock community and its government.

"The best thing students can do is get involved," he said.

According to the Cody Smart

for Mayor Web site, Smart's focus is on five "key issues:" citizen involvement, education, fiscal responsibility and transparency, poverty and homelessness, public transportation, and technology enhancement.

Of those five issues, Smart said citizen involvement and fiscal responsibility and transparency are of the most importance to his

The election for mayor and City Council members for Districts 1, 3 and 5 is May 8. Early voting begins April 26 and ends May 4.

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Obama pitches health plan in spirited appearance

memories of his campaign for the White House, President Barack Obama made a spirited, shirt-sleeved appeal for passage of long-stalled health care changes Monday as Democratic congressional leaders worked behind the scenes on legislation they hope can quickly gain passage.

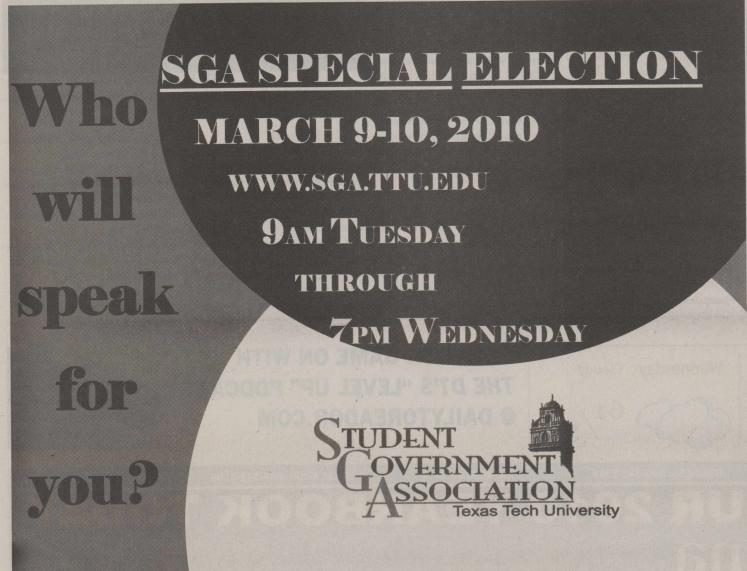
"Let's seize reform. It's within our grasp," the president implored his audi-

GLENSIDE, Pa. (AP) — Stirring ence at Arcadia University, the first outside-the-Beltway appearance since he vowed last week to do everything in his power to push his health care plan

> The president's pitch was part denunciation of insurance companies - "they continue to ration care on the basis of who's sick and who's healthy," he said — and part criticism of his Republican critics. "You had 10 years. What happened? What were you doing?" he taunted members of a party that held the White House for eight years and control of Congress for a dozen.

The outcome could affect almost every American, changing the ways they receive and pay for health care - and extending coverage to tens of millions more people — if the legislation gains final approval.

"I'm kind of fired up," Obama said at the beginning of his remarks, a variation on his oft-stated 2008 refrain, "Fired up. Ready to go." And he included an appeal to his audience — many of whom were students — to help in the same ways they might in a campaign. "So I need you to knock on doors. Talk to your neighbors. Pick up the phone," he urged them.





TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2010

TAB refreshes winterized lips

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Although it has been raining recently, winter usually is known to be said. the driest season; to help combat the weather, the Tech Activities Board lip balm and the experience. hosted Make Your Own Lip Balm to soothe dry lips.

p.m. in the basement of the Student jor from Pampa. Union Building. During that time more than 170 participants went through a line and selected one of the of the many flavors and scents of liquid lip balm. The 12 flavors could be mixed lid was put on, and then it was recommended to wait an hour before use.

ment, a company with equipment and she said. supplies for the event. Jay Hirst, who owns the company, said he thought the be a good addition to the creation if >>hallie.davis@ttu.edu

was the best part.

"When you go to the store, you

"I liked it. It was neat to do your committee that hosted the event. own thing," said Erika Silva, a human

The do-it-yourself aspect was key for many. Silva said she enjoyed most TAB events, but some of them only three types of containers, and then involved either watching something filled it using pipettes with one or more or, like a caricature sketch event she attended, "just sitting there;" whereas or layered and ranged from chocolate scents and choosing the containers used up.' to lime. After that, the balm had to was more fun. Silva said being allowed sit for a minute to solidify before the only one per person seemed to be the major from Aledo, used lime in his worst part.

"I had to make my boyfriend get TAB brought in Leon Entertain- in line to make one for my sister,"

While she thought it also would events) in coolness level."

interactive component of the event colors could be added, she said she enjoyed the event.

Vanessa Aloma, a junior internadon't get to pick everything," Hirst tional business major from Dallas, said the event had been done before and Participants were excited about the was brought back by requests from students. Aloma is on the TAB daytime

Aloma said students who enjoyed it The event was from 11 a.m. to 3 development and family sciences mabefore already knew what they wanted

when they came to this year's event. "Coconut lime is the favorite," she said. "It's the best."

Hirst said he didn't see a difference in what was popular from his spot behind the booth.

"I can't say that one's more popumaking the lip balm, sampling the lar," Hirst said. "They are all getting

Jacob Surratt, a freshman English creation. He said he has attended most of the TAB events he could.

"It was really great," Surratt said, "It was in line with the rest of (the TAB

Tuesdays with Tina: Ordeals with roaches

Most bugs gross me out, despite growing up in the country. Cockroaches, by far, have been the worst.

I think my problem with roaches comes from not having much experience with them. I never saw any at my parents' house; although we had issues with ants and scorpions.

My first encounter with a roach happened in the girls' bathroom during high school when I was changing for tennis practice. and ready to go, when a whopping roaches. 3-inch American cockroach flew that led outside.

almost positive it smirked menacoutside, shouting a warning to the inside of them. unsuspecting person as I fled.

Until now, the places I've am. lived during college never had any roach problems. The property minutes to dispose of the first suggestions? hands-off approach.

According to our lease, pest control is a tenant responsibility. That didn't seem like a problem when my boyfriend and I signed the contract. The price of rent was perfect, our large-breed puppy was welcome and the house looked nice.

It's too bad we didn't know about the mice and roach prob-

The mice haven't been too much of an issue. We have got the field mice variety, and I felt more sad than grossed out about killing them. The cockroaches, however, are a different matter.





I found the first one dying in the kitchen about a month ago. This week I found two more dying in our reading room. According to a few searches I performed

This kind often lives in sewage found it very amusing. by me and landed on the door areas, according to an article on I nervously watched it __I'm site. Oriental cockroaches eat going to surround our house filth. Disease producing organ- with as many cockroach-killing ingly - until someone opened isms such as bacteria, protozoa substances as I can find. I would the door and I made a mad dash and viruses have been found like to avoid using too many

Grossed out yet? I certainly for the environment.

managers sprayed for bugs regu- cockroach I found this week, where I live currently takes a first idea was to put masking tape in the College of Education. on my fingers, but then I saw its >> tina.arons@ttu.edu.

legs twitching and decided to put the tape on the end of a pen. It began to wiggle when I dropped the tape on top of it with the

So, I quickly switched the pen for a foot-long paint stirring stick. It took a few tries to get the sucker completely stuck on the tape and tossed in the trash. I immediately put the trash in the dumpster.

Oh, by the way, I shrieked and yelled obscenities the entire time. I walked out of the stall, dressed online, we have got oriental My boyfriend, who watched the ordeal without offering to help,

I'm not as pleased. As soon the Penn State University Web as it's dry enough outside, I'm chemicals, because they are bad

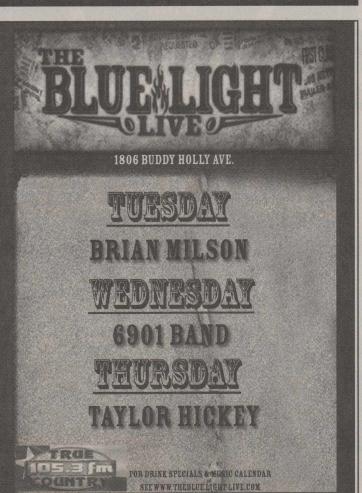
So far the only thing I know It took me about six or seven to try is diatomaceous earth. Any

larly. Unfortunately, the place knowing how nasty it was. My n Arons is a graduate student

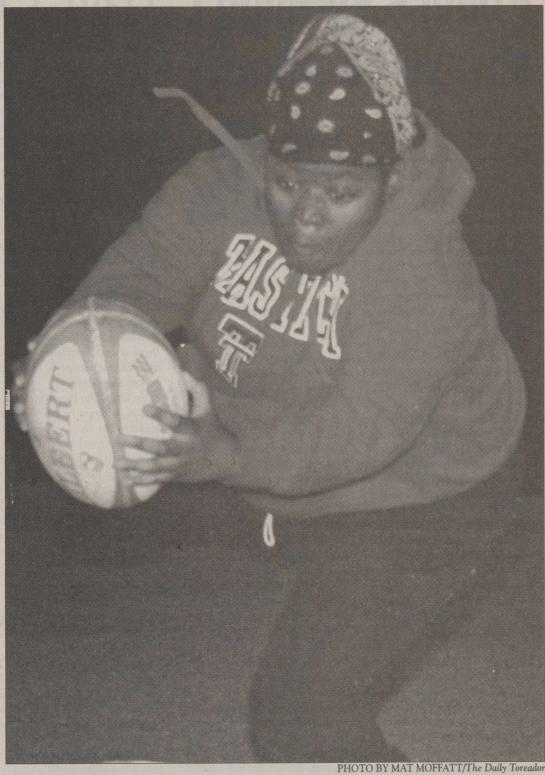
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TRY AGAIN



JAMEILA WALKER, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, practices her diving for the Texas Tech women's rugby team Monday outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.



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format. Visit www.housing.ttu.edu/cinema for more information.

JPINIONS

always be priority

There are a number of advantages to being apolitical.

I know, I know. This goes against all of the lessons from fourth-grade social studies class in which those who do not vote are villainized. "Voting is a sacred duty and all of you who grow up to be non-voters are really Communists," our teachers would say as they paced the room. Although I believe voting is an important part are not in order? That is why we of our republic and is a civic duty, should fix our own lives, then we sometimes I think our society has should go to Washington. It is not

Having clear-cut views about how we believe the world should work is ited political activism. No matter important. We should analyze life. However, there is always the danger of being taken over by the dark side. No, I don't mean the Democratic National Convention. I mean the allure responsibility in Washington. It of becoming a political junkie.

people who sit around and watch tivism (in the case of resistance to CNN or MSNBC all day, waiting for health care reform) is an Astroturf Keith Olbermann to tell them what movement. they should think. Getting into an argument with one of these people about politics is annoying and inevitable. Not only are their arguments almost scripted, but all they want to talk about is Obamacare or the jobs bill, as though our Congressmen ington comes to mind. Washington listen to us anyway.

Political junkies are not just annoying. They also try to make his army to Congress in December everyone else as annoying as they are. Misery loves company, after all. They attempt to frame their issue as the most important issue in the world. They try to convince us that instead of spending the money we earn on providing for our families, personal matters, the responsibiliwe should try to save the fish in ties of family, home and farm. Lake Okiesnagokee (and if we don't, then we are murderers). Some may and constantly be critical of the even say that simply earning money or owning a house makes us dirty capitalists, worthy of death.

one single issue blocks our view of healthy. We need to act when we everything else worthy of our atten- can help our nation for the better. tion. This isn't to say that fish are However, we need to also learn to not important, but rather that there disconnect from politics, especially are more important things to life. when we have more important Caring for one's family, developing matters with which we should be a career that will benefit others, responsibly managing our resources and developing our integrity and character are much more important than some fish.

Some may argue this is selfish. I >>> roy.long@ttu.edu

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disagree. How can we expect to help improve the world if our lives selfishness, it is prioritization.

This is not to discount limwhich side of the line we fall on, we must admit that the so-called Tea Party activities have made an impact for increased fiscal is insulting to hear the Senate We all know them. They are the Majority Leader claiming such ac-

> However, we should look to the example of the Founding Fathers for the balance between political activism and keeping our mouths shut when they should be.

> Former President George Washfought in the Revolutionary War, but after presenting himself and 1783, he immediately returned to Mount Vernon for the years of the Articles of the Confederacy. He is known as the American Cincinnatus, who was offered great political power but declined it for weightier

It may be easy to make fun of unholy three in office, (President Barack Obama, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Viewing life through the lens of Leader Harry Reid) but it is not

> ■ Long is a junior Russian and area studies major from Lubbock.

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Politics shouldn't Haiti, Chile remind us to always prepare

Tatrina. Haiti. Chile. We associate these words with natural disasters. At the same time, we are disassociated with the realities of the situation.

Here in Lubbock the worst we ever come in contact with is a snow storm or a tornado. These still pose serious risks, of course, but they do

breaks away from the calm stereo- Granted, my residence is in type and reminds us at the most the northwestern part inopportune moment that it is still of Houston, but here. Not to say Earth is chaos, but that does not it has its fair share of uncontrollable mean that a flood moments. Therefore, we should al- will not occur or ways brace for the worst. In that way, high winds will there are not "minimum" supplies, not press against but maximum supplies. It's better to my windows. be safe than sorry.

In cities like Houston, there are Chile is expelists of common hurricane supplies riencing afterfound at the local grocery store. It shocks of at least can range from baby formula to pet 5.0 on the Richter

not come around nearly as often as ing until civilization is back to nornatural disasters that hit the coast mal. For instance, I would not buy In addition, each truck is driven to of preparation other than general, Earth is like a wild animal. It, prepare for an incoming hurricane. day. Even though it is an effort

food, and it can be more than a page scale as of Monday. Haiti is still Referring back to disaster plans, toll at the moment in Haiti, the citizens to state-run Web sites, none major from The Woodlands. these lists need to assist us in surviv- government there stated it has of which are specific to the needs >> colleen.gartner@ttu.edu

Haiti is impaired. It wasn't much of a government to begin with, making the earthquake a recipe for disaster. According to the Miami Herald, bodies have been transported in dump trucks dozens at a time, with at least updated daily. However, it does not 80 trucks in operation at this time. one day's supply of food in order to mass graves at least five times every common-sense type advice.

> has been im- unfeasible. plemented. So, should

amount of wind, dust storms, tor- community to prepare for the folnados, floods or a mass exodus? Just long. These lists remind me of "bring a mess, even with the flock of by visiting the city's Web site for has been a very rough winter, and this, leave that" dorm lists. Even volunteers who have travelled to emergency preparedness, the list of there's no telling what will come though it may seem like these lists assist in the search and rescue of recommended supplies is no more around next year. are one-time lists, they affect how thousands of Haitians. Although than ten items, none of which focus we live throughout the entire year. there is no exact, reliable death on food or water. It then forwards

laid at least 200,000 people to of West Texans. Similarly, a person preparing along the coast will not Of course, the government in need snow chains for tires, but a person in Lubbock might.

Now, Texas Tech has an emergency communications center through TechAlert, which notifies students through e-mail and phone. It is even help students very well in terms

Indeed, much of safety is derived on behalf of the from common sense, but needs government, still exist. On-campus stores like it represents Sam's Place should stock up before what hap- a winter storm approaches, and at pens when the very least a student should buy little to no a loaf of bread in case any travel, preparation even by foot, becomes completely

Although much of the winter season has passed for Lubbock, it Lubbock have does not mean our preparedness a preparedness list should stop. At the very least, it of its own to cope with large represents an opportunity for the lowing year. After all, this winter

■ Gartner is a senior business

At universities, is better learning a click away?

white devices on their desks.

son's desk told him that 92 percent of the cost of purchasing a clicker. class had correctly answered the question the concept.

television game shows — first appeared in digital tablets is a losing battle. college classrooms over a decade ago and have since spread to just about every colto cheaper and better technology.

how sophisticated they should be.

Some professors like Dubson endorse are using them.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The simple, straightforward devices that stick students in Michael Dubson's physics class to multiple choice questions. Others that students like using the devices and in Dubson's class of 250. at the University of Colorado fell silent as embrace fancier models or newer applicaa multiple choice question flashed on a tions for smart phones and laptops that alscreen, sending them scrambling for small low students to query the professor by text or e-mail during the lecture or conduct Within seconds, a monitor on Dub- discussion with classmates—without the

Those preferring simplicity say paredon kinetic energy, a sign that they grasped down remotes reduce distractions in Journal of Psychology. a multitasking world, while others say Clickers—not unlike gadgets used on fighting the march to smart phones and

large science lecture halls as a way of are questions that spark discussion and nature makes attendance part of students' lege and university in the country thanks gauging whether students understood the get students to explain concepts to each grade, said Maximilian Bondrescu, a Fort material. They have since migrated into other. What doesn't is using them sporadi- Collins, Colo., junior. But as clickers have become com- smaller classrooms and can be found in cally or for rote memorization. Students monplace, a divide has emerged over just unursing and other professional schools. also become resentful when they're used tradevice to carry around. It runs on bat-Even middle schools and high schools to play attendance cop and spring pop teries and the batteries run out. But mostly

Research at the college level has found attendance often goes up. But results are mixed when it comes to learning. Some only modest gains in retention and test scores, while other studies have detected little or no improvement, according to a November article in the North American

be used very badly or well."

Clickers first gained popularity in cording to Dubson and other professors, of someone's grade — the system by its

Clickers get mostly positive reviews

William Powell, a junior from Durango, Colo., saw two benefits: "It's good evidence suggests clicker use has led to impetus to pay attention and not let your mind wander during the lecture. You can see how other people are doing compared to you ... and analyze why someone may have picked a different answer."

The praise wasn't universal. Even "It's not magic," Dubson said. "It can though Dubson keeps the stakes low clicker questions are bonus points and What works with the clickers, account for a maximum of two percent

'Plus it's an expense," he said. "An ex-I don't like the attendance thing.'

Analysis: For Obama, Iraq elections are good news

sumed by domestic battles over health relieved. care and the ravaged economy, President First among them: the Iraq election.

Insurgent attacks on polling staextraordinary security measures in place, of Iraq," the president said. including closure of the country's borders

of good news from overseas, and of the year. when he appeared in the White Iraqis on the big turnout in the that he campaigned for the White fighters.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conface of violence, Obama seemed House vowing to end the conflict and lowing refuge to key Afghan Taliban and

The day had passed without an explo-Barack Obama had nearly fallen silent sion of bloodshed that has marked a war on foreign policy — until Sunday, when in which tens of thousands of Iraqis died several things began breaking his way. and more than 4,300 Americans have lost their lives.

"Today's voting makes it clear that tions killed at least 36 people even with the future of Iraq belongs to the people

Success in the elections moves the and the Baghdad international airport. United States a step closer to its pledge But American officials and Iraqis had of pulling combat troops out of Iraq by Aug. 31 and to withdraw the remaining The president has seen a paucity 50,000-strong security force by the end

The successful vote was a notch in House Rose Garden to congratulate Obama's political belt as well, given

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refocus on the Afghan war.

Also Sunday and after months of frustration, Palestinians said they were ready for indirect negotiations with Israel.

The United States will act as mediator for the indirect talks, with Vice President Joe Biden attending meetings in the region this week. Former Sen. George Mitchell, Obama's special Mideast envoy,

also is returning to facilitate the process. There was good news as well in Afghanistan, where provincial officials said as many as 100 members of the powerful Hezb-e-Islami militia, loyal to regional warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, were joining forces with U.S.-backed Afghan security forces in the fight against Taliban

a seeming break from their policy of al- and Europe.

al-Qaida members, have captured several key leaders of those organizations over the past several weeks.

But many of the most daunting foreign policy challenges that faced Obama a year ago remain and fester.

And that will leave the foreign policy establishment working feverishly. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton likely will continue her relentless travel.

The most daunting foreign policy issue: Iran. Tehran is believed to have hastened attempts to build a nuclear bomb to put atop a missile.

While Iran asserts it is only trying to build reactors for electricity generation, a new report from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to the contrary has And in Pakistan, the authorities, in deepened concerns in the United States

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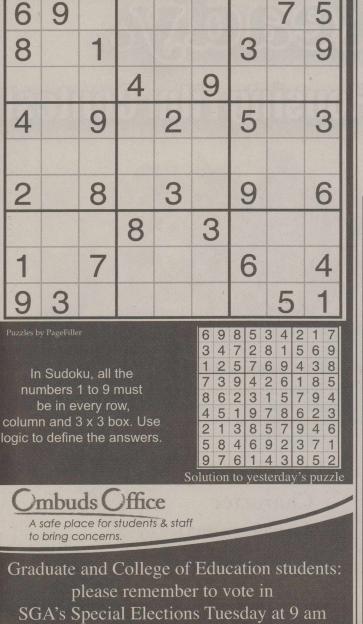
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Latest Zelda great despite flaws

not trying to find out how it fits in chrono-

logically with the original game on the

NES from the '80s. All you need to know

is you're trying to stop the resurrection of

Yes, weird. But surprisingly effective.

the game here and there. One of the most

actually accompanies Link throughout

She often shows up to speak her mind

an active role in the games that bear her

name, but at least she gets to shine a little

The "Zelda" series has also been

enemies and solve puzzles.

"The Legend of Zelda" has been around for a long time, and although the series always has been known for extremely high quality and great innovation, its formula hasn't really changed in the 20-plus years it's been around.

Playing as the iconic Nintendo hero Link, you explore, you find dungeons, you solve puzzles, you get items, you fight bosses and you save Princess Zelda, if not the entire world.

Long-time fans of the series usually this world. You're just probably better off can predict exactly how certain aspects of a "Zelda" game will go, and "The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks" for the Nintendo DS is no exception.

However, "Spirit Tracks" tries to build a demon king, and you can only do that by some of the innovations introduced in restoring train tracks across the world. its Nintendo DS predecessor, "Phantom Hourglass," and it manages to trump that game in many ways.

In both games, you use the DS stylus notable is the fact the titular Princess Zelda almost exclusively, touching the screen to make Link walk, run, interact with most of his adventure across the land of objects and fight monsters. This still works Hyrule. surprisingly well, and it's a great showcase

But one of the greatest flaws in "Phantom Hourglass" was it could get repetitive, and Nintendo thankfully has solved much of this via better pacing of the main adventure. The story and action move along well, and things usually manage to remain fresh.

The story takes place 100 years in "Spirit Tracks." after "Phantom Hourglass," which was a sequel to "The Wind Waker" on the notable for its use of musical instruments, Tracks" is a great experience, particularly is a completely different Link and a completely different Zelda, thus making the "Zelda" series timeline even more weird and confusing.

Nintendo manages to tell a good story in as catchy as those from the series' past, the **peele@ttu.edu.**

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This is because she is interning for her

"I get to talk to people from my area,"

she said, "and I get hear about the main

concerns that affect my district."

credit, Currier said.

of the Tech program.

Intern -

for the staff.

way you play the flute tops anything that came before it. You actually blow into the DS's microphone and slide the flute left pushing buttons does.

But the game sadly isn't without its flaws, and ironically the biggest flaw is the thing that was supposed to be the biggest

Sure, it's cool to see Link riding a train

In "Spirit Tracks," you have no such

Everything else is great. The dungeons for why the DS is a great portable gaming or offer some advice, but in certain sec- are fun, the puzzles are tricky and the tions of the game you actually can direct combat works well. But the entire method her movement with the stylus, allowing for traveling to dungeon to dungeon is a

> In addition to the sizable single-player It's sort of amazing that in all these story, there's a multiplayer mode for up years, Zelda never really has had such to four players with only one copy of the game required. However, I will probably never touch it again. It's honestly nothing to write home about.

But even with these blemishes, "Spirit GameCube back in 2003. As such, this especially since "Ocarina of Time" on for a handheld system. It definitely will the Nintendo 64, which prompted many please series fans and is easy to recommend

"Spirit Tracks" lets you play the Spirit Peele is The DT's opinions But in the end, that's OK, because Flute, and although its songs aren't quite editor. E-mail him at britton.

unable to leave Sometimes I'm Lubbock for an entire semester will have the opportunity to work in Sen. research projects. I

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cluded) to purchase an ocarina.

Gilbert said he is considering conthis year, Currier said. "Tech interns have always been verting his expe-

hard working. They get along well rience in Washwith the staff and with the constitu- ington into a caents and are always welcome in our reer as a lobbyist office," he said. "(Brady's constituents) or working in a call the office and expect to talk to Congressional someone from the East Coast. They District Office are pleasantly surprised to hear a Texas when he returns to Texas.

Gilbert said his work in the office varies from day to day. He said he ence is great, and answers constituent mail, e-mail and I recommend it phone calls and does research on bills to everyone,' Gilbert said. "Sometimes I'm given small re-There are

search projects," he said. "I know the smaller things that I do are helping the government internships for stu-Angie Sims, a junior public rela- dents to particitions major from Hale Center, said pate in: one in she especially enjoys the aspect of Austin and one her job that deals with constituents. in Lubbock.

AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS

Every two years, when the state March 23 in Administration building hometown district's representative's oflegislature is in session, students have Room 171.

and right using the touch screen. It feels far more like playing an instrument than deal: the train.

around this fantasy world, but it makes moving around the world far too constricting. "Zelda" games of old had huge, fascinating world maps full of secrets and little side things to occupy yourself with when you weren't on your main quest.

freedom. Your movement is limited to There are a few neat innovations in where the train tracks can take you. And riding around on these tracks can be slow and incredibly tedious. As such, I hardly spent any time doing side quests or "exploring" Hyrule, as it was more of a pain than anything else.

her and Link to work together to battle huge bummer.

nerdy children worldwide (myself in- to a large variety of gamers.

Students are able to make great The next year for the Austin internship

The Lubbock internship was added

Students John Cornyn's

tion session for building Room

Applications

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Sims said. "Tech interns have a fourminute walk." Gilbert said he enjoys the opportunity to visit museums and monuments anytime he wants, his favorite of which

Hill. Sims said this is one of the perks

a 45-minute metro ride each way,"

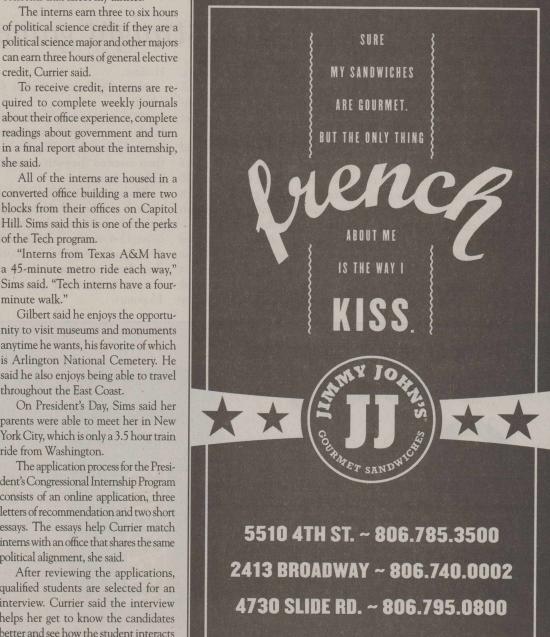
is Arlington National Cemetery. He said he also enjoys being able to travel throughout the East Coast.

On President's Day, Sims said her parents were able to meet her in New York City, which is only a 3.5 hour train ride from Washington.

The application process for the President's Congressional Internship Program consists of an online application, three letters of recommendation and two short essays. The essays help Currier match interns with an office that shares the same political alignment, she said.

After reviewing the applications, qualified students are selected for an interview. Currier said the interview helps her get to know the candidates better and see how the student interacts with other people.

"We look for more than a perfect GPA," she said, "We look for articulate, conversational and well-rounded students."



FREAKY FAST DELIVERY!

'Battlefield: Bad Company 2' takes warfare gaming to new, serious level

From the outset, it's pretty clear "Battlefield: Bad Company 2" is a much more serious take on modern military warfare than its predecessor.

Take one look at the trendy cover art and you'll know that the outlandish story and oddball humor of the first Bad Company nately less-intriguing plot.

That's not to say, however, completing the disappointingly short, six-hour story, a mild wave it was all over.

First and foremost, the game

is almost immaculate in its techni-The game borrows cal aspects as DICE's quite a bit from Frostbite en-'Modern Warfare gine totally does its job, 2'-while making wowing you right from a few jokes at its the get-go. The draw expense - with

distance is impressive and allows you to see entire mountain ranges at once; particle effects

such as dust, smoke and burning look pretty spectacular. You'll textures or some blocky shadows, but recalling those specific to mention funny. instances is an admittedly dif-

sounds are manipulated by the

Outdoor gunshots heard from

Timothy Poon

game has taken a backseat to a is a door or window nearby, if the more traditional and unfortu- door or window is still intact, and building's materials. The War Tapes audio option alone turns every the fun is gone. In fact, upon firefight into a scene from "Black Hawk Down."

Unfortunately, the story doesn't of depression hit after I realized exactly live up to these parts of the game. As opposed to the decidedly

> quirky nature of the first "Bad Company," the sequel is as cliché as possible.

your squad Bravo Two are directed by a track down an States.

realism; and textures generally be minimal dialogue and minimal vehicle. entertainment, which makes it probably run into a few blurry surprising to find that in-game, your squad is actually quite chatty, not For the most part, though, the

experience-based

upgrades.

gameplay makes up for the exceed-Similarly impressive is the ingly bland plot. Your highly ensound design of "Bad Com- tertaining squadmates are perfectly you're likely to spend most of your pany 2." Although effects overall capable of taking down enemies on time, though, and with its "carrot sound great, the true star is how their own, a departure from other on a stick" reward system, it's probshooters that require you to take ev- ably where you'll spend the rest of eryone out all by your lonesome.

You actually will be relying on inside a building will resonate your squad a fair amount as the endifferently depending on if there emy AI is quite intelligent. Enemies

will use the game's destructible environments to their advantage as they lay down thick, suppressive fire and quickly force you out of

Unfortunately, this incessant blanket of enemy fire seems to never end and sets the game at an uncomfortably brisk pace, though it never feels quite as frantic or as frenzied as the first game.

Luckily, "Battlefield" games are known for their online multiplayer, and "Bad Company 2" is no exception as the single player graphics, sound, and pitch-perfect controls translate extremely well.

The game borrows quite a bit from "Modern Warfare 2" — while making a few jokes at its expense — with experience-based upgrades. You gain points for killing opposing players, getting assists, and completing objectives, allowing you to unlock weapons and perks as you level up.

It even implements the little "you're hitting something" X that grizzled CIA pops up when you fire, a feature veteran around that should be standard in every the world to shooter by now.

What makes "Bad Company 2" evil Russian different, though, is how the game who wants to is played. While any single person use a secret can win a match for the whole team super weapon in "Modern Warfare 2," this game to take down requires you to work together to the United win. Simple communication can turn medics, engineers, assault The cutscenes are also very players and recon snipers into a airborne debris slather on the cut and dry with what seems to wrecking force greater than any

To be perfectly clear, "Bad Company 2" is very good game. The single player portion is fairly short and sports a rather bland story, but the technical aspects and gameplay make it absolutely worth it.

The online multiplayer is where your free time as well.

■ Poon is The DT's tech critic.

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series against Gonzaga

After suffering three losses 2-for-4 with at the Houston College Classic, a run and Bar-Texas Tech baseball hopes to rett Barnes bounce back with a strong showing in its mid-week series against with an RBI

The Red Raiders face the Bulldogs at 6:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Wednesday at Dan Law Field. Tech is coming off an 11-2 loss to TCU, a 3-2 loss to Rice and a 15-8 loss to Houston in the Houston College Classic this weekend.

It's the first consecutive losing streak for the Red Raiders this season and it drops Tech

If the Red Raiders want to avoid another loss, they'll have to get through a solid Gonzaga team.

The Bulldogs, at 4-4, have not played a game at home this season. They are 2-1 on the road and 2-3 in games at neutral

Gonzaga features Andy Hunter, who leads the team with a .457 batting average through eight games. His 16 hits also are tied for the team lead and he has the most RBIs by far. He is the only Bulldog who has doubledigit RBIs.

The Red Raiders saw some solid performances this weekend, despite the three losses. Tech left fielder Michael Reed went went 2-for-4 against TCU.

Bonham Hough was key for the Red Raiders

in the Rice game — he hit a tworun home run when Tech was down 2-0 in the seventh.

The most offense Tech produced during the weekend was against Houston on Sunday. The Red Raiders had eight hits and eight RBIs, but it wasn't enough to keep up with the Cougars, who scored 13 of their 15 runs through the first two innings.

The Houston College Classic also was the first time the Red Raiders played away from Dan Law Field. After the mid-week series against Gonzaga, Tech will be on the road a little more. The Red Raiders have a three-game series at TCU, a game at Texas State and a three-game series at Texas A&M after the Tuesday and Wednesday matchups.

Players and coaches were not available for the media Monday after the team's flight landed early that morning. The team was scheduled to land Sunday night, but fog delayed the flight.

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Tech baseball begins Tech men's tennis looks ahead with 10-match winning streak

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's tennis team is riding high with a 10-match winning streak and the second most wins in the Big 12 Conference.

No. 18 Tech won its third straight HEB Tournament by defeating Louisiana-Lafayette, No. 64 Western Michigan and No. 23 BYU this weekend in Corpus Christi.

The Red Raiders will condition this week, but will be back on the courts Thursday in preparation for the Blue-Gray Classic.

"I was really proud of their effort," Tech coach Tim Siegel said this weekend. "Their focus and most importantly the way they were as a team, they were really supporting each other. It was great to see. I was really proud of the way they performed."

The Red Raiders have more than a week to prepare for the biggest tournament of the year, the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala. The tourney lasts for four days and includes 16.

went 2-1 as its only loss came to No. this season. 4 Tennessee, but its two wins work against Virginia Commonwealth and Oklahoma State.

Big 12 schools competing in the Three of those have occurred during



TEXAS TECH'S RAONY Carvalho and the men's tennis team are riding a 10-match winning streak after winning the HEB Tournament this weekend.

tournament. The other two are No. 67 Oklahoma State and No. 21 Oklahoma. Other notables include No. 28 Fresno State and No. 35 Arizona.

But the Red Raiders have made In last year's tournament, Tech strides compared to other Big 12 squads

At 12-1, Tech's only loss is against Cal at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships. Tech has blanked This year, Tech is one of three seven teams with either 7-0 or 4-0 wins.

the last four matches. The Red Raiders also have pulled out two 4-3 wins.

At this time last year, Tech had only compiled eight wins, and was ranked No. 33 in the nation. Heading into this year's Blue-Gray Classic, Tech is expected to be the highest-ranked

Siegel said the ranking is not the biggest factor looking ahead to this tournament, but rather the location.

"I've always been a big fan of play-

ing neutral site matches," he said, "because I feel like our team is going to be tougher and more as a team than other teams. That usually is the deciding factor in neutral-site matches, but we've got opportunities, that's the way I look at the Blue-Gray."

Players were not available for comment Monday. After the Blue-Gray Classic, Tech has three more nonconference matches before Big 12 play. » joshua.koch@ttu.edu

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Porter looking forward to nationals after improving mark By TOMMY MAGELSSEN One week before the track and field indoor NCAA Championships, Texas Tech athletes were competing to try and improve their seasonal marks in order to make the trip to nationals in Fayetteville, NCAA Championships.

In Seattle, senior pole-vaulter Brian Porter said he knew he had nothing to lose as he tried to earn a spot in the

STAFF WRITER

"Especially in the last chance meet, you're not worrying about what place you're getting," he said. "There's no points to get, it's nothing like that. You're not trying to go out and beat this guy. It's all about you and the bar and what you've got to do that day to jump."

Coming into the University of Wash- their mark.

ington Last Chance meet, Porter had jumped a season best 17 feet, 3 inches.

On Saturday, Porter jumped a new indoor personal best of 17-7.75 inches and qualified for nationals. "It came down to the last deal," he

said. "I mean I had one meet to do it, and I felt like I had nothing to lose. That's what I really thought, I had nothing to lose. Go there, try to jump the best I can. I did."

Porter was not the only Red Raider in action Saturday, both the men's and women's 4x400-meter relay teams were in Ames, Iowa to try to improve their times before the championships.

The women's team of Candace Jackson, Trudeann Clarke, Erica Alexander and Taylor Evans were not too worried about qualifying for nationals, but just wanted to run comfortably and improve

However, Evans said other last chance meets were going on across the nation before their race and they had an impact on the relay teams' mindset.

"Before we started the race, we found out we got pushed down three spots so we got there and we just — we just put our heads together and, 'We got to do it now,' and we stepped it up big time,"

After hearing they dropped three spots, they went on to run a season-best mark of 3 minutes, 35.22 seconds. The time clinched the relay team's spot in eighth-best in the nation.

Evans ran the anchor leg and said she was looking at the clock as she crossed the finish line but did not celebrate until she knew the official time with her

"I was tired, but I forgot I was tired," she said. "I was all smiling and jumping up and down with them. It was good." The men's relay team of Bryce Brown,

Zach Plinario, Jamaal Butler and LaToy Williams ran a season-best 3:07.27 to place them ninth in the nation.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said his athletes have not had too much success at last chance meets, but this year they improved on three marks.

"It's great to send a senior to a last chance meet and then he make it," he said regarding Porter. "And that's renationals and the mark ranks them ally what happened to our 4x4 men and women, they all ran better. We just helped ourselves by going to last chance.'

Tech track and field will compete in the indoor NCAA Championships on Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville. >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

RED RAIDERS WHO EARNED AUTOMATIC BIDS TO THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BEFORE LAST CHANCE MEETS

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UConn wins NCAA record 71st straight game

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — the Big East conference tournathe record books.

Charles scored 16 points and double digits. Moore added 11 to help top-ranked Connecticut win an NCAA record 71st straight game — a 59-44 victory over No. 6 Notre Dame on win its 16th Big East conference Monday night in the semifinals of tournament championship. the Big East tournament.

UConn surpassed its own mark set from Nov. 9, 2001, to March 11, 2003. Unlike that amazing run, which ended in a loss in Dame (27-5), UConn improved

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Tina Charles, Maya Moore and ment semifinals to Villanova, the latest Connecticut Huskies this Huskies team has thoroughly dynasty now has its own place in dominated its opponents in every game, winning all of them by

> either West Virginia or Rutgers on Tuesday night with a chance to

Even top teams haven't posed much of a challenge for the Huskies during their remarkable run.

With Monday's win over Notre

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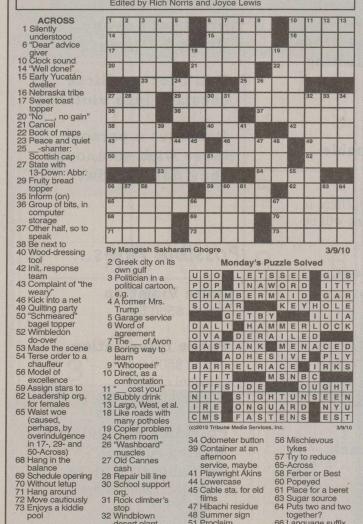
to 13-0 against top-10 opponents, winning by an average of 26.2 points. Even second-ranked Stanford lost by 12 when the teams met in late December.

UConn has rarely even trailed Connecticut (32-0) will face during its streak. The Huskies have been behind for a total 86 minutes in the 71 games. It's been even more uncommon for UConn to be down in the second half only facing a deficit three times after intermission. None of those scares lasted long. There hasn't been a need for any late-game rallies or last-second shots by the

Notre Dame kept it close for

UConn only led 25-22 at the break — its lowest scoring output in nearly three years. The Huskies then asserted themselves, led be Kalana Greene.

The senior hit just one of eight shots in the first 20 minutes, but scored the first four points of a decisive 13-4 run that gave UConn a 49-35 lead with 9:00 left. Moore's deep 3-pointer capped the spurt. Greene finished the game with 15 points.



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Lady Raiders learn from rough season Canadian doctor says

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Saying that the Lady Raiders' 2009-10 season has been up and down could be an understatement.

Every season has its good and bad moments, but it seemed like Tech players endured the highest of highs and witnessed the lowest of lows.

The latest example of the Lady Raiders' roller coaster ride was a 58-55 overtime loss against Missouri on Sunday. The Tigers are statistically the worst team in the Big 12 Conference.

"(Sunday) was gut-wrenching and again, it's not about always falling, but it's how you get up and how you handle it," Tech head coach Kristy

The loss wrapped up what was a tough year in the Big 12 Conference, considering the depth of the league. Tech finished conference play at 5-11, which may not be what the team expected considering its start.

Tech began Big 12 play with a 13-2 record, including wins against UCLA - the second best team in the Pac-10 Conference — and New Mexico. Tech's two losses prior to Big 12 play came at the hands of Southeastern Conference champion Tennessee and Conference USA champion Tulsa.

But the Lady Raiders didn't see immediate success in Big 12 play. Tech started 1-7 in conference play, its only win coming against Colorado in the United Spirit Arena. Despite the record, seven of those eight losses came against Associated Press Top 25 opponents.

A stretch like that seemed to help many of the younger players on the team, since Tech only suits up three seniors in Ashlee Roberson, Jordan Murphree and Tilmila Martin. The Lady Raiders lineup includes freshmen guards Monique Smalls and Christine Hyde.

But Roberson said the seniors have had to, and will continue to, pave the way for teammates.

"You've got three seniors on the team and like six or seven freshmen on the team," she said. "You have nobody elsewhere to lead, that's what we have to do as the older people on opportunity. the team. I think that it's time for pose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

us to step up and do what we need

That leadership became even more important when Kierra Mallard, Tech's leading scorer at the time, was suspended indefinitely by Curry for undisclosed reasons.

Following Mallard's suspension, the Lady Raiders lost to Texas in Austin by 30 points. Tech forward Jordan Barncastle started in Mallard's absence, which ended up becoming a strength for the team. Tech was 2-2 without Mallard.

Mallard said the suspension motivated her to show people she had changed for the better.

"Yes, to prove to everybody that I can do it and to be quiet," she said. "It was time for me to learn from it and then just grow from it.'

An NCAA tournament berth seemed to be within grasp after the Lady Raiders won games against Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Kansas and

of the regular season provided the biggest shots to Tech's postseason

After losing 80-70 to OSU on Senior Day, Tech had to bounce back against Brittney Griner and Baylor. BU dealt the Lady Raiders another loss, but more importantly, Griner probably knocked out Barncastle for the rest of the season when the 6-foot-8 phenom punched her in the second half of that game.

Barncastle sat out against Missouri because of a fractured nose and her status is being handled day-by-day.

Although the Lady Raiders didn't end the season the way they wanted, Curry said the one thing her team always does is respond to adversity, which they hope to do heading into the Big 12 tournament.

"It's not always about how hard you fall," Curry said. "It's about what you do when you get up. We talk a lot about that, and there's been some hard times that we've gone through and they always seem to get up. Hopefully we can respond from the three hard times we've had lately.

"It's a brand new season — it's season No. 3 and we've got a great



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However, the last three games TEXAS TECH'S JORDAN Murphree and Nebraska's Lindsey Moore fight for the ball during one of the Lady Raiders' games earlier this season. The Lady Raiders are preparing for the Big 12 Tournament.

Murphree, Roberson honored by Big 12

Texas Tech seniors Ashlee Roberson and Jordan Murphree were honored Tuesday when the two earned All-Big 12 Conference Honorable Mention selec-

The honors are voted on by conference coaches and were announced by the league office Monday.

Roberson is tied with Murphree as the team's leading scorer, averaging a team-high 12.4 points per game. She also leads the team with 8.6 rebounds per game. Roberson is second on the team in blocks with 24 this season. Roberson had 10 of her career 13 double-doubles this season.

Murphree has started every game for the Lady Raiders and ranks second on the team in both assists and steals with 94 and 57, respectively. She eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in her career against UCLA on

The Lady Raiders, however, believe the Big 12 missed one Tech player when the honors were announced. Point guard Monique Smalls

leads the team in assists and steals, but was not named to the Big 12 All-Freshman Team, which came as a surprise to Tech coach Kristy Curry.

Baylor's Brittney Griner and Iowa State's Anna Prins highlight the Big 12 All-Freshman

Tech coaches and players believed Smalls would be named to the squad after the season she had.

"I felt like she deserved that," Curry said. "We can't vote for our own, but if I could I definitely would have. I think a lot of times when coaches go and vote, they go and look at points scored. I think you have to measure her value, her worth and so many more little things.'

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HGH was for him

doctor at the center of drug investigations in Canada and the United States said Monday he treated Alex Rodriguez after the Yankees slugger had hip surgery last year and prescribed anti-inflammatories but not human growth hormone.

Dr. Anthony Galea also told The Associated Press an assistant who was stopped at the U.S.-Canadian border in Buffalo, N.Y., last year was carrying only a minuscule amount of HGH — which Galea said was for his own use. The doctor the drug to an athlete.

"I only brought enough for her to do two injections into me because I was away for two nights," said Galea, who believes authorities and the media have exaggerated the accusations involving him and his practice.

"They made it look like I had two doses were for me and you in the rehab."

TORONTO (AP) - A sports think that someone along the line would ask 'Well how much is there?""

Rodriguez and other highprofile baseball players including Jose Reyes and Carlos Beltran have been contacted by U.S. federal investigators regarding Galea. Reyes and Beltran each say they did not receive HGH from Galea.

Rodriguez said last week he was "aware" of the investigation and plans to cooperate with the government. He declined comment again when asked about Galea after reiterated that he has never given he left New York's spring training game Monday against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Galea said that he helped with Rodriguez's rehabilitation from hip surgery last March.

"He had a damaged hip. Inflamed. It was damaged." Galea said in an interview at his clinic. "He needed anti-inflammatories 100 vials. I had one little vial and for his hip. I was basically helping

Guerrero says no hard feelings against Angels

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero smiled when asked if he hopes to prove he is still a productive

Texas' aging slugger is focused more on staying on the field, insisting before his first spring game against the Los Angeles Angels that he has no hard feelings for his former team.

"I just want God to keep me healthy and whatever happens happens," Guerrero said Monday through an interpreter. "I always smile, I'm always happy. I try not to change."

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The Angels showed little interest in retaining the eight-time All-Star and former American League MVP after he had two stints on the disabled list last season for a torn right pectoral muscle and strained left knee. After the Angels signed free-

agent Hideki Matsui and kept Bobby Abreu, the 35-year-old Guerrero got a one-year contract with the AL Westrival Rangers that guarantees him \$6.5 million and includes a mutual option for 2011.

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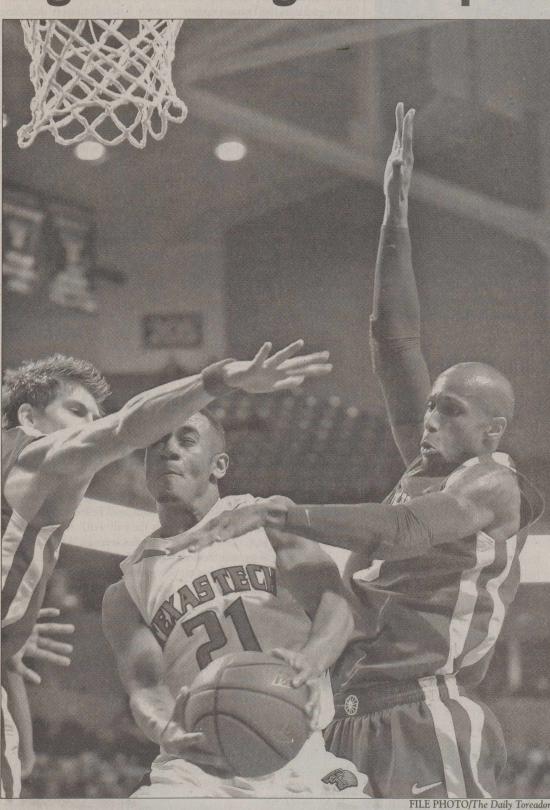
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7-game losing streak puts Red Raiders in tough spot



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By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Nick Okorie and the Texas Tech basketball team were on the top of the world in December. But a seven-game losing streak has the Red Raiders fighting an uphill battle.

The 101-90 loss at Colorado on Sunday wrapped up a season that started with optimism and ended on a sour note.

"The high points were beating Washington, beating UTEP, beating Oklahoma State and beating OU at OU, which was a big road win," Okorie said. "The low points have been pretty much our falling out right here with our seven-game losing streak."

At one point this season, Tech was ranked No. 16 and the first team in the nation to reach a 9-0 record. There were wins against No. 10 Washington in overtime and a comeback victory at TCU that had Tech rolling.

But Tech dropped its first game of the year on the road to Wichita State in Wichita, Kan., 85-83 and after that, Tech could not put together a winning streak greater than two games.

Tech opened up Big 12 Conference play with an 0-3 record after blowout losses at Oklahoma State and Kansas before dropping a home game against Missouri in overtime. But Tech bounced back in its next two games, defeating Iowa State and Oklahoma at home, and ultimately clawed its way back into the mix with a 4-5 conference record for a game against Texas A&M in Lubbock, which the Aggies won by two.

Tech never won another game after that, leaving many wondering: What happened to the ranked team from earlier this season?

Okorie believes it was the result of a snowball effect.

"I just feel like we lost a couple, then a couple of players lost confidence in what they're able to do," he said. "They got out of their row, they're not doing what they normally do. I just feel like we have to take a step back and kind of talk to each other and just kind of figure out how we can get everybody back into

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, their conference collapse only pushed them back to the No. 9 seed in the tournament where they will square off with their most familiar foe in No. 8-seeded Colorado at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

However, the losing streak has cost the Red Raiders almost all hope of postseason play.

Tech's best option of extending its season is winning the Big 12's automatic bid and the conference tournament. If the Red Raiders can beat Colorado in the rematch, they'll have to upset No. 1 Kansas in the tournament's quarterfinal round, then beat two more opponents to win the bid.

Players know there is no more room for losing at this point.

"I think we all know," forward Mike Singletary said. "We don't really have to talk about it anymore. I think we all know we've gotta win basketball games. If we win basketball games that will get us into the NIT and that will take care of itself. We've just got to win basketball

"It's something that doesn't have to be said anymore, we know what we've got to do."

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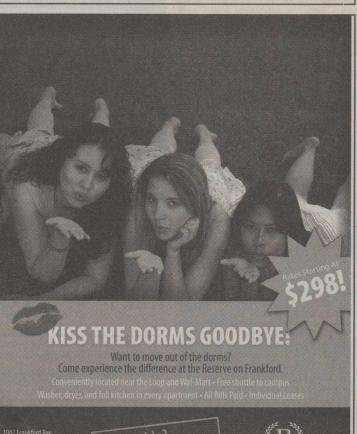
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Steelers QB attorney: 'No sexual assault'

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A high-profile defense attorney hired by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Monday disputed a college student's claim that the two-time Super Bowl winner sexually assaulted her at a Georgia nightclub.

The 20-year-old told police Roethlisberger, who had been out barhopping with friends, assaulted her early Friday. Roethlisberger has not been charged.

"The facts show that there was no criminal activity. No sexual assault occurred," attorney Ed Garland said in a statement Monday. "Ben is completely innocent of any crime."

Milledgeville police said at a press conference that they expect to interview Roethlisberger in the next several days. They said they have not taken a DNA sample from him but probably will.

Authorities also said the woman has hired an attorney, though they. would not identify him or her. The woman's name has not been released.

They expect to interview about eight people and said they are reviewing video footage obtained from several businesses. They declined to elaborate.

"The investigation is ongoing. It would be premature to make any announcement at this time," said Fred Bright, district attorney for the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit. "When the facts are in and a decision is made, we will let you know."

Roethlisberger, who owns a home about 30 miles north of Milledgeville on Lake Oconee, is also being sued by a woman who claims he raped her in 2008 at a hotel-casino in Lake Tahoe hotel and casino, an allegation he strongly denies.

Steelers President Art Rooney II said in a statement Monday that the team is closely monitoring the Milledgeville situation.