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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 Program coordinator. Students have the opportunity

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 once-in-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 government in action."

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 campaign effort, Deepali Butani and Mac Smith will go head-to-head again today for the Student Government Association vice president of Graduate and Professional Affairs.

Voting for the position starts at 9 a.m. today and ends at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Butani, a fifth-year graduate student in chemistry from New Delhi, India, said she wants to increase law library hours to those of the university library. She said she wants to increase graduate student employment and develop a waiver policy for university-provided health care for international students.

"I want to find out exactly what 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 two graduate vice presidents, she already has developed relationships with some of the officials the person who

wins the position will work with.

Smith, a second-year law school student from Pampa, said he agrees with Butani on the importance of international insurance exemptions, but wants to focus on other issues as well.

"Focusing almost exclusively on insurance is a disservice to students," Smith said.

Involvement with the law school as a law student gives him a "unique" perspective he can use to specifically address issues concerning the law school, he said. He also said being a graduate student allows him to understand issues facing law and graduate students.

Both candidates said they would like to increase the scholarship base, rate of retention and amount of representation given to graduate and professional students at Tech.

Drew Canham, elections commissioner, said the elections were delayed because when law school students

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 and Frenship ISD.

Ted Liggett, one of Leach's attorneys, refused to comment on the issue until depositions are completed Monday.

A hearing about the subpoena was scheduled for 9 a.m. March 26 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 do with the requests.

Attorneys for Frenship ISD also have filed a motion for protective order. The attorneys claim in the document that because the district is subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, school records may not be released without written consent of the parent.

Leach's attorneys have made four requests for documents, memoranda, correspondence and other writings from Frenship ISD regarding the Tuberville and the Tuberville family.

The first request is for documents about Tuberville and/or the Tuberville family.

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



LEACH

Any documents about interest in admission, potential admission and/or admission of members of the Tuberville family into Frenship ISD also was requested.

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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TUBERVILLE

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 government.

"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 issues.

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

Smart said he identifies himself as politically independent because of his tendency to be conservative about fiscal issues but liberal about social issues.

Brenda Smart, an Abilene resident of 25 years and Cody's mother, said she initially was shocked by her son's intent to be Lubbock's next mayor.

She said Cody is an inspired individual who "tries to make a difference wherever he is" and

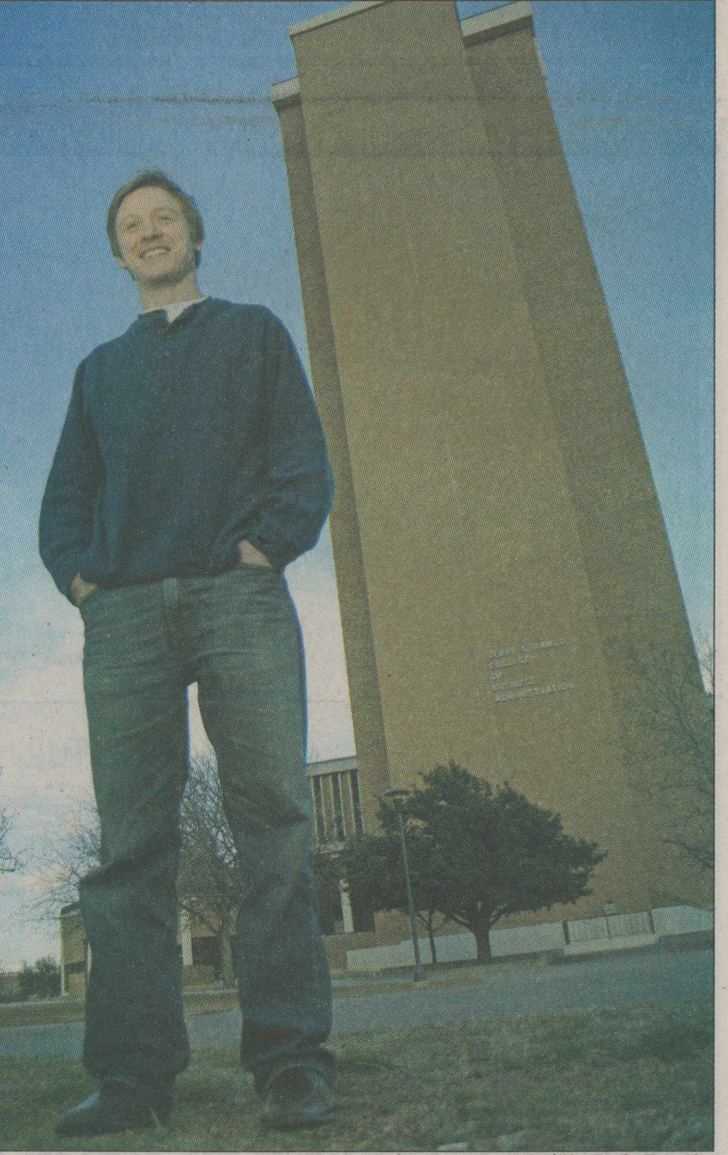


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

CODY SMART, A graduate student in business administration, is running for Lubbock mayor. The election is May 8.

"does his homework."

Brenda said Cody sees the opportunity to be the mayor of Lubbock as a solid stepping stone for his future. She said she is confident in Cody's ability to adapt and succeed in the face of a challenge.

"Cody is always prepared," Brenda said. "What he doesn't know, he learns."

She said she does not have any concerns about Cody's campaign

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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IN BRIEF

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

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

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 billion.

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 blame.

"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

OKULAR, 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 tremor knocked down stone and mud-brick houses in five villages, killing 51 people.

The damage appeared worst in the Kurdish village of Okular, 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 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 the error.

BREATH OF FRESH AIR



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/*The Daily Toreador*

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

Tech law school student earns bankruptcy award

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 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 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

to go out of their way to have these events for you to socialize and meet these people and allow you to network."

Walter Huffman, the academic dean of the Texas Tech School of Law, said Beck has had many accomplishments at the school.

Beck was chosen for this honor above law students in Texas, Louisiana and Missis-

sippi, Huffman said. He said Beck also won both of the awards in bankruptcy law given by the Tech School of Law.

Along with monetary awards from law school alumni, Huffman feels like the tough curriculum and rigorous courses in the department have provided Beck with a path for suc-

cess. Dean Pawlowic, a professor in

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."

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JOHN BECK
TECH LAW STUDENT

Mayor

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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 Building.

Other candidates in May's election for mayor, according to Lubbock City Secretary Becky Garza, are incumbent Mayor Tom Martin, Roger Settler and former Tech professor Richard Quade.

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 are of the most importance to his campaign.

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

GLENSIDE, Pa. (AP) — Stirring 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-

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 into law.

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.

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TAB refreshes winterized lips

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

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

The event was from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the Student Union Building. During that time more than 170 participants went through a line and selected one of the three types of containers, and then filled it using pipettes with one or more of the many flavors and scents of liquid lip balm. The 12 flavors could be mixed or layered and ranged from chocolate to lime. After that, the balm had to sit for a minute to solidify before the lid was put on, and then it was recommended to wait an hour before use.

TAB brought in Leon Entertainment, a company with equipment and supplies for the event. Jay Hirst, who owns the company, said he thought the

interactive component of the event was the best part.

"When you go to the store, you don't get to pick everything," Hirst said.

Participants were excited about the lip balm and the experience.

"I liked it. It was neat to do your own thing," said Erika Silva, a human development and family sciences major from Pampa.

The do-it-yourself aspect was key for many. Silva said she enjoyed most TAB events, but some of them only involved either watching something or, like a caricature sketch event she attended, "just sitting there," whereas making the lip balm, sampling the scents and choosing the containers was more fun. Silva said being allowed only one per person seemed to be the worst part.

"I had to make my boyfriend get in line to make one for my sister," she said.

While she thought it also would be a good addition to the creation if

colors could be added, she said she enjoyed the event.

Vanessa Aloma, a junior international business major from Dallas, said the event had been done before and was brought back by requests from students. Aloma is on the TAB daytime committee that hosted the event.

Aloma said students who enjoyed it before 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 popular," Hirst said. "They are all getting used up."

Jacob Surratt, a freshman English major from Alledo, used lime in his 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 events) in coolness level."

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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. I walked out of the stall, dressed and ready to go, when a whopping 3-inch American cockroach flew by me and landed on the door that led outside.

I nervously watched it — I'm almost positive it smirked menacingly — until someone opened the door and I made a mad dash outside, shouting a warning to the unsuspecting person as I fled.

Until now, the places I've lived during college never had any roach problems. The property managers sprayed for bugs regularly. Unfortunately, the place where I live currently takes a 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 problems.

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.



Tina Arons

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 pen.

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. My boyfriend, who watched the ordeal without offering to help, found it very amusing.

I'm not as pleased. As soon as it's dry enough outside, I'm going to surround our house with as many cockroach-killing substances as I can find. I would like to avoid using too many chemicals, because they are bad for the environment.

So far the only thing I know to try is diatomaceous earth. Any suggestions?

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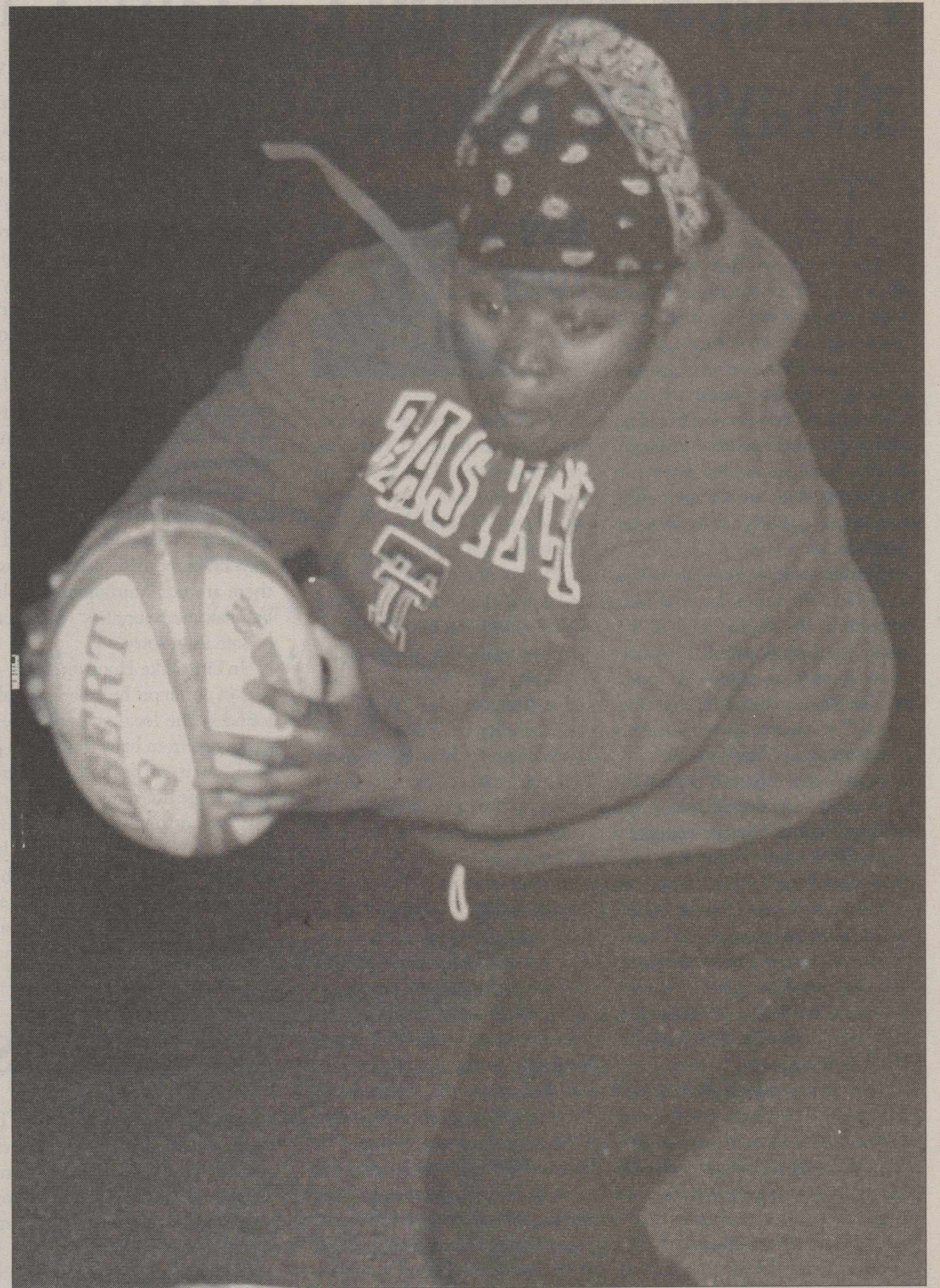
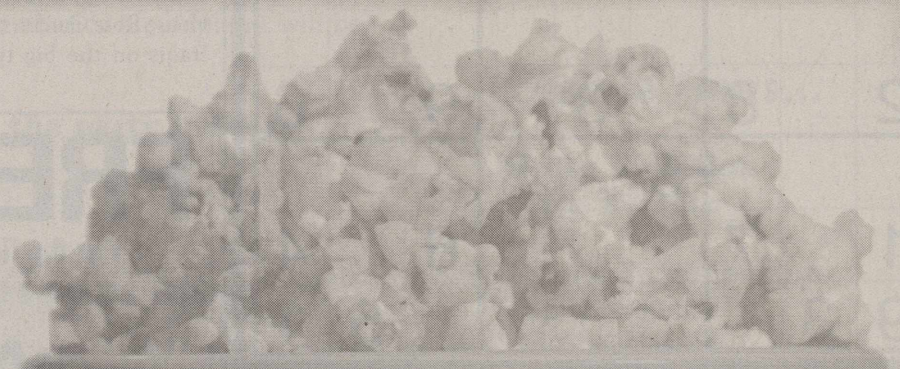


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JAMEILA WALKER, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, practices her diving for the Texas Tech women's rugby team Monday outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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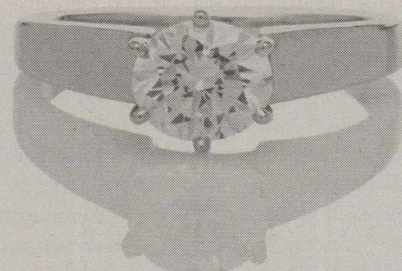
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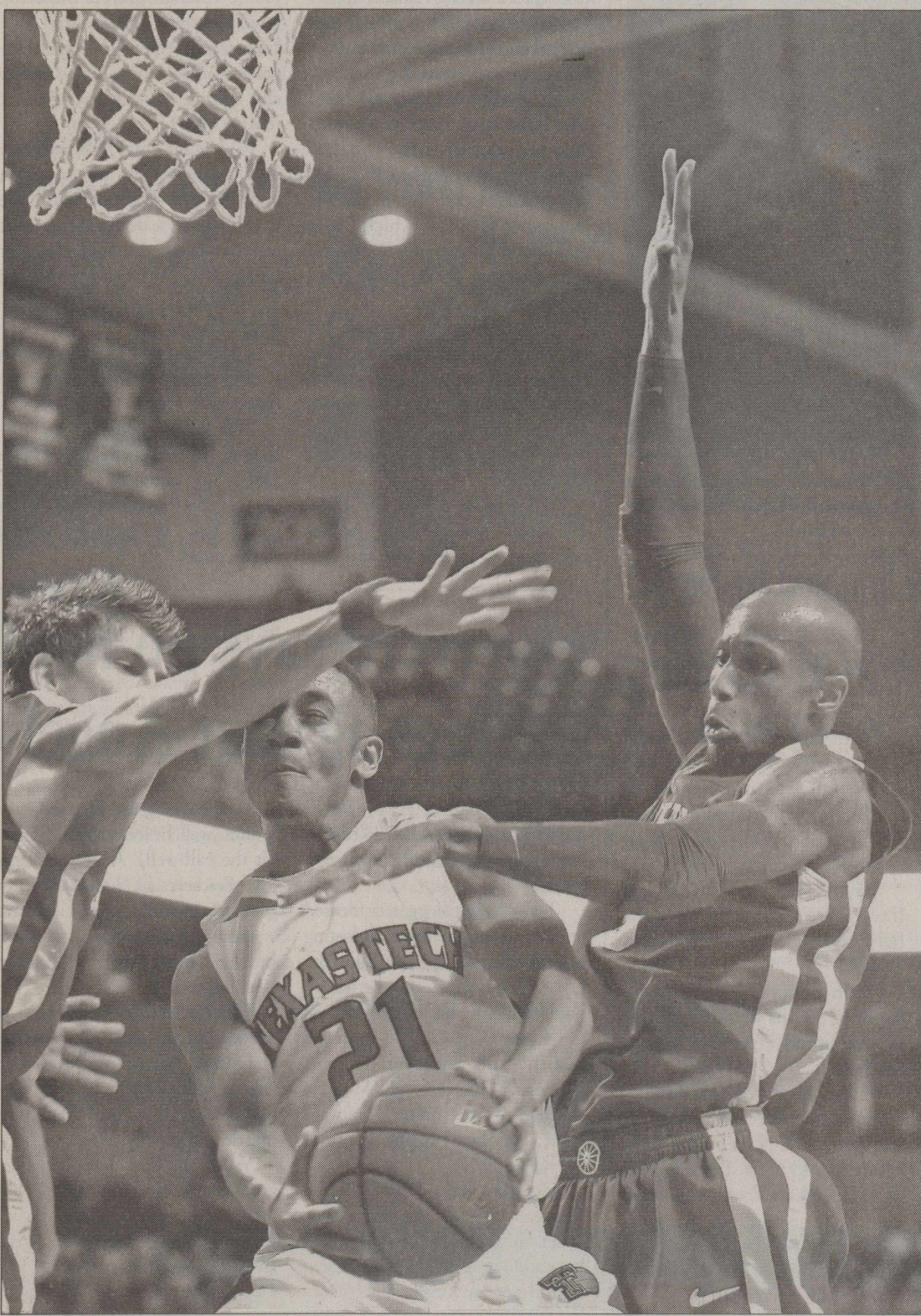
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7-game losing streak puts Red Raiders in tough spot



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH GUARD John Roberson and the Red Raiders will try to snap a seven-game losing streak against Colorado at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

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 their row."

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, their conference collapse only pushed them back to the No. 9 seed in the tourna-

ment 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 games."

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

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THE DT'S BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP PREDICTIONS

First Round Wednesday, March 10	Quarterfinals Thursday, March 11	Semifinals Friday, March 12	Championship Saturday, March 13
No. 8 Colorado 11:30 a.m.	No. 9 Texas Tech 11:30 a.m.	No. 1 Kansas	
No. 9 Texas Tech	No. 1 Kansas		
No. 5 Missouri 2 p.m.	No. 5 Missouri 2 p.m.	6 p.m.	No. 4 Texas A&M
No. 12 Nebraska	No. 4 Texas A&M	No. 4 Texas A&M	
No. 7 Oklahoma St. 6 p.m.	No. 7 Oklahoma St. 6 p.m.		5 p.m. No. 2 Kansas St.
No. 10 Oklahoma	No. 2 Kansas St.	No. 2 Kansas St.	
No. 6 Texas 8:30 p.m.	No. 6 Texas 8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	No. 2 Kansas St.
No. 11 Iowa St.	No. 3 Baylor 8:30 p.m.	No. 3 Baylor	

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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.

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