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Butani wins second graduate VP election

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
STAFF WRITER

One week later at the same time and in the same place, Deepali Butani defeated Mac Smith for the Student Government Association vice president of Graduate and Professional Affairs.

Butani garnered 230 votes to Mac Smith's 174 votes for the position.

Andrew Canham, election commissioner, thanked the candidates and described the week as a learning experience.

After the results were announced, Smith hugged Butani and congratulated her.

"I'd like to thank each and every person who voted for me this time and last time," said Butani, as she started to cry.

Both Butani and Smith agreed that despite having to wait an extra week, it was important to find out law school students have not been



BUTANI

able to vote for the position for the past seven years.

"Law school students should be able to vote," Smith said. "Cause the law school is underrepresented as a whole."

Butani said she is looking forward to working with the graduate vice president to train for next year.

"One of the first things I plan to do is clear up issues like law students being able to vote," Butani said, "so that this never happens again."

Rahul Kanungoe, current gradu-

ate vice president, said he was surprised as well that law school students have not been able to vote.

"We never faced this before," he said. "The person I ran against was from the business school. I even put posters up in the law school last year thinking law students were voting for me."

He also said he would meet up with the Law Bar Council to discuss the issue so it does not happen in the future.

He said the senate probably will write legislation regarding law

school students being able to vote for the vice president of Graduate and Professional Affairs position.

Suzanne Williams, SGA president, said because Butani's friendship with Kanungoe will help her take on the position.

"She has already been well informed by the current vice president and will be able to take emphasis on this year and make it her own next year," Williams said.

Now that it is known law school students were not able to vote, she said, steps will be taken so that issue will be corrected and it will not

be a problem in the future.

Canham said a solution for this moving forward is for the Student Government Association to have a committee ask questions about what was, what is and determine what should be five years from now.

Butani will go through a month of training with Kanungoe and then will be sworn in as an executive officer along with Drew Graham, president; Tyler Patton, external vice president; and Jenny Mayants, internal vice president, on April 16.

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Census Bureau to mail questionnaires Monday

By KATHERINE ROWE
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A brief questionnaire for the 2010 Census will be mailed Monday to Lubbock residents and Texas Tech students.

"This is the shortest census questionnaire in modern history," said Kimberly Murphy, a media specialist for the National Census Bureau. "It's only 10 questions. We hope that encourages people to fill them out and send them back."

She said the more people who fill out their forms and mail it back, the more money is brought back to communities.

"College students count themselves where they eat and sleep

most of the time," she said. "It's really important for students to know that they are counted on Texas Tech campus, and they need to tell their parents not to count them."

Murphy said the information citizens share in the census will be beneficial to their communities.

"This data helps with redistricting, distribution of congressmen, and over \$400 billion to your community for elementary school programs, senior citizen's centers and fixing roads," she said.

It also affects communities outside of government funding, she said. Companies will look at the demographics in an area to help decide whether to invest in it.

Chris Carpenter, a junior English literature and education major from Slaton, said he is looking forward to the census.

"I'm excited about it," Carpenter said. "I will be filling it out. I've never done it before, obviously."

Jonathan Townsend, a freshman from Grand Prairie, said he

does not share the same enthusiasm as Carpenter.

"I haven't heard anything about the census," Townsend said. "But yeah I guess I will participate when I hear about it."

Murphy said that the main problem with the census is getting people involved.

"It's a re-education process because it happens once a month every 10 years," he said. "People that are in college now were not in college 10 years ago."

The local Census Bureau has posted advertisements in buses and newspapers around Lubbock to let people know about its importance, said David Buckberry, Lubbock census staff liaison.

Murphy said if people are nervous about taking the census or would like more information, a sample questionnaire is online at 2010census.gov.

"It will only take around 10 minutes to fill out, and it lasts for 10 years," Murphy said. "The next census won't come around until 2020."

Along with participating in the census, Lubbock citizens can apply for temporary jobs with the census, Buckberry said, and he encourages students to get a job with the Census Bureau.

"If you're looking for part-time summer work," he said, "this would be a good experience."

Murphy said these employees will be knocking on the doors of those who did not mail in their cards.

"This is really good for college students," Murphy said, "because you make your own schedule just to make some extra cash for the summer."

Buckberry said that a student could make about \$11 an hour.

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Encores Performance



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF THE Battlefield Band Sean O'Donnell, Alasdair White and Mike Katz perform Scottish folk music Wednesday at the Legacy Great Hall.

Musicology director brings memorable band to Lubbock

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

For Christopher Smith, the director of musicology, Wednesday night's Battlefield Band performance had been 28 years in the making.

"The first time I saw them was in the spring of 1982 in Cambridge, Massachusetts," Smith said. "It was the first concert I ever went to see with Angela Mariani, who I later got married to."

Smith and his wife are on the Tech faculty, and Smith, who is also the director of the Vernacular Music Center, said he tried to get the band to Lubbock for quite some time.

"It's the first time they've played on the South Plains," Smith said. "I got a call back in October from their manager in Scotland, who said, 'The boys are going to be playing in Albuquerque, is there a chance that they could add a concert in Texas?'"

Smith said he knew the Legacy, which used to be a Presby-

terian church, would be the perfect location.

The Battlefield Band, a four-man group that plays bagpipes, fiddles, bouzoukis, guitars, an accordion and sings, was presented by the Vernacular Music Center, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the Caprock Celtic Association for a free concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The band has been together since 1969, Smith said, and began touring worldwide around 1979.

"It's very unique music," Smith said. "It's kind of turbo-charged folk music, it has the great tunes and songs of the Scottish tradition, but it has all the energy and excite-

ment of a rock concert, it's not like anything else."

As a part of its stop in Lubbock, the band performed for students in the School of Music.

"It was the first concert I ever went to see with Angela Mariani, who I later got married to."

CHRISTOPHER SMITH
DIRECTOR OF
MUSICOLOGY

"They were amazing, that's the only word I can use to describe it," said Joanna Forbes, a sophomore performance major from Lubbock.

Describing the music as fun and exciting, Forbes said the audience in the Music building gave the band a standing ovation.

"I love folk music, and since this is Scottish folk music, it really interested me, and they are phenomenal," Forbes said.

Not all attendees were fans of

the music beforehand. Rakesh Alluri, a graduate student from India, had not listened to Celtic music before the concert.

"It will be my first time attending a concert of Scottish music," Alluri said. "I want to experience it."

Forbes and Alluri were a part of a crowd of more than 400 people who filled the Legacy to the point of having to bring out folding chairs. The show was widely advertised, Smith said, and attendees were encouraged to arrive as much as an hour in advance.

The show included many instrumental pieces as well as songs written by the band members and the band's founders. Although only one of the band members was the same that Smith saw in 1982, he was still thrilled for it to be coming to Tech.

"Twenty-eight years later, the Battlefield Band is playing here at Tech," Smith said, "basically because I saw them in 1982 with the woman who would become my wife. It's kind of a sweet story."

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Sales tax revenue down 8.8 percent in February

AUSTIN (AP) — State sales tax collections were down 8.8 percent in February, compared with the same month a year ago.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Wednesday that the state collected \$1.6 billion in sales tax revenue in February. And even though that's down 8.8 percent compared to February 2009, she said sales tax losses have begun to moderate.

Before February there were eight

straight months of double-digit declines.

Combs says sales tax revenue continues to be down in major sectors such as retail, oil and gas production and construction. But there's a slight uptick in the manufacturing sector.

She says there may be more declines in the coming months before a return to sales tax revenue growth later in 2010.

NATION

Pa. suspect: Caretaker by day, 'Jihad Jane' online

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Colleen LaRose spent long days caring for her boyfriend's father in a second-floor apartment in Pennsburg, a small town north of Philadelphia.

But online, federal authorities say, she devoted herself to a daring alter ego, refashioning herself as "Jihad Jane" while helping recruit and finance Muslim terrorists — and eventually moving overseas to try to kill an artist she perceived as an enemy to Islam.

LaRose, 46, was charged Tuesday with conspiring with jihadist fighters and pledging to commit murder in the name of a Muslim holy war, or jihad. The indictment was announced hours after authorities arrested seven suspected terrorists in Ireland allegedly linked to LaRose, who has been in prison since

her Oct. 15 arrest while returning to the United States.

In e-mails recovered by the FBI over 15 months, LaRose agreed to marry an online contact from South Asia so he could move to Europe. She also agreed to become a martyr, the indictment said.

But perhaps she felt like one already.

Born in Michigan, LaRose moved to Texas as a girl and had married twice by age 24. Her first marriage came at 16, to a man twice her age in Tarrant County, Texas, public records show. There are no records or reports of any children from either union, both of which were long over by the time she met Pennsylvanian Kurt Gorman in 2005.

WORLD

Pakistan officials: Suspected US missiles kill 4

PARACHINAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani officials say suspected U.S. drones have fired missiles at a house and nearby truck in the country's northwest near the Afghan border, killing at least four people.

Local government official Sabir Khan said Wednesday's attack occurred in the Mazer Meda Khel area of the North Waziristan tribal area.

Mazer Meda Khel is located some 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of the main town of Miran Shah.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials confirmed the details of the attack. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The identities of those killed in the attack were not known.

Corrections

The Daily Treador's reporters and editors strive for accuracy in the news-gathering process. However, mistakes are inevitable.

It is The DT's policy to correct mis-

takes in this spot as soon as possible.

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Faculty Senate hosts CIO for overview of Banner 8 update

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
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The Texas Tech Faculty Senate discussed technology updates, committee reports and upcoming elections during a short meeting Wednesday.

Kay Rhodes, associate vice chancellor for Information Technology, discussed some changes being implemented to the Banner system during the current down time and said Blackboard will not be affected during the down time for Banner.

"We are evaluating what changes are going to come with the new version of banner," Rhodes said.

Faculty will be able to track international information in a complete form, she said. There will also be a new graduation

application where students will be able to apply for graduation online and can do that by college or program.

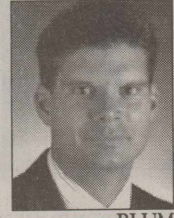
Another concept being implemented, she said, is giving faculty the ability to create an e-mail list for classes as a way to be able to e-mail an entire class at one time. She said she hopes to see this e-mail list implemented by the end of this semester.

According to the Nomination Committee report, the senate is looking for one more candidate to run for the secretary position as well as for the position of president.



RHODES

As part of the Academic Integrity Policy Task Force Strategic Enrollment report, Shane Blum said Cathy Duran, Donell Callender, Chris Leisinger, Alan Reifman, Suzanne Tapp, Tillmann Wagner and sub committees. It is expected the Undergraduate Sub Committee will have a draft of strategies ready by September to take to the Board of Regents in October.



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"We look at it and revise and then put it all in one place," Blum said.

He said he would like to see the policy cover from when faculty has an issue all the way through the appeals process.

"We will work over the summer and bring the proposed policy to Faculty Sen-

ate in the fall and would like to get it to the Board of Regents by the end of the fall," Blum said.

According to the Strategic Enrollment Planning Council liaison report, Noel-Levitz and Tech staff have been collecting data during the past year about potential students as well as characteristics and satisfaction of enrolled students. These results are being shared among council members and sub committees. It is expected the Undergraduate Sub Committee will have a draft of strategies ready by September to take to the Board of Regents in October.

The Tech Faculty Senate meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Terroristic threat reported in Tech parking lot

March 3
2:06 p.m., terroristic threat in the R-31 parking lot.

4:20 p.m., burglary of a vehicle in the C-13 parking lot.

4:59 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z2-B parking lot.

6:05 p.m., non-student arrested for possession of inhalants and inhalant paraphernalia.

6:10 p.m., theft of a light cover from a truck in the Z4-R parking lot.

8:29 p.m., theft of an Apple MacBook in the Art building.

11:35 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia in the Z4-P parking lot.

11:52 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

March 4
9:40 a.m., theft of \$37 in West Hall.

10:00 a.m., damaged property in the F-2 parking lot.

2:14 p.m., accident without injuries at the intersection of Glenna Goodacre Boulevard and University Avenue.

4:50 p.m., criminal mischief in the R-3 parking lot.

9:45 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

March 5
12:19 a.m., criminal mischief in Murdough Residence Hall.

3:53 a.m., public intoxication, possession of alcohol by a minor and presentation of a driver's license belonging to another person.

5:20 a.m., assault in Weymouth Residence Hall.

8:19 a.m., criminal mischief in the 2500 block of Broadway Avenue.

2:28 p.m., criminal trespass on Texas Tech property.

3:09 p.m., accident without injuries in the R-3 parking lot.

10:37 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-11 parking lot.

March 6
1:33 a.m., criminal mischief in Chitwood Residence Hall.

4:25 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

4:56 a.m., assault in Sneed Residence Hall.

8:30 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

11:06 a.m., accident without injuries in the 1000 block of Frankford Avenue.

3:52 p.m., accident without inju-

ries in the Z6-A parking lot.
7:07 p.m., theft of a cell phone in the Student Union Building.

March 7
12:03 p.m., accident without injuries in the 3100 block of 18th Street.

6:43 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

7:58 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

8:19 p.m., criminal mischief in Hulen Residence Hall.

March 8
12:42 a.m., theft in the Carpenter/Wells Residence Halls.

8:10 a.m., theft of a cell phone and two cameras at the Texas Tech Physician's Medical Pavilion.

12:10 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z4-R parking lot.

5:02 p.m., possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and multiple valid driver's licenses in the Z4-M parking lot.

9:05 p.m., two students arrested for possession of marijuana, controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, alcohol by a minor and a switchblade knife in Weymouth Residence Hall.

March 9
2:15 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

10:44 a.m., student arrested for an outstanding warrant in the English building.

10:51 a.m., medical emergency at the Texas Tech Physician's Medical Pavilion.

11:30 a.m., theft of a laptop in Holden Hall.

11:35 a.m., theft of a digital camera in Holden Hall.

12:20 p.m., medical call at Holden Hall.

4:03 p.m., theft of two projectors in Holden Hall.

5:07 p.m., possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and alcohol by a minor in Bledsoe Residence Hall.

5:51 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia in Coleman Residence Hall.

8:04 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-1 parking lot of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

March 10
3:17 a.m., medical call at the Market Alumni Association building.

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Senate votes to extend jobless aid, business tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Wednesday to extend key pieces of last year's economic stimulus measure, including help for the jobless and money to help financially strapped states pay for health

care for the poor.

The 62-36 vote came over protests from conservatives who say the bill adds too much to the \$12.5 trillion national debt. Six Republicans joined all but one Democrat, Ben Nelson of Ne-

braska, in voting for the bill.

The plight of the jobless and the political power of an annual package of tax breaks powered the measure through the Senate, even though it would add about \$130 billion to the budget deficit over the next year and a half.

"The bill is not a second stimulus, but it's going to deliver badly needed relief to Americans who are hurting," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "It would be cruel, even inhumane, to tell these people that their unemployment benefits expire."

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Technology advances decrease health care errors

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

New technologies such as the Smart Pump IV system are reducing health care errors at University Medical Center in conjunction with courses taught about reducing human error.

Greg Bruce, vice president of Corporate Services at UMC, said implementing the IV systems and other technology is reducing health care errors. The IV system uses computer-controlled dosage settings to confirm the patient receives the right amount of medicine.

"We look at it on an on-going basis, and certainly are looking at best practices from around the country and attempting to implement those here," he said.

Even with new technology, patient safety remains important to the routine of the staff, Bruce said. Classes are hosted at UMC for any health care professional who is in charge of the direct care of a patient to increase education and decrease errors.

Patients also should be forth-

coming with doctors about background medical information, such as allergies, he said.

"That's a big part of patient safety is the patient themselves need to be involved," Bruce said. "The patients themselves need to take an active role in their care, and if they see anything that they're not comfortable with to speak up."

Rod Hicks, University Medical Center Health System Endowed Chair for Patient Safety at the School of Nursing, said awareness for health care errors has been advancing since a published report in 1999 by the Institute of Medicine. The report said as many as 98,000 patients died because of preventable errors.

"An error is an unexpected outcome of the medical process," Hicks said. "So what we say in patient safety — it's freedom from accidental injury. An error that results in an accidental injury is



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what we want to avoid."

Students at the HSC learn tactics to decrease the likelihood of error in actual practice, Hicks said. Students are being taught Institute of Medicine measures so when they enter the field they are prepared to ensure a patient's health.

"The hope is that we're training the next generation of health care providers who already have these concepts," Hicks said. "So when they leave our program they will go into the work setting and not have to learn them at the work setting, but be practicing and doing them throughout their curriculum."

Some of the institute's recommendations include implementing an examination-policy for health

care providers, making certification methods more likely to identify unsafe providers and providing incentives for decreasing health care errors.

Teamwork failure is major contributor to medical errors, Hicks said.

Some of the worst errors reported had a breakdown in communication. Students at the HSC are taught to ask questions in a group and strive for the common goal of patient safety.

"We've seen tremendous strides forward in how

teams cooperate and collaborate and work together," he said. "That's one of the things we teach in our curriculum here, is how to work in a team."

Students at the HSC also have

a simulation lab to use to help prevent medical errors.

Sandra Caballero, instructor and coordinator for the Clinical Simulation Center, said the experience gained from these simulations is invaluable.

"I believe that the more that they can experience this in a non-threatening, safe environment it's going to increase their confidence level tremendously," she said.

The simulation lab features two high-fidelity mannequins that talk and can receive medication from students. Caballero said because of the HSC use of the simulation program, they are expanding to include six mannequins, an operating room and emergency room suite, as well as virtual reality rooms.

Some simulations include problems with patients and if the student does not see the problem a simulated death can occur, she said. Scenarios are built into the program to increase awareness of patients.

With new technology developed constantly for the health field, hospitals must take advantage of new systems to increase patient safety.

The next generation of hospitals is being designed with patient safety in mind. The long distances nurses and doctors must cover everyday leads to fatigue, which can cause failures in health care.

Saif Haq, associate professor in the College of Architecture and director of a new health care facilities design program at Tech, said environmental conditions must be accounted for to maintain a safe hospital.

"The physical environment actually is not just a place where things happen, it also directly contributes to health care," he said. "We also would like to train architects in all the details and nuances of health care design."

The program shifts the focus from what the client wants to published, peer reviewed research that is vital to evidence-based design, Haq said.

"Especially in health care settings, design decisions affect a lot of different people, sometimes in very traumatic way," he said.

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ROD HICKS
UMC ENDOWED CHAIR

Student Media Committee selects editors for The DT, La Ventana

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

The Student Media Committee selected the editor-in-chief positions for *The Daily Toreador* summer and fall semesters and the 2010-2011 La Ventana Yearbook on Wednesday night.

Kevin Cullen, a junior journalism major from Las Cruces, N.M., was chosen to return for his fourth semester as editor-in-chief of *The Daily Toreador*.

"I've learned that working at *The DT* really opens doors for you," Cullen said. "Working on a daily deadline and overseeing a staff that works on a daily deadline is a great experience."

Many new faces have joined *The DT*, he said, and advances have been made in staff communication inside the newsroom, reporters working with photographers and convergence of media from when he started as editor-in-chief.

"It's really been a better representation of what it's like to work in a real newsroom," Cullen said.

The Daily Toreador also has room for improvement, he said, like training writers to seek stories that matter to the

public.

"*The DT* needs more stories that aren't given to you, essentially," Cullen said. "More stories that are sought out, investigated. Stories that make people want to pick up the paper."

Ralston Rollo, a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock, became the summer editor-in-chief for *The Daily Toreador*.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun. It's going to be a good learning experience."

Rollo said he will not have any classes and will focus on his position as editor-in-chief.

He said he looks forward to hiring staff writers, being able to mediate, designing pages and expanding his employment opportunities.

"I feel like I've been given an opportunity to really enhance my resume," Rollo said. "And it's something that any journalism major should do if they can."

Lauren Watkins, a freshman jour-



CULLEN



ROLLO



WATKINS

nalism major from Wylie, was selected as editor-in-chief for *La Ventana*. She said she is excited about the chance to design the yearbook and work with a staff she enjoys.

"I have a really strong staff; most of them are returning," she said. "The only person we're losing is Kate, who is our editor, and that's because she's graduating."

Watkins said she wants to pass a resolution through the Student Government Association to put an optional fee on the tuition to help bring the yearbook down in price and bring more money to the Student Media Department. She said she may focus on more events so people can look back and say they were there and remember their time at Tech.

Ann Rodriguez, the third-year chairwoman of Student Media Selection Committee, said the candidates this year were "terrific" and enthusiastic about their positions.

The DT applicants had to answer questions about the newspaper and fur-

thering its status on campus, as well as converging it with online media, Rodriguez said.

"With all the applicants, in various ways, we talked about maintaining the integrity and credibility of print," she said, "but understanding the necessity of moving to a multimedia focus and the difficulty of selling print these days."

La Ventana candidates were asked how they could get college students to buy a yearbook and increase the book's value to students at Tech, Rodriguez said.

"It's still a challenge," she said. "But it's something everybody seems intent on working on."

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Troops withdrawal rejected by House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday soundly rejected an effort by anti-war lawmakers to force a withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the end of the year.

The outcome of the vote, 356-65 against the resolution, was never in doubt. But the 3 1/2 hours of debate did give those who oppose President Barack Obama's war policies a platform to vent their frustrations.

Opposing the resolution was easy for almost all Republicans, who have been solidly behind Obama's decision to increase U.S. troop strength in Afghanistan from 70,000 to 100,000. Only five Republicans supported the measure.

It was a harder vote for some Democrats, particularly in an election year where opposing the war can be equated with opposing the troops. Several expressed discomfort with a war that has lasted 8 1/2 years and cost the nation more than 930 American lives and the treasury more than \$200 billion, but said they were voting against the resolution because it was ill-timed and unrealistic.

Among the 'no' voters was Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., who gave an impassioned speech. The U.S. policy of needlessly sending troops into harm's way was "shameful," Kennedy said. He also lambasted the national media, calling their lack of attention to the loss of life in Afghanistan "despicable."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, authored the resolution that would have directed the president to remove all U.S. troops from Afghanistan within 30 days of its adoption. If the president deemed that deadline unsafe, he would have had until the end of the year to end U.S. military presence in the nation.

Obama has said he wants to begin withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan starting in July 2011.

Kucinich based his resolution on the 1973 War Powers Act, passed during the Vietnam War era to require the president to obtain congressional approval when he sends troops to a conflict for more than 90 days.

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Public speaking important, neglected skill

After watching the Academy Awards on Sunday night, I feel the need to address a weakness so many people struggle with. Public speaking is extremely difficult to master. Very few people are capable of standing in front of large audiences and delivering a message with elegance, style and grace.

World-famous actors, who are used to being in front of the camera for millions of people to critique, struggle from time to time. There were instances during that award show where someone would completely forget what they were saying after losing focus on the teleprompter. If these adults, who have performed in front of large audiences for decades, have trouble mastering the art of public speaking, what makes us students so sure of ourselves?

Often students will put off writing a speech or creating a presentation until the very last minute; only then do we throw something together just to fulfill the requirements. This is not a very good strategy for success.

The experts tell us to stand in front of the mirror and practice. Does anyone

Travis Ellington



really do this? I don't think I have ever given a speech or presentation to a mirror. This idea seems to be taking practice to the extreme. However, this could be why I am not an exceptionally talented public speaker. One of my few flaws, I know.

Business and politics are not the only careers where presenting your ideas to a group of people can take place frequently. There are many industries where a presentation of ideas, progress or plans will have to be presented to a listening public. It is important to develop these skills while we are in college and have plenty of opportunities to practice. Take your speech classes seriously.

I know so many students who completely dread having to stand in front of class and demonstrate an understanding

of class material. I do not dread it but certainly do not look forward to it. Taking the time to build a thorough understanding of the material will give you the confidence to stand in front of your listening audience and deliver a solid performance.

We should think of it as a sport. Most of us have played a sport at some point in our lifetime that we were not naturally good at. It required hard work and dedication in order to build the skills required to play the game. Some gave up and decided they were not going to be a professional so there was no reason to practice. This is where public speaking is different.

It would be naive to think, "I am not going to be a public speaker so I do not need to practice." Most of us will not become president of the United States or world-renowned motivational speakers. Nevertheless, having a basic skill set could take you a long way in your respected field. How great is an idea if you cannot present it to the group of people capable of making it a reality?

The lower-level classes we are forced to take to fulfill the speech requirement are designed to give us an opportunity to practice. Most speech professors are very understanding of the difficulties young people have when it comes to speaking in front of a group of peers. They are there to help, so we should utilize their services.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Election commission mistake violates voters, candidates

The gaffe that resulted in a second election for the vice president for Graduate and Professional Affairs has shown some indifference of the officer who presides over the Student Government Association Election Code and has exposed some holes in the code itself.

Andrew Canham, the election commissioner, said he did not know School of Law students were unable to vote for the position despite being in charge of the election last year.

Two previous election commissioners who spoke with *The Daily Toreador* said they knew law students were not able to vote because they were not officially part of the graduate school. Although Canham said he believed law students should be able to vote, he was unaware of this policy and a change in procedure was not made to allow the students to vote.

This would not have been a problem if the discovery was made in time to implement a new procedure before the election or if the change was made for the next election. However, the commission decided to nullify the original votes and take a re-vote a week later.

The throwing away of votes is a serious offense that only should be considered in the event of election tampering or other such illegal procedure. This commission decided to throw away votes because of an oversight that could have been resolved with proper research and knowledge of past elections.

Covering up a mistake by hosting a re-election, which may pose some problems for students who voted previously, is not the solution to the problem and only further complicates the issue.

Then there is the case of candidate Mac Smith, a graduate student in the

School of Law. Students in that school would have been more likely to vote for him and give him an edge in the election, and if it weren't for his candidacy, law students probably still would not have the ability to vote.

Adding another constituency to the voting at the end of an election — in fact, after the election already has taken place — naturally will hurt at least one of the candidates in the election.

According to the Election Code, the commission also should have a member present from the law school for legal consultation. Although this member is not a voting member, this should have prevented any possible problems long before they were noticed early on the first day of the election.

One gap in the code, though, is the absence of strict rules governing who votes

for the graduate vice president. Although the code sets out that the entire student body may choose the president, internal vice president and external vice president, nothing is mentioned about who will vote for the graduate vice president.

Chapter VII, Section 7.02 of the SGA Election Code states, "Executive Officers, with the exception of the Graduate Vice President, are elected by the student body At-Large." This is the only provision in the code mentioning who should vote for the graduate vice president.

While the change did not mean a victory for Smith, it is clear some issues and miscommunications need to be resolved within the SGA Election Commission before the group alters the outcome of an election through another mistake.

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

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- 1 Perform high-tech surgery on
- 5 Crack, in a way
- 9 Capital near Casablanca
- 14 Being aired
- 15 Spydrom name
- 16 Rial spender
- 17 Mah-jongg pieces, e.g.
- 19 Paul in the center square
- 20 Cry to a faith healer, maybe
- 21 Pug's stat
- 23 Proof initials
- 24 In a way
- 25 AFC North, e.g.
- 26 Place to dock
- 27 Demolition supplies
- 28 Notable achievement
- 30 Mean Amin
- 31 "What ___?": "This is fun!"
- 33 Clavell's "___ Pan"
- 34 Site of the Beatles' last commercial concert

DOWN

- 1 Like a wedding planner's skills
- 2 Jungle crusher
- 3 Part-French, part-Dutch 1st.
- 4 Decathlon's 10
- 5 Top dog
- 6 In tiptop shape
- 7 "We ___ not alone"
- 8 Flower organ
- 9 Caramel candy brand
- 10 '70s-'80s first daughter
- 11 "Macbeth" ghost
- 12 Like vicuñas
- 13 Project done to a tee
- 18 Chinese menu general
- 22 White
- 25 Far from cordial
- 26 Swab brand
- 28 Some advanced dogs
- 29 Sushi bar order
- 31 "... for ___ care!"

By Scott Atkinson 3/11/10

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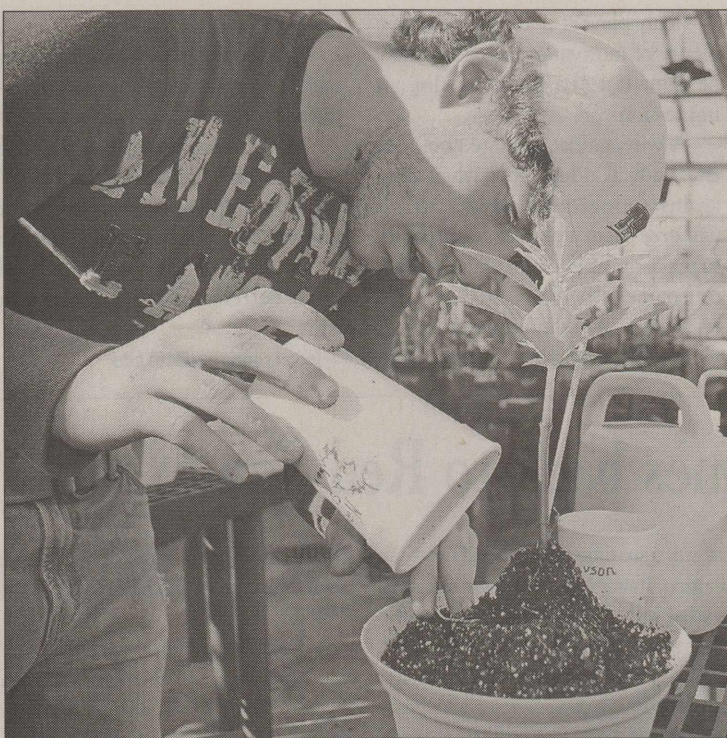


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BRANDON KLINE, A freshman exercise and sport sciences major from The Colony, replants a balsam on Wednesday in the biology greenhouse.

Spring breakers practice wilderness first aid

By **ALEXANDRA PEDRINI**
STAFF WRITER

Rather than soaking up the sun in Mexico or hitting the slopes of Colorado, 18 students, Outdoor Pursuits Center employees and community members will be in Junction for a 10-day wilderness medical training course during spring break.

The OPC is working with the Wild Medicine Training Center for the program, which will offer both in- and out-of-classroom learning. This center offers a variety of trips ranging from short weekend excursions to wilderness EMT courses along with the Wilderness First Responder for professions dealing with the outdoors.

"It's geared towards learning how to rescue people where cell phones don't work and you're a couple of days away from getting immediate help," said David

Young, a senior communication studies major from Levelland.

Participants will go through 80 hours of in-classroom work that will teach them how to handle situations they may face in the wilderness. These classroom sessions will teach the group about the human body and what to do when something happens and there isn't a way to get outside help.

"It will cover everything from bleeding to lots of field-type medicines," said Cameron Cox, an OPC coordinator.

Along with the classroom work, the students will take part of various scenarios for an "experimental education" to put their new knowledge to work. This method will teach the group by making them actually put the lessons into practice, Cox said.

"Sometime during the day we're supposed to fall over and have a heart attack, and we're in groups

so we're supposed to know what to do with what we've learned," said Molly Daniel, a sophomore communication studies major from Coppell. "It's a bunch of hands-on stuff, so it's not just a teacher teaching with slide shows."

As part of the scenarios, participants must be willing to do anything that could happen in real life — even tearing their clothes to fulfill a task. During each of the scenarios, different problems will arise, forcing the group to figure out how to fix the situation with what they have with them. Because they won't have splints, bandages or other medical necessities with them, fabric sometimes can be used for these purposes.

"Sometimes you have to cut your clothes to get to the problem, so we're supposed to bring old crappy clothes that we don't care about so they can cut them off of us (if they need to)," Daniel said. "During

simulations, they need to do what they need to do so they can cut your clothes."

The OPC requires all of its trip leaders to have wilderness medical training; this trip allows for them to gain the experience. But the training won't be beneficial only for students working with the OPC, Cox said. Students looking to work as camp counselors or in the outdoor field at all can benefit from this program, he said.

"It's a really good information and a great resume builder for outdoor jobs and is a standard that most (outdoor) jobs require," Young said. "I think a lot of people are just interested in receiving medical training and learning how to go about the right way to take care of it. It's not your typical spring break because it's got a lot of classroom environment too, but at the same time it's a lot of fun."

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'Anna Nicole' opera to premiere February

LONDON (AP) — The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's "Anna Nicole" will be presented by the Royal Opera next Feb. 17, starring Dutch soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek as the late model and Playboy playmate.

Covent Garden Music Director Antonio Pappano will conduct and Richard Jones will direct, the company announced Wednesday.

Turnage is the composer of "Greek" and the West End show "Jerry Springer: The Opera." The libretto is by Richard Thomas.

Smith died of an accidental drug overdose in 2007. She was 39.

Born in Houston and raised in Mexia, Texas, Smith was Playboy's Playmate of the Year in 1993. She married 89-year-old Houston oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II the following year. After his death in 1995, she fought a protracted legal battle with his son over his estimated \$500 million fortune.

Smith died five months after the death of her 20-year-old son from her first marriage. Daniel

Smith died of an accidental overdose in the Bahamas hospital room where his mother had days earlier given birth to a daughter.

The company also said the world premiere of Judith Weir's "Miss Fortune," a co-commission with the Bregenz Festival, will take place in Bregenz on July 21, 2011. The production will open the Covent Garden in March 2012 as part of the buildup to the London Olympics that summer. The opera is based on a Sicilian folk tale about a woman whose wealthy family has hard times.

'Lost Boys' actor Corey Haim dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Corey Haim, a 1980s teen heartthrob whose career was blighted by drug abuse, has died. He was 38.

Haim died early Wednesday at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Los Angeles County coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie said.

"As he got out of bed, he felt a little weak and went down to the floor on his knees," Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said. His mother called paramedics.

An autopsy will determine cause of death. There was no evidence of foul play, police Sgt. Michael Kammert said.

Haim, who gained attention for roles in "Lucas" and "The Lost Boys," had flu-like symptoms before he died and was getting over-the-counter and prescription medications, police Sgt. William Mann said.

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Lady Raiders try to extend season in 1st round of Big 12 tourney

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Raiders probably know anything can happen during the 2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship, which starts today.

Texas Tech will play Kansas State in the opening game of the tourney at 11 a.m. in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. Today's match is the fourth meeting between the two schools in the conference tournament. Tech is 2-2 in those meetings.

But the Lady Raiders may be a little confident about advancing to the next round, considering they beat the Wildcats 75-67 in overtime in Manhattan, Kan. That win snapped what was a six-game losing streak to K-State.

Tech forward Ashlee Roberson, however, said the team could've done a few things better in that victory.

"Hustle, rebounding and fouling," she said. "If I can remember, we didn't really do a good job of rebounding and containing the shooters. That's what we need to do because they have great 3-point shooters."

K-State guards Kari Kincaid and Taelor Karr combined to go 6-for-11 from behind the arc in that first meeting.

Jalana Childs and Branshea Brown teamed up for 16 points, five rebounds and two blocks in the first meeting.

Roberson said the team's focus is shifted to slowing down the Wildcats' production in the paint and



ASHLEE ROBERSON AND the Lady Raiders face Kansas State at 11 a.m. today in the opening round of the Big 12 Conference tournament.

being aggressive on offense. "Contain the post — Childs and Brown," she said. "You've just got to run into them — penetration. We're just going to try to do everything we can to get to the basket, get the fouls, and defensive wise, hold them under a certain amount."

So to counter K-State's (13-17, 5-11) post production, Tech is going to lean on Kierra Mallard to

come up big. The 6-foot-3 center's recent performances has the team feeling optimistic about her game and where it's headed. Mallard recorded a double-double in Sunday's loss at Missouri, racking up 17 points while grabbing 14 rebounds. Mallard got the start in place of Jordan Barncastle, who sat out because of a fractured nose.

The process for Barncastle's re-

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No. 11 Colorado	No. 3 Oklahoma	No. 6 Baylor	No. 6 Baylor

turn is being handled day-by-day. That's just another reason why Tech head coach Kristy Curry said Mallard's return to her pre-suspension form is a positive.

"It's good to see because I thought coming back from the suspension she looked a little rusty," she said. "It's hard to simulate the game feel in practice. I thought she's done a much better job as we've gone here, has played better."

Tech players and coaches have plenty of motivation since this may be their last chance at making an impression.

A win against K-State could set the Lady Raiders up with a date against top-seeded Nebraska, which will give them a perfect opportunity to make another claim at an NCAA tournament berth. Curry believes regardless of today's outcome, her team will be playing in some form

of a postseason game. But Tech guard Monique Smalls said for now, the team is concentrated solely on Kansas State.

"When we played them on the road we didn't play our best game," she said. "We've just got to make sure we play our best game, do the little things, focus on what we need to do better and come out with a win."

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No. 1 seed top goal for Nebraska at Big 12 tourney

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Protecting its perfect record isn't Nebraska's primary goal at the Big 12 tournament.

Coach Connie Yori figures her third-ranked Cornhuskers (29-0) need only one win in Kansas City, Mo., to assure themselves a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. The rest of the Big 12 field is a strong one, filled with ranked teams, and the Huskers have beaten them all.

"The regular-season title is a great test of toughness and consistency," Yori said. "It was a terrific championship for us, and we feel great about winning that. We'll go to the Big 12 tournament and do our best and see where that takes us."

Yori said she would rather keep her starters healthy and fresh rather than push them hard through what, for them, would be a three-games-in-three-days grind to win the championship.

"There is a pretty relaxed atmo-

sphere right now," the Big 12 coach of the year said. "I don't think we have to go down there and run the table to get a No. 1 seed. That's ultimately what we're trying to achieve through the Big 12 tournament. I'm not on the committee, but I know we're in good position to make that happen. Winning a first-round game would solidify that for us."

The tournament opens Thursday and will include seven teams ranked in the Top 25. All seven appear to have NCAA bids locked up, with five of them in line for seedings of No. 4 or higher.

Judging by the regular season, picking a Big 12 tournament winner is a tossup, Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

"We make a shot at the buzzer to beat (last-place) Missouri, and we're what, 11th or 12th in the country?" she said. "That's how close it's been a number of times. Sometimes you need a good bounce."

The top two seeds in the Big 12 tournament, Nebraska and Iowa State, fooled preseason prognosticators. The Huskers were picked to finish sixth and the Cyclones seventh.

Iowa State (23-6), which tied the school record for regular-season wins, comes into the tournament ranked No. 14 after its best league finish since it won the Big 12 in 1999-2000.

Third-seeded Oklahoma (21-9), which has split its past four games, is ranked 12th, has won four Big 12 postseason titles and reached the Final Four last season. They finished the regular season Sunday with a stunning 95-62 win over 20th-ranked Oklahoma State, making a school-record 16 3-pointers.

Other than Nebraska, fourth-seeded and 11th-ranked Texas A&M (22-7) is the hottest team in the league after winning six of its last seven games. Its only loss during that stretch was by two points to Baylor.

Garciaparra comes back to Red Sox to retire

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Six years after he was traded away for the final pieces of Boston's World Series puzzle, Nomar Garciaparra finally got a friendly farewell from the Red Sox.

The rookie of the year, batting champion and All-Star whose trade began a bitter back-and-forth in Boston and, for Garciaparra, an inglorious slide into irrelevance, signed a ceremonial one-day contract with the Red Sox on Wednesday for the purpose of retiring in the uniform of his original team.

"From the first day I had the thrill of putting on a Red Sox uniform and playing in front of all the great fans at Fenway Park, I have felt at home in Boston," Garciaparra said in a statement that belied the ugliness that accompanied his departure. "While I had the privilege of playing with other legendary teams, I always saw myself retiring in a Red Sox uniform."

Garciaparra announced he's leaving baseball at 36 to become an ESPN analyst, ending a 14-year career in which

he was a six-time All-Star and two-time batting champion. But the career that started with the 1997 AL Rookie of the Year award began to crumble when the Red Sox tried to acquire Alex Rodriguez after the 2003 season — a deal that probably would have forced them to trade Garciaparra.

Although the Rodriguez deal fell through, the talks upset Garciaparra, and an Achilles' tendon injury that kept him out until June the next season didn't help his mood. It also didn't help that the market for shortstops had plummeted since he rejected a four-year, \$60 million offer from the Red Sox.

With the Red Sox struggling at mid-season, general manager Theo Epstein traded Garciaparra for shortstop Orlando Cabrera and spare parts Dave Roberts and Doug Mientkiewicz. Accusations of disloyalty flew, and Red Sox fans were stunned to lose their "No-mah."

But they soon overcame their grief: The Red Sox went 42-18 for the best

finish in baseball, capping the season with their first World Series crown since 1918.

Garciaparra watched from afar. "I felt like I was there," he said. "In Boston there's something greater than an individual player winning a World Series. When I was there I realized there's something bigger than us winning a World Series. It's winning a World Series for these people."

Epstein, who grew up in the Boston area, knew the risk he was taking by trading away the shortstop who had been the most popular player on the team.

"We've been fortunate over the years to maintain a relationship after the trade," Epstein said. "I think both of us understood at the time that it wasn't about Nomar and it wasn't about me. It was just baseball trades that happen. They're about what's going on with the team at the time and certain things that had to happen. But, it didn't change what Nomar meant to the Red Sox."

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Former Tech players return for 2010 Pro Day

By ADAM COLEMAN
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A handful of former Texas Tech football players believe a lot is riding on what happens today at Pro Day.

But players are just glad to be back in a familiar place.

Tech conducts its 2010 Pro Day today in the Athletic Training Center, where this year's version of NFL hopefuls will work out in front of scouts, hoping it will lead to getting drafted or signed in April.

It'll be the first — and maybe the only — time some former players get to impress scouts. The only two Tech players invited to the 2010 NFL Combine in February were Brandon Carter and Jamar Wall.

"That's Pro Day," former Tech center Shawn Byrnes said. "If you're not going to the Combine, you don't get a second chance."

Like many of his former teammates, Byrnes said he's been spending his offseason training away from Lubbock.

He said he started training in Dallas this offseason, but made a switch to his native Phoenix, Ariz., where he is closer to his family.

Other former players expected to take part in today's Pro Day include

Brandon Sharpe, Marlon Winn and Daniel Howard. Even more players could work out for scouts today.

Byrnes is pretty honest about his expectations. He said he is not expecting to get drafted, but a free agent signing is not out of the question.

Besides Byrnes, most players have been training in Florida, which allows them to keep in contact with each other during the offseason.

This offseason, Howard said he has trained with a few players who played at Florida, including quarterback Tim Tebow.

Howard is optimistic about his chances of getting drafted and landing on an NFL roster. He said he already has worked out in front of scouts and he's had contact with a few teams.

Howard said he is just concentrated on getting to an NFL camp, and whether he makes a team depends on what he does there.

"It all just kind of feels normal to me because I've expected this for so long," he said. "It's just been my dream ever since I was little. Now it's kind of like, 'I got my shot.'"

Similar to what goes on at the Combine, players will participate in various drills today in front of scouts.

Those drills include the 40-yard

dash, bench-pressing 225 pounds, the three-cone drill and position drills.

During the past few years, the number of scouts at Tech's Pro Day has varied as well, but at the 2009 Tech Pro Day, most NFL teams were represented in some form.

That Pro Day featured a few big names that went on to join NFL rosters. Former Tech safety Darcel McBath was a second round pick by the Denver Broncos and former Tech defensive end Brandon Williams was a fourth-round pick by the Dallas Cowboys.

The 2010 Tech Pro Day could field that same type of talent.

Sharpe was second in the nation in sacks last season with 15. Howard was not too far behind with eight.

Carter, Byrnes and Winn anchored a solid Tech offensive line for years and Wall played in 49 games, while grabbing nine career interceptions.

Wall said the amount and level of training he is involved in is all for draft day in April, and that is one of the toughest aspects of trying to make it to the NFL.

"I would have to say all the preparation," he said. "Just the fact that you have to do it at the level that you have to perform at."

Winn said he has kept close to his



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE back Jamar Wall nearly intercepts a pass intended for Baylor wide receiver Kendall Wright during the Red Raiders' game against Baylor this season. Wall will participate in Pro Day today.

former teammates this offseason. He has been training with Carter and keeps up with Sharpe frequently.

For Winn, there is no hiding the

fact that today's Pro Day holds a lot of importance.

"(Today) is the rest of my future," he said. "It'll decide a lot of things for

me. I don't get a second chance at it, so I gotta go out there tomorrow, do what I've been doing."

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Wind, home runs help Gonzaga beat Red Raiders, 13-9

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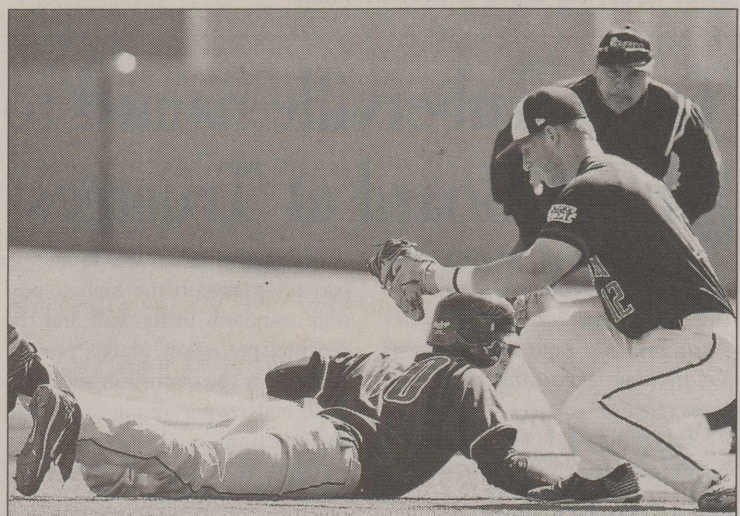


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Stephen Hagen applies the tag off a pickoff attempt on Gonzaga's Cameron Edman during the Red Raiders' game against the Zags on Wednesday at the Dan Law Field. Tech lost 13-9, splitting the two-game series with the Bulldogs.

A lot of long balls, high winds and offense characterized Texas Tech's mid-week series finale Wednesday.

But the Red Raiders ended up on the wrong side of a slugfest, losing to the Gonzaga 13-9 at Dan Law Field.

The Bulldogs had seven home runs, 16 hits and 13 RBIs and the Red Raiders had two home runs, 14 hits and nine RBIs on a windy day that carried a lot of balls over the fence. The loss gives Tech a split with Gonzaga in the two-game series.

"Some of it was wind, some of it were good swings and balls that were up in the zone," Tech coach Dan Spencer. "We threw a lot of balls up in the zone. Fastballs and sliders both and they're a good hitting bunch. If you get the ball up on a day like (Wednesday), ball's going to go."

The two teams went back and forth all day, putting runs on the board at every opportunity. But the Zags (5-5) got a jump start on the scoring early.

An Andy Hunter home run and a Clayton Eslick RBI single put two on the board in the first inning for Gonzaga. The Zags followed that up with a two-run home run from Drew Heid in the second.

Meanwhile, Tech was blanked for the first three innings of the game.

Following a shakeup to the pitching staff that has Chad Bettis moving back to the bullpen, Scott Erzinger got the start for the Red Raiders on Wednesday, allowing four runs and six hits in two innings.

But the Red Raiders (8-6) clawed back in this game as they have done a few times in previous games.

A two-run home run from Stephen Hagen finally put Tech on the board in the fifth and cut the deficit to 4-2, but

Tech's bullpen could not stall the Zags' bats. The following inning, Gonzaga answered with a Mark Castellitto three-run home run.

It started a back-and-forth battle that allowed the Red Raiders to stay in the game, but prevented them from ever taking the lead.

After the Castellitto home run, Joey Kenworthy's two-RBI double and Scott Lejeune's RBI single had Tech down 7-5. But another Heid home run extended the Zags lead.

"We really wanted to get a win today," Tech's Taylor Ashby said. "But some days, it doesn't work out. They kept hitting. We'd run some runs out there and they'd answer us. They're a good ball club. We did what we could do and didn't end up on top."

Tech used five pitchers Wednesday while Gonzaga used four. The Red Raiders

got the most innings out of Colt Farrar, but he allowed three runs — two earned — and two hits in three. Louis Head allowed four runs and six hits in two and Brennan Stewart allowed two runs and two hits in 1 2/3 innings.

The abundant offense didn't stop during the late stages of the game either. Gonzaga's three-run seventh extended its lead to 11-5. But a Barrett Barnes RBI double, a Bonham Hough two-run home run and an RBI double from Ashby gave Tech its best shot of taking the lead.

All Gonzaga did was answer with a two-run eighth to seal the win.

"Wind blowing out really hard today," Hough said. "Makes the yard play a little short. It's just a good day if you're a hitter. If you're a pitcher, not such a great day. We knew we were going to have to score a lot of runs to stay in the game."

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Tech knocks out Buffs in 1st round; No. 1 Kansas up next

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John Roberson and the Texas Tech basketball team looked renewed in their 82-67 win against Colorado in the opening round of the Big 12 Conference tournament just days after losing to the Buffaloes 101-90.

The Red Raiders just may have saved their postseason hopes in the process of snapping a seven-game losing streak.

Roberson said Wednesday's win was the best game Tech played in a long time.

"I think the last time we actually played 100 percent was I think (Texas) A&M, and maybe Texas," Roberson said. "But man, everybody was on the same page today, and it was just fun to watch."

The home loss to Texas A&M on Feb. 13 started the losing streak.

Things didn't start so well for the Red Raiders though. Tech was down 18-8 with about 12 minutes left in the first half. The lead could have been 20-8 had it not been for a Colorado turnover on a fastbreak, which prompted Tech coach Pat Knight to take his second timeout

of the game.

From there though, Tech got into a rhythm and had a 35-31 lead by halftime. The Red Raiders then expanded that lead to 43-41 by the 16-minute mark of the second half. Colorado (15-16) did not get within 10 points until the final minutes.

Four Red Raiders finished in double-digit scoring, including Roberson with 19 points, Nick Okorie with 18, Brad Reese with 16 and Mike Singletary with 13.

Tech held Colorado's Cory Higgins to 18 points — he scored 30 against the Red Raiders Saturday.

"They were a step quicker than us today," Colorado coach Jeff Bzdelik said. "They had an edge to their game that we lost after we started off in such a good way. And

give them credit for what they did well, and we'll leave it at that."

The good news for the Red Raiders is the win gives them a better chance of being considered by the NIT selection committee.

"I think we should be in," Knight said. "I know it's been a tough three weeks, but we're also in the best league in the country. Five out of those teams we played were ranked. We've played good basketball this year. For them to overlook us and overlook a team in the best conference would be a shame. But there's always human error when it's not a computer doing (the selections). So when you've got a group of guys there deciding people's fate, you just don't know what's going to happen."

"But I honestly believe we

deserve it."

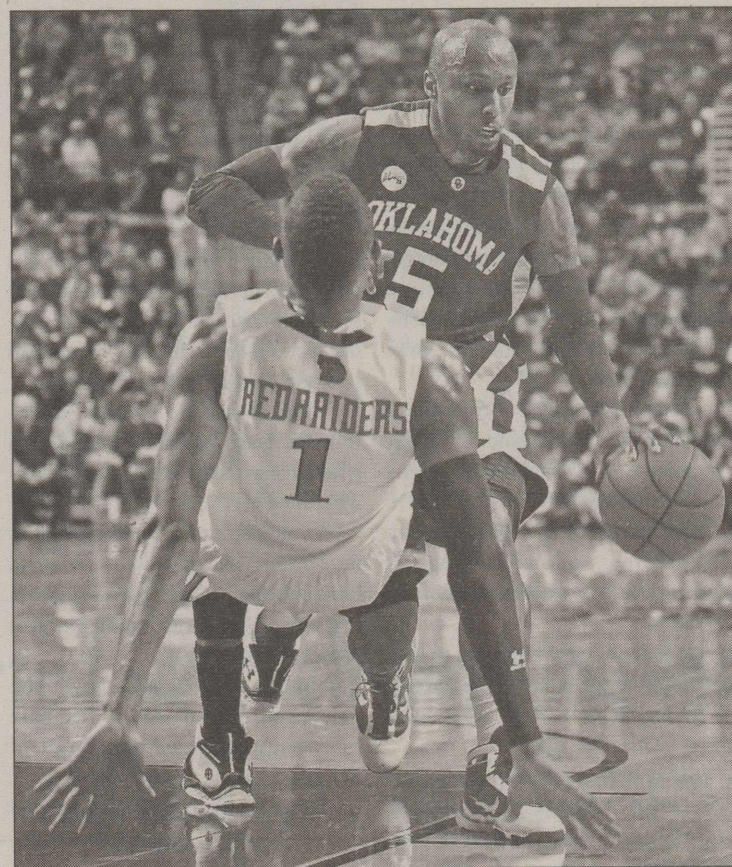
But as a reward for knocking out the Buffaloes, the Red Raiders will have to square off with top-seeded Kansas — the No. 1 team in the nation — today at 11:30 a.m. in the quarterfinal round of the tournament.

Kansas (29-2), who finished with a 15-1 conference record, blasted Tech 89-63 in Lawrence, Kan., in January after holding the Red Raiders to a season-low 18 points in the first half. Singletary, Tech's leading scorer, was held scoreless in the Kansas game.

Singletary knows the Red Raiders will be considered heavy underdogs playing the Jayhawks in a city less than 100 miles away from Kansas' campus, but he's up for the challenge.

"It's always fun to play Kansas," he said. "It's always fun to play the so-called best team in the country. So I'm going to take that as a challenge. I think we're all just going to take it as a challenge and just go out there and play with the same energy we played with (Wednesday). Hopefully we'll come out with a win."

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THE RED RAIDERS advanced in the Big 12 Conference tournament with a win against Colorado, however, Pat Knight's squad must deal with top-ranked Kansas in the second round. The Jayhawks pounded Tech 89-63 earlier this season in Lawrence, Kan.

Resilient Aggies bounce back from loss of key player

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Last December, Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon watched Derrick Roland writhing on the court with a broken leg — a gruesome injury that cost the team their top defender and second-leading scorer.

Texas A&M lost two of its first three Big 12 games afterward, but bounced back to win 10 of its last 13 to earn a first-round bye in the Big 12 tournament.

Now these resilient Aggies, who face Nebraska on Thursday, hope to make a splash in the tournament after last year's first-round exit.

Turgeon said he didn't expect his team to perform as well as it did after Roland's injury.

"I just remember sitting with about

five minutes to go in the Nebraska game here at home and thinking: 'Oh boy, I hope we can win this game,'" Turgeon said. "We were still trying to find ourselves. I think it was our third game without D-Ro (Roland) and we couldn't make a jump shot."

The Aggies used a 9-0 run in the last few minutes of that game to take the lead and hold on for the 64-53 win.

"After the game my brother texted me and said: 'Congratulations' and I said: 'I just hope I can get to eight (wins)," Turgeon said. "So every time we won he would say six more, five more, four more, he just kept getting to eight. Then of course we got greedy once we got to eight. We got there pretty quick."

But first Texas A&M would lose two tough road games, including a 72-67 overtime loss to rival Texas to drop to 1-2, making his goal of eight conference wins even more difficult.

Junior Nathan Walkup said it took the team a while to find a new identity without Roland.

"We all had to redefine our roles and what we were going to do and we all believed that if we each kind of took a little piece of what D-Ro did, we could be that team that could be really good," he said. "Losing D-Ro made us even closer. His leadership, not even playing, just off the court leadership has brought us closer. We know we can do it. We know we can win and we know we can play well."

Key in Texas A&M's recovery

from Roland's loss was the play of fellow seniors Donald Sloan and Bryan Davis. Sloan averaged 18.3 points a game in Big 12 play and Davis added 11 points and 8.4 rebounds a game.

Roland, who had the home crowd chanting his name at A&M's last home game, wasn't worried about how the team would fare without him and assumed Sloan and Davis would pick up the slack.

"It's kind of what I expected," he said. "When I went down I knew that those two would be the main two to step up. We've been here for four years and we've been through so much together. If I had to pick any two people on this team to step up I knew it would be them."

Tech's Tuberville named to AFCA Board of Trustees

Texas Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville was named to the American Football Coaches Association's Board of Trustees Wednesday, according to a Tech press release.

Tuberville held positions on the board from 2005 through the 2008 season while he was still head coach at Auburn.

Other coaches named to the board include Louisiana-Monroe's Todd Berry, Fresno State's Pat Hill and Rice's David Bailiff. Other Big 12 Conference coaches serving on the 2010 Board include Texas' Mack Brown and Kansas' Turner Gil.

According to the AFCA Web site, the organization was formed by famed coaches Amos Alonzo Stagg and John Heisman in 1922.

The organization was formed in part to "maintain the highest possible standards in football and the coaching profession" and to "provide a forum for the discussion and study of all matters pertaining to football and coaching."

The AFCA has more than 11,000 members and consists of coaches from the high school level all the way to professional football.

The AFCA has a constitution and by-laws by which all coaches follow and also is an organization that grants awards and trophies to deserving student-athletes. The AFCA also owns the crystal ball Coaches Trophy, which is annually awarded to the USA Today's Coaches Poll winner at the end of the collegiate football season.

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Pacquiao calm, confident for fight vs Clottey in Cowboys Stadium

ARLINGTON (AP) — Manny Pacquiao arrived at Cowboys Stadium on Wednesday in a bus skinned with his likeness, the seats filled with members of his entourage.

He walked into the formal part of his appearance wearing a snazzy straw hat and a dark blazer. He quickly swapped the sports coat for a red jacket featuring his MP logo in golden thread.

He talked about his upcoming election for Congress in his homeland, the Philippines.

He talked about singing — rehearsing with his band the night before, with another session later Wednesday night, all in preparation for a performance at the after-party following his fight Saturday night.

Oh, yeah. The fight. Billed as "The Event," Pacquiao is facing Joshua Clottey on Saturday night in boxing's debut at the \$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium.

It's an intriguing matchup perfect for a football stadium — Pacquiao's furious offense against Clottey's dedication to defense — and it'll look amazing on the 72-foot-high, 160-foot-wide video boards towering over the ring.

A sellout crowd of 45,000 is expected, with the attendance possibly soaring if Cowboys owner Jerry Jones decides to sell standing-room-only tickets. And, of course, there's the pay-per-view audience that promoter Bob Arum said is likely to top the hoped-for total of 700,000.

Put the pieces together, and it all makes perfect sense: The WBO welterweight champion — already considered the best fighter in the world, pound for pound — is treating this entire week as one big performance, especially if he wins that election and decides to devote more time on politics than pugilism.

"I'm inspired to give a good show, to do my best," Pacquiao said, smiling. "To impress the people, you have to make your best (effort)."

Then trainer Freddie Roach jumped in, cranking up the hype.

"There's no stage big enough for Manny Pacquiao," Roach said. "He loves it, and I love it. He's going to perform for the crowd. He'll entertain all 45,000. He'll entertain everybody."

Roach said the adrenaline surge that's going to come from walking into the ring in these surroundings already has been factored into the game plan. That likely means even more punches from Pacquiao (50-3-2), who is already knowing for throwing plenty.

Then again, Clottey (35-3) is known for blocking punches. The 32-year-old Ghana native also has never been knocked out and knocked down only once.

"Blocking punches doesn't win fights," Roach said. "I think we can stop him in the late rounds. The accumulation of punches he'll be taking in this fight he's never seen before. ... I don't think he'll be able to handle it."

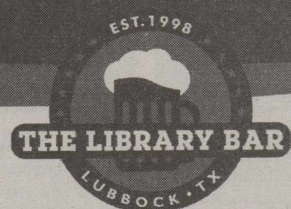
Clottey is taller and with a longer reach. He's never been stopped cold, with his few losses including a disqualification in 1999 and a split decision to Miguel Cotto in his last bout, in June.

Clottey was given this opportunity against Pacquiao when his proposed megafight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. fell through. He's very appreciative for this opportunity and has nothing but nice things to say about Pacquiao.

It's Roach who ruffles him, from the predicted result to talk of a head butt being one of Clottey's best punches.

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