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COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE in a tug-of-war contest during Spring Break 2010 at Coca-Cola Beach in South Padre Island. More than 20,000 students flocked to the island during "Texas Week" and many celebrated at the all-day beach party.

Students flock to island vacation spot

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Sun on the sand, the smell of the ocean and the sounds of more than 20,000 college students filled the beaches of South Padre Island for spring break during the island's busiest week of the season: Texas Week.

During March, the island's con reau expects more than 45,000 visitors for spring break.

"There are so many marketers and so many attractions, people can relax and really enjoy themselves," said Dan Quandt, executive director of the bureau.

Tourism is an important part of business in South Padre

and is part of the reason people enjoy visiting, Quandt said. Coming out of "recovery mode" from Hurricane Dolly, businesses on the island have now been able to get up and running and almost all of the hotels are operating again, Quandt said, allowing for more guests to visit the island

The only difference between Spring Break 2009 and 2010 on South Padre Island is the marketing techniques. He said in the past they advertised through university campus newspapers, but decided to try using the Internet this year.

"The economy is better this year and especially for students in Texas," Quandt said. "We've been very blessed this

year and students have all responded." One of the main attractions bringing students onto the is-

land is Coca-Cola Beach, an all-day beach party, said George Fuller, with Coca-Cola marketing. Since 1995, Coca-Cola has sponsored the event to provide students with a fun and safe environment, he said.

"Coca-Cola Beach was one hell of a party," said Jillian Crompton, a freshman undecided major from Frisco. "It was the place to be when the sun was out. I had the best time, an into people from Tech and even from my high school. We danced and talked; it was amazing."

Coca-Cola Beach offered music, occasionally live disk jockeys, tug-of-war, water balloon tosses and Guitar Hero competitions for beach goers. The activities were typical of what Coca-Cola Beach offers every year, but the Guitar

Hero contests were new.

"It's something we have never done before and we look each year to improve," Fuller said.

The event runs through the three main weeks of springbreak season free of charge and is a focal point for many people's visits to the island, Quandt said.

"I'm not aware of someone who has been here for spring break and hasn't gone to Coca-Cola Beach," Quandt said. "You don't go to New York City without seeing the Statue of Liberty, and you don't go to South Padre without going to Coca-Cola Beach."

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HSC students earn residencies on Match Day

By DEREK MOY STAFF WRITER

The culmination of four years in medical school lead up to one day for Texas Tech Health Sciences Center students - Match Day.

The annual Match Day was hosted at 11 a.m. March 18, when medical students from around the United States opened envelopes to see where they would begin their residencies. About 40 students attended the match day event at the HSC, and almost 140 were enrolled in the match program.

Each student tours different medical centers, gets to know the certain residency programs, has interviews with potential employers, and submits a list of their preferred residency locations to the National Resident grams also submit lists of their faput together a computer algorithm matches students to residency pro-

JoAnn Larsen, assistant dean for Student Affairs for the School of Medicine, said Match Day is an ex- she said. citing time for students. On average,



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Matching Program. Residency pro- ASHLEY STURGEON, A fourth-year medical student with a focus in preliminary medicine and dermatology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, opens her Match Day envelope vorite candidates. Once the lists are March 18 at the International Cultural Center. Sturgeon will spend her residency at the HSC in Lubbock.

> about half of students will stay in sions is to train physicians for the the country and gain an educa-Texas to complete residency training, and 15 percent to 25 percent choose to stay in the Tech system,

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citizens of West Texas," Larsen said. "To have people stay here is really a wonderful thing."

She said it is nice to see students "Certainly one of our key mis- match into top schools all around

tion at top hospitals such as Johns Hopkins University and the Mayo

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House votes in favor of historic health care bill

By DAVID ESPO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

moned to success by President Barack Obama, the Democratichistoric legislation Sunday night extending health care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans and cracking down on insurance

near universal coverage. months ago, the Senate-passed bill and Senate Majority Leader Harry cleared the House on a 219-212 Reid, D-Nev., in the grueling camvote, with Republicans unanimous in opposition.

early as Tuesday.

A second measure — making House. changes in the first — was lined up for passage later in the evening. It would then go to the Senate, where Democratic leaders said they had the votes to pass it.

Capitol shouted "just vote no" in a futile attempt to stop the inevitable taking place inside a House packed WASHINGTON (AP) - Sum- with lawmakers and ringed with spectators in the galleries above.

Across hours of debate, House controlled Congress approved Democrats predicted the major bill, costing \$940 billion over a decade, would rank with other great social legislation of recent decades.

"We will be joining those who company abuses, a climactic chap- established Social Security, Mediter in the century-long quest for care and now, tonight, health care for all Americans, said Speaker Widely viewed as dead two Nancy Pelosi, partner to Obama paign to pass the legislation.

"This is the civil rights act of Congressional officials said they the 21st century," added Rep. Jim expected Obama to sign the bill as Clyburn of South Carolina, the top-ranking black member of the

Republicans readily agreed the bill would affect everyone in America, but warned repeatedly of the burden imposed by more than \$900 billion in tax increases and Crowds of protesters outside the Medicare cuts combined.

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Weather-related crash shuts down Texas interstate

about eight hours in the suburban Dallas-Fort Worth area, officials said Sunday.

Five vehicles, including two 18-wheelers, were involved in the wreck Sunday morning, Arlington police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard said. One of the 18-wheelers fell onto another vehicle, resulting in the fatality.

The accident happened along Interstate 30, shutting down the westbound highway for about eight hours until the early after-

DALLAS (AP) — Icy roads noon. One of the 18-wheelers from a first-day-of-spring snow landed on its side and blocked caused an accident that killed one all three lanes of traffic, with person and closed an interstate for the cab hanging over a concrete divider onto the shoulder of the eastbound lanes.

Richard said icy road conditions were a factor.

The unusual late March snowfall dumped about six inches on parts of Collin County, north of Dallas. The snow came after nearly a week of mild weather that saw temperatures climb into the low 70s. College tennis matches at Texas A&M and Baylor were moved indoors because of the cold weather.

NATION

Toyota shareholders sue over fallen stock price

MIAMI (AP) — Toyota shareholders incensed over a sudden drop in the Japanese automaker's stock price are heading to court with lawsuits claiming company executives deliberately misled investors and the public about the depth of accelerator problems in millions of its vehicles.

At least three proposed classaction lawsuits filed by Toyota investors say the company gave false initial assurances that the sudden acceleration problem was a simple matter of floor mats trapping gas pedals, helping prop up the stock price.

The shareholder cases are part

of an avalanche of potentially costly lawsuits against Toyota Motor Corp. over the acceleration issue, including those filed by crash victims and their families and those brought by Toyota owners contending their vehicles are worth far less because of the

The investor lawsuits say Toyota spread misleading information through press releases, conference calls with stock analysts and TV interviews to assure stockholders and the public that the accelerator problem was easily fixed or might be the driver's

WORLD

Recount calls add to Iraq's political tension

dent on Sunday demanded a recount any doubt and misunderstandin this month's historic parliamentary ing" about the results. He said he elections, intensifying the political conflict over the not-yet-completed tally and increasing the chances that to preserve the constitution and the vote will be a long, chaotic test of to ensure justice and absolute the nascent democracy.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's coalition is narrowly trailing in the overall vote tally to one led by former quickly respond to requests from prime minister Ayad Allawi, with 95 percent of the vote counted. President Jalal Talabani, whose own coalition is such calls, and Iraqi law empowers losing to Allawi's secular alliance in neither Talabani nor al-Maliki to a key province, invoked the power of force the issue. The panel is an

his office in calling for a recount. bani demanded that the Independent only to the country's supreme court High Electoral Commission manually for ratification.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's presi-recount the ballots to "preclude was making the demand "as the president of the state, authorized transparency.'

Al-Maliki on Saturday called on the election commission to political blocs for a recount.

The commission has rejected independent body appointed by On his official Web site, Tala- parliament, and submits its results

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Legal teams in Leach-Tech case make noise during spring break

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

While Texas Tech students were on spring break, former football coach Mike Leach, along with Craig James and Adam James, were in Lubbock giving depositions.

Their sworn testimonies on March 5 and March 6 had both legal teams hosting emergency press conferences to disseminate information that could make their cases stronger.

Leach was suspended Dec. 28 after a complaint from injured receiver Adam James, who was allegedly mistreated by Leach while recovering from a concussion. A temporary restraining order was filed soon after in hopes of being reinstated as head coach for the Alamo Bowl on Ian. 2.

Leach was fired two days later on

The sequence of events spurred a lawsuit for defamation and wrongful termination from the former head football coach, who denies mistreating James.

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.

Judge William Sowder of the 99th District Court requested both sides to mediation and a gag order was placed on the negotiations.

The embattled coach testified under oath on videotape March 5 in the basement of attorney Ted Liggett's office building, one day after Tech Chancellor Kent Hance gave sworn testimony and one week after attorney Charlotte Bingham gave sworn

Leach, who moved to Key West, Fla., after the firing, fought back tears during an emotional statement he gave after his deposition.

"Well I appreciate everybody showing up, it's good to see you again, and anybody I haven't seen it's good to see you too," he said. "It's great to be back years here. And had a really good day today. What can I say? It's 10 years. But thank you for showing up."

Paul Dobrowski, an attorney for Leach, said "poorly" executed depositions from Hance and Bingham made the former coach's case "substantially stronger," and he specifically described how their testimonies supported Leach's

"They also confirmed and the documents confirm that Craig James wanted Mike Leach terminated and directed that communication to Chancellor Hance who directed that to the (Board of Regents)," Dobrowski said. 'That Chairman (Larry) Anders and Vice Chairman (Jerry) Turner of the Board of Regents were involved in the termination process. They were the ones who recommended that coach Leach be terminated for cause."

Tech attorney Dicky Grigg responded to Leach's legal team's statements with information from Leach's sworn testimony, saying the former coach's intent was "vindictive" and "not therapeutic." Along with a profanity-filled

in Lubbock. We've had 10 incredible quote from Leach, Grigg said the coach admitted he never treated a player who was suffering from a concussion in the manner he treated Adam James.

After the James depositions — Leach sat in the room with Craig James but not Adam James — Grigg hosted a press conference on March 6, which was followed up by another one later that day from Liggett's house.

Grigg spoke of evidence indicating Leach did not believe that Adam James had a concussion.

"He asked Mr. Pincock, 'Did you see him vomit? Do you have a sample of the vomit? This is a bunch of BS.' Those kind of things, not believing anything," Grigg said.

Liggett said Leach's legal team "categorically" denies that assertion and there is no "credible" evidence to suggest it.

Liggett also said that Craig James admitted he was "glad Mike was fired," and that Adam James testified that nothing that happened to him should have led to Leach's termination and that he "thought it was funny."

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Mass communications no longer offering minors

By KELSEY HECKEL STAFF WRITER

Students who entered the College of Mass Communications starting the fall of 2009 and all other students following no longer will be allowed to claim a minor either within or outside of the college, according to the 2009-2010 catalog.

The change was made to enhance the majors offered within the college and is supposed to make students more prepared to work within their major upon graduation, said Marijane Wernsman, adviser and unit supervisor in the College of Mass Communications.

"We were told there were too few classes offered with the College of Mass Communications and that students were not as prepared to be in jobs dealing with their major," she said. "Students will take more classes relating to their major and instead of a minor, they can take classes outside of mass communications as elective classes."

Wernsman said she does not think the change will affect the number of students

who enroll in the college, and if anything more will come because the program will be stronger.

"The only people this will really affect are the dual-degree majors," she said. "Because of the amount

of classes now required, the work load could be too much." Administrators within other mass communications programs said they were unsure if the change at Tech will actually

benefit students. Darrell Roach, the assistant dean in the College of Communications at The University of Texas at Austin, said his college will be doing the opposite — instead of no longer allowing minors, the college will be offering minors for the first time starting the fall of 2010 after students asked to be allowed the choice.

'The idea of a minor is to allow students to reach out and explore with their

education," he said. "Texas Tech has an minor that compliments their major," she excellent mass communications program but it should be up to the students if they want to take advantage of available resources and do more with what they are learning and they can't make that choice if it's not even offered."

Roach also said students still can do well without a minor; they just need to look for other opportunities to enhance their resume and to make them market-

"Nowadays it takes so much more to make it in mass communications," he said. "A degree doesn't guarantee you a job; it's what you have done in the area of your major." Roach said that includes taking

advantage of internships, networking and taking the right classes to guarantee that students are getting the most out of their education. Melissa Cox, administrative assistant

for Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., said her university also will allow minors for the first time.

said. "The more information that students can get dealing with the fields they are going into will only make them more marketable. This is true not only for mass communications but for all areas.'

While both UT and WLU changed their programs after listening to student input, Wernsman said the students she has talked to accept the change as an improvement to the program.

"We had a couple students who have seemed surprised, but after we explained it to them they were behind what we are doing," she said. "The only reason we changed this was to benefit the students and the faculty and advisory board in the College of Mass Communications are totally behind this."

The College of Mass Communications is the only college on campus to make this change; all other colleges still offer minors to their students.

Wernsman said she believes Tech is also the only school in Texas to have made this change

"We will encourage students to have a >>> kelsey.heckel@ttu.edu

Match ←

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Johannes de Riese, a 26-year-old senior born in Germany whose parents teach at the HSC, said he hoped to stay in Texas to be closer with his family and settle down with his wife, Chelsea de Riese. The program lets students have an easier time finding residency spots rather than going out on their own time.

He was matched with the Scott and White Healthcare System located in

Waiting for residency placement is like putting life on hold, he said.

"Most programs stop interviewing in December or January, so you have anywhere from two to three months where pretty much everything is done with," de Riese said. "And you really don't know what's going to happen."

For students, the anticipation is an accepted part of the process, de Riese said. After four years of medical school, most find it a relief to move on to the next stage of their lives.

"There's this anticipation of waiting for Match Day," de Riese said. "And then when it finally arrives, there is a lot of excitement because you're opening this

envelope and within that envelope is the next four years of your life." Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the School

of Medicine at the HSC, said he looks to the matched students as an important source of pride for the HSC. He said Match Day is to celebrate

all the years spent as medical students

and congratulated the students on

gaining residency. "Each student will interact with thousands of patients over the next 30 years," Berk said, "using the knowledge, skills and professionalism that they have

acquired over the past four years." Larsen said if students are not matched through the Match Day program, they are alerted on the Monday before. Students then have a "Scramble Day" to seek a

residency that has not been filled. This system will change next year with a more controlled re-match process, she said.

According to the NRMP Web site, 31,000 potential students compete for almost 24,000 residency positions. Match Day has been successful in matching students since 1952, but the residency positions do not increase fast enough to keep up with the student population.

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Militant group in Kabul presents peace deal draft

KABUL (AP) — Thirteen Afghan civilians died in violence Sunday as the nation's hard-line vice president expressed hopes for reconciliation and representatives of a militant group with ties to the Taliban brought their own draft of a peace deal to the capital.

Talk of reconciling with insurgents has done little to slow the fighting across Afghanistan, vet the issue is gaining steam, partly fueled by a "peace jirga" that Afghan President Hamid Karzai will host in late April or early May.

The Afghan government and others from the international community have had secret contacts with the Taliban, or their representatives at the same time that thousands of U.S. and NATO reinforcements are streaming into the

country to slow the insurgency. Helmand province in southern Afghanistan was the scene of Sunday's deadliest violence. A suicide bomber killed 10 civilians and wounded seven

others when he detonated his explosives

near an Afghan army patrol at a bridge

In eastern Afghanistan, two civilians died when a roadside bomb exploded near a crowd celebrating the Afghan new year in Khost province. And in Wardak province, NATO said an elderly man was shot and killed by a joint Afghan-international force that

mistakenly believed he was a threat. Also, NATO said two rockets landed Sunday around the military complex at Kabul airport. A third landed nearby and a fourth hit in the eastern part of the capital. There were no initial reports

Besides working on ways to reconcile with the Taliban's top leaders, the Afghan government is finalizing a plan to use economic incentives to coax low- and mid-level insurgent fighters off the battlefield. Pakistan, Iran and other international players, meanwhile, have begun staking out positions on possible reconciliation negotiations that could mean an endgame to the 8-year-old war.



Students welcome warm season

By DEVIN SANCHEZ STAFF WRITER

Saturday marked the first official day of spring, and now that spring break has come and gone, many students now have full-on "spring fever."

Alyssa Williams, a junior public relations major from Brady, spent her spring break in Las Vegas, and said, like most students, her break went by really fast.

"After spring break, everything else goes by really slow," Williams said, "probably because you begin the countdown to summer."

Williams also said she tends to favor spring over winter mostly because of the warmer weather.

"I am a bigger fan of spring than winter, because it is supposed to be warmer," she said. "Of course, that isn't always the case in Lubbock."

Not all students find it difficult to concentrate on school during the spring semester. Travis Hamel, a sophomore geology major from Houston, said he typically does better in school during the spring time.

"I am not quite sure what is it," Hamel said, "I guess after spring break, I am back in school mode.'

Hamel, who spent his spring break in South Padre Island, said he prefers spring to winter mainly because of the weather change.

"I like the spring time, I do better in school, and it's warm outside," he said. "What's not to like?"

Like Hamel, Merrick Passingham, a freshman business major from Chicago,

said he also tends to do better academically in the spring semester.

"If I'm out doing things and am busy, I try to schedule school work in," he said. "If I'm sitting around, which is what I usually do in the winter, I procrastinate and think I can do it later.

The weather, and not having to worry about being cold or dressing is multiple layers, seems to be something that weighs on many of the students' minds. Passingham said the warm weather of spring time makes life a little more effortless.

"When you don't have to worry about the weather, it is like one less stress lifted off your shoulders," Passingham said. "It really makes going to school easier in the mornings.'

Spring has sprung, and for some, with the new season comes a new attitude. Students said with the warmer weather, it is hard to not be in a better mood. Caitlin Trevino, a freshman business management major from Cypress, said her better mood in the spring time has to do with her comfort level.

"I am in a much better mood in the spring than in the winter," Trevino said. "When the sun is shining and you're warm it's more comfortable, rather than worrying about being cold."

Trevino also said her favorite thing about spring time is being in the sun.

"It doesn't really matter what it is, as long as it is in the sun," she said. "Laying out, going to the pool, really just doing anything outside when the weather is beautiful."

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WITH THE BEGINNINGS of spring on Saturday, the colors, warmer air and closeness of the end of the school year raise students' spirits.

Central Texas woman can't help but to help

As the area's only licensed wildlife Circle Road. rehabilitator, Jane Thomas cares each year for 600 to 800 battered, bloodied and needy animals that

Hawks that slam into 18-wheelers. Deer tangled in shredders. mow over all sorts of critters." Pelicans shot by children given a gun for Christmas.

her days wrapping broken limbs, cleaning foul-smelling cages and chopping up meat and vegetables and roadrunners.

percent of the wildlife. Although she's the go-to person for animal shelters in McLennan County and its surrounding counties, Thomas does not get paid.

who lives in Robinson with her a smiley-face bandage wrap. husband, Dennis. "But who else is going to do it?

"I get people all the time who animals'. Then, I tell them to clean one of the crates, and I never see them again."

Karen Froehlich, director of the Waco Humane Society, said good Samaritans consistently bring much of her life to wildlife.

ROBINSON, Texas (AP) — wildlife to her organization at 2032

"Oh, gosh, you name it, and they bring it in," Froehlich said. "Wild rabbits, squirrels, cranes, bobcats. A lot of otherwise wouldn't have a prayer. birds. Especially this time of year people start mowing their lawns and

When a woman in Limestone County on Monday found an injured For the past 32 years, the great horned owl in her driveway, 54-year-old Thomas has spent she called the county's game warden, who brought the bird to the society's animal shelter.

The owl sat in the group's conto feed a variety of animals — from ference room until Dennis Thomas bobcats and deer to baby rabbits picked it up and brought it home.

Wearing a pair of elbow-high She says she saves about 85 gloves, Jane Thomas cradled the bird in her arms and examined his swollen and wounded talon.

In a shelter next to her house, permeated with pungent odors and deafening screeches of about a dozen "I always say I don't want to birds of various species, Thomas do it anymore," said Thomas, cared for the owl with peroxide and

> She then placed it in one of her dozens of cages.

"Does that hurt, baby?" she said come to me and say, 'Oh, I just love to the bird as she put it in an empty

> A self-proclaimed tomboy, Thomas downplays her volunteer work with animals. She shrugged her shoulders when asked why she has given so

Mythological RPG good, not legendary

For fans of RPGs and Greek mythology, "Glory of Heracles" for the Nintendo DS seems to have a lot to offer. After all, Nintendo is known for publishing some fantastic games on their handheld, and the "Heracles" series has been around in Japan for some time now (although this is the first game to make it to North American shores).

boy washes up on the shore of Crete, half of the game is so easy that a lot with no knowledge of his past or of it feels moot. It isn't until later that even his name. However, he soon the difficulty ramps up - particularly discovers he is immortal and bands in boss battles - and you find yourtogether with a few other immortals self really needing to watch things to try to discover why they all seem like ether levels. to have been gifted by the gods of mythological setting could appeal to is populated with. a lot of gamers.

enough, boasting a rather typical care about the story. And although turn-based system with a few twists the gameplay does its job, it doesn't thrown in as an effort to differentiate feel fresh enough to keep me comitself from other RPGs. At the start ing back. I found that when playof each round

of a battle, you select actions for each of your party members to perform — bé it simply attacking, using a magic spell,

This is standard RPG fare, but the way magic

tion to a character's person pool of acles" itself. The game does a lot of MP, you must draw on a set amount things right. But the DS market is so of ether that is present in each battle. full of great RPGs, many of which Different types of ether relate to difare also published by Nintendo. ferent types of elements (fire, water, "Mario and Luigi: Bowser's Inside etc.) and the ether totals change as Story," for example, was one of last magic is used and the battle moves year's top games across all platforms. forward. If there isn't enough fire And with the promise of more huge ether to cast your fire spell, for games, such as a new "Golden Sun" example, you may pay for it with a title coming soon (hopefully by the serious blow to your health bar.

option of playing a sort of mini-game anything less than superb. every time you cast a spell. These are mostly relate to you tapping symbols Greek mythology, or if you absolutely in a specific order or furiously hitting need a handheld game to satisfy your a circle in order to charge up power. powerful than normal.

depth to a fairly technical combat peele@ttu.edu.



The story begins when a young system. However, much of the first

But "Glory of Heracles" has a Olympus. The story can be incred-rather major flaw in that it doesn't ibly generic at times, but it also has do a good enough job of standing out some nice touches of humor, and the amongst the RPG greats that the DS

Even as a big fan of Greek my-The gameplay is competent thology, I often found it hard to

ing it, I would sometimes get addicted to leveling up my characters and optimizing their equipment, but after I set it down, it was hard to convince myself to pick it up

The probworks is a little different. In addi- lem isn't really with "Glory of Herend of this year), it's as easy as it used In addition to this, you have the to be to care about RPGs that are

"Glory of Heracles" feels a bit extremely simple exercises that use average, but there's still some stuff to the DS's touch screen and stylus, and be liked here. If you're a huge fan of RPG lust, this should satisfy you. But Successfully complete a mini-game if you're looking for one of the best like this and your spell will be more RPG experiences you can have with your DS, this probably isn't it.

These sorts of touches can be Peele is The DT's opinions interesting and provide some good editor. E-mail him at britton.

'Alice' still reigns at box office with \$34.5M

ton's "Alice in Wonderland" took in \$34.5 million to remain the No. 1 movie for a thirdstudio estimates Sunday.

of March.

"You rarely see this kind of

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dergarabedian, box-office analyst Alice remains the queen of the for Hollywood.com. "Normally at this time of year, films don't make Johnny Depp and Tim Bur- this kind of money, and they don't hold in this long."

"Alice in Wonderland" easily beat a rush of new movies led by straight weekend, according to 20th Century Fox's family film "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," which The Disney release raised opened at No. 2 with \$21.8 its domestic haul to \$265.8 million. The movie is adapted million and its worldwide total from Jeff Kinney's cartoon novel to \$565.8 million after just about a sixth grader maneuvering three weekends in theaters, a through the intricate social struchuge result for a film playing ture at his middle school, which in the typically slow month includes its own "cooties" game known as the "cheese touch."

"I think cheese touch equals domination by one movie at magic touch at the box office," this time of year," said Paul said Chris Aronson, head of distribution at 20th Century opening of \$6.2 million. The

Bounty Hunter" with \$21 mil- payments. lion. Released by Sony, the date while pursuing a story.

We had figured an estimate distribution for Sony.

Men" flopped with a No. 4 "Repo Men."

Universal release features Law Debuting at No. 3 was Jen- as a repo man on the run in a nifer Aniston and Gerard future where organs are bloodily Butler's action comedy "The repossessed if patients miss their

In narrower release, Kristen movie follows a bounty hunter Stewart and Dakota Fanning's chasing his ex-wife, a reporter Joan Jett music drama "The with an arrest warrant over her Runaways" opened weakly with head after she misses a court \$803,629 in 244 theaters, averaging \$3,294 a cinema.

That compared to an aver in the high teens, so 20-plus of \$9,229 in 3,739 theaters for million is a good number for "Alice in Wonderland," \$7,085 us," said Rory Bruer, head of in 3,077 theaters for "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," \$6,831 in 3,074 Jude Law and Forest Which cinemas for "The Bounty Hunter" taker's action thriller "Repo and \$2,440 in 2,521 locations for

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students on the beaches at a on break. time, safety is always a concern for island residents, guests and want to have fun on spring ment lining the beaches.' break does not allow them to break the law, he said.

"We're working hard to get people to do things safely and not do something foolish," Quandt said.

pre-pharmacy major from Cypress, said he believed the he said. police were willing to "arrest anybody and everybody that was drunk and causing said. a problem," but Quandt said quota and the number of fines

"It would make sense to have does just that," Quandt said. "Spring break isn't what you see on 2 a.m. on infomercials."

Law enforcement doesn't look the other way when it comes to students breaking the law, he said, helping ease the minds of local With thousands of college residents and parents of students

"Everyone from chief of police down is tourist oriented and won't parents, Quandt said. The allow to mess themselves up or first thing the South Padre others," Quandt said. "Parents are Island law enforcement does more comfortable because they is remember to not abandon know they're being watched over the laws. Just because students and without having law enforce-

Because of the island's close proximity to Mexico, many students have enjoyed taking trips across the boarder. But with the recent warnings about traveling into the country, the organized Yanni Sarwon, a freshman trips hosted by South Padre businesses have been canceled,

> "It's sad because it's a unique part of being here," Quandt

With the warm weather and they were not looking to fill a long-standing reputation, he said he believes this adds to the legend actually goes down during this that is spring break on South Padre Island.

"South Padre welcomes the more, but people aren't here to students and not just for spring break the law, they're here to break but for bringing your friends relax and a high percentage and your family anytime," he said. "We want South Padre to be a life long part of their lives." » alexandra.pedrini@ttu.edu

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Lady Gaga says producer's suit is unlawful, fires back

her for \$30.5 million.

Her lawyer said in a court career soared. filing made public Friday the suit was "unlawful."

lawsuit Wednesday in Manhat- record deal.

NEW YORK (AP) - Lady tan against the Grammy Award-Gaga is firing back at a mu- winning performer. He said his sic producer who claims he protege and former girlfriend, launched her career and is suing whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, ditched him as her

The lawsuit said they co-wrote agreement at the heart of the songs such as "Paparazzi" and "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich." Fusari Song writer and music pro- also said he came up with her ducer Rob Fusari filed the stage name and helped get her



PINIONS

Life could benefit from being game-like

come to you today with a confession: I'm a point addict.

Part of it may be my Y chromosome, but I love competition. I used to strive to have the highest grades in class not just because I like being smart, but because I. liked knowing I could do better than everyone else. I love high long run I'll live longer and keep scores, and I'll sometimes play my girlfriend happy by looking Xbox 360 games longer than I would like just so I can pad my an entire box of Thin Mint Girl tal, which is thousands of points right about now. higher than most people on my friends list.

at it?

Thing is, I often find it hard to compare data with friends.



better, but in the short term eating Several months ago I was flip-

ping through an issue of Wired There's a part of me that seri- when I came across an article about ously wonders: if life were more of Nike+iPod, or just Nike+. It's an a game, would I be doing better interesting Nike "smart shoe" that connects to your iPod and calcu-Let's face it; I'm not the health- lates things such as your distance, met certain Nike+ goals. You could iest guy on the planet. I can blame pace, time and calories burned as earn points and exchange them for, growing up with an auto-immune you run. When you're done run- say, gift cards. Why? Well, think disease for some of that, but I cerning, you can upload all that data about it. A lot of businesses protainly don't eat as well as I should to the Nike+ server where you can vide health insurance to their fullor exercise as much as I could. set goals, attempt challenges and

for doing such things. Sure, in the already. For as nerdy as I am and as go down. The insurance company

much time as I spend indoors, I'm sure isn't complaining. proud I can run a mile in just more into something more for me.

out into a game.

This shouldn't sound entirely new to anyone, even if you aren't familiar with Nike+. Chances are you've at least heard of "Wii Fit," which did something similar. And sure enough, "Wii Fit" had me gaming beyond Facebook, beyond oh-so-precious Gamerscore to- Scout cookies sounds really good doing push-ups and yoga poses in Nike+ boasted some more interest- swer: life. ing features.

For example, the Wired article world where talked about how certain businesses were going to start offering bonuses to their employees who time employees. If their employees are healthy, and require less medifind enough immediate incentive Now, I actually liked running cal help year-per-year, rates might

video in question was a half-hour talk by Jesse Schell, a professor at Carnagie Mellon University. The Outside the Box," and it discussed "FarmVille" and "Mafia Wars." front of my TV for awhile. But Where is gaming going? His an-



you score points from toothpaste tems could make us better people? this and more.

On one hand, this paints a

humans might be tricked go overboard. into becoming walking billboards. But on the other hand, he editor.

says, what if such "game" sys- >>> britton.peele@ttu.edu

During the weekend, The DT's companies for brushing your teeth. The advantages of incentivizing than 10 minutes. But these Nike+ tech critic, Timothy Poon, di- for a full three minutes. A world things like exercise and recycling features threatened to turn running rected me to a video from this where Dr. Pepper gives you bonus are fairly obvious — any method year's DICE summit — a sort of points for drinking their product that could encourage people to Nike was going to turn working symposium for game developers five times in one week. A world do things like these should be exto talk about game design. The where you unlock achievement amined. But Schell also considers points after reading 500 novels or this: Would we be better people helping the environment by using just because we know we're being public transportation. After all, tracked, measured and judged? presentation was titled "Design technology is getting so small and That our children and grandchilso affordable that it will soon be dren might have a record of all pretty easy to keep track of all of our stats? Of where we were in the ultimate global high-score board?

> I think there's definitely a line rather scary picture. It's not hard somewhere, and we'll have to to envision a corporate Big Broth- figure out how far is too far when er where our every move is moni- it comes to tracking our lives. tored and influenced. Schell used However, I know that I, personexamples like tattoo ads, that if ally, would be healthier, stronger placed on your body with e-ink and maybe even smarter if there and always visible, could earn was a greater incentive of some you revenue as well as bonus sort. Maybe there's something points in the game of life. to the idea of turning life into a Kind of a scary thought, that literal game, so long as we don't

> > ■ Peele is The DT's opinions

Liberalism, conservatism can be found inside everybody

If you drive around Lubbock, it won't be a surprise to most that there's practically a church on every corner, or that we were once ranked the second most conservative city in the United States.

To some, like me, this is the town we call home. Conservaavoid it.

Since I understood the sepaof a Lubbockite. I rooted for the lemonade will prosper. liberal-minded candidates and It's capitalism, and being a ingly became more liberal mind- innovation drives competition. ed and had more of a distaste for white, God-fearing flock.

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friendly, good ol' Lubbock. And "real world." Now I have respon- Liberals and just don't fit the although most embrace the culsibilities. I know about paying the profile of a staunch Conservature, many of us natives try to car, rent phone and other bills by tive. I'm a fiscal Republican and tion that success is in the hands a thing). I guess I'm Switzerland is for. That's where those who can be is not black and white in a red, Ramos is a senior finance ration that divides this country of the beholder and life is full of in my neutrality. into Liberals and Conservatives, lemons. Those that have the right I considered myself the antithesis resources and skills to make the

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It doesn't have to be all or noth- individualism and our beliefs are it or not.

If you think about it it's al- >> marcia.ramos@ttu.edu

most like the fear of becoming Even in a town like Lubbock, your parents. Except this is the a person who has worked hard its fate. Do we face socialism? we all have a little liberalism in political version. I was so caught something to show for it in the independent-minded citizens for us as well, which will eventually being different and not betraying true socialism to ever take flight. creep up on us when least ex- my liberal peers that I ignored tive, traditional, Republican, younger, rebellious and not in the not keep up with the extreme single parents and even the self because we believe in marriage conservative lifestyle, is indeed called "baby killers." It's called part of me whether I like to admit

major from Lubbock.

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Pope doesn't mention rebuke to bishops

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope claimed. He also issued no punishment Benedict XVI on Sunday urged Catholics to refrain from judging sinners a day after he rebuked Irish bishops for their handling of a half-century of sexual abuse of minors by clergy.

The pontiff didn't mention his letter indulgent with people." chastising Ireland's church hierarchy as he made his weekly appearance Sunday from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square. He cited the Gospel passage about Jesus' inviting those without sin to cast the first stone toward an adulterer.

"While acknowledging her sin, he does not condemn her, but urges her to sin no more," Benedict told Englishspeaking pilgrims in the square. "Trusting in his great mercy toward us, we humbly beg his forgiveness for our own failings, and we ask for the strength to grow in the United States, Australia and Canada his holiness."

In Germany meanwhile, the news magazine Focus quoted the head of the German Bishops Conference on Sunday as acknowledging that Roman Catholic church consciously covered up cases of sexual abuse.

Archbishop Robert Zollitsch of Freiburg said while most cases happened outside the church, "assaults that took place in such numbers within our institutions shame and frighten me."

"Every single case darkens the face of the entire church," he said.

On Saturday, Zollitsch apologized personally for a sexual abuse cover-up that happened twenty years ago in a Black Forest community while he was in charge of human resources at the Freiburg diocese.

In the missive made public Saturday by the Vatican, Benedict said Irish bishops made grave errors of judgment about the abuse. But he didn't blame Vatican polithe situation worse, as victims in Ireland, the United States and elsewhere have told the Avvenire daily.

for derelict Irish bishops.

The pope said Jesus taught people to "not judge and not condemn one's neighbor. Let us learn to be intransigent toward sin - starting with our own (sin) - and

Abuse scandals involving Catholic dioceses, monasteries and other institutions - including a German boys choir long led by the pope's brother — have been exploding across Europe. Besides the pope's homeland of Germany, where Benedict once was the archbishop of Munich, other nations such as Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Italy have seen victims come forward recently with allegations of abuse as well as cover-ups.

For years now, Catholic churches in have grappled with sexual abuse cases, cover-ups by hierarchy and huge financial payments to victims. In his letter to the Irish faithful,

Benedict apologized to victims but cited no specific punishments to bishops. Probes sponsored by the Irish government accused the bishops of covering up abuse of thousands of children in parishes, orphanages, workhouses and other church-run institutions from the 1930s to the 1990s.

Critics, including victims advocacy groups, point to a 2001 policy, directed by then-Cardinal Ratzinger at the Vatican, which cloaked church handling of cases in secrecy. That in many instances effectively granted impunity to child molesters.

Monsignor Rino Fisichella, rector of a pontifical university in Rome, contended the pope's letter to Irish faithful signaled a "decisive" break with the past.

"The pope uses very harsh words toward those who betrayed their vocation cies that kept the abuse secret for making and just as harsh words toward those who maintained silence and hid crimes," he

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- John 3:16

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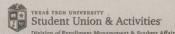
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Tech softball wins 9 games during spring break

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball continued its best start in program history with nine wins in 11 games during spring break, including a 2-1 thriller against No. 19 Florida State.

Against their first ranked opponent of the year, the Red Raiders were able to boost their confidence

"It helps us just because, I mean, that's basically what we're going to be playing for the rest of the year in conference are ranked teams," Tech coach Shanon Hays said, "and so it gives us confidence to know if we go play well and pitch the ball well we've got a chance to win."

In the Red Raiders' 11 games, they lit up the stat sheets and outscored opponents 99-15. However, that number can be misleading because 24 of those runs came in a single contest against an outmatched North Carolina Central team.

Tech (28-4) opened its spring run in the bottom of the inning. break with six games against North Carolina Central and Jackson State, winning all in convincing fashion. Each game was decided by the eightrun mercy rule before the seventh

After dismantling Jackson State and North Carolina Central, the Red Raiders traveled to Tampa, Fla., for the USF-The Game Tournament. Tech faced five teams from Friday to Sunday, winning three and los-

thing about his team while it was in 7). Florida was their pitching. The Red Raiders gave up only six earned runs well today and my changeup was in their five games.

On the first day of the tournament, Tech lost a 3-2 heart-breaker got into a good rhythm early just by to Long Island (11-12). After freshman center fielder Mikey Kenney evened the game at two with her really well and I trust them to call



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

EMILY BLEDSOE SLIDES to third base on Wednesday during one of Texas Tech's games earlier this season. The Red Raiders won nine games during spring break.

top of the seventh, the Blackbirds responded by plating the winning

The game, however, was not without its controversy. The Red Raiders were penalized for five illegal pitches in the fifth inning, which led to a run giving Long Island the lead.

Freshman pitcher Ashley Brokeshoulder was credited with the loss, but came back to pitch a completegame gem against Florida State just 30 minutes later.

The next day, Brokeshoulder pitched another complete game Hays said the most impressive victory 6-2 against Towson (14-

> "I was hitting my spots pretty working well," Brokeshoulder said after the Towson game Saturday. "I trying to hit spots and throw strikes. The coaches scout our opponents

11th home run of the season in the pitches for me and all I need to do is just hit (catcher Randi Tongate) in the glove. It really helps us keep things simple."

Also impressive in the circle for the Red Raiders was senior Ashly Jacobs, who allowed two earned runs in 15 1/3 innings pitched during the tournament. Jacobs earned a win and struck out nine in the Red Raiders 7-2 win against Florida A&M.

Despite all the success, Tech did have to battle some injury woes in Florida. Hays said shortstop Leah Legler broke her finger and required stitches, which caused her to miss the last four games of the tournament.

Hays said starting left fielder Stephanie Drewry hurt her wrist, and did not bat in wins against Florida State or Florida A&M. Third baseman Emily Bledsoe was also not at 100 percent because of an ailing back.

Because of the injuries, several >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

players had to start in unfamiliar positions, including Holley Gentsch in her first ever start at first base.

However, Gentsch stayed consistent at the plate and drove in Tech's two runs in the win against the Seminoles.

"Sometimes when you have to play another defensive position, it makes the things that you're already comfortable with seem easier." Gentsch said. "As usual, I just go up there and try to hit it hard. With a runner in scoring position, I think that's all any of us are trying to do, hit it hard.'

The Red Raiders finished the tournament with a 3-2 loss against Maryland (15-9) in a rainy game, but still have two more games to prepare for Big 12 Conference

Tech hosts Arkansas-Pine Bluff at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Lady Raiders advance to face Wyoming in WNIT

Texas Tech head coach Kristy Curry believed all season that her team would play in a postseason game.

The Lady Raiders got their postseason berth and have made the most of it thus far. Tech (18-14) was selected along with Kansas to represent the Big 12 Conference in the 64-team field in the 2010 Postseason Women's National Invitation Tournament.

To start off the WNIT, the Lady Raiders hosted Houston (17-15) in the United Spirit Arena on Mar. 18 and came away with a close 80-77 win to move on to the second round.

However, a win against the Cougars did not come without a battle.

The Lady Raiders were down by as much as 16 points in the first half and entered halftime trailing 37-29. The struggles were a result of a slow start by Tech, which didn't score its first basket until the 16:34 mark.

A 10-4 run at the beginning of the second half helped the Lady Raiders get back into the game and take control. Tech also made 13 straight free throws in a span of 3:44 to hold on to the lead at the end of the contest.

Tech guard Christine Hyde led the team with a career-high 16 points. Tech had three other players in double-digits. Tech forward Jordan Barncastle had 12, and forwards Ashlee Roberson and Marissa Ashton had 11 each.

The Lady Raiders shot 76.6 percent from the free-throw line, hitting 36-of-47 attempts. Both the free throws made and attempted were a season-high for Tech

Houston guard Brittney Scott led all scorers with 29 points.

The win against Houston was a historic one for Curry. It gave the Lady Raiders 18 victories this season — the most ever under Curry.

Tech is set to face Wyoming at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in Laramie, Wyo. It will be the fourth time the two teams have met, with the Lady Raiders holding a 2-1 advantage against the

The last time the two teams met was on Dec. 6, 2003, when the Lady Raiders handed Wyoming a 77-26 defeat.

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Harden rocked in Rangers loss

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run rally against Rich Harden and the San Diego Padres beat the Texas Rangers 14-5 Sunday.

After pitching three scoreless innings, Harden couldn't escape the fourth, leaving with two outs after giving up a double, triple, home run and walked in a run. Harden allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings.

Harden, who signed a one-year, \$6.5 million contract with a \$1 million buyout if his 2011 option isn't picked up, allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings. Harden has an 11.75 ERA this spring but he said his only issue was changeup command - something he hopes to clean up over his final two starts this

"It's kind of been my spring training so far," Harden said. "My changeup just wasn't there. It kind of comes and goes and I was just leaving it up in the zone. I wanted to stick with it even though it was up a little."

Hairston and Adrian Gonzalez each had two hits for the Padres.

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Red Raiders advance to 3rd round of NIT

By ALEX YBARRA MANAGING EDITOR

Through the first half on Saturday, Texas Tech's three leading scorers were not living up to their regular stat line.

But neither was the rest of the team, especially forward Brad Reese, who averages seven points and less than three rebounds a game.

He helped Tech erase an 11-point deficit with 19 points and 10 rebounds — his first career double-double — in a 69-64 victory against No. 8-seed Jacksonville in the United Spirit Arena, advancing the Red Raiders to the third round where they will play Mississippi at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Oxford, Miss.

"I was just trying to go to the rebound," Reese said. "Coach always talking about, 'Go to that rebound. That's the easiest bucket."

Forward Mike Singletary added 13 points and eight rebounds, guard John Roberson had 14 points and D'walyn Roberts fell one rebound shy of a double-double with 10 points and nine boards.

Tech coach Pat Knight said he's never been a part of such a sluggish first half, as he witnessed the Red Raiders (19-15) miss their first nine shots and fall behind 11 points early on.

Singletary, Roberson and Okorie — the team's top three scorers — had eight points on 3-of-10 shooting at the half, mirroring the team's overall shooting percentage of 29.6.

A lot of it was because of bad shot selection. A full-court press by the Dolphins (20-13) had Tech scurry-

ing to get its motion offense going, but there wasn't much driving and dishing. It was mainly eatching and shooting, with little movement.

"When you come down and dribble around, just pass the ball and jack it up, that's not very good. That's what we had," Knight said. "We had no cutting, We had no screening. It was five guys around the semi-circle, whoever got the ball tried to make a move off the dribble while the other four just stood and watched."

Probably the biggest play of the game, Tech capped a 17-8 run in the second half with a game-changing alley-oop from Roberson to Roberts.

Sprinting down court on a fast break, Roberson lobbed a ball from just past half-court and Roberts sent it through the rim as he drew a foul. He made the free throw and Tech took a 45-43 lead with 14:51 remaining.

Just before the dunk, Knight told his players during a timeout that if Tech can take the lead, "this place is just gonna go nuts."

He was right.

"I think the guys got going, got their momentum going," Knight said. "We're a team that can push it up. Now you got the crowd, the crowd is with you."

The Dolphins lingered the rest of the way, with their largest deficit at eight points.

Knight had to go with a smaller, more athletic lineup in the second half in hopes of matching up better with Jacksonville. Guard Ben Smith led the Dolphins with 17 points and Ayron Hardy and Lehmon Colbert had 12 and 13 points, respectively.

"(Jacksonville is) skilled," Knight

said. "That whole league is that way. There's not a lot of big men in that league. They're skilled 6-6, 6-7 kids. From a defensive standpoint, we wanted to be able to switch off."

It worked.

The Dolphins' shooting percentage dipped from 43 percent in the first half to 35 percent in the second. With less shots going down for Jacksonville, Tech started pulling down more rebounds, winning the battle of the boards, 47 to 36.

But Tech still couldn't close out the Dolphins.

"They're real quick," Reese said. "We tried to front them, make it hard for them, but they're real quick though, quick moves to basket. We just tried to use our athletic ability to keep them out of the lane."

A tough layup by Smith with 2:11 to go tied the game at 62 before Singletary went to the free throw line and made one of two.

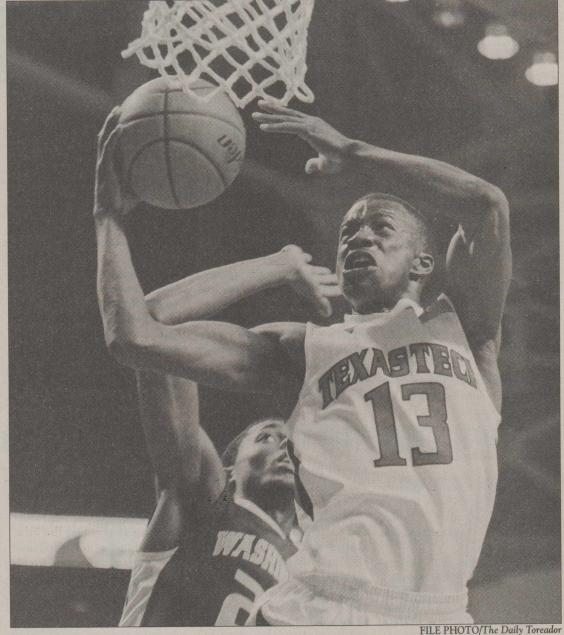
Jacksonville wasted its opportunity to take the lead though, turning the ball over to Tech.

The game was over when guard David Tairu caught a deep outlet pass and dunked the ball, sending the crowd into a frenzy and Tech to the third round of the NIT, one game away from the semifinals in Madison Square Garden.

"I think this team is focused," Singletary said. "I think we're focused on the team that we got coming up next. We know they're a good team. We watched them play yesterday.

"They're athletic. They play well together, so we're gonna have our

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THE RED RAIDERS advanced to the third round of the National Invitational Tournament on Saturday when they beat Jacksonville State 69-64. Texas Tech beat Seton Hall in the first round of the tournament.

Track teams complete indoor season

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Despite expectations of a topfive finish at the Indoor NCAA Championships, Texas Tech's track and field team fell short and finished 14th in the men's competition and tied for 34th in the women's.

"It seems like every time you go to a NCAA Championships there's always some great things that happened and there's some bad things that happened," Tech coach Wes Kittley said. "And you know, I felt our kids competed really hard and overall I was proud."

Despite not finishing where they wanted to, the Red Raiders set a school record with 15 All-Americans during the two day competition March 12 and March 13 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Among the standouts at the championships was senior hurdler Omo Osaghae who set a school and personal best time of 7.60 seconds in the 60-meter

hurdles. Osaghae finished third national championships can and was .04 seconds away from a be intimidating for some, but national title behind defending his team should be able to use national champ Ronnie Ash of the experience to continue to

also impressed, finishing fifth ing experience and you know and garnering All-American it's always good to be top 15 in honors for LaToy Williams, Ja- the country in anything," Kitmaal Butler, Bryce Brown and tley said. "So I think it really Zach Plinario. The women's team gave us an opportunity to build of Candace Jackson, Trudeann on for the outdoor season." Clarke, Erica Alexander and Taylor Evans finished eighth over, Tech now turns its focus and also earned All-American toward the outdoor season.

for the scarlet and black include two field athletes winning Clarke, Purity Biwott, Gladys first-place at the Horned Frog Kipsang and Caroline Karunde Invitational in Fort Worth. in the distance medley relay. Freshman Julian Wruck won Karunde also was honored for the men's discus, and senior her seventh-place finish in the Ozie Okolie won the women's

Big 12 Indoor Performer of the Year Bryce Lamb was named an meet of the season Saturday All-American for his fifth-place at the Terry and Linda Fuller finish in the long jump.

Kittley said he believes the >> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

The men's 4x400 relay team "I think it was a good learn-

With the indoor season Tech sent several athletes to Other All-American honors compete this weekend, with hammer throw.

> Tech hosts its first outdoor Track Complex.

Men's tennis wins 2nd tourney

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

The Blue-Gray Classic title belongs to Tim Siegel's Red Raiders for the first time in program history after a successful ekend in Alahama

No. 16 Texas Tech (16-1) defeated No. 17 Oklahoma (12-2) 4-3 on Sunday to capture the title.

"Today was as exciting and as high level of tennis that I've ever been a part of in all my years of coaching," Siegel said. "Both teams just played so hard and it was just one of those matches that could have gone either way. This team just showed so much heart and determination this weekend, played four incredibly difficult opponents and to finish by beating a Top 20 team, I just can't say enough. I'm just so proud of this group."

The Red Raiders began their pursuit for the title Thursday when they faced No. 63 Harvard, sweeping the match 5-0 to advance to the second round to face Big 12 Conference foe No. 54 Oklahoma State (6-6). In the quarterfinal match, sophomore Rafael Garcia guaranteed the Red Raiders spot in the semifinals when he defeated OSU's Ilija Martinoski in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

Tech swept No. 38 Notre Dame (9-8), 4-0, in the semifinals Saturday to clinch its spot in the finals for the Blue-Gray Classic title, which turned out to be a Big 12 showdown against Oklahoma.

Manzini said. "It was great for the team. We are getting more confident, and this is going to help a lot when getting into the conference matches."

Because of bad weather the final from Montgomery to Auburn, Ala., at and regain the lead for Tech. Auburn University.

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RAONY CARVALHO AND the Red Raiders won the Blue-Gray Classic on Sunday in Alabama. The tournament is widely considered to be one of the most prestigious in collegiate tennis.

was up to No. 23 duo sophomore Gonzalo ranked in the Top 25 in singles. In the end, Escobar and freshman Andre Stabile to get No. 15 Raony Carvalho defeated No. 20 the point for Tech. Escobar and Stabile won Andrei Daescu 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 to clinch the the tiebreaker to defeat sophomore David win and Blue-Gray Classic title for the Pultr and junior Ionut Beleleu, 9-8 (8). Red Raiders. With the win, Tech claimed the doubles point and the early lead for the title.

"Everyone had great victories in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. But then Tech stum-week. It was a good feeling. It was special singles and doubles," freshman Vitor bled, losing the No. 3 and No. 4 matches to to be the last player playing in the finals bring the match even at two apiece.

In the No. 5 spot, Manzini's match clinching match." went to a third set to decide the winner. After dropping the first set 1-6 and fallmatch of the tournament changed venues rebounded to take the last two sets, 6-4, three against Big 12 opponents.

The title match started with doubles, three sets, the win and the title came down and better."

"This week was amazing," said Carvalho, who was named the tournament Singles play was a pure battle, but started MVP. "I was playing great tennis, the off well for Tech as freshman Raphael Pfister whole team was playing great tennis. I defeated sophomore George Chanturia in think we worked really hard the whole and everybody watching and winning the

After their second tournament win of the season, the Red Raiders return to ing behind in the second set, Manzini Lubbock for six straight home matches—

"Now we are a team — a real team," After dropping the No. 2 match in Carvalho said. "We are just getting better





