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Univ. research fund qualification deadline looms

By JON VANDERLAAN
News Editor

A research expenditure requirement could keep Texas Tech from drawing out of National Research University Fund for an extra two years and has prompted the system's chancellor to launch a strong campaign to reach that requirement.

Taylor Eighthy, Tech's vice president for Research, said one year after reaching almost \$90 million in total research expenditures and about \$35 million in restricted research expenditures, the university most likely is going to pass \$100 million in total expenditures and be close to the \$45 million benchmark for restricted expenditures.

To draw from the NRUF, according to House Bill 51 from the Texas Legislature, an institution must expend at least \$45 million in restricted research funds for the two state fiscal years preceding the state



EIGHMY

2010. Because of the wording of the bill, the university would have to wait an extra two years, until FY 2012 and FY 2013, to start the process over if it didn't reach \$45 million.

"If we make it this year and next year, great. If we make it the following two years, great," he said. "The sooner the better."

Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) said he has been receiving updates from the university and is surprised

fiscal biennium. Those two years for Tech could be FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the university could draw \$10 million from the fund in the first biennium Tech qualifies.

However, Eighthy said it is not guaranteed the university will reach that number in FY



HANCE

Duncan also said the University of Houston is right there with Tech in the race to reach the goals set forth by HB 51, with the University of Texas-Dallas trailing those two.

Part of the reason universities were able to reach the goals, he said, was because hard targets were set and part of the design of the bill was meant to help institutions have goals to reach.

Although the rules for appropriating money from

with how quickly it has been able to reach the goals set out by the Texas Legislature.

"I thought it would take about four years, and I think everybody thought it would take three or four years for everyone to reach the levels," he said. "We tried to set (the benchmarks) high, and we did set them high."

NRUF LEADERS

Top universities in NRUF race FY 2009*:

- University of Houston — \$50,130,712
- University of Texas-Dallas — \$36,829,369
- Texas Tech — \$35,030,672

*Restricted research expenditures

SOURCE: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

the NRUF have not yet been established, Duncan said, one of his top priorities for the 2011 Legislative session is to create rules that allow universities that reach the goal to collect from the fund when the legislature is not in session.

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A model student

'Down-to-earth' Red Raider competes on TV show

By BROOKE BELLOMY
Staff Writer

It's been a huge leap for Alexandra Underwood, growing up showing horses in the Hill Country to now strutting on the catwalk as one of 13 contestants on the CW's "America's Next Top Model" — in what the producers call "Cycle 14."

Last spring, "ANTM" hosted open auditions at Lubbock's South Plains Mall. The auditions brought out thousands of women, hopeful for the opportunity to be a contestant on the reality television show.

Of those thousands of women who auditioned that day, only 6-foot-tall Underwood amazed the judges and producers enough to be featured on the show.

Underwood, a senior mass communications major from Kerrville, said her mother's friend "dragged" her to the audition. Once at the audition, Underwood said she felt intimidated and out of place.

"I had never modeled professionally," she said. "Other girls at the audition had professional portfolios with photographs and they had modeling experience. I brought pictures of myself that I printed off Facebook."

Underwood said her friends and family had been telling her to audition for the show and pursue modeling for years but she didn't know how to go about pursuing it or where to start. "ANTM" has been the perfect starting point, she said.

Last September, Underwood got that life-changing call. The producers said she made the cut and would vie to be America's Next Top Model.

At first she almost hung up the phone because she thought the call was a prank from her roommate, Danielle Gasken, a senior early childhood major from Brownwood.

Gasken said all of Underwood's friends and family have been supporting her since the first audition.

"She had to withdraw from school in Fall 2009 to be on the show," she said. "We really missed her but she was able to call us once a week."

The phone calls she made to



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARBARA NITKE/THE CW

ALEXANDRA UNDERWOOD, A senior mass communications major from Kerrville, withdrew from Texas Tech in Fall 2009 to be one of 13 contestants on The CW's 14th cycle of "America's Next Top Model."

family and friends were recorded for potential use on the show. The lack of privacy was a challenging aspect of the show for Underwood.

She said she was concerned with

having cameras around 24/7. With the countless hours of footage filmed, she knew situations could be edited or misconstrued.

Now that she is back in Lubbock,

Underwood and her friends gather each week to watch the new episodes together.

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Fast-track program at HSC accredited

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Family Medicine Accelerated Track officially was accredited Tuesday, allowing students to take only three years to complete the medical program. The program enrolls selected students into an expedited family medicine plan, which reduces student debt and increases the number of family medicine doctors produced at the HSC.

Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine, said the program will be evaluated from the time it starts, the summer semester of 2011, until August 2013 when the plan will produce its first graduates. Once evaluated, the plan could draw other medical schools across the United States to start degree plans similar to Tech's.

"Everybody who is associated with this is really optimistic about it," he said. "We now have 10 excellent students in this upcoming class that will become the first students to be part of it — all the resources are in place."

Administrators hope the plan doubles the number of students who want to become family medicine doctors, an average of about 10 in the class to 20 or more, Berk said.

Betsy Jones, associate professor of Family Medicine, said the students will be selected after the first semester of medical school and must be in the top half of their class. By August 2010, the first class of students will be enrolled and then begin taking the new curriculum in the summer semester of 2011.

"We're very excited, we think it's going to be an inventive program," Jones said. "We think we are going to have really great students who are going to be interested in it."

However, the program is not ready to accept students this summer into the degree plan, she said.

Accredited programs must undergo standard procedure by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which requires students to see a set amount of patients, develop skills in professionalism, and pass three United States Medical Licensing Exams.

"The LCME will want a report on all aspects of the FMAT program in 2013," Berk said.

The program is only offered at HSC School of Medicine in Lubbock, Amarillo and Permian Basin.

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Tech debate team wins national championship

By RALSTON ROLLO
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech debate team defeated Pepperdine University 7-2 in the final round of the National Parliamentary Debate Association's national championship tournament last week at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Members of the team included Brian Horton, a senior political science, French and geography major from San Angelo, and Adam Testerman, a junior mass communications major from Springfield, Mo. Horton said preparation for the tournament, which ended March 15, was strenuous.

"(Preparation) was pretty intense," he said. "We had practice all throughout spring break."

Joe Gantt, director of the debate team, said the championship is Tech's second in the last three years.

"We're the first school in the history of (the NPDA) to win two titles in three years," he said. "It really does a great job of highlighting the academics we have at Tech."

Pepperdine's debate team provided a solid challenge, Gantt said.

"It was a quality final round from every participant," he said.

Horton said debaters from Pepperdine were strategic, well-prepared and made Tech's victory a tough one.

Bolanle Olaniran, interim chairman for the Department of Communication Studies, said the team's success because of a collective effort.

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STATE

Republicans in Congress urge Hutchison to stay

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Republicans in Congress have written a letter to Kay Bailey Hutchison urging her to remain in the U.S. Senate, even though she has said she plans to step down.

A letter signed by 20 GOP House members from Texas praises Hutchison's service and says her experience is needed during this period of "sweeping change." A copy of the letter, dated Sun-

day, was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"We understand your desire to go home to Texas and spend more time with your family. But we hope you realize how necessary your continued service in the U.S. Senate is, for Texas and for our country," the letter stated.

While Hutchison's office confirmed receiving the letter, the senator didn't comment to the AP.

NATION

White House, experts: Health care suit will fail

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The White House says it isn't worried that 13 state attorneys general are suing to overturn the massive health care overhaul, and many legal experts agree the effort is futile.

But the lawsuit, filed in federal court seven minutes after President Barack Obama signed the 10-year, \$938 billion health care bill, underscores the divisiveness of the issue and the political rancor that has surrounded it.

Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum led the effort to file the suit that claims Congress doesn't have the

constitutional right to force people to get health coverage. It also says the federal government is violating the Constitution by forcing a mandate on the states without providing resources to pay for it.

"To that I say, 'Bring it on,'" said White House domestic policy chief Melody Barnes, who cited similar suits filed over Social Security and the Voting Rights Act when those were passed. "If you want to look in the face of a parent whose child now has health care insurance and say we're repealing that ... go right ahead."

WORLD

Officials: US missiles kill 3 in NW Pakistan

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP) — A suspected U.S. missile struck a house in northwest Pakistan close to the Afghan border Tuesday, killing three people, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The identities of the victims in Miran Shah in North Waziristan were not known, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

North Waziristan is dominated by

militants from the Haqqani network, which is blamed for attacks against U.S. and NATO forces across the border in Afghanistan.

The United States routinely fires missiles against al-Qaida and Taliban targets in northwest Pakistan, striking at an area that up until 18 months ago was largely a militant safe haven. The attacks, fired mostly from unmanned drones, have killed many low- and mid-ranking insurgents.

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PARACHUTE PREPARATION



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

CHARLIE DINEEN, A senior petroleum engineer major from Houston, trains with a running parachute Monday outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Green Building Council hosts residence hall competition

By **KELSEY HECKEL**
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to make Texas Tech a more sustainable campus, the U.S. Green Building Council is hosting a design competition to create a new residence hall that will be more eco-friendly.

The competition, which started Jan. 25 and will continue through April, is open to all enrolled undergraduate and graduate students or young professionals ages 18 through 35.

The goal of the competition is to create a design that can be put on display throughout Green Week, which starts April 26.

"Maybe the competition will influence the design of buildings that are still in the planning stages for Tech,"

said Rob Diaz, vice president of the Tech chapter of the council. "We're not saying that the competition will evolve into an actual building, but hopefully it will give them ideas."

Diaz said listening to Tech students and involving them in the process is important.

"The real thing is what do the students want?" he said. "Right now, students are not being asked their opinions. To an extent we should incorporate student ideas, they are the ones who will be living there."

Diaz said this presents an opportunity to build sustainable residence halls, which could create an advantage over other Texas universities.

"UT and A&M are other schools that need to look at being more sustainable but maybe can't — Tech can," he said. "UT doesn't have the space to build A&M does, but I don't know that they are doing anything. Tech has both the space and the need for new residence buildings."

Mark McVay, associate director of housing facilities and operations, said another residence hall remains in the planning stages, but the plan is to have another 15,000 beds by 2020.

The winner of the design competition



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TECH USGBC

will be determined by a panel of professors who will critique the entries and decide which one will be put on display.

Applications for the competition can be picked up in the College of Architecture.

The council also will host other events within the next month such as Earth Hour and Green Week to continue spreading the word about how to be more sustainable.

Earth Hour will be hosted from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday on the College of Architecture courtyard.

The event will ask people in every building on campus to turn off the lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, including the Architecture building, which

never turns its lights out.

"I am trying to get the lights out, even if it means I have to run around and turn them all off myself," Diaz said.

Diaz said the USGBC hopes to have between 300 to 500 people come to the courtyard and participate in the event.

He said he hopes students will turn their lights off around campus to contribute.

Green Week will also try to raise awareness of how Tech can be eco-friendly through a series of events, lectures and seminars.

"Tech is doing stuff to be more green, but how do we get that out?" Diaz said. "That's what we do with Green Week."

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study + play + live

6:32 still havent studied for the quiz. what about u?

6:33 nope :(want to get together to study?

6:34 my place. study lounge or wifi by the pool?

6:35 def the pool. cant beat the sun while studying

6:36 lol. see you in a few

It's the law of the land: Health overhaul signed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Claiming a historic triumph that could define his presidency, a jubilant Barack Obama signed a massive, nearly \$1 trillion health care overhaul on Tuesday that will for the first time cement insurance coverage as the right of every U.S. citizen and begin to reshape the way virtually all Americans receive and pay for treatment.

After more than a year of hyper-partisan struggle — and numerous near-death moments for the measure — Obama declared "a new season in America" as he sealed a victory denied

to a line of presidents stretching back more than half a century. Democratic lawmakers cheered him on, giving the White House signing ceremony a rally-like atmosphere as they shouted and snapped photos with pocket cameras or cell phones.

Not everyone was cheering. The Democrats pushed the bill through Congress without GOP support, and the Republicans said Tuesday that those Democratic lawmakers would pay dearly in November's elections. Opinion polls show the public remains skeptical, too, and Obama will fly to Iowa on Thursday

for the first of a number of appearances that will be more like a continuing sales job than a victory lap.

Aside from the huge, real-life changes in store for many Americans, the White House hopes the victory — even as a companion Senate "fix-it" bill moves through the Senate — will revitalize an Obama presidency that has been all but preoccupied with health care for his first year and two months in office.

Vice President Joe Biden was caught whispering a profanity as he exclaimed to the president what a big deal it was.

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Debate

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"I cannot take the credit," he said. "I have to give it to (those who are directly involved with the debate program)."

Olaniran said his department and the debate program appreciate the support that has been given to the program by the university and hope that support will continue to grow.

Credit for the debate team's success can be given to the collective efforts of debaters, coaches and the department of Communication Studies, Horton said.

"Adam and I are the final decision-makers, but we couldn't do it without the help of the coaches and the support of the department," he said.

Unlike other academic competitions, Gantt said, debate illustrates expertise in a highly diverse array of subjects.

"Debate illustrates how great of an education our students are receiving from all corners of campus," he said.

The debate team's success contributes to Tech's pursuit of status as a Tier One university because national championships in intercollegiate competitions are a part of the university's strategic plan, Gantt said.

A step in the right direction, Horton said, the debate team's national championships are a "testament to Tech's support of student endeavors."

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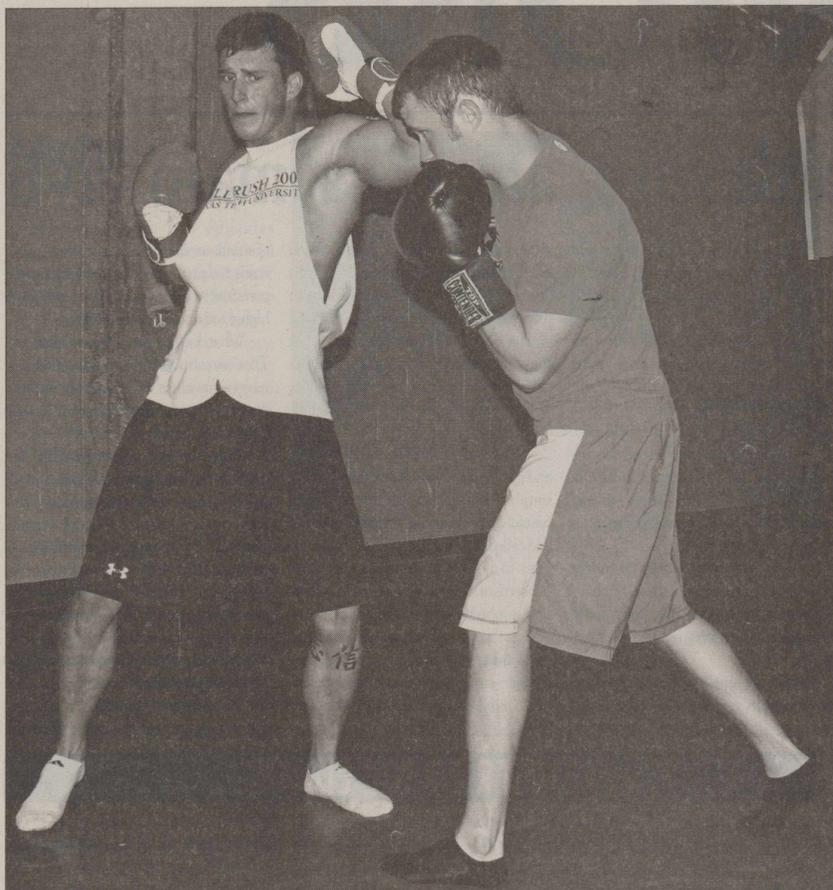


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OGAN HUNT, LEFT, a senior general studies major from Granbery, and Dustin Thomas, a junior mechanical engineering major from Border, practice boxing Monday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Law school professor to be recognized for article

By **KATHERINE ROWE**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Law professor Bryan Camp was honored by the Texas Bar Association for an article published in the School of Law's journal.

The article discussed protecting trust assets from the federal tax lien. Camp said he is not only proud of his own achievements, but he is proud of the journal that published his work.

"The award is not just about my article," he said, "it's about the journal that publishes about it, too. This is only the third time since 1977 that a secondary journal from a law school has had the best article. That just speaks a lot to the work that the students here put in."

Camp said he is honored to be acknowledged because it means people are reading his articles.

"I can think about a problem that faces attorneys who are in practice," Camp said. "They don't have time to think about that problem. I can write about it, so I can help businesses by giving them ideas on how to solve the problem."

Rick Rosen, vice dean of the law school, said a lot of praise should be given to Camp and the rest of the law school faculty for their achievements.

"Bryan is not only an outstanding teacher, but he's an outstanding scholar, as are so many of his colleagues," Rosen said. "This is the fifth time in seven years that one of our faculty members have won this award."

Ben Major, the editor-in-chief of the student-produced journal, said the publication is only 2 years old.

The articles are written by people who have a vast knowledge, who have practiced and

have real-life experience, he said.

Major, one of Camp's former students, said Camp writes with such an upbeat tone and an ease of phrasing.

"He writes with an expertise," Major said, "but he makes it to where anyone can understand it."

Rosen said faculty usually write in areas they teach. By writing and research, he said, they expand their knowledge in areas they teach or could teach in the future.

"Part of what we do at the school is not only teach students," Camp said, "but also, in promoting the school, we want to add value to the students' degree even after they leave."

Camp will be honored during the Texas Bar Association annual meeting on June 10 and June 11 in Fort Worth.

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Obama and Israeli PM meet amid dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met at the White House on Tuesday in the midst of a serious dispute that spoiled what might have been a celebration of a recent agreement for a new round of peace talks with the Palestinians.

Obama and Netanyahu conferred for about 90 minutes in the Oval Office, but in a break with custom reporters were not invited to see the close allies shake hands and begin their discussions. The White House had no immediate comment on what was discussed.

At issue is Israel's announcement two weeks ago, as Vice President Joe Biden visited the country, that it will build 1,600 new apartments in east Jerusalem, the largely Arab section of the disputed holy city. Palestinians

claim east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state and have delayed new U.S.-sponsored peace talks over what they say is an Israeli land grab.

Israel on Tuesday unveiled a grandiose plan for hotels, businesses and new housing for Palestinians in the center of east Jerusalem, but the announcement only brought Palestinian suspicion that it was an unacceptable payoff for new building in Jewish neighborhoods. The plan calls for developing a large area across from the Old City wall for tourism and commerce, as well as building 1,000 additional apartments.

On Capitol Hill, Netanyahu received a warm public reception from Congress on Tuesday, with a top Democrat and Republican joining to praise a leader who has refused to back down in a disagreement the White House says threatens new peace talks.

The bipartisan welcome under-

scored the breadth of congressional support for Israel even when a U.S. president wants to keep his distance. And it pointed to the limited options, beyond verbal rebukes, that the Obama administration faces in pressuring the Jewish state.

"We in Congress stand by Israel," the leader of the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., assured Netanyahu at an all-smiles appearance before the cameras. "In Congress we speak with one voice on the subject of Israel."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton greeted Netanyahu this week with a polite rebuke. Expansionist Israeli housing policies erode trust and the U.S. position as an honest broker, she said. Netanyahu's public reply came quickly: Jews have built their homes in Jerusalem for centuries and will continue, he told a pro-Israel audience.

Pay cuts coming for execs at bailed-out companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top earners at five big companies still living on federal bailout money will take a 15 percent pay cut this year, the Obama administration's pay czar says — yet many will still make millions.

Kenneth Feinberg also said cash salaries would be capped at \$500,000 this year for the vast majority of the top executives at the five companies. Any further compensation has to be in stock.

Still, he said, 69 of the 119 executives covered by the restrictions will take home pay packages worth more than \$1 million.

The announcements Tuesday were the administration's latest effort to deal with outrage over lucrative pay provided to executives of bailed-out companies while the public struggles with stagnant wages and high unemployment.

Taxpayers can still expect to lose tens of billions on the rescues of the five companies: American International

Group, GMAC Financial Services, Chrysler Financial, Chrysler and General Motors.

Feinberg said his review refuted companies' complaints that pay restrictions would drive away top talent. Inside the five companies, 84 percent of the top executives covered by last year's pay limits have stayed put, he said.

"These statistics undercut the argument that if you don't pay more, people will leave," Feinberg said. "They are not leaving."

Feinberg set pay rules in October for the seven companies that received the most money from the government's \$700 billion bailout fund. Since then, Citigroup and Bank of America have paid back the money and are no longer covered by the pay guidelines.

It's far from clear that the five remaining companies will repay their taxpayer billions.

AIG, the world's largest insurer

before it nearly collapsed in the financial crisis, has been selling assets to repay some of its \$182 billion bailout package. This month, it sold American Life Insurance Co. for \$15.5 billion.

That deal is expected to cut AIG's outstanding debt to the government to about \$78 billion. The company is considering other sales. And the government will sell shares it holds in AIG to recoup some of its investment.

A repayment of \$568 million to the Federal Reserve last week will allow AIG executives to start getting the biggest chunk of their pay packages, known as stock salary, a year early.

It remains doubtful that taxpayers will recover their entire investment in AIG, though. Last fall the Government Accountability Office said AIG's stability depends on market conditions and continued government aid.

Research

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He also said lawmakers need to create an appropriation formula for the fluctuating \$515 million fund, a formula which most likely will have incentives for universities that reach certain thresholds. People already are meeting to get ahead start on the formula.

Hance said making the mark is not guaranteed, but he believes it will happen and the university is projected to be about \$3 million to \$6 million away.

"It's a very big year, but I don't want to say it's the biggest, because we've done a lot of other things that were equally important last year," he said.

Because the university is close to the goal, Hance said he has set up meetings to discuss large sums of money in hopes of reaching \$45 million.

While raising that money normally would not be difficult, he said, the guidelines for restricted research expenditures and the Sept. 1 deadline make the task more difficult.

Despite the possibility of waiting an extra two years, Eightmy said the university is still well ahead of previous projections.

New awards, delayed awards and stimulus money also will make a big difference in the amount of research expenditures for the university, he said.

The slow dispersion of the stimulus funds does not make them dependable, Hance said, and he is not counting any possible funding from the stimulus bill in his projections.

Although not reaching the restricted research expenditures requirement remains about a "50-50" possibility, he said, it does not have much affect on the university outside of some extra waiting.

"It still is not going to keep us

from achieving what we want," Hance said, "and that's a Tier One status in research."

Other benchmarks also are required to take money from the NRUF, Eightmy said, some of which have yet to be determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The university must comply with four of the five other benchmarks: Reach an endowment of at least \$400 million, award at least 200 doctor of philosophy degrees per year, bring in high-standing freshman classes, have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and

have a high-quality faculty.

"We have big confidence that we'll do well with meeting four of the

other six parameters," Eightmy said. "And we just feel the other one that we'll need to monitor the most is the restricted research benchmark."

Hance said it is impossible to know when or if they will reach the \$45 million mark until it gets closer to Sept. 1.

"I would think as we get closer we have a better idea," he said. "It could be a photo finish. We might know in May. We might know in June."

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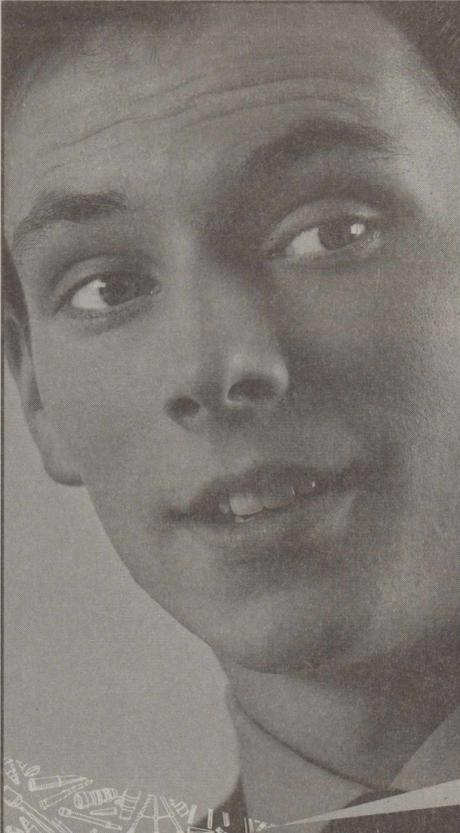
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OPINIONS

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When it comes to politics, health care, always remain civil

With the passing of the health care bill, it looks like President Barack Obama made history once again.

Despite the advantages his latest feat may provide for almost 40 million Americans, as has become quite common within our society, there are those who have decided to voice their opposition in the most hostile and nonproductive ways possible.

Some legitimately oppose the bill because they have read it and found just cause to be a bit on guard. Others may have glanced at the bill, but instead of reaching their own well-established conclusions, have chosen to rely on the interpretations of those around them. Of course, the majority has most likely failed to read the bill at all and simply belong to the "We're Opposed to Anything Obama

Shay Irby



Does" group. Either way, Americans who are displeased with Sunday's decisions are not hard to find.

Like many, I've not read the bill, but unlike most I've yet to take a stance on this particular issue. However, I can say that I am not opposed to the idea of making health care affordable for American citizens. Is this bill the correct way to go about doing so? I'm not sure, but I think most of us can agree something needs to be done. Sadly, that's about all that has been agreed upon.

Most unsettling are the reactions of those who strongly disagree with the contents of the document simply because they benefit little or not at all.

As surprised as I was to learn the bill had passed, that sentiment was not echoed when I heard the way some displayed their disappointment. From spitting on representatives to using racial slurs, it's sad to say that reactions such as these have come to be expected. We've turned into a "me" society, and fail to care much about the overall quality of human life unless we're directly affected or have something to gain.

We rushed to assist Haiti, as we should have, just as we invaded Iraq to protect the people, so says former President George W. Bush. But when it's time to deal with our own American brothers and sisters, our first thoughts revolve around whether or

not we'll have to sacrifice. If so, how much, and for whom are we willing to sacrifice? Homeless? Poor? Minorities? Homosexuals? Disabled?

Racial slurs are used to refer to members of Congress as if race has anything to do with the need for affordable health care. So while reports of displays of pure hatred don't shock me, I am saddened. I'm saddened by the fact we seem to only unite as a nation in times of crisis. I'm saddened that in 2010, people still use racial epithets in attempts to degrade or antagonize others.

Not only is that sad, it's also downright pathetic. I mean come on; these slurs have been around for centuries. If you're going to be a racist, at least keep up with the times and be original.

Maybe no one else is taking notice, but it appears as though we're becoming

more and more divided as a country, and I'm not sure how much longer we can survive as one nation with so much inner turmoil. Yes, debate is healthy, and no, we'll probably never all agree on one issue, but that's supposed to be one of the most appealing features of our country: our ability as a people to disagree while still peacefully co-existing.

Sadly, we're no longer sitting down and rationally discussing our views. We're simply shouting them out in the most hateful ways imaginable. If I spat on you and called you out of your name, would you listen to me? Would you care to engage my concerns or work on behalf of my interests? If so, you're better than me.

For those people who threaten to leave the country each time something doesn't go your way, I have frequent flyer miles I don't mind sharing. These are the types

of mindsets that give our country a bad name and prevent us from reaching our full potential as a nation. Not to mention it's highly unpatriotic in my opinion.

What does it mean to be an American? That's a question I don't think we ask ourselves as much as we should, nor do I feel that we're aware of just how much we take our U.S. citizenship for granted.

Whether you are for or against the current health care resolution, it doesn't matter much to me. What matters to me is how we treat one another. So although we don't necessarily have to agree on everything, we must get a lot better at disagreeing. Not because I say so, but because the survival of our country just may depend on it.

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Location-based services gaining steam

So you're in a pretty comfortable place.

You've got an iPhone and you're just starting to get a handle on the mobile scene. You've followed in Ashton Kutcher and Oprah's footsteps and gotten a Twitter account. You take pictures with your mobile handset and post them to Facebook. Overall, you're getting used to mobile technology.

Well brace yourself, because there's a new game in town. Location-based mobile services are storming onto the scene and will soon shake up your mobile lifestyle.

The basic idea behind location is that it takes the social question beyond Twitter's "What are you doing?" and adds "Where are you doing it?" Services vary, but all of them at their core offer users a means to "check in" to various real-world locations using a smartphone with location awareness (GPS, most commonly).

The services then take this check-in data and allow the user to see where friends are checking, what they're saying about various places and how many other users are checked in at a particular spot.

At the moment there are two major players in the location services genre. First and foremost is Foursquare, which launched at SXSW Interactive in March of last year. Second is Austin startup Gowalla, a newer service with a different flavor but a similar basic concept.

Both integrate gaming elements to encourage their users to check in more often and at a greater variety of places. On Foursquare these take the form of virtual "badges," awarded for achievements such as checking in to four locations in a night

Stephen Torrence



or 20 places in a week.

Gowalla, on the other hand, favors "trips" over individual achievements, encouraging users to, for instance, visit all the historical markers in a given city.

Outrageous and pointless as all this might sound, it's about to hit the mainstream hard. In just a year Foursquare has grown to about 500,000 registered users, with 100,000 of them coming in the 10 days during last week's SXSW Interactive conference in Austin. It now indexes about 1.4 million venues nationwide. These numbers are all growing rapidly.

There are dark sides to location-based social networking, of course. Sites like PleaseRobMe.com cull public check-ins to determine when specific users aren't at home, for instance.

Privacy always will be a key concern in any social networking service. Services and users are starting to realize control is key. In her SXSW keynote, social networking sociologist danah boyd identified the ability for users to control how and whether services publicize their information as the primary factor for businesses to consider.

Both Foursquare and Gowalla only publish check-in data to a user's approved friends by default. Users can then choose whether to also publish that data to Twitter

or Facebook. In this way the services assure their users have full control over telling others where they are.

The inherent benefit for location-based services, as with other social networks like Twitter or Facebook, is that users get a social or economic benefit of some kind from sharing information about their activity. This can be something as simple as meeting up with friends to study.

Businesses are also starting to take notice of the growing location trend. On Foursquare users can become the "mayor" of a location by checking in there more often than anyone else. Some businesses are starting offer discounts, free drinks and other incentives for their Foursquare mayor.

These sorts of practices are part of a growing realization that brand loyalty matters. Repeat customers are key, especially to local businesses. What location-based services offer is a way for these businesses to connect with local users in a fun and potentially lucrative way.

Next-generation location-based services like Foursquare and Gowalla are building upon previous services such as geotagged photos and location-aware restaurant recommendations. They are changing how we perceive and interact with the world around us.

So if you are already relatively comfortable with mobile applications and want to do something new and cool with your smartphone, jump on the location wave now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

2nd graduate VP election not violation of voters, candidates

I am writing in response to the staff editorial by Jon Vanderlaan titled "Election Commission mistake violates voters, candidates." As a serving member of the Election Commission, I feel this editorial has unjustly put the Election Commission, as a whole, in unfavorable light. And while I cannot speak for every member on the Election Commission, I feel it is necessary to provide an alternate viewpoint to the picture that Vanderlaan has painted.

The main issue is that Texas Tech School of Law students have been unable to vote for any candidate running for vice president for Graduate and Professional Affairs since 2003. The Election Commission became aware of this issue when we received numerous messages from law students stating they were unable to vote for candidates running for the graduate vice president. Upon receiving these messages, the Election Commission looked into why they were not previously able to vote.

As Vanderlaan accurately points out, there is an "absence of strict rules governing who votes for the graduate vice president," citing Chapter VII, Section 7.02 of the SGA Election Code. Because of this absence, the Election Commission turned to the SGA Constitution to look for supporting guidelines. Article III, Section 2.2 of the SGA Constitution states, "The Student Government Association Vice President for Graduate Affairs shall be elected by the enrolled graduate population in an election to be held in the Spring."

We continued in the SGA Constitution to Article III, Section 3.3, which states, "The Vice President for Graduate Affairs shall have a graduate standing according to university policy at the time."

After reviewing the aforementioned texts, as well as the list of graduate degrees on the Graduate School Web site, the current Election Commission interprets the above evidence as a clear statement that students in the School of Law are considered graduate students. This was the decid-

ing factor which caused us to declare the first election for vice president of Graduate and Professional Affairs invalid due to the fact that a group of graduate students were unable to vote.

I point out the above phrases because I can only assume that previous Election Commissions considered law school students ineligible to vote for this post because the School of Law is a separate entity from the Graduate School. However, nowhere in the two governing documents is the graduate vice president limited to students in the Graduate School.

To respond to Vanderlaan's view that the first election threw away the votes of the students who did vote, I disagree wholeheartedly. Each of the students who voted in the first election were given the opportunity to cast their votes again in the replacement election. If any votes were thrown away, it was the votes that could not be cast in the first election by graduate students in the School of Law.

By correcting (not covering up)

this mistake when it was brought to our attention, the current Election Commission did not "add an extra constituency." Instead, the Election Commission justly gave a part of the graduate student constituency, previously unable to vote, the opportunity to cast their votes.

All this being said, and as Vanderlaan suggested in his editorial, holes have been exposed in the SGA Election Code. Deepali Butani has vowed to fix this problem. It is my sincere hope that the vice president for Graduate and Professional Affairs-Elect will be able to work with the SGA Senate (whose responsibility it is to make amend to the Election Code) to fill in these, and any other holes present in the SGA Election Code.

Perhaps a formal committee should be formed by the SGA Senate to draft amendments to the SGA Election Code to be voted on by the entire senate.

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Although only two episodes have aired thus far, Underwood said she is pleased the producers did not edit the numerous hours of video to show her in an unfavorable light.

Being a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma also helped Underwood in the competition. Underwood said sorority life helped her to deal with living with 12 women. And, like all reality shows, there's plenty of drama including tears, screaming, bonding and even some comic relief.

"I know that not all women get along," she said. "I know they can be moody. Being a Kappa has allowed me to be around lots of women with different personalities so I know how to deal with the other women in the competition."

Underwood's mother, Amy Underwood, said she is proud Alexandra has decided to finish her degree at Tech before pursuing a modeling career.

"I love that she wants to finish school," she said, "and I pray that she has a fabulous career in modeling."

Alexandra's family and friends all agree that she has the competitiveness to win the competition.

"I've dealt with tough coaches my entire life," Alexandra said. "I can handle the criticism and fix

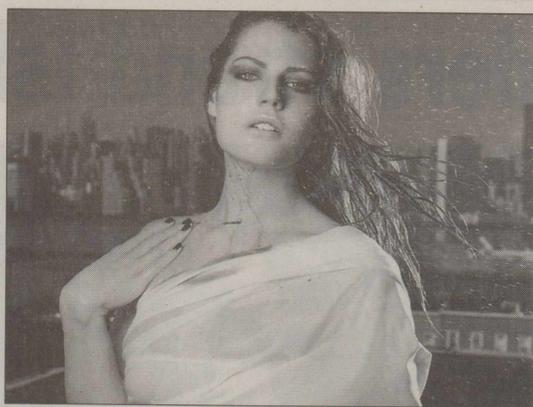


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ALEXANDRA UNDERWOOD POSES FOR a photo shoot on the 14th cycle of "America's Next Top Model."

my mistakes from it. I'm my biggest critic, so I can handle whatever the judges want to throw at me."

The show's judges are likely to give out quite a bit of criticism to Alexandra and the other contestants. This year, there are three permanent judges for Cycle 14. They are model and host Tyra Banks, fashion photographer Nigel Barker and Andre Leon Talley, a Vogue magazine editor. A fourth guest judge differs each week.

Alexandra's younger sister, Alyssa, a junior at TCU, said the show has not changed her sister at all.

"Alexandra is down to earth," she said. "Being on television hasn't changed her. She hates drama.

She's very laid back. She's still the same Alexandra from before the show."

As far as how Alexandra did on the show, she can't say. A publicist was present during her interview so Alexandra would not accidentally divulge secrets from the episodes not yet aired. She was not even permitted to tell her parents how she fared on the show. In whatever place she finishes the show, her friends, family and fans said she's already a winner.

"America's Next Top Model" will air 7 p.m. today on the CW.

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Nintendo handheld promises 3-D gaming in palm of hand

So you liked "Avatar" in 3-D, right? A lot of people did. And it's partly for that reason many companies are doing their best to bring 3-D viewing into the living room. Most upcoming 3-D-enabled TVs seem heavily problematic, partly because of their requirement of special 3-D glasses.

What if you could have that sort of 3-D effect on a handheld gaming system, though? Better yet, what if you didn't need glasses to get it?

In a somewhat weird move, Nintendo is going in that direction with its upcoming Nintendo 3DS.

Announced via Japanese press release while most of us were sleeping Monday night, the 3DS, which is assumed to be a working title, is expected to launch sometime during Nintendo's next fiscal year, which runs from April 2010 to March 2011. It will have a display so that games may be "enjoyed with 3-D effects with-

Britton Peele



The first is the fact it uses 3-D. Nintendo has notoriously shied away from including high-definition display into their gaming hardware, even today. So it's funny they're deciding to emphasize the fact their new device will be 3-D. Nintendo isn't generally known for jumping on technology bandwagons.

It does, however, harken back to Nintendo's abysmal failure of the past — the Virtual Boy — which boasted amazing 3-D graphics viewed in a visor-like system. However, the device did more to burn out people's retinas than give them a fun experience.

The second weird thing about this announcement is how minimal it was. We're a few short months from this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo, which is where this device will apparently make its grand debut. But Nintendo felt the need to send out a press release saying, "Our next handheld will be 3-D. Think about that for awhile, because we're not telling you anything else." It's just a sort of weird move.

Some have speculated the field of depth Nintendo will offer won't be like a 3-D movie, where images pop out at you, but rather will trick your eyes into seeing depth that goes down, into the screen rather than out of it. I guess we'll have to wait and see exactly what Nintendo has up its sleeves. Considering these are the people behind the Wii, anything is possible.

All that said, there's plenty of reason to start getting excited about Nintendo's next big thing. Even with strong competition from the Sony PlayStation Portable and Apple's iPhone, Nintendo still reigns supreme in the world of handheld gaming. I'm really excited to see what the future of portable gaming holds.

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Geneva atom smasher to try record collisions

GENEVA (AP) — Operators of the world's largest atom smasher said Tuesday they will try in a week to collide proton beams at record high energy in a new bid to discover secrets of the universe.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, says beams have been circulating in the Large Hadron Collider at 3.5 trillion electron volts since Friday, 3 1/2 times higher than the previous record set late last year. The operators have kept the beams apart but they will attempt to collide them on March 30.

The higher energy is meant to increase the likelihood that scientists will be able to examine the smallest particles and forces within the atom that could reveal more about the make-up of matter and the universe.

"We've still got a lot of work to do before collisions," said Steve Myers, CERN's director for accelerators and technology. "Just lining the beams up is a challenge in itself. It's a bit like firing needles across the Atlantic and getting them to collide half way."

The collider — housed in a 27-kilometer (17-mile) tunnel under the Swiss-French border at Geneva — has been operating well since November when it was restarted following extensive repairs.

It soon eclipsed the next largest accelerator — the Tevatron at Fermilab near Chicago — pushing its energy to 1.18 trillion electron volts, or TeV. Tevatron operates at 0.98 TeV.

The \$10 billion LHC was launched with great fanfare on Sept. 10, 2008, but it was sidetracked nine days later when a badly soldered electrical splice overheated and set off a chain of damage to the massive superconducting magnets and other parts of the collider some 300 feet (100 meters) below the ground.

CERN had to undertake a \$40 million program of repairs and improvements before it was ready to retry the machine at the end of November. Then the collider performed almost flawlessly, giving scientists valuable data in the four-week run before Christmas.

CERN specialists have checked out and improved electrical connections and

other parts throughout the machine.

The extra energy in Geneva is expected to reveal even more about the unanswered questions of particle physics, such as the existence of antimatter and the search for the Higgs boson, a hypothetical particle that scientist theorize gives mass to other particles and thus to other objects and creatures in the universe.

Scientists hope also to approach on a tiny scale what happened in the first split seconds after the Big Bang, which they theorize was the creation of the universe some 14 billion years ago.

When the collisions start at the new, higher energy, CERN plans to run the collider continuously for 18-24 months, much longer than previously.

This is because the machine operates at near absolute zero degrees, colder than outer space and shutting it off can require months to bring the equipment up to room temperature for any checks, repairs or improvements, CERN said.

Springer hosts new dating game show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry Springer is reinventing himself again, this time as host of a dating game series.

"Baggage," debuting next month on the Game Show Network, gives three contestants the chance to win the eye of a prospective date. The hitch: Contestants have to reveal their faults and foibles.

Players will carry suitcases onstage to represent the baggage they'll confess to and defend, GSN said Tuesday. Among the planned suitors: a shop-lifter, a woman who gets advice from psychics and a control freak.

Springer called "Baggage" a family friendly show that's "just fun and lighthearted. There's no life-changing issues."

"I'm like the crazy old uncle," he said. "People feel comfortable telling me their secrets, that I won't be judgmental."

After the three contestants are pared down to one, the potential date must own up to a fault of his or her own.

Springer, 66, whose varied credits include his long-running talk show, "The Jerry Springer Show," as well as "America's Got Talent," "Dancing With the Stars" and a Broadway turn last year in the musical "Chicago," was to begin taping "Baggage" this week.

"I just keep finding jobs," said Springer. "I'm really lucky and I know that. ... Being a host is what I'm comfortable doing. I've been doing it forever, joking around with guests, having fun."

The half-hour series debuts April 19. It will air at 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.

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Behind Petite, Red Raiders strand Islanders

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

After a few rough outings to start the season, Brandon Petite finally pitched the game his coaches knew he was capable of.

The freshman grabbed his second win of the season with his longest and most solid outing this season. In five innings of work he allowed three runs on two hits, walked three and struck out a career-high seven batters.

It was the type of pitching Tech needed as the Red Raiders ousted Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 9-5 on Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

"Kind of came up and threw how (Tech coach Dan Spencer) expected," Petite said. "And I just tried to follow in (Chad Bettis') footsteps from the game at A&M, try to keep it going."

Petite came a long way for Tech baseball, being recruited out of Vauxhall Academy in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

And his Tech career didn't start off perfectly. His first win came in the Jacksonville State game Feb. 21, when he allowed two hits, three runs, three walks and struck out two in relief.

Trouble came in his first two starts of the season. He allowed three hits and four runs in 2 1/3 innings against Dallas Baptist on March 2 and two hits and four runs in 1 2/3 innings against Gonzaga on March 9. Plus, the freshman's ERA was 13.50 heading into this game.

But Tuesday night was different. Petite said he threw with more confidence in this game and it showed. Even

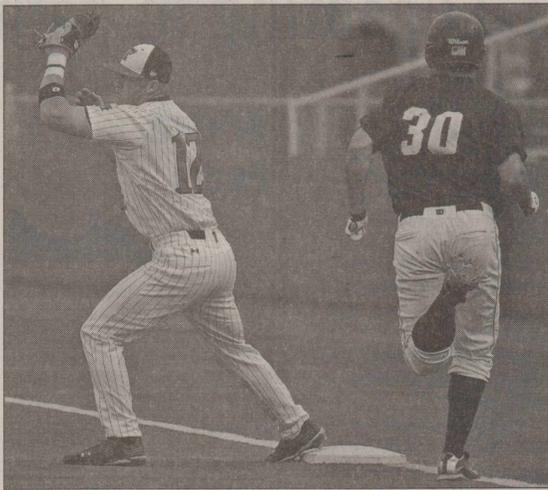


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Stephen Hagen puts out the Islanders' Chris Famiglietti during the game against Texas A&M Corpus Christi Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

when he faced adversity, he maintained composure.

Adversity came in the form of A&M-Corpus Christi's Matt Holland, who hit two home runs off Petite.

The first home run came in the second inning and it put the Islanders up 1-0 early with no outs. But Petite bounced back to get three outs — two of which were strikeouts — without allowing another run to cross home plate.

The second home run was in the fourth with one out, but Petite struck out Jeramie Marek and Caleb Marx to

end the inning.

Especially considering how strong winds were Tuesday, Spencer said it was one of the more impressive things about Petite's outing.

"That's a big thing to see because with young guys, you give up a home run, then you walk the next guy, then you're in the mess," Spencer said. "But he didn't. He eliminated it. He gave up a couple solo homers and in this park today, that's not a bad deal."

Another key to Tech's win Tuesday was production from the lineup. The



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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Reed hits the ball during the game against Texas A&M Corpus Christi Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

Red Raiders didn't have third baseman Nick Popescu, who is out because of a hamstring injury.

Some of the more standout changes were Bo Altobelli, who took Popescu's place at third base Tuesday, and Jamodrick McCruider as the lead-off man.

It's been an opportunity for McCruider to stand out — a single in the fifth pushed his hitting streak to eight games. He went 2-for-3 with a run.

The Red Raiders saw production from the bottom of the lineup as well. Taylor Ashby hit a three-run home run in the eighth to extend Tech's lead

to 9-4. It was crucial considering the Islanders were closing in and Tech was only up 5-4.

Tech shortstop Joey Kenworthy went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs, catcher Jeremy Mayo went 2-for-3 with a home run and first baseman Stephen Hagen went 2-for-4 with a home run.

Spencer said Popescu could end up back at third if he is healthy to play against No. 10 Texas this weekend. But he liked what he saw with the Islanders putting a left-handed pitcher on the mound.

"With a left-handed starter, we basi-

cally flipped Hagen for (Kevin) Whitehead in that group," Spencer said. "Hagen did his job. He handles left-handers pretty well and hit a home run and a double and got us going a little bit."

McCruider knew how important this game was considering the Longhorns are coming to town. The Red Raiders have won two consecutive games after riding a seven-game losing streak.

"This is very big, especially playing Texas," he said. "It's the best thing we can do, is get two wins and then go in the Texas (series) and see what happens."

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Sophomore Peana returns to action for Lady Raiders



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TEXAS TECH'S STEFANIE Peana returned to the lineup this weekend after being injured. She is expected to bolster a young Tech lineup.

By JOSHUA KOCH
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It was a different feeling this time around for Texas Tech sophomore tennis player Stefanie Peana.

She hadn't played since suffering a back injury during the fall, and her first singles match came against a Big 12 Conference opponent Sunday.

"I felt a little bit unfamiliar being on a tennis court in like set situations, playing points wasn't so much an issue," she said. "I felt getting back into it hitting-wise wasn't so bad, it's just getting back into it mentally and realizing the pressures and nerves that you're going to play with again. I kind of lost a little bit of that, so that was probably the hardest part of it all. Getting used to it again."

In the fall season, mostly in tournament play, Peana posted a 7-5 record in singles and a 5-4 record in doubles play. In doubles she primarily paired up with fellow sophomore Natalie Leitch.

This season so far has been a time for her to recover from the injury, but she has started to come back into dual-match tennis once again. Back in February, Peana was cleared to play doubles again and paired up with freshman Caroline Starck but fell to Southern Mississippi's senior Lauren Gutterman

and redshirt junior Stephanie Delocono 8-1.

Most recently Peana was cleared to play singles again, and she got her first opportunity last weekend against No. 61 Oklahoma State. In the match she was playing in the No. 6 spot against Cowgirls' freshman Alexandra Cristello. The match went to three sets with Peana winning, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. This marked her first victory of the season and clinched the match for the Lady Raiders against the Cowgirls.

Coming back from an injury is tough for any player, but Tech coach Todd Petty said coming back in the middle of conference play is a challenge.

"I think it's a little bit to her adversity of trying to work through it," he said. "Putting in the time during the offseason and during the fall, and sticking to what she knows best when she's being called on. She's someone who doesn't lack in confidence, and a back injury on top of that is something that you always got in the back of your mind while you're playing."

"So for her to be able to block that out and play through it was a great achievement for her."

The lineup already is a young one, consisting of four freshman, only one sophomore and one junior.

But now with Peana returning,

there is a little more experience being added to the lineup and it's coming at the right time as the Lady Raiders face two Big 12 opponents this weekend.

Peana has been in a lot of pressure-packed, three-set matches, but junior Kelsy Garland said it doesn't bother Peana.

"I think whenever it comes down to pressure, she is able to handle it well," she said. "She knows what it's like to be out there when it's three all or when it comes down to the last match. I think with her being a sophomore, being experienced is gonna help."

Being a part of the squad for the past year and a half and then being sidelined with an injury was not easy for Peana.

But after all the rehabilitation, Peana said there isn't a better feeling to be back in action, especially in a winning style.

"Feels really good," she said. "Obviously it wasn't fun sitting out, but I'm really happy that my back is better now and especially coming off my first weekend with a win. That gives me a lot of confidence for the weekends coming up. It just shows me that my hard work has been paying off."

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Carvalho named Big 12 Player of the Week

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Raony Carvalho was named the Big 12 Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Week on Tuesday.



CARVALHO

After an impressive week at the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic in Alabama, clinching the title for Tech, and being named the MVP of the Blue-Gray Tournament, Carvalho was recognized by the Big 12.

"It's a great honor, there are so many great players in the Big 12," coach Tim Siegel said. "He had just a fantastic tournament, beating two players in the Top 30 in the country and winning some very important doubles matches as well. Really proud of Ray, he's done a great job so far this year."

Carvalho received this award for his play during the week of March 15 through March 21. During this time Carvalho went 3-1 in singles play, including a victory against No. 27 sophomore Casey Watt of Notre Dame in straight sets Saturday as Tech defeated the Irish 4-0. Then for the tournament title Sunday he defeated Oklahoma's No. 20 senior Andrei Daescu 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Carvalho is ranked No. 15 in singles, and in doubles he and fellow sophomore Rafael Garcia are ranked No. 18. At the No. 1 spot in the lineup, Carvalho has been solid, posting a 14-2 record with an 8-3 record in doubles.

He may only be a sophomore, but Siegel said he has exceeded expectations on and off the court.

"He has just grown up so much in the last year," he said. "He's done such a great job leading this team, and being an important player of this team; he is one of our two captains, him and Gonzalo. So I'm really proud of his development as a person as much as I am as a player."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

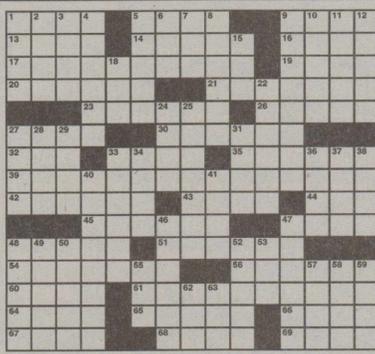
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ACROSS

- Hippo's attire in "Fantasia"
- Fashionably smart
- Sun ray
- Actress Lena
- "Lon's share" fabulist
- Hockey great Phil, familiarity John Denver #1 hit
- Largest of the Near Islands
- Place for a massage
- Campaign funders
- Locale in a 1987 Cheech Marin title
- "Yay!"
- Charon's river
- Rub elbows (with)
- Western history class, briefly
- Industry kingpin
- Bullies
- "Guys and Dolls" showstopper
- Mississippi River explorer
- Take charge
- Baby talk word
- Trial sites
- Rough file sound
- Measuring tool
- Billiards blunder
- Fork or spoon
- Longtime buddy
- "Honey, candy"
- "Dr. Zhivago"
- "Cool" rapper?
- Polished
- They're removed via shafts
- With 68-Across and 69-Across, classic game show, and this puzzle's title
- See 67-Across
- See 67-Across

DOWN

- Repulsive sort
- Bone near the funny bone
- Mite-sized



By Peter Abide

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Like many salons
- Andalusia abodes
- Bulls and boars
- Prefix with metric
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- Cornerstone abbr.
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- Meek
- Org. for drivers?
- Eco-friendly ted
- "Tough luck"
- Senator Cochran of Mississippi
- Legendary siren
- Big batch
- Mariner's concern
- Part of YSL
- "The Lion King" lioness
- Furnishes food for
- Temple area of Jerusalem
- "Sonic the Hedgehog" developer
- Grandson of Eve
- Train station
- It includes terms of endearment
- Meeting of Cong.
- Diacritical pair of dots
- On a winning streak
- Apply before cooking, as spice to meat
- New York city
- "Who cares if they do?"
- Math subgroup
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- Llama land
- Church approval
- Suffix with Congo
- Rooting sound
- Gardner of "On the Beach"

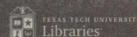


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NFL changes overtime rules for playoff games

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Sudden death has gotten a little less sudden in the NFL playoffs.

The league on Tuesday changed its overtime rules for postseason games. Starting next season, if a team wins the coin toss and then kicks a field goal, the other team gets the ball. If that next series ends with another field goal, play will continue under the current sudden-death rules.

If the team winning the toss immediately scores a touchdown, however, the game is over.

Team owners voted 28-4 on Tuesday in favor of the proposal at the NFL meetings. Minnesota, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Baltimore opposed the change.

Passage was helped by commissioner Roger Goodell's support and by a spate of statistics indicating the coin toss had become too prominent in determining OT winners.

Minnesota lost last season's NFC championship game in overtime to New Orleans. The Saints won the toss, drove downfield and kicked a field goal to win.

"Modified sudden death is an opportunity to make a pretty good rule ... even better," said Atlanta Falcons presi-

dent Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee. "Statistically, it needed to change. It wasn't producing the 'fairest result.'"

Those statistics showed that since 1994, the team that won the overtime coin toss won the game on the first possession 34 percent of the time.

Overall, the team that correctly called the coin toss won overtime games nearly 60 percent of the time in the last 15 years, or since kickoffs were moved back 5 yards to the 30.

"Plenty of people on the committee, myself included, are so-called traditionalists," Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian said. "I am proud to be one. But once you saw the statistics, it became obvious we had to do something."

The new rule applies only to postseason games. But McKay said even that could change, and several owners expressed interest in further discussions at their May meetings in Dallas.

"There was a lot of sentiment in the room to change this game for the regular season," McKay said, adding he doesn't expect that to happen this year. "Our thought is to take our time and study it a bit and make sure everyone understands the implications there would be for that."

Softball double-header canceled, team ready for conference play

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
STAFF WRITER

After spending part of spring break in Florida where temperatures hovered around 70 degrees, Texas Tech softball returned home only to have today's double-header against Arkansas-Pine Bluff canceled because of inclement weather.

However, Tech coach Shanon Hays said whether the canceled games will hurt his team is all just a roll of the dice.

"You don't ever want to take off too much time, but with our situation with Emily (Bledsoe), Leah (Legler), and Stephanie Drewry, they have all had some nagging injuries," he said. "And those are three, of course, key players — they're all key players — but that's three key players that we need in our lineup so hopefully it will be a blessing."

The Red Raiders have had seven games canceled this year, including a two-game series against Texas-San Antonio on Feb. 23 and 24, a game at North Texas on March 1, and double-header against Texas State on March 16.

Legler said she is disappointed more than one series has been canceled this year, but it does give her and her teammates an opportunity to rest.

But something that did not disappoint Legler was the latest poll released



TEXAS TECH'S RANDI Tongate slides into second base during a game earlier this season. The Red Raiders received 18 votes in the latest poll released by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Although not ranked, the Red Raiders received 18 votes, 19 away from receiving their first Top-25 ranking in more than five years.

At 28-4, Tech is off to its best start in program history, and it appears the nation is starting to notice.

"I'm incredibly excited, not that those things matter, not that the rankings matter," Legler said with a grin.

"But it does show that we are getting some more respect among other teams and other coaches. But then again, it doesn't change our mindset for the rest of our season."

Up next for the Red Raiders is their Big 12 Conference opener against Iowa State at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field. The game will be the conference opener for both teams.

As conference play looms, the Red Raiders are starting to emerge into

the spotlight with the Top-25 on the horizon. Hays said the votes are nice but they do not mean anything at this point.

"We want to be having some votes at the end of the year," he said. "And if you have a good showing in the Big 12, then you're going to be considered for postseason play. You know it's nice to be recognized now, but it's the end of the year that counts."

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Tech loses to Ole Miss in NIT

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Murphy Holloway converted a three-point play with three seconds left in the second overtime Tuesday to give Mississippi a 90-87 win over Texas Tech in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

Tied 87-87 with 8.7 seconds left, Ole Miss point guard Chris Warren took the inbound pass, drove the length of the floor and found Holloway streaking down the left baseline. Holloway converted the acrobatic layup while fouled and hit the free throw.

Ole Miss (24-10) advanced to the NIT semifinals for the second

time in three seasons and improved to 11-1 in NIT home games.

The Rebels will face the Illinois-Dayton winner at Madison Square Garden.

Warren led the Rebels with 22 points, while Terrico White and Holloway added 17 points apiece and Zach Graham had 10.

Texas Tech (19-16) had opportunities to win in regulation and in the first overtime, but missed the final shot on both occasions. Mike Singletary led the Red Raiders with 28 points, while Brad Reese added 14, all in the second half. D'wilyn Roberts scored 12 points and had a game-high 17 rebounds.

Duke looks to end drought, get through round of 16

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke can forget the Final Four — at least, for now.

The No. 1 seeded Blue Devils (31-5) haven't even reached the round of eight since 2004, so if they do advance, it would mark the latest measure of progress for a one-step-at-a-time senior class.

That's why they insist their focus is solely on fourth-seeded Purdue — and not their seemingly inevitable trip to Indianapolis for the Final Four

— as they prepare for their South Regional semifinal Friday night in Houston. The winner faces the Saint Mary's-Baylor winner on Sunday in the regional final.

"This year, we're only thinking about this year," guard Nolan Smith said Tuesday. "We're not focused at all on the past. The fact that we have guys that went to the (round of) 16 last year and knowing that's where we lost last year, we're ready to go past that. We're doing what

we've got to do, defensively and rebounding-wise, to do that."

The seniors — Jon Scheyer, Brian Zubek and Lance Thomas — have been systematic through their careers, taking incremental steps deeper into the bracket since going one-and-done as freshmen in 2007.

They won one tournament game in '08 and two last year to bring them to the spot where three Duke seasons have ended since that most recent Final Four run in 2004, their 10th

march to the national semifinals under Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski.

"We want to have a chance at a Final Four (and) play for a national championship. No matter what, if it was that easy, then everybody would do it all the time," Krzyzewski said. "You've just got to keep knocking at the door. You have to keep striving to get there, and once you're there, you hope to open the door and you're allowed to come in."

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SERIOUS STUDENT to share nice home/Avao;an; e now through July 31. 2305 21st. \$450, all utilities APpliances, security system internet and yard care included. Call Brad 790-5990.

BIKINI/BRAZILIAN WAXING!

Private, sanitary setting. Over 20 years of experience. For appointment call Lindsey's Medical Day Spa, 806-687-5757.

EZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING.

Free chicken fried steak included. Only \$26.95. Cell 781-2

EXPERIENCE Rec Sports



Phone: 742-3351

Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu

Box 2151

Check out the Gear Sale and Swap this Saturday! Skis, Snowboards, boots and camping equipment will be available for purchase! Get there early, as the best equipment will be the first to go!



Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World...

Intramurals

Intramural Softball playoff schedules will be available during the afternoon of Monday, March 29. No date has been set yet for the first day of playoff games.

Personal Training

Need to get started on a little personal spring cleaning? Our Personal Trainers will develop an exercise program specifically for you. Our trainers have the knowledge and skill to work with you to achieve your personal health and fitness goals. Your trainer will act as an expert guide and consultant, assisting you to achieve your individual fitness goals. Stop by the Fit/Well to sign-up for a Personal Trainer now!

Massage Therapy

Feeling a little stressed as mid-terms approach? Book a half hour or hour long massage in the Fit/Well. One of our licensed massage therapists will rub away the stress and pain. Try our new Hot Stone Massage for a luxurious experience. Only \$25 per 1/2 Hour and \$40 per hour. (\$50 per hour for Hot Stone massage)

Aquatics

The Leisure Pool will open this Saturday! Leisure Pool Hours: Saturday and Sunday: Noon - 6:00pm
Monday - Friday: Noon - 6:00pm
Indoor Pool Open Monday - Friday 6:00 - 8:45am & 6:00 - 9:00pm

Average Joe's
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Friday through Sunday, April 9-11
Dan Law Field, Texas Tech Campus

WHO CAN PLAY? \$50 PER TEAM
Any students, faculty, and staff of Texas Tech University. Register early, only eight team spots available!
Seven innings, 2 hour time limit, single elimination. Game balls, helmets, and catcher equipment provided.
Entries due Friday, April 7th by 5 pm in Room 202 in the Rec Center
Anyone not presently working out with the TTU Baseball team or did not receive a college baseball letter last year can play. Only two members of the Tech Baseball Club allowed per team.

NATURAL HIGH
mtn. bike race
march 27
REGISTER AT THE RACE
COST \$5 BEGINNERS WELCOME
RACE LOCATED AT MLK PARK BIKE COURSE. CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 11:00AM

Outdoor Pursuits

Advanced Rock Climbing Trip

Trip Dates: April 2 - 5
Registration Deadline: March 25
Cost: \$125

Caprock Bike Tour

Trip Dates: April 10 - 11
Registration Deadline: April 1
Cost: \$55

Llano Canoe

Trip Dates: April 16-18
Registration Deadline: April 8
Cost: \$95

Intro to Climbing

Trip Dates: April 16-18
Registration Deadline: April 8
Cost: \$85

Aquatics

Lifeguarding Class

Become a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. Cost is \$130 for Texas Tech students and faculty/staff and \$150 for the community. Includes the book and all certification costs.

Classes:

April 6 - 29 Tue/Thu 6- 10pm
April 10 - 18 Sat/Sun 8am - 6pm
April 24 - May 2 Sat/Sun 8am - 6pm



Intramurals

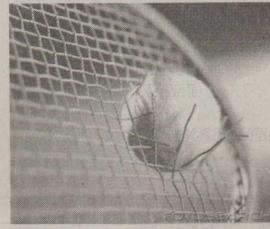
Can't Get Enough Softball?

Sign your team up for the Friday Night Softball League starting March 29 when you get back from spring break. This four week league will only be on Friday Nights, and is a separate league than the normal spring Softball season. All teams need to be available from 5:00pm - 8:00pm on Friday nights for the league. So get some friends together, make a team, and get registered in the Intramural Office!



Singles and Doubles Tennis

Registration will start march 29 for singles and doubles tennis. Sign up in the Intramurals office, Room 203 of the Rec Center. For more information about play dates, please call 742-2949.



Fit/Well



Raider X2 Classes are BACK!

The second session of Raider X2 classes have already started! Even though classes have started, there are still a few spots available in some of your favorite classes! Classes include Core Pole, Tango, Latin Dance, Hip Hop Dance, Ballroom Dance, Boxing Techniques, Meditation and Intro to Triathlon.

There are still plenty of Mind/Body passes available, but most Spin Classes have sold out. Check www.rescsports.ttu.edu for class dates and times.

Wellness Blood Screenings

Thursday, April 26 6:30am

Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management. All tests are administered by Covenant Corporate Services. Once blood is drawn, a number of tests can be run. Tests listed on the Rec Sports Website. Rec Center membership is NOT required.

Please register by noon today by calling 742.3828. Cash, check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover accepted. Payment is due the morning of the tests.



A scene from the 2009 Advanced Rock Climbing Trip. Tomorrow is the last day to register for this great trip! This trip is for the lead climber who wants to hone their skills, learn traditional anchor building techniques, learn self-rescue and multi-pitch systems all from an AMGA SPI.



BE A YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP COUNSELOR!

Info Sessions:
April 13-15

For more info, stop by the Intramural Office, Room 203 of the Rec Center



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Student Union & Activities

Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

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studentorgs.ttu.edu

ScholarChip Challenge Poker Tournament	March 25-March 27	SUB Red Raider Ballroom
Cookies by Design	Wednesday, March 31	SUB West Basement 11:00 am
Movie -- Brothers	Wednesday, March 31	SUB Allen Theatre 8:00 pm
Matinee Brothers	Thursday, April 1	SUB Escondido Theatre 3:00 pm
S.O. Advisor Meeting	Wednesday, March 24	SUB Lubbock Room 12:00 pm
S.O. Registration Meeting	Tuesday, March 30	SUB Room 304, Student Org Conference Room 2:00 pm
S.O. Academy	Saturday, April 10	SUB Room 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 TAB Officers



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