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## Tech leisure pool opens for spring, summer

By DEREK MOY  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center opened the leisure pool for the season at noon Saturday.

Brandon O'Malley, a 23-year-old graduate student in physical therapy and supervisor of aquatics at the rec, said the leisure pool is changing its hours to allow the cold weather to dissipate. The leisure pool is open from noon to 6 p.m. every day of the week, and the indoor pool is open from 6 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"We're gradually moving out here from inside, as temperatures warm up," O'Malley said. "But in the fall we were gradually moving inside."

The leisure pool has a better atmosphere because of its size and types of activities that can be hosted in it than the indoor pool, he said.

"More people come out here," O'Malley said. "There's more things to do. We have two volleyball nets, the river, the slide — it's just a better atmosphere than the indoor pool."

The leisure pool also had a new bottom put into it after the first one started chipping and cracking, he said. The new bottom gives the pool a new texture and anyone who came last summer will be able to tell a difference compared to this summer.

Jon Dacy, a 22-year-old majoring in environmental engineering from Roswell, N.M., and supervisor of aquatics, said safety policies haven't changed and the rules are clearly posted around the pool. But said people will still have accidents, and they are prepared to handle them.

"We need to just enforce them like we have," he said. "Blow a whistle, and put as much signage as we can to let them know it's not allowed."

Matt Schoolcraft, a junior energy commerce major from Snyder and a lifeguard at the pool, said the pool is very safe. Twelve lifeguards are on staff during the day and rotate every 20 minutes to keep on guard. Schoolcraft said he enjoys his job and is glad the pool opened so he could be outside.



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THE LEISURE POOL at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center re-opened Saturday.

## Derby Dollz

### West Texas Roller Dollz compete in season's first bout

By DEVIN SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The lights go dim, the DJ begins to play some music, and with two short bursts of the whistle, they are off.

Two jammers, one for the West Texas Roller Dollz and one from the Duke City Juggernauts, race past each other.

The West Texas Roller Dollz, Lubbock's very own Roller Derby League, had their first bout facing the Duke City Juggernauts on Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

A diverse batch of women are skating for the Roller Dollz. They have students, graduate students, mothers, sisters and even an anthropology instructor. The skaters are fierce, calling themselves by names such as Jane Bad-All and Embo Slice.

The league is a do-it-yourself league, meaning the women are responsible for paying for everything, including skates and outfits. The league is also a charity-based league, and each bout is played for a different charity. The charity being represented during this bout was Bikers Against Child Abuse.

For a few of these women, it was their first time to compete in front of an audience. Emily Bell, a senior community, family and addiction services major from Coppell, decided to become a part of the West Texas Roller Dollz after watching the movie "Whip It."

"After seeing the movie, I called up the Roller Dollz and they let us start skating with them," she said. "It is nothing like the movie, but it has been a life-changing experience."

Bell, like some of her teammates, said she hadn't roller skated since childhood, so the roller



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF THE West Texas Roller Dollz compete in the first bout of their season Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

derby was a new experience that caused a lot of nervousness.

"I had never really skated before in my life," Bell said, "so it was extremely intimidating to go out there, but it is also a huge adrenaline rush."

The West Texas Roller Dollz sold 500 pre-sale tickets to Saturday night's competition, which is something Lily Cordero, a graduate student from El Paso, is happy about.

"We are really happy people came out to see us," she said. "It is a great turnout."

Cordero, whose skate name is

Mazzy Scar, also competed in her debut derby bout Saturday night. Cordero said the anticipation of playing for the first time didn't overpower the escape derby has become for her.

"I am so nervous," Cordero said. "But for me, derby is really special because it is a release for so many different emotions."

For these women, one of the main attractions to roller derby is the ability to release themselves from stress and aggression, which explains why roller derby is such a physical sport. Katherine Ehlers, a grad

student from Lubbock, already experienced her fair share of bumps and bruises before even competing in her first bout.

Ehlers said the women in the league are serious about their sport, wanting to make sure they are good and athletic. Ehlers also said she anticipated the bout to be very physical.

"It is very physical, and it is something you have to mentally prepare yourself for," she said. "I know that I need to work on being a little meaner."

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## Eye donor month highlights progress

By DEREK MOY  
STAFF WRITER

More than 40,000 eye transplants are needed every year in the United States, and they helped a local father raise his daughter after he was nearly blinded by the genetic disease keratoconus.

As eye donor month ends, the search for possible donors continues at the Great Plains Lions Eye Bank in Lubbock.

Tyler Green, a 22-year-old industrial technologies major at Tarleton State University from Shallowater, has seen the effects of gaining his sight back after receiving corneal implants when he was 16.

He has an 11-month-old daughter named Mackenzie and is happy to see her, he said.

"I couldn't imagine not being able to see and play with this little ball of joy here," Green said while his daughter laughed. "You don't realize how much you use your sight until one day you don't have it."

Green inherited keratoconus from his father and grandfather, but his case was much more advanced.

He found out at the age of 13 and started having trouble seeing. He said he did not think he would ever be able to see fully again when his thick, glass-like contacts starting working only in 30-minute intervals.

"Right before the surgery when things were at the worst," Green said, "I couldn't see a light at the end of the tunnel. You think you're going to be blind the rest of your life and there's nothing that they can do."

Dr. David McCartney, medical director for the Great Plains Lions Eye Bank, has done more than 800 eye transplants in his 23 years of working with the eye bank. He said he strongly believes in eye donations because he has seen the impact it makes on the patients' lives.

"There's no substitute for human tissue," McCartney said, "only you can help somebody else see."

McCartney performed Green's operation Dec. 21, 2003. Green remembers asking right before the operation how many transplants McCartney had done. McCartney jokingly replied, "Counting you, this will be three."

It took almost three months for Green to be able fully recover and remove the eye patches, for which his friends called him "pirate." He still has to wear eye contacts, but they are no longer as thick.

About 100 eye banks exist across the world and the first one was started in 1944 by Dr. R. Townley Paton. The first successful corneal transplant was in 1905, and the need of transplants has been rising ever since.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TYLER GREEN

TYLER GREEN IS able to see his 11-month-old daughter, Mackenzie, because of a corneal transplant he received when he was 16 years old.

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**IN BRIEF**

**STATE**

**Texas schools going green with college curriculums**

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas colleges and universities are increasingly building environmental practices into curriculums, a move officials say is a combination of “good business” and idealism.

Sustainability, a wide-ranging field of study to prepare students for a more environmentally conscious world, is showing up in various forms in academia, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

The University of Houston has a class about carbon trading, a commodities market designed to protect the environment, while Rice University offers minors in energy and water sustainability.

Community colleges, boosted by stimulus funding and federal grants, push green technology work force training, from installing solar panels to building wind turbines. Architectural degrees have for some time focused on sustainable designs.

Sunshine Mathon said his 2007 master's degree in architecture from the University of Texas in Austin is essential in his job with a nonprofit housing group based in Austin.

“It's not that hard, at least in Austin, to find a general contractor or architect who is aware that's the coming trend and they need to get on the bandwagon to be competitive,” he said.

**NATION**

**Heath overhaul likely to strain doctor shortage**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Better beat the crowd and find a doctor.

Primary care physicians already are in short supply in parts of the country, and the landmark health overhaul that will bring them millions more newly insured patients in the next few years promises extra strain.

The new law goes beyond offering coverage to the uninsured, with steps to improve the quality of care for the average person and help keep us well instead of today's seek-care-after-you're-sick culture. To benefit, you'll need a regular health provider.

Yet recently published reports predict a shortfall of roughly 40,000 primary care doctors over the next decade,

a field losing out to the better pay, better hours and higher profile of many other specialties. Provisions in the new law aim to start reversing that tide, from bonus payments for certain physicians to expanded community health centers that will pick up some of the slack.

A growing movement to change how primary care is practiced may do more to help with the influx. Instead of the traditional 10-minutes-with-the-doc-style office, a “medical home” would enhance access with a doctor-led team of nurses, physician assistants and disease educators working together; these teams could see more people while giving extra attention to those who need it most.

**WORLD**

**Pakistani army kills 22 Taliban near Afghan border**

PARACHINAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops repulsed a Taliban attack Sunday on an army base and bombed two militant hide-outs close to the Afghan border, killing 22 insurgents in a region where the army is pressing an offensive, a government official said.

The fighting occurred in Orakzai tribal region where many militants are believed to have fled from a major operation in their former stronghold of South Waziristan.

The official, Samiullah Khan, said a group of militants attacked the base with rockets and automatic weapons. Security forces retaliated and killed 10 attackers. The military helicopter gunships later bombed the hide-outs in nearby Chapri Ferozkhel area, killing another 12 of them, he added.

The government says more than 100 suspected militants and five soldiers have been killed in fighting in the region in the last week.

Officials have said the militants killed so far include Uzbek and Arab nationals.

The region has been the main base of the Pakistani Taliban commander Hakimullah Mehsud. A suspected U.S. missile strike is believed to have killed him in another tribal region, North Waziristan, early this year. Taliban have denied that, though they failed to prove otherwise.

Also in the northwest, a bomb ripped through a shop selling movies and music in the northwestern city of Peshawar, said the city police chief, Liaqat Ali Khan. Four people were wounded in the attack.

**Correction**

In Friday's issue of *The Daily Treador*, the article “Frenship ISD hits Leach attorneys with fees,” should

have stated, “I think they're entitled to (the money),” Grigg said. *The DT* regrets the error.

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**EARTH HOUR**



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ROB DIAZ, A graduate student in architecture from Dallas, helps light candles for Earth Hour on Saturday in the Architecture building's courtyard.

**Research conference highlights undergraduate efforts**

By KELSEY HECKEL  
STAFF WRITER

The Center for Undergraduate Research is hosting a week-long series of events starting today in a conference to promote, support and showcase undergraduate researchers from several programs around campus.

Also taking part of the conference is the Honors College, the Texas Tech Howard Hughes Medical Institute program at the Center for Integration of Science Education and Research and the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Jeanne Diaz, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research, said the conference will feature more than 100 researchers either from the Center for Undergraduate Research or from the other programs teaming together to host the conference.

“We will also have sessions throughout the week where we will teach stu-

dents how to do research,” she said. This is the first year that the confer-

ence will last a week, Diaz said. It was expanded to be able to focus more on the students and show them the importance of research.

“This is a great way to get students together that are working on different research projects so they can learn from each other,” said Michael San Francisco, associate director of TTU/HHMI and the associate dean of the Honors College. “The conference will generate new knowledge throughout

the campus and among our students.” Julie Isom, associate program director

of administration for CISER, said she hopes the conference continues to grow and eventually will expand enough to include students from other schools such as the University of Texas and A&M.

“Before, the other programs had a conference for just their students,” she said. “This year, we’re including students from all programs to try to make a real team effort and bring light to

the huge value that is undergraduate research.”

The conference also will feature paper and poster presentations from the students about a wide variety of research topics that they are working on.

“The paper and poster presentations are I think the real highlight of the conference,” Isom said. “This includes students from all over campus. The projects feature research over topics ranging from architecture to English to science. It really gets the students involved.”

San Francisco said he believes the conference will help push Tech toward its goal of Tier One status in research.

“One of the criteria that are directly achievable through this conference is the quality of the undergraduates,” he said. “The more undergraduates we have that are involved and doing research the better. The conference allows students not only from HHMI but from other programs also to get involved.”

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**Pool**

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“I'm glad to be back outside, it's a lot better atmosphere and just a lot more fun,” he said. “When you're indoors you're all cramped up, don't get to see the sun, a big ol' plastic top — it's just not as enjoyable, I think.”

The pool supervisors expect up to 100 people a day to enjoy the pool during the summer semesters, Schoolcraft said.

“I think it'll be great, I'm sure it'll be a hot summer just because how cold the winter was,” Dacy said.

Manny Quinones, a sophomore electrical engineering major from El Paso, said he enjoys the leisure pool and is glad to finally get to swim in it after he couldn't last semester because he was on a co-op.

“I've been swimming since I was so young, maybe 3-years-old, I was in the water, so I told myself, ‘Rain

or shine I'm going to show up here,’” he said about the opening day for the leisure pool.

Quinones said the “fun-ness” of the pool rivals any other Big 12 leisure pools and finals week would not get in the way of people coming to the pool. After taking his finals he plans to go to the pool and enjoy it.

“I've never been in a water facility that's as fun as this, and I've been in a ton of water facilities,” Quinones said. “I'm glad Texas Tech added something like this, it's so much fun.”

The weather put a cloud over the opening of the pool with strong winds and the clean up of a lot of dirt blown into the water.

Last year, the leisure pool had more than 60,000 visitors, not counting those that came through the rec. The leisure pool featured at Tech is one of five pools in the Big 12. The pool is almost two acres in size and has had its first successful year and is now on its second.

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**Donor**

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Greg Oliver, director of the Great Plains Lions Eye Bank, said the eye bank in Lubbock was established in 1974. Oliver has been promoting eye donations as much as he could for eye donor month — from talking to high school students to participating in live radio interviews.

“Donation is kind of like paying it forward. We all have a lot of blessings; we can walk and talk and see and hear,” he said. “Donation is just kind of like, you know, you can use my heart when I'm gone or you can take my skin and save a burn patient.”

With eye transplants in the South Plains, the entire eye is not taken from the body. Just the cornea is taken, which is the first layer of the eye and resembles a contact lens. Oliver said a common local misconception about eye donation is that the entire eye is taken, which is false.

Eye transplants have a 90-percent success rate and are not as complicated as other organ donations, he said. Medications do not need to be taken to make the tissue mesh into the body, the actual transplant operation only lasts about 45 minutes, and if the transplant fails, it is easily fixed.

There have not been any infections from the cornea transplants at the HSC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in more than three years.

“The miracle of sight is incredible,” Oliver said. “There are so many things that can go wrong with our eye. Light has to be focused perfectly on the back of the retina.”

People from the age of 2 to 74 can donate corneas if they die and have filled out organ donation forms, he said. If a child dies, the parent must decide what they wish to do. If an adult organ donor dies, the eye bank still searches for the next of kin and asks if it is acceptable to take the tissue — this is where most of the confusion happens.

McCartney said education is essential to the donation process.

“Educate your family and your next of kin as to what you would like to do with donations because they will have to sign the final papers for that to occur,” he said. “And that sadly is lacking a fair bit of the time.”

The Lubbock eye bank serves patients in the area first and other patients across the country if needed, McCartney said. The donation process could be expedited if insurance was out of the picture and patients only

had to wait for donated corneas to arrive.

“There are several other corneal surgeons in Lubbock, and so the eye bank serves all of our needs for helping our patients,” he said. “My role, yes, I put a lot of work organizing it, but really it's for the better good of patients, not surgeons, that this is all about.”

The Great Plains Lions Eye Bank is managed by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The Lions service organization in Lubbock was started in 1929 and has more than 2,000 members in the area. Members donate time, money and effort to the eye bank. According to the organization's Web site, the Lubbock club has had the most members in the United States since 1972.

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## Ante up: Playing cards right at ScholarChip Challenge

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

I love playing cards, but poker has never been my game.

I taught a friend how to play five-card draw with gum, and that's about as far as it goes. Playing in Collegiate Entertainment's ScholarChip Challenge during the weekend in the Student Union Building was a whole new experience for me. I'd played Texas Hold 'Em before, but with friends in a much more casual setting, so I knew only the basics.

I checked in on Thursday with Teri Shepherd, the co-owner of Collegiate Entertainment and Tech alumna, for information and tips.

"When I got married, I knew nothing," Shepherd said, "I learned how to play on the way to Albuquerque, (N.M.)."

In Albuquerque, she placed 11th for a seat at the final table in the World Series of Poker. She's been playing ever since.

"Watch body language," she said, "It's (gender) segregated here, but in real tournaments it's about equal."

She then gestured about the room and said there were two females in the room of about 100, and there had been only about 25 total in last year's tournament.

"Girls play more conservatively," Shepherd said. "Men try

to intimidate them."

She said women tend to hold back and not take as many risks, and so they go out more quickly than the men.

I took this to heart when I played in the Friday afternoon qualifier. As it turned out, though, the mantra of winners was patience first, risk later.

Bryan Robinson, a graduate student from Virginia Beach, Va., took second in the Open division tournament and said his strategy was to just wait.

"I sat back and let everyone take each other out, and then became more aggressive when I needed to," Robinson said.

Robinson said he hadn't played Hold 'Em in a few years, and he exceeded his expectations.

"It was like winning the lottery," Robinson said of his \$120 prize.

I couldn't decide whether to let my table know that I'd never "actually" played before or not, but when they started talking and I wasn't sure what "the river" or a blind was, I admitted I was inexperienced. Had I not said anything, it might have ended differently.

Jeffrey Carson, a graduate student from Los Angeles, sat to my right and explained the betting system. He also reminded me when it was my turn —



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN the third annual ScholarChip Tournament Thursday in the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom.

something he had to do a little too often. I tried not to play too conservatively and ended up all in with a pair of kings, which I thought would be a legitimate hand.

"It all depends on how badly you want to see his cards," Carson said when I was challenged.

I saw this as a perfect example of what Shepherd meant about taking risks and intimidation, or so I thought, and I took the risk. He had a pair of kings and a pair of queens.

Carson played in tournaments before and said the only things missing from this one were alcohol and crazy dealers. Being on campus, there was no alcohol to be found, and players took turns dealing each hand.

The ScholarChip tournament was hosted at Tech for the third year — it was the first year for the G-2, which stands for Guys and Gals, event. Kristin Lewis, a junior public relations major from Southland, won last year's ladies-only tournament and returned to

win in the new event.

"I proved to myself that it wasn't just luck last year," Lewis said, "I knew how (the event) ran, but that didn't take away from the fact that anything can happen when the cards are dealt."

She had the same idea as Robinson in the qualifier; she just wanted to hold on to make it in the finals.

I tried the waiting strategy when I moved on to the Battle 64, a sort of consolation tourna-

ment for the first 64 people out in each qualifier. However, this was one on one, which meant I had to pay a blind each hand, and the blind doubled every five minutes. I lasted for a while, and even had a tiny crowd cheering me on in my final hand.

All in all, it was a good day — about what I'd expected.

"You learn a lot, you learn math and you learn how to deal with people," Shepherd said. "Mostly, you have a lot of fun."

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## Music Department's spoof generates laughter

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
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The Student Union Building Allen Theatre was full of the sounds of laughter Saturday night at Texas Tech Department of Music's Opera Spoof of "Orpheus in the Underworld."

Several notable Tech employees were parodied, including former head football coach Mike Leach and Chancellor Kent Hance.

In attendance at the opera were many students from the music department. Lauren Moore, a junior music education major from Dallas, said students of the Music Department

are encouraged to participate in performances that are put on by the department.

"I think (the cast and crew) did a great job putting this together," she said.

Jed Payne, a freshman vocal performance major from Midland, said he went to the show to watch and support his friends in the cast and crew.

"I think the crew did a great job with the set," he said. "It looks great."

Jesse Martindale, a senior geology major from Eureka, Mo., said he enjoyed the Pirate Captain character.

"The Pirate Captain was a really funny addition to the opera," he said. "I think everyone understood who he was a parody of and really enjoyed his interruptions on stage."

Josh Martinez, a singer in town

from Dallas, said he agreed it appeared the Pirate Captain was a crowd favorite.

Played by Justin Duncan, the Pirate Captain, complete with a whistle, often appeared on stage at unexpected times to interrupt the action of the scene. Some of his interruptions included wandering aimlessly onstage, giving the audience dating advice and instructions on how to check weather conditions.

Director Gerald Dolter said the Pirate Captain was not an original character of the opera and said he wrote him in for comical purposes.

"I inserted him in the show because it seemed appropriate in light of how much fun we are having," he said.

Other comical characters in the opera were Amour, the pregnant, pot-smoking goddess, and Jupiter, the king of the gods, who had a West Texas drawl and was

a spoof of Hance.

Dolter also was spoofed in the opera. John Styx, a servant of Pluto played by Jordan Siebrecht, was a comical parody of the director.

"I challenged (Siebrecht) to portray me in the opera," he said. "He has courage."

At times, though, it seemed some members of the audience felt lost or left out of the fun.

Martinez said parts of the play were pigeonholed for Tech students, people from West Texas or people

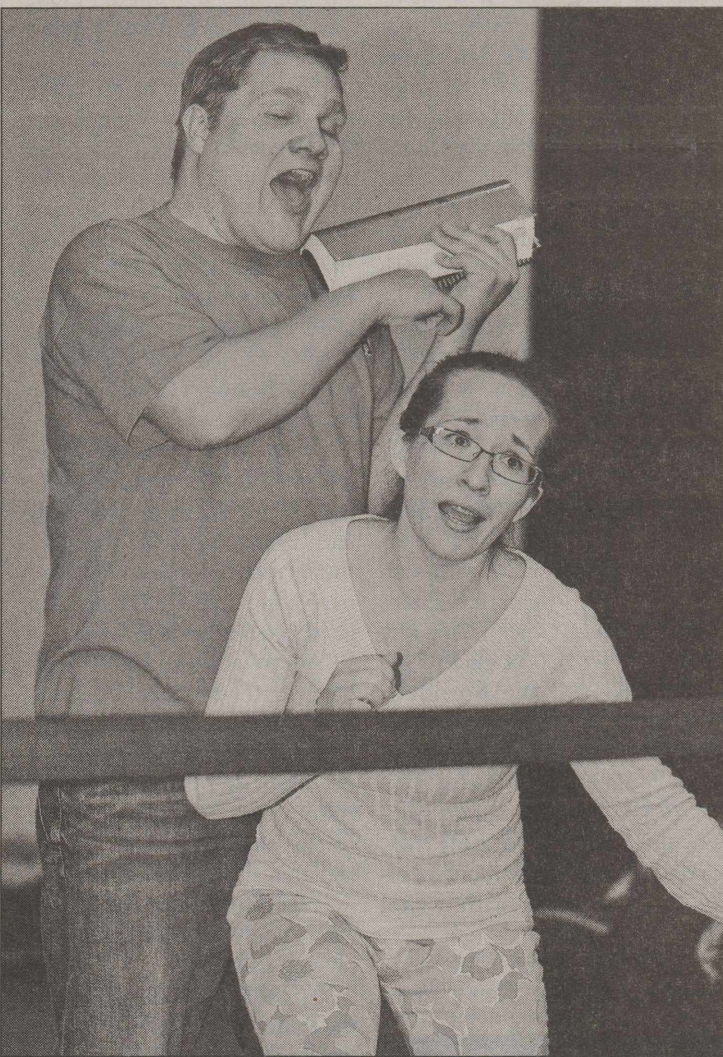


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JONATHAN FRUGE AND Meagan Hearrell rehearse a scene of the Music Department's Opera Spoof last Sunday in the Allen Theatre.

from the music department.

"I'm not from West Texas or Tech, so some of the jokes aren't for me," he said.

Martindale said he agreed because he heard the audience laugh, but he did not understand why or what he missed.

"At times, I head the audience laughing uncontrollably and I was left staring blankly like I missed

something," he said. "I think there were inside jokes not meant for everyone."

Payne said he agreed parts of the show weren't for everyone but he said the cast and crew did a great job putting the show together.

"This took a lot of effort," he said. "This cast and crew is really talented. They did a great job."

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## A frail Dennis Hopper gets Hollywood star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bandaged and frail Dennis Hopper was surrounded by friends, family and colleagues Friday as he was honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The 73-year-old actor and filmmaker, who is battling prostate cancer, appeared gaunt and was helped to the stage by a friend. Hopper explained that bandages on his right arm and eye were the result of a fall Thursday outside his home.

The two-time Oscar nominee, who has appeared in more than 100 films, said he came to Hollywood from his native Kansas at 18, "so that was my college."

"Everything I've learned, I've learned from Hollywood," he said. "This has been my home and my schooling."

As Hopper was speaking, a Hollywood tour bus passed slowly by the sidewalk ceremony and the tour guide said over the loudspeaker, "We love you Dennis."

Jack Nicholson, Viggo Mortensen, David Lynch and

Dwight Yoakam were among the luminaries on hand to honor their friend and colleague. Nicholson wore a shirt decorated with images from "Easy Rider," the classic 1969 road film Hopper wrote, directed and starred in, alongside Peter Fonda.

Mortensen, who kissed Hopper on the cheek before approaching the microphone, called his friend of 20 years "a complete and fertile artist" who has been "a constant source of ideas, inspiration and humor for his friends and colleagues."

Another longtime friend, producer Mark Canton, said Hopper is "the coolest guy on the planet," which elicited a broad smile from the ailing star.

"He is a force of nature," Canton said. "He is a world-class original, a legend in his own right, whose impact on the arts and people that he loves so dearly is second to none."

As Hopper's star in front of the historic Egyptian Theatre was unveiled, the actor's 7-year-old daughter, Galen, threw her arms around her father's neck.

## Music manager sues Axl Rose for almost \$2 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Axl Rose is being sued by a famed music manager who claims the singer owes him nearly \$2 million in unpaid commissions.

Front Line Management, which was founded by Irving Azoff, sued Rose in Los Angeles on Thursday for nearly \$1.9 million in unpaid fees. The company claims it had an oral agreement with Rose to receive 15 percent of the Guns N' Roses' frontman's commissions.

The lawsuit states the commissions are due on more than \$12 million in earnings Rose made for performances abroad.

Attempts to reach Rose's current management were unsuccessful.

Azoff has represented famous musicians such as The Eagles and Joe Walsh and is currently the executive chairman of Live Nation Entertainment Inc., which recently merged with Ticketmaster Entertainment.

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## Texas textbook changes terrible choice

When it comes to politics, I tend to be pretty conservative. When it comes to life and learning, I tend to be very Christian. C.S. Lewis is my hero, and I don't care who knows it.

But a lot of recent events, including this fiasco with the new Texas curriculum, almost have me embarrassed to call myself a Republican.

The Texas State Board of Education has approved large changes to our state's public school curriculum, which has been severely criticized for being extremely right-leaning. The entire situation is controversial to say the least.

After the vote, Don McElroy, a Conservative member of the board, said the board is trying to add balance to our nation's curriculum, stating "academia is skewed too far to the left."

Now, I wouldn't necessarily disagree that a lot of things in our country, from school books to media

**Britton Peele**



networks (Fox News excluded, obviously) lean to the left at least every now and then. However, trying to balance that out by making more things lean way to the right (a la the aforementioned Fox News) just seems absurd.

More than anything, I disagree with the extreme measures being taken to create this lean in the first place. For example, in what appears to be an effort to cast doubt on the idea the Founding Fathers wanted the United States to be a secular nation, former President Thomas Jefferson is not included among a list of influential intellectual writers. Jefferson was

a deist (believing in a god but not necessarily the Christian God) who helped spur the idea of separation of church and state.

Jefferson is being replaced by the likes of Catholic philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas and anti-Catholic law scholar William Blackstone.

According to a *New York Times* article on the subject, there also will be a more positive spin on anti-communism during the Cold War, with Communist witch hunter supreme Joseph McCarthy seeing at least slightly more positive light than he has in the past, stating the later released Verona papers "confirmed suspicions of communist infiltration in U.S. government."

So a man for whom we've coined a term for reckless accusations ("McCarthyism,") and who no doubt falsely accused many people of being communist, ruining their careers, will now be supported and treated as something of a fallen hero? Seriously?

Look, people from both sides of the political fence are going to screw up sometimes. You don't see many Democrats trying to defend the affair of Sen. John Edwards by saying, "It's OK, because his wife was crazy and paranoid." Republicans should not try to defend McCarthy by saying, "There were at least some real communists inside the U.S." It's a bad strategy.

There will also be changes to terminology. "Capitalism" will be replaced with the term "free market," for example, as it has better connotations.

The problem with all of this (well, OK, one of the many problems) is that it reeks of desperation and fear. Conservatives in high places are worried about the direction our country is taking, and so they're panicking by making textbooks as Conservative as they can. What to raise future Republican presidents? Make sure they believe that conservatism is the best choice.

What they don't understand is that they're only going to end up raising ignorant children. It's the same problem we face when trying to force the theory of evolution out of schools. If children don't know about arguments from all sides, then they're going to be much more easily influenced than if you try to keep them in a bubble.

If we — both Democrats and Republicans, Christians and non-Christians — don't allow for other views in our society, then we become the church in the 1600s, notorious for trying to enforce the geocentric view of the universe. Never mind the fact Galileo, defender of the heliocentric model, was a Christian, or the fact rival geocentric scientists were ultimately more responsible for Galileo's fate than the church, the church is made the enemy purely because it was, as a whole, stubborn.

History, science, theories and fact aren't always going to support our

views as much as we would like. But the only way to truly better ourselves in the long run is to not try to sweep unwanted ideas under the rug. If your view is the right one, it should stand the test of time in the end. I know I, personally, am confident enough in my ideas that I don't need to run from conflicting theories. I don't need to alter science or history in order to make my arguments stronger.

As someone who was homeschooled in high school, I already was considering teaching my future children at home, purely because I believe it can (though doesn't always) lead to a better learning experience. Now, however, I have another reason to do so. Apparently, if my children are going to learn real history in Texas, I'll have to teach it to them myself.

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## Obama proving he deserves presidency

Last week reminded me why we elected President Barack Obama in 2008. Not only was it the best week for this president, but in terms of public policy it was probably the best week of the last decade.

Let's start on Tuesday. Fresh off the approval by the House, the president signed the historic health care bill. Undoubtedly, this will benefit generations of Americans for years to come. Those who are reading this column likely have a very good idea of what is going on with the bill and already have formulated some opinion for or against it. Although originally I was going to work out a piece in which I voiced support of the bill, my colleague, Paul Williamson, subverted my idea with an excellent piece in Friday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*.

I agree with everything Williamson said. Others didn't, and that's fine. However, in reality, this is one bill that no matter what the political heads say on national TV, it will ultimately come down to the success or failure of the changes. That is something only time will tell, but right now, I am confident 10 years from now it will be recognized as a great success, much like Medicare and Social Security are today.

What few others have mentioned is the improvement to the student loan system tucked into the bill. This is also a great thing for American college students. Not only does it transfer most of the lending from a third party to the government itself to streamline the process, according to the *New York Times*, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said it will save the American

**Tony Cardone**



taxpayers \$61 billion.

Fantastic, you may be thinking. But wait, there's more. More than \$36 billion of that \$61 billion will be funneled back into education via an increase in Pell Grant funding.

Fresh off Tuesday morning's victory, Obama met with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for a dinner. Typically, the United States has been the big bully protecting Israel, and as such, the Israeli prime minister usually is met with a brass band and gets his ring kissed. However, typically Israel does not announce the expansion of settlements when the vice president is in Israel.

So, the *Times of London* reported that instead of his ring being kissed, the president asked the prime minister for a written concession on the settlement issue. Not getting the concession, the president walked

out of the meeting and, according to an unnamed U.S. Congressman, said, "Let me know if there is anything new."

Of course, the media worked itself into a tizzy. Shortly thereafter, both Democrats and Republicans condemned the actions taken by the president. It is simply appalling that disagreeing with Israel is so contentious these days. Obviously, we are still a strong ally to the Israelis, but being their rubber stamp is just wrong. We don't agree with everything with our greatest ally, the United Kingdom, but we still have an almost ironclad alliance with the Brits.

I'm not against Israel. However, when Israel, a country with so little power, can control the United States government with such ease, it frightens me. That's why I'm glad to see the president stand up and let Israel know of its place. The president's ac-

tion, although diplomatically risky, got that point across without harming our relationship with a vital ally.

On Friday, Obama, with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Joint

*"... when Israel, a country with so little power, can control the United States government with such ease, it frightens me. That's why I'm glad to see the president stand up and let Israel know of its place."*

## Too many options, not enough commitment

Options is a word we always love to hear. What would our world be without options? They open doors when others have been shut, they ease the fear of dead ends and sometimes they come in seven flavors.

But what has the existence of so many options really done? Do we now have the ability to have our cake and eat it too, and in whatever flavor we want, without worry?

Some would argue all of these options have made our generation spoiled and given us a sense of entitlement. In a sense it is true. Most of us no longer look at our jobs, education and relationships not as something we must do but rather as something we want to do. We have been conditioned to think about what we want versus what we need, maybe in part because our parents never got that option from their parents.

It's hard to believe there was ever a time when there weren't as many options available, like for women. There was a time when women were either a prim and proper housewife or the old cat lady down the street. Now, women have the option to be an executive, a full-time mother and wife all at the same time. Except women now have the option of opting out. We don't have to be married or in a relationship to have children, there's a tube for that. We don't have to be dependant on men, there's a job for that. The list goes on.

Feminism brought equality and independence to women. It gave us choices and all of it is all good and well, but have the doors that opened up to women closed some others? Men and women, though very different creatures, have one undeniable thing in common: need.

Though they seldom admit it or even like to talk about it, men, like women, need to feel needed. There's an innate macho ego in men that wants to be fulfilled. They like being the alpha male. Women, as stubborn and strong-willed as we let on, like being treated like princesses every once in awhile.

So even though feminism did great things for women, it could have also led us too become independent-minded. We sometimes forget that even though

**Marcia Ramos**



it was about getting away from the idea that women were subservient housewives who were only dependent on men, in reality it's about men and women depending on each other.

By now we all probably have grown sick and tired of the whole Tiger Woods scandal, and have probably already seen the dilemma of Jesse James. Two extremely different men, two beautiful wives and one big problem. Maybe it's an issue of character or maybe it's a sign of the times. Men and women, when it comes to relationships, have so many options beyond their commitments, but it's the decision to exercise those options that have separated temptation and mistake.

Let's face it, we all know when we get married there's always the option of divorce if it doesn't work out. It's just that simple. Nowadays it's so common that unlike the world in which our parents and grandparents lived in, we don't get the crazy judgmental stare when we choose to end a marriage or a relationship. It's like we just changed shoes and all we needed to do was update our Facebook relationship status to make it official.

My fear is all these loopholes and ways out is what's aiding divorce and infidelity. It's the moral hazard of society. If you look at a commitment with a predetermined exit strategy then are we really committing or just trying something out?

If we become a nation of unsatisfied individuals who are always on the look out for the next best thing or something better than what we have, then how will we ever know what we need when we can have all we want? I guess like I said, it's a sign of the times. Maybe soon when we need a divorce, there will be an assuring voice on the TV screen saying, "There's an app for that."

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# Tech explores meanings of Matador Song phrase

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Although it's a part of the Texas Tech school song, "strive for honor" means something different to each Red Raider.

As a part of Tech's first Strive For Honor week, from today until Friday, daily events will be hosted to bring more awareness to the dozens of values that represent the many meanings of that famous line.

"We want to promote students to do their best in everything they do," said Kathryn McDaniel, an intern for the Dean of Students who is organizing the event.

The values come primarily from the Foundation For a Better Life, and they range from achievement to volunteering. The values are best known for being the white writing on the red squares on billboards and buses with catchy slogans and famous, often historical, figures. The foundation is a privately funded, nation-wide initiative to inspire Americans to be their best, according to the foundation's Web site. Tech is not officially partnering with the organization, but McDaniel said both share the goal of advocating principles and higher standards to be used in daily life.

"We feel we can do the most good by exposing individuals to positive values and encouraging them to take responsibility for living by those values," according to the foundation's Web site.

The Strive For Honor week-long program was created in conjunction with the Raiders Who Rock program, McDaniel said. Raiders Who Rock culminates in a banquet Thursday. The banquet, which isn't open to the public, will feature speakers including the Foundation for a Better Life's President Gary Dixon. Raiders Who Rock is a program that honors nominees who are affiliated with Tech in some way and who go above and beyond what is expected.

"It gets Raiders, employees,

faculty and students to recognize other Raiders," McDaniel said, "It's a great way to recognize people who make a difference."

Although the Raiders Who Rock banquet is invitation only, the new Strive For Honor week-long program is designed for everyone. It will feature free T-shirts, a movie screening and interactive billboard making for anyone interested.

"They're all good events, the most popular will probably be the T-shirts," McDaniel said.

After that, she said she thought the screening of "The Blind Side" would be the next most popular event.

McDaniel said she thought the program of free events would go well and be popular among Red Raiders.

"We know that college kids love free T-shirts," she said.

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## EVENTS

### Strive for Honor week

#### Free T-shirts

WHEN: 10 a.m. Monday

WHERE: Student Union Building

#### "The Blind Side"

WHEN: 6 p.m. Tuesday

WHERE: SUB Allen Theatre

#### Making Billboards

WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday

WHERE: The Playa Room in the SUB

#### Strive For Honor T-shirt Day

WHEN: All day Friday

WHERE: Wherever you are wearing the Strive for Honor shirt

# Christian pilgrims mark Palm Sunday in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of Christians from around the world marched from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem to mark Palm Sunday, retracing the steps of Jesus 2,000 years ago.

The pilgrims waved national and church flags and followed a white donkey, which according to Christian tradition was the way Jesus entered the holy city.

A few dozen Israeli police stood by, a small fraction of the forces on duty in recent weeks because of Palestinian unrest. There were no incidents in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

"I see the problems here as a part of the trip, just showing the extremes of this God-drenched city," said Jane Voigts, a pastor from San Luis Obispo, California. "I've really seen more grace and hope amidst the suffering here."

In past weeks, Palestinian demonstrations followed disclosure of Israeli plans to build apartments in east Jerusalem, as well as rededication of an ancient synagogue in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Most West Bank Palestinians were banned from Jerusalem Sunday in keeping with standing Israeli regulations. Palestinians and backers demanding free access to the holy city briefly broke through a crossing between the West Bank town of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Police drove them back and arrested 12. Palestinians said one of those arrested was local Fatah activist Abbas Zaki.

Others celebrated at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, and in the Gaza Strip, home to a small Christian population.

"This day is not so much for celebration as a more somber remembrance," said 25-year-old Julia Fitzpatrick from Detroit, Michigan, who lives in east

Jerusalem and volunteers for a humanitarian nonprofit organization.

"What a lot of visitors who may have more distance may not see, is that this is an important witness for the Palestinian Christian population and their traditions," she said.

The Christian population in the West Bank and Gaza have been dwindling for decades. Many have left for economic reasons and Muslim pressure. About 50,000 Christians live in the Palestinian areas, a tiny minority among about 4 million Muslims. Another 123,000 Christian Arabs live in Israel, about 8 percent of Israel's minority Arab population.

According to the Bible, Palm Sunday marks the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem, greeted by cheering crowds bearing palm fronds. It marks the start of Holy Week, which concludes with Easter the following Sunday.

This year the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Churches mark Holy Week on the same dates. The Orthodox Church uses a different calendar from the others, but they coincide every few years.

# Competitors show off bodies at annual West Texas Classic

By SARAH SCROGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

Bryan Barth, a competitor in the eighth annual National Physique Committee's West Texas Classic Bodybuilding, Figure and Bikini Championships, showed off his muscles and hard work Saturday at the City Bank Auditorium.

Barth became a bodybuilder after he had a bad wreck during a professional motorcycle race. He was in the hospital for about seven months learning how to walk and use his motor skills again.

"The rehab showed me I could build on some pretty good muscle," Barth said.

He has been training and competing for 13 years. He keeps a strict diet of no comfort food and working out 45 minutes every day. Barth said bodybuilding is admirable and courageous and it shows discipline and takes mental prep. At his level, there is no off-season. He will be attending nationals in November to compete for a pro card in Atlanta.

The figure portion consists of just women in bikini-style outfits posing for the judges. A figure competitor, Sarah Barrick said she became involved in figure training after she saw a woman with a great physique at her kickboxing workout.

"I got with her and we started training and things went from there," she said.

But, it became more than a great body for her. She came to realize that for her, since she's only 21, it's more about inspiring younger people to be

healthy and take care of their bodies.

When preparing for a show she stays on a moderate-carb, high-protein diet and hits the gym six or seven days a week, and five of those days she works out twice a day. Barrick said its more of a lifestyle than a preparation and she encourages women to give it a try.

The ringleader of the event, Andrew Zamora, took over the organization three years ago and the participation has increased each year. This year he had 96 competitors — 43 men and 43 women. To put on a show like this, it is key to have multiple sponsors that set up booths with merchandise and donate money that goes towards renting the venue he said. Other costs, such as hotel rooms for the judges and special guests, are covered by entry fees and ticket sales.

Although he is pleased every year with the turnout, Zamora said he wants more Tech students to get involved.

"I could have a collegiate division and I would venture to say that I bet I could get 20 girls that could do bikini and probably a handful of guys," he said.

Not only does Zamora have a great turnout in competitors, but the audience attendance also is increasing every year. Randall Thomas, an audience member from Lubbock, said he likes to come to bodybuilding shows. Not only because he likes bodybuilding and does it himself but to get an idea of what it would be like to compete and to scope out his possible competition.

"I don't really have a favorite part — it's just the overall competition to see how hard these guys work to get to where they're at," he said.

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BRYAN BARTH, A bodybuilder from Houston, competes in the eighth annual West Texas Bodybuilding Classic Saturday at the Citi Bank Auditorium.

# 'Dragon' stokes up box office with \$43.3M debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "How to Train Your Dragon" breathed a bit of box-office fire with a \$43.3 million opening weekend and a No. 1 debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Distributed by Paramount, the DreamWorks Animation adventure came in well behind the studio's last cartoon comedy, "Monsters vs. Aliens," which opened with \$59.3 million over the same weekend last year.

With strong reviews and enthusiastic responses from viewers in exit polls, DreamWorks expects "How to Train Your Dragon" to have more staying power than "Monsters vs. Aliens" in subsequent weekends, though.

"People just love the film, so we're really anticipating we'll benefit from strong word of mouth going forward," said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks.

"How to Train Your Dragon," featuring the voices of Jay Baruchel and America Ferrera in the tale of a Viking youth who tames a fire-breathing reptile, did outperform some other recent animated movies, among them "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," which opened with \$30.3 million last September.

Disney's "Alice in Wonderland," which had been No. 1 the previous three weekends, slipped

to second place with \$17.3 million. It raised its domestic total to \$293.1 million and its worldwide haul to \$656 million.

John Cusack's raunchy comedy "Hot Tub Time Machine" had a lukewarm No. 3 debut of \$13.7 million. Released by MGM, the movie features Cusack as part of a group of losers hurled back by a time-traveling hot tub to the 1980s, where they have a chance to set their lives right.

"How to Train Your Dragon" pulled in 68 percent of its revenue from 3-D presentation, another triumph for the digital technology that allows theaters to show movies in three dimensions.

Yet it also highlights the limits on how much 3-D traffic theaters are equipped to handle. "How to Train Your Dragon" took over the bulk of 3-D theaters at the expense of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland," because the roughly 4,000 screens capable of showing digital 3-D movies is not enough to handle two full wide-release films at the same time.

"There's no question there are not enough screens yet," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney. "People who want to seek out 'Alice' in 3-D may have to travel a mile or two more than they used to. ... It's competition. I'm used to it."

After a phenomenal 15-week run, James Cameron's blockbuster

"Avatar" lost most of its remaining 3-D theaters to "How to Train Your Dragon." The 20th Century Fox release finally fell out of the top 10, taking in \$2 million to finish at No. 11, raising its domestic total to \$740.4 million. Worldwide, the movie has taken in \$2.7 billion.

Another new 3-D release, Warner Bros. action tale "Clash of the Titans," arrives Friday. While the success of 3-D movies has driven theater chains to speed up their conversion to systems that can project digital 3-D films, a screen shortage will remain for the near future.

"There is a limited amount of shelf space. It's like a traffic jam at the multiplex for these 3-D movies," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "It's a

high-class problem to have, but it's still a problem."

Films playing in 3-D have topped the box office for nine of 13 weekends this year, Dergarabedian said.

Overall revenues were down for the first time in a month. Domestic receipts totaled \$127 million, off 13 percent from the same weekend last year, according to Hollywood.com.

For the year, revenues are at \$2.6 billion, 8.8 percent ahead of last year.

Results for "Hot Tub Time Machine" came in on the low end of distributor MGM's expectations.

"It's not great, but it's OK," said Erik Lomis, head of distribution for MGM. "It had a lot of Internet buzz, so we thought it might come in a little bit higher."

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Barry C. Silk

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### Friday's Puzzle Solved

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**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- Romans 5:8

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# Service fraternity hosts dodgeball tournament

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI  
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The Mu chapter of Delta Epsilon Psi, a South Asian service fraternity, hosted its second annual Dodging Diabetes dodgeball tournament Saturday morning in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to raise money and awareness for its national philanthropy — juvenile diabetes.

The national fraternity chose juvenile diabetes as its philanthropy because the disease doesn't get as much recognition and awareness as other diseases, said Richard Nayak, a junior biology major from Odessa. But the main reason the fraternity chose this cause is because the first brother to die in their fraternity was Vishal

Bhagat in August 2006 due to his juvenile diabetes.

"It just gives us more motivation to help out with this great cause," Nayak said.

Having the disease since a young age and coming from a very well-off family, Bhagat and his father decided to create a new foundation while he was alive under Bhagat's name. They set up golf tournaments inviting his father's colleagues in the hotel and motel business in the southern Asian community and in the southern part of Texas to raise money for juvenile diabetes, said Rushabh Dev, president of the fraternity and a junior chemistry major from Lubbock.

This is only one of the events the national fraternity does to support the foundation, but

Dodging Diabetes is unique to Tech because it was started here and other schools in the Big 12 have begun holding their own tournaments as well, Dev said.

"We wanted to help out the cause and we heard that all the proceeds are going to them so we figured why not," said Mashairi Halifu, a Zeta Phi Beta team member at Tech and a freshman public relations major from Houston.

At Saturday's event, the Tech chapter hoped to raise \$1,500 to send to the foundation, Dev said. The money came from \$700 the group raised last year, sponsorships, donations and group entry fees to play in the tournament. Because the fraternity was not recognized by the Inter-Greek Council until this year, it could not donate the money saying it was part of Tech, so the foundation and the chapter agreed to wait until they had the backing of the school to give the money, he said.

"Now that we're recognized as a part of Texas Tech Greek council and we've filed our paper work and everything," Dev said, "we can now give the cash we made last year and the cash we make this year in one lump."

After an hour-and-a-half late

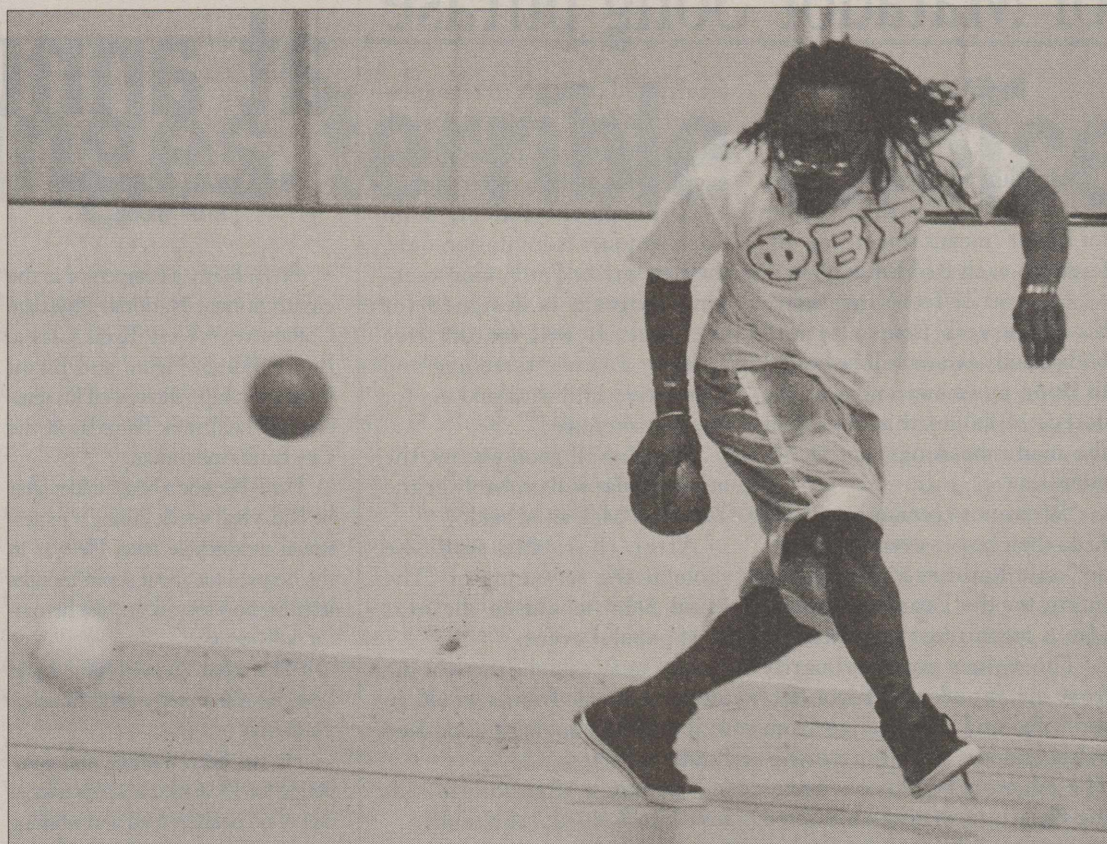


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RAY WILKERSON, A junior nutritional sciences major from Dallas, dodged a ball during the Dodging Diabetes Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Delta Epsilon Psi Saturday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

start to the tournament, seven of the 12 teams showed up to play. The chapter waited so long because they wanted to see if other groups would show up late,

Nayak said. "I guess (the teams that didn't come) had other obligations, but it's still a good turn out," Nayak said. "I don't think it's

going to make a big difference because raising money is nice, but getting the word out is just as important."

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## WILD network promises to be all wild all the time

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Flip on the National Geographic Channel and you'll find animals in the wild sharing time with shows on science, exploration, history and world culture.

When you flip on Nat Geo WILD, soon to be available in the United States for the first time, it'll be all wild, all the time — and available in HD.

The 24-hour WILD was introduced in Hong Kong three years ago and is available in more than 50 countries, said Geoff Daniels, the executive in charge of programming for the new network. The United States will be added March 29, nine years after Nat Geo went on the air.

WILD has been one of fast growing National Geographic projects internationally, Daniels said.

High definition makes the timing right and the viewing awesome, he said.

High definition, Daniels said, gives filmmakers new power to peel back the mysteries of the wild world, including the daily struggles of life in the wild.

"We're not going to shy away from getting viewers closer to

that experience," he said.

Daniels warned viewers that the new network isn't about animals gone wild but animals IN the wild.

"We are not aiming at kids, but night in and night out, there will be a lot of programming that parents and children alike can be really comfortable coming to," he said. "We're not doing this

for cheap thrills."

What will people see? Two new series on WILD are "Rebel Monkeys" and "Expedition Wild with Casey Anderson."

"Rebel Monkeys" looks at a sacred gang of monkeys who live at the Galta Temple in the Indian city of Jaipur. A drought has threatened their food supply

and camera crews follow them as they search for food — and often find trouble — on the streets of the city.

Anderson is a naturalist whose best friend and best man at his wedding is a 900-pound grizzly bear named Brutus. His show looks at some of North America's mightiest animals, including his pal.

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WILD EXECUTIVE OF  
PROGRAMMING

## New season means new tubing rules

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Tubers who enjoy an exhilarating ride in the back of an outfitter's pickup to reach the Guadalupe or Comal River may be disappointed this year. The open-air rides won't be allowed.

The ban on using truck beds to shuttle tubers is just one of several new rules the New Braunfels City Council recently approved to improve regulation of river outfitters and keep tubers safe.

The council also has decided to preserve some street parking for visitors, while debate continues on how to handle short-term rentals — mainly to vacationers — in residential neighborhoods.

Tubing season gears up around Memorial Day and lasts through Labor Day. With plenty of rain in recent months, river flow is expected to be good.

Each year, New Braunfels, a city of 53,000, plays host to about 1.5 million visitors to Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort and the two rivers, said Judy Young, director of the New Braunfels Convention and Visitors Bureau.

River tourism alone has an estimated impact of \$22.5 million per year, she said.

On March 8, council members approved 18 rules regarding water-recreation shuttle services, including the ban on their use of pickups as shuttles. Though in

Texas it is legal for people 18 and older to ride in the back of a pickup, New Braunfels Mayor Bruce Boyer said the change addresses a potential safety issue for some revelers.

"People are tired. People may have, perhaps, lost their inhibitions to some extent," Boyer said of tubers exiting the river. "We haven't had a lot of incidents with regard to this, but it really only takes one serious incident ... for it to become a huge problem."

By 2011, the city also will re-

quire that all shuttles be designed by the manufacturer to transport passengers. The change will rule out makeshift shuttles crafted from other types of vehicles.

Coley Reno of Texas Tubes said although his company does not utilize pickups, it will phase out three shuttles converted from bread trucks. He said replacing the trucks was already planned. The river outfitter, which put more than 58,000 tubers in the water last year, also operates four shuttle buses, Reno said.

Off the water, visitors may be affected by other approved or contemplated changes.

From the end of March through the beginning of October, the city won't create more permit-parking areas along neighborhood streets a move that

protects some street parking for visitors this summer, Boyer said.

Vacationers who want to rent a home in residential New Braunfels may face more limited options. The hot-button issue of short-term rentals has bobbed up during recent council meetings.

The dispute pits those who want to tap into tourist dollars by renting out their homes against those who have been appalled by what they see as disruptive carousing by some visitors. Some residents said they have seen visitors litter, strip off clothing, or urinate in bushes.

"You never know who comes in," said Eva Sanchez, who lives near a property owner who unsuccessfully sought a permit for short-term rentals.

Four properties were found to be housing vacationers without authorization within the past year, said Shannon Mattingly, New Braunfels' director of planning and community development.

The council members will hold a workshop to further discuss short-term rentals within the next two weeks.

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NEW BRAUNFELS MAYOR

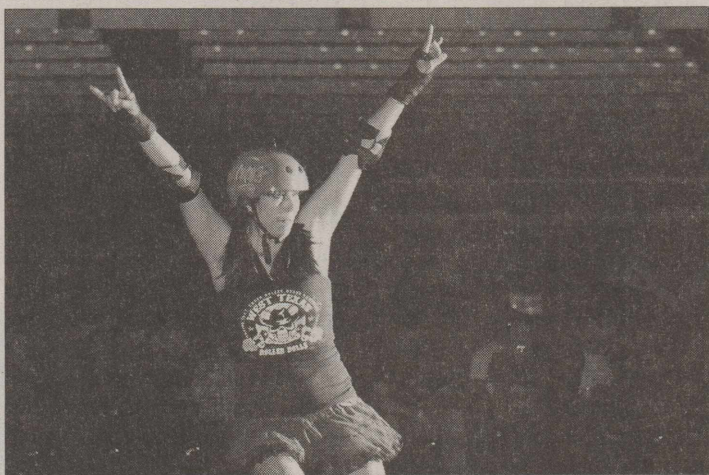


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THE WEST TEXAS Roller Dollz compete in the first bout of their season Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

## Dollz

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Although roller derby may get physical, there are still rules and regulations, and referees are monitoring the bout to ensure nothing gets too out of hand. The rules are pretty simple — no elbows in the face and no tripping. Ehlers said the referees take their jobs very seriously, and the league prides themselves on following the rules.

"There are leagues that are known for breaking the rules, but we really try to make sure that we aren't one of those leagues," she said. "We have to take a test and pass it to qualify to play."

These women focus on every aspect of athleticism, something Cordero said she thinks puts them at an advantage.

"Some of the skaters may not be extremely fast, therefore they rely on their strength," she said, "and some of the smaller girls may not be that

strong, so they rely on their speed."

Although roller derby may not seem like a typical sport to get involved in, these women all held it in the highest esteem. Lauren Whitman, an anthropology instructor from Houston, said she fell in love with roller derby from the beginning.

"I just showed up to practice one day, after doing some research online," she said, "and I completely fell in love with it."

The next bout for the West Texas Roller Dollz will be in April, when their travel team will be traveling to Nebraska to play.

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## Fox: '24' to end after 8th season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The drama "24" won't be ticking much longer on TV.

Fox announced Friday that its action-packed real-time show starring Kiefer Sutherland as anti-terrorism agent Jack Bauer will wind down at the end of its current eighth season on May 24.

Sutherland said in a statement that the show's cast and crew "always wanted '24' to finish on a high note, so the decision to make the eighth season our last was one we all agreed upon." He also said he was looking forward to creating a film version of "24."

The show has received 68 Emmy nominations, winning for outstanding drama series and for Sutherland as lead drama actor in 2006.

"This has been the role of a lifetime, and I will never be able to fully express my appreciation to everyone who made it possible," Sutherland said. "But when all is said and done, it is the loyal worldwide fan base that made it possible for me to have the experience of playing the role of Jack Bauer, and for that I am eternally grateful."

Premiering Nov. 6, 2001, "24" used an innovative real-time, split-screen format to present fast-paced interwoven storylines. Each episode covered one hour of the season's 24-hour story arc.

The first six seasons were set in Los Angeles. Following a one-year break forced by the writers strike, season seven went to Africa and Washington, D.C.

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## Red Raider defense adjusts to scheme switch

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
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New Texas Tech defensive coordinator James Willis sticks out at practice.

He is the most vocal coach on head coach Tommy Tuberville's staff, critiquing one of his players on almost every play. He has to in order to convert the defensive players to his new system.

Willis might face the biggest challenge among the new coaching staff in trying to install a new defensive system as a first-year defensive coordinator.

"I am pleased right now with our effort," Willis said. "We know the things we need to work on, and I think the kids, they're aware of the things also. So as long as they're aware of those things and willing to work to get better, I'm happy."

Willis is shifting Tech from a 4-3 defense with four defensive linemen and three linebackers to a 3-4 defense with three defensive linemen and four linebackers.

But Willis seems capable of the new responsibilities with which he has been entrusted because of a strong playing and

coaching resume.

After leading Alabama to a national championship as an assistant last year, Willis was hired by Tuberville to be Tech's defensive coordinator soon after Tuberville's arrival. Willis played football under Tuberville at Auburn and also played professional football for the Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia Eagles, Seattle Seahawks and the NFL's Birmingham Thunderbolts.

Following the end of his playing career after the NFL folded, Willis became a graduate assistant at Auburn under defensive coordinator — later Iowa State's and now-Auburn head coach — Gene Chizik. Willis then took coaching jobs at Rhode Island, Temple and was hired by Tuberville at Auburn in 2006 to work under defensive coordinator Will Muschamp — now Texas' coach-in-waiting.

After Tuberville left Auburn at the end of the 2008 season, Willis joined Nick Saban's staff at Alabama and served as the outside linebackers coach and as an associate head coach.

Defensive players have said they think the discipline and intensity Willis has brought to the program

can only help them when the 2010 season comes around.

"Everything is up-tempo and go-now," linebacker Bront Bird said. "If the ball is thrown 50 yards down the field, and you're a defensive lineman trying to get to the quarterback, you've got to turn and run all the way there until the play is over."

"I think on offense, too, if you notice they're just speed-up, hurry-up, there's just no walking around out here waiting for things to happen. It's take initiative and make plays."

Bird also said the best part of the new defense is that it is confusing for the opposing offenses. Players are put into positions where they can either rush the quarterback or drop back into coverage.

What the defensive players have learned up to this point was tested in a scrimmage Saturday.

Although quarterbacks could not be taken to the ground, the defense combined for four sacks and two interceptions. Defensive back LaRon Moore led the team in tackles with seven. Linebacker Michael Aguilar and defensive end Kerry Hyder led players in the box with five, respectively.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador  
TEXAS TECH INSIDE receiver Tramain Swindall tries to catch the ball while being tackled by defensive back Jared Flannel during spring practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We're more aggressive in stopping the run," Moore said. "We're going to be more aggressive at the corner position, pressing a lot, and we're going to try to cause turnovers and get pressure on the quarterback. We're going to have a lot more

blitzes this year."

Willis said the early spring football practice sessions allow him and the rest of the coaching staff to experiment with what works and what won't work with Tech's athletes.

"We have to find out what we are

and who we are," he said. "We've got an idea of the things we want to do, but we've got to find out what these kids can do. We want to play to their strengths, we're trying to answer those questions every day."

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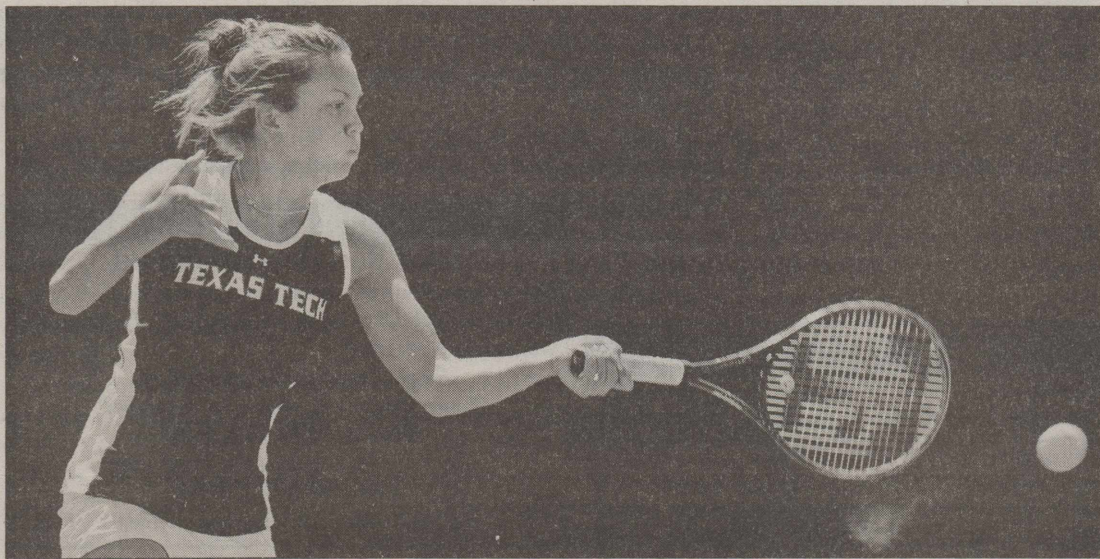


PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Treador  
TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch returns a volley during the Lady Raiders' match against the Aggies on Sunday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

## Women's tennis team continues to struggle in Big 12 Conference

By **JOSHUA KOCH**  
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The Texas Tech women's tennis team was outmatched by two solid Big 12 Conference opponents this weekend, and now the Lady Raiders head into the week searching for answers.

No. 67 Tech (6-9, 1-4 in Big 12 play) was swept by No. 35 Texas (7-4, 3-1) then fell to No. 44 Texas A&M (8-4, 3-0) 5-2 on Friday and Sunday, respectively.

"For both matches, I think almost every match, doubles and singles, we're in every single match," freshman Caroline Starck said. "I think that proves we're just missing a little something. That's just believing that we can compete with teams like UT and A&M. There's not a big difference between us and that we belong right there."

Texas won five of the six singles matches in straight-sets. Elizabeth Ullathorne pushed UT's Krista Damico, but fell 6-3, 3-6, 2-6.

After being swept by the Longhorns in Austin, the Lady Raiders returned home to battle the Aggies at McLeod Tennis Center.

Tech took the No. 1 doubles

match as junior Kelsy Garland and sophomore Natalie Leitch defeated senior Elzé Potgieter and freshman Nazari Urbina, 8-7 (8-6). But in the end, A&M took the other two matches for the doubles point.

The Aggies kept rolling into singles play as they won five of the six first sets to take a commanding lead. The Lady Raiders saw straight-set losses in the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 6 spots.

Starck, in the No. 5 spot, brought the Lady Raiders back within one when the squad was already down 2-0. Starck defeated A&M junior Christi Liles in straight-sets 6-3, 6-1.

Even after the match had been clinched for A&M, Garland continued to battle in the No. 4 spot.

Garland's match was only the second match of the weekend that went to a third set. In the battle against sophomore Sheri Olivier, Garland fell in the first set 6-3, but then rebounded to take the second set 6-1. The third set was tied at six games apiece, which led to a tiebreaker. Garland won the tiebreaker 7-4, giving her the 7-6 set victory.

A&M has now beaten its last three Big 12 opponents.

The Lady Raiders will have more than a week to prepare for their next Big 12 match against Nebraska on April 9 which, will be on the road. Garland said there is still a lot of work to do before that match.

"We had a meeting pinpointing what we need to work on in the next week," she said. "Individually, whether it's serves or doubles, or focusing on a game plan in singles. Everyone is just going to spend extra time this week focusing on our game to get ready for Nebraska."

The Big 12 season has not gone as well as hoped for the Lady Raiders, but Tech coach Todd Petty said he believes that the girls are doing what they need to do on the court.

"These girls can't do anything more than what they're doing," he said. "They're working hard, they're putting in the time. I can't ever doubt their effort or their work ethic, it's really going to be a decision for them to be internally motivated on the court, and believe they can win."

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## Tech track team overcomes wind, sees improvements

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**  
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Hosting the Texas Tech Open gives the Tech track and field an obvious advantage, but another factor came into play Friday as the outdoor season began for the Red Raiders: the wind.

Winds Friday afternoon at the Terry and Linda Fuller Track and Field Complex reached up to 36 mph at one point and were present throughout the events. But senior Tori Smith said it doesn't affect Tech athletes too much, considering the team gets to prepare in it.

"There's no way to really prepare for the wind, but we're really just kind of immune to it because we practice in it from day to day," she said. "It's not too big of a surprise for us, we adjust very easily."

Some athletes may struggle depending on the event, but Smith didn't seem to be bothered.

Smith ran a personal-best time of 13.39 seconds to win the women's 110M hurdles. Fellow teammate Katie Grimes finished behind Smith with a time of 14.00.

With the weather conditions as they were, Smith said she made the adjustments needed and accomplished her goal for the meet.

"I pretty much just wanted to get out and run a smooth, controlled race just because the wind was blowing so hard," she said. "I didn't want to run too close to the hurdles where I couldn't execute

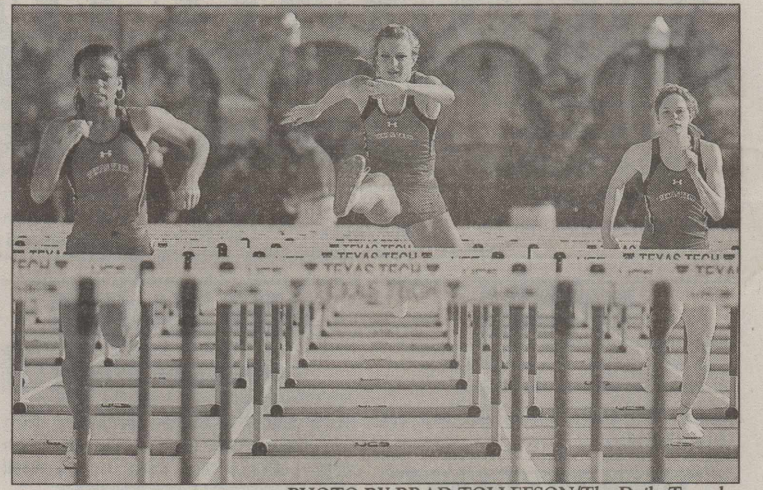


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador  
FROM LEFT, TORI Smith, Katie Grimes and Jamie Simanek finish first, second and fourth, respectively, in the women's 100-meter hurdles in the Texas Tech Open on Friday.

my form properly. I was just excited to run outdoors after a very long indoor season and I was just ready to open outdoor with a good mark, which I did.

"So I'm very excited about that, very blessed about that."

Smith's victory in the 110M hurdles was one of 23 titles Tech claimed Friday.

Notable performances include freshman Shade Weygandt's win in the women's pole vault. Weygandt set a school record by clearing 13 feet, 5.75 inches in her outdoor debut for Tech. Teammate Amanda Alley finished in second with a mark of 12'-1.50".

In throwing events, both Ozie Okolie and Julian Wruck continued their winning ways from last week, each winning an event. Okolie won the hammer-throw and discus with marks of 60.68M and 50.23M, respec-

tively. Wruck improved on his discus by throwing 61.02M to win the event—that mark is one of the best in the NCAA.

Okolie and Wruck weren't the only ones to improve on last week's performances.

Jamele Mason, who ran for Puerto Rico last week in the 5th Carolina Spring Break Classic, said he saw technical improvements despite his finish in the 110M hurdles. Mason ran a 13.89 to finish in second, while teammate Jansen Hyde won the men's with a time of 13.79.

"I felt really good compared to last week," Mason said. "I feel a lot stronger in the 110's. I feel like my form was better. The wind did kind of help a little bit, but I feel a lot cleaner than I did last week in Puerto Rico."

With the Texas Tech Open now complete, the team's focus shifts towards the Texas Relays which begin March 31 and wrap up April 3 in Austin.

Mason said he expects to do well, considering he faces some of the top competitors in practice.

"Make the finals, take it one step at a time once I get there and we'll go from there," he said. "I think the biggest competition, my biggest competition are the boys I run against everyday. So to work with them everyday is going to be great. I think we have some of the greatest hurdlers in the conference."

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