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Tech Board of Regents set tuition caps, floors

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
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Texas Tech will increase tuition for the second consecutive year, by less than 10 percent, after the Tech Board of Regents approved caps and floors for tuition at a meeting Thursday.

The board approved an increase in tuition in the range of 3.95 percent to 9.95 percent for Tech and 3.95 percent to 8.95 percent for Angelo State University for the 2010-2011 academic year and discussed ongoing projects at the meeting.

Tuition increases at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center also were approved at 2.03 percent for the School of Applied Health Services, 1.81 percent for Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, 7.22 percent for the School of Nursing and 4.21

percent for the School of Pharmacy. However, the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine decreased tuition by 2.85 percent.

Members of the board compared Tech tuition rates with those of other Big 12 conference schools while discussing possible tuition increase ranges.

"We're very competitive with other Big 12 schools as well as other schools in the state of Texas," said Tech President Guy Bailey.

Members of the board discussed the need to keep tuition costs down while making sure Tech sees profit and revenue.

"I want to keep it affordable for everyone as much as possible," said Tech Chancellor Hance.

The university boasted in 2008-2009 of being the only major university in the state not to raise tuition, but increasing standards in

faculty salaries and the economic downturn forced the university to raise tuition by 9.9 percent in 2009-2010. At the time, university officials said they hoped freezing tuition the previous year would convince members of the Texas Legislature to be more generous in appropriations, but the state did not give the university as much as it hoped.

Keeping student quality high also is of concern because of the possibility of soon drawing from the National Research University Fund. One of the stipulations in House Bill 51, enabling legislation for the fund, is that a university hoping to draw from the fund

must bring in freshman classes that demonstrate high academic achievement.

"The gap is widening between us and other institutions we are competing against for becoming that Tier One status," said board member Rick Francis.

The board approved renovation and improvement of the Football Training Facility and Practice fields. According to a presentation by Gerald Myers, the two existing natural-grass football practice fields will be replaced with two artificial turf fields and a running hill for strength and conditioning purposes.



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The board also re-approved the Jones AT&T Stadium North End Zone expansion project, primarily pertaining to concessions and restrooms.

"This year there were around 50 to 75 portable toilets outside the stadium, and that's just not good," Myers said.

The construction project will provide about 74 toilets for public use, he said.

Board members also approved Hance's appointment of Ted Mitchell as the president of the Tech Health Sciences Center.

The board approved the name change of the Outreach and Distance Education building to University College.

Final approval regarding increases in tuition rates for both Tech and Angelo State will take place at a later time.

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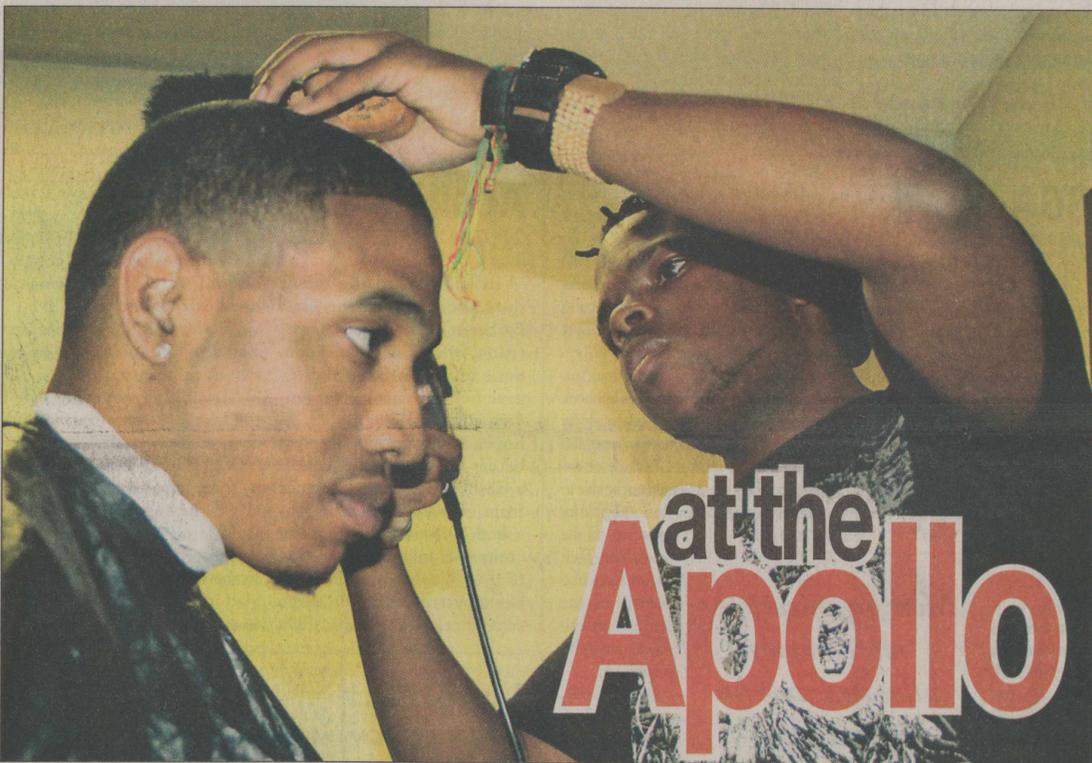


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RYAN COLLINS, A sophomore human development and family studies major from Kennedale, gets his hair cut by Adam Earls, a freshman engineering major from Houston, on Thursday during the Black Student Association talent show at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

10 performers face audience scrutiny at BSA event

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

A man standing on stage, with only the words in his head to recite, begins to perform. As he speaks, he sets the mood for the entire performance, and in this case it is not a good mood.

The crowd boos him off-stage, and he is shoed away by the Sandman. Harsh? Yes, but the crowd definitely enjoys it. This is how the performances were rated Thursday night when the Black Student Association hosted the annual Apollo Night Talent Show at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

The talent show, which featured 10 performers, was modeled after the 1980's show "Showtime at the Apollo," in which the crowd cheered for performances it enjoyed and jeered performances it didn't. When performers were booed, the Sandman kicked them off the stage.

Thursday night, the Sandman was Steven Johnson, a senior architecture major from Dallas. Johnson even dressed for the part, wearing suspenders and

high-waters.

The talent show featured a wide array of performances, including spoken word, singing, guitar solos, rappers, poetry and comedic performances.

Sheauntei Ferguson, a senior marketing major from Dallas, performed a stand-up comedy act. Ferguson won the talent show two years ago, and after a rocky show last year he was nervous to perform but was looking for redemption.

"I was booed off the stage last year," he said, "So I am hoping this year goes a little better."

Ferguson said his material for the stand up comes from both his own personal experiences and those of his friends and family.

"I believe that honesty is the best humor," he said. "I take my experiences and also the things that I notice and use them in my routines."

Jessie Washington, a junior marketing management major from Houston, is the vice president of the Black Student Association and said the talent show is one of

the organization's major fundraisers.

"With the talent show, we take the profit made and donate some of the proceeds to the Boys and Girls Club," he said.

Taji Senior, a junior journalism major from Amarillo, is the president of the BSA and said the association works very closely with the Boys and Girls Club throughout the year.

"We hold lock ins with some of the girls, and go to the after-school programs," she said. "Our executive board also works a lot with the organization."

After the crowd was welcomed by Senior and the rest of the BSA exec board, the Black National Anthem was performed and the performances began.

Najee Ward, a freshman business major, was the first act, performing a spoken word poem about religion. Ward was followed by Matt Fortune, a sophomore civil engineering major, who played an acoustic version of Outkast's "Hey Ya," which the crowd welcomed with clapping and cheers.

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Tech SGA passes annual budget bill

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association budget bill was passed unanimously Thursday night in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

Senate Bill 45.18 allocated \$351,812.50 to 193 undergraduate organizations and \$47,155 to 24 graduate organizations.

Brandon Taylor, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee for the SGA, said the bill being passed by all of the senators was a great way to show the Student Organization Representative Council process was successful.

"I really think the most important part is the fact that entire senate was able to get behind us and organizations were not disgruntled by the end of the day," he said. "Because you usually leave this meeting, typically any other year,

with organizations feeling like they were kind of wronged, like they weren't given enough. But just through not seeing any appeals tonight, we saw a lot of people just really satisfied with what they got this year."

SORC consists of meetings throughout the semester in which a senate representative meets with organizations to discuss funding and other issues.

Each SORC group got its own advocate to better understand the process of receiving money, Taylor said. By having more communication, the organizations felt represented, which led to the unanimous support of the bill. Organizations did not receive less money than normal unless they had a history of not spending received money, he said. There were 25 newly created student groups that were funded as well.

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Judge rules against Leach subpoena in Tech lawsuit

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Almost one month after Mike Leach's attorneys filed a subpoena for documents from Frenship Independent School District, 99th District Court Judge William Sowder filed a ruling that none of the documents procured are relevant to the request.

Sowder also ruled Leach had to pay \$1,970 for the gathering and retrieval of documents, and another hearing will take place April 9 to discuss the \$10,000 in attorney fees requested by Frenship ISD attorneys.

A subpoena was filed March 5 by Leach's attorneys for documents from Frenship ISD related to new Tech head football coach Tommy Tuberville and his family.

The school district filed a motion for protective order March 8, saying that releasing some of the documents may violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The subpoena is part of an ongoing

civil suit by Leach, the former Tech head football coach, since he was fired by Tech for allegedly mistreating wide receiver Adam James while the player had a concussion.

Leach was suspended for the incident Dec. 28 and filed a temporary restraining order to be able to coach for Tech in the Alamo Bowl. He was fired Dec. 30.

Leach filed a lawsuit against Tech for defamation and wrongful termination after his firing.

Sowder said in his subpoena ruling that the subpoena issued by Leach attorneys was too broad and the attorneys may have been able to avoid any undue time and effort spent by Frenship ISD attorneys by also notifying Tech attorneys of the subpoena in the beginning.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Gov. Rick Perry makes nice with former rival

AUSTIN (AP) — His campaign once derided her as "Kay Bailout," but Gov. Rick Perry is making nice with his former Republican rival now.

Perry said he "would suspect you've heard the last of that" when asked Thursday about the moniker his strategists gave to U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Perry handily defeated Hutchison in the March 2 primary, and now the senator has decided to stay in Washington through next year

even though she had promised to resign once the gubernatorial contest ended.

No worries, Perry says. He applauds Hutchison for staying in the Senate, noting she's on some "very important committees" that can help Texas. Perry, who faces Democrat Bill White in November, also says he anticipates Hutchison's help with his re-election.

In his words, "We're on the team. We just had an intramural scrimmage, and we got that over with."

NATION

New mileage rules: pay more for cars, less at pump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drivers will have to pay more for cars and trucks, but they'll save at the pump under tough new federal rules aimed at boosting mileage, cutting emissions and hastening the next generation of fuel-slinging hybrids and electric cars.

The new standards, announced Thursday, call for a 35.5 miles-per-gallon average within six years, up nearly 10 mpg from now.

By setting national standards for fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions from tailpipes, the government hopes to squeeze out more miles per gallon whether you buy a tiny Smart for two micro cars, a rugged Dodge Ram pickup truck or something in between.

The rules will cost consumers an estimated \$434 extra per vehicle in the 2012 model year and \$926 per vehicle by 2016, the

government said. But the heads of the Transportation Department and Environmental Protection Agency said car owners would save more than \$3,000 over the lives of their vehicles through better gas mileage.

Touting the plan, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said, "Putting more fuel-efficient cars on the road isn't just the right thing to do for our environment, it's also a great way for Americans to save a lot of money at the pump."

The requirements for the 2012-2016 model years pleased environmentalists who have criticized sluggish efforts by previous administrations to boost fuel efficiency. They also were welcomed by automakers who have been seeking a single standard after California and a dozen states tried to create their own rules.

WORLD

India begins world's biggest head count

NEW DELHI (AP) — India began a yearlong census of its billion-plus population Thursday in which it plans to photograph and fingerprint every citizen over the age of 15 to create a national database and then issue its first national identity cards.

About 2.5 million census-takers began traveling across more than 630,000 villages and 5,000 cities in an effort to visit every structure serving as a home, from tin shanties to skyscrapers, in what the government calls the world's largest administrative exercise.

For the first time, they will note the availability of toilets, drinking water and electricity, and the type of building materials to create a

comprehensive picture of housing in India. They will also take fingerprints and photographs of each person and collect information on Internet, mobile phone and bank account usage.

The census-takers — mostly local government officials or schoolteachers — also plan to include millions of homeless people who sleep on railway platforms, under bridges and in parks.

So far, India has not had a system of national identity cards. The collection of fingerprints and photographs will be linked with another massive exercise launched last year to assign every Indian an identity number.

Center studies therapeutic riding

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Working with the Burkhardt Center for Autism Education and Research, the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center entered its second semester looking at the benefits of therapeutic riding for individuals with autism.

Past studies have shown that therapeutic riding is extremely helpful for riders with autism, but this study is to determine why, said Heidi Brady, center director and associate professor.

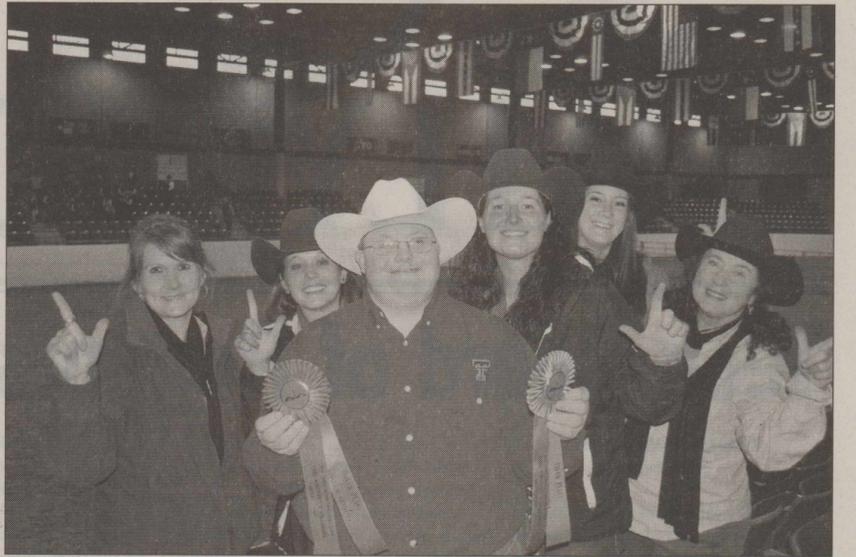
"(With therapeutic riding) we realize this is an industry that we see great improvements on social skills (of the riders), interaction with side walkers and interaction with other riders," she said. "What we're doing is quantifying, through testing and video analysis, the actual benefits."

Although there is a clear trend showing therapeutic riding helps autistic and special needs riders, Brady said, the group realizes that everything needs to be proven scientifically.

After one semester, the center has found a "definite increase" on how the children interact with each other and all the riders from the fall semester have asked to continue with the program, she said.

The parents of participants have said the children have improved their communication and other skills at home as well as in school.

"Teachers have noticed a difference and we're really excited



BRIAN, A RIDER at Texas Tech's Therapeutic Riding Center, shows off his ribbons with the center's volunteers and staff in January at the Chisholm Challenge at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

and about," Brady said.

Because the cost of therapy and caring for horses is so high, the center tries to create as many riderships as possible, she said. Riderships are scholarships for riders who may not be able to afford the treatments otherwise.

The center teaches both therapeutic riding and hippotherapy to people with any kind of special need. Therapeutic riding teaches graduate community counseling and major from Sugar Land. "We just started small because it was our first big show."

The center also focuses on helping riders with hippotherapy, which is physical, occupational and speech

therapy on horseback. When riders have this type of therapy, they are taught by a physical, occupational or speech therapist along with the certified therapeutic riding instructor.

Hippotherapy works with toddlers who many times are unable to walk. Even though a horse's stride is different than the normal gate of a human, sitting on a moving horse helps stretch their legs and teach the body how to walk, she said.

"The horse will kind of be that boost to get them walking and that's pretty exciting to see," Hernandez said.

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Correction

In Thursday's issue of The Daily Treador, "The 7-day weekend" listed Thursday's event under the wrong day.

The Fifth Annual International Talent and Fashion Show will take place on April 10. The DT regrets the error.

SGA

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"But really we're able to help a lot of organizations that really were kind of a long time coming that needed an increase," Taylor said. "But we just didn't have the resources to be able to do that."

This year, almost \$400,000 was given out to student associations because of increased enrollment. Last year about \$350,000 was given to groups.

The Tech Habitat for Humanity Chapter received \$12,000 because tools they used had been stolen last year, he said. The organization's funds will only increase this year and will be funded the normal amount next budget bill.

Any student group that brought speakers, received trophies, contributed to Tech or increased enrollment gained funds.

Sarah Saunders, internal vice president for the SGA, said the meeting went on without any problems or appeals, which differed from most budget meetings.

"More organizations, more money allocated and no complaints — that's pretty golden," Saunders said. "And it's all because of the SORC."

Students make up the organizations

and by having no appeals to the budget bill it showed they were well represented and content, she said.

Resolution 45.46 was passed as well as the budget bill. The resolution seeks to expand support of veterans who go to Tech by having specific classes for only veterans taught by veterans.

Senate Bill 45.20, which states students farther than 60 miles from Lubbock cannot be senators, was passed mainly for students taking correspondent courses and wanting to be senators. Because of the distance, the students would not be able to attend meetings so they are not eligible

for a position on the senate. The Tech hockey team also spoke about the need for a place to practice and play in Lubbock.

Justin Kuzski, president of Tech ice hockey, said practices in Odessa cost almost \$3,000 in expenses per player. The team finished this season with a winning record.

After losing their major sponsor, Ciber, last year, the team has been struggling financially. Kuzski said it would take an estimated \$300,000 to bring hockey back to the City Bank Coliseum. He believes the team will bring in money to Lubbock and will be a good investment.

"It's just to give students a winter activity to do. You know, you got your lazy river in the summer," he said. "And then in the winter what else is there to do besides stay indoors?"

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Apollo

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In addition to the talent show, there was also the "Best Barber at Texas Tech" competition, where barbers Adam Earls and Waymond Wesley gave free haircuts to two random audience members, in hopes of becoming the best barber at Texas Tech. Wesley, a freshman psychology major from Houston, said he was asked to participate in the competition on Wednesday night. Wesley said he has been cutting hair for three years, but is not technically a

barber because he doesn't have his license.

"I am not a barber; this is just something I do to meet people," he said, "and it also brings in some extra money."

Wesley said he doesn't have a trademark haircut, but he has two he prefers to do.

"I would say my taper fade is the best," he said. "But it could also be the box cut."

The barbers were to be judged by three females as to see who really is the best barber at Tech.

"We all worked so hard on this show," Senior said. "It's been in the works awhile, so I'm really glad it's gone well."

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Leach

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The records were not relevant to the issue "in substance or date," did not need a protective order and would not be turned over to Leach attorneys, he said in the ruling.

Ted Liggett, one of Leach's attorneys, said because no information that was provided is relevant to the Tech request, they are moving on from the issue.

"The issue has been closed," he said.

Dicky Grigg, Tech's lead counsel, said the documents showed no one contacted Frenship until after Leach was fired, but Tech ultimately was not affected by the judge's ruling.

"Really, Tech — we didn't have a dog in that fight," he said.

The subpoena asked for documents about Tuberville and/or the Tuberville family; any communications between the school district and the Tuberville family; documents about interest in admission, potential admission and/or admission of members of the Tuberville family into Frenship ISD; and com-

munications between Tech and Frenship ISD about any member of the Tuberville family.

Mediation between the two sides, which was ordered by Sowder in January, has been recessed, Grigg said, and they will be called back by the mediator at a later date.

Liggett said he could not confirm or deny that statement because of a restrictive order placed on the mediation by Sowder.

Discovery for the case is ongoing, Grigg said, and the two sides will meet again May 14 for the hearing on Tech's sovereign immunity claim.

Tech attorneys claim that as a branch of the state, Leach cannot sue the university because of a U.S. Constitutional amendment that disallows private citizens from filing suit against the state without its consent.

Liggett said the two sides have been preparing for the May 14 hearing through depositions and continuing discovery.

"The May 14 hearing is what we have been preparing for ever since the last hearing," he said. "Virtually everything we've been doing is to prepare for the hearing on sovereign immunity."

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Tech pitching fends off Wildcats in 8-5 win



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TEXAS TECH'S TAYLOR Ashby slides safely into home plate as Kansas State catcher Daniel Dellasega misses the tag Thursday at Dan Law Field.

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Jay Johnson gets the win, Chad Bettis gets the save — it's coach Dan Spencer's plan coming to fruition.

Behind key at-bats and Johnson and Bettis' outings, Texas Tech ousted Kansas State 8-5 Thursday at Dan Law Field for the series-opening win.

The Red Raiders already jumped on the Wildcats with a 7-5 lead heading into the fifth. But what was a back-and-forth affair through four innings quickly turned into a showcase for Johnson and Bettis. The two combined to shut out the Wildcats for five innings.

With thin pitching this season, Spencer said Johnson and Bettis were key.

"You earn that many zeros from the fifth to the ninth, that's a good thing," Spencer said. "That's how you win. Yeah, I thought our guys did a good job offensively. I thought we were a little bit better with men in scoring position. Not all the way, not move runners all the time, but we're getting closer."

A big second inning gave the Red Raiders all the momentum they needed for the rest of the game. It started with an RBI single from Nick Popescu and an RBI double from Bonham Hough. Taylor Ashby was put out at first but batted in a run. Jamodrick McGruder's RBI single put a cap on the big inning.

But the Wildcats were hard to keep down. K-State answered with two runs in the third. Tech retaliated with two of

its own in the bottom of that inning. K-State still refused to leave any breathing room with three runs in the fourth. Tech extended its 6-5 lead with another run in the bottom of that inning.

But that was all before Johnson took the mound.

The lefty pitched two innings for his second win of the season, allowing just one hit while striking out three.

Maybe the most significant part of his outing was when the Wildcats had the bases loaded with Carter Jurica, Nick Martini and Daniel Dellasega. Johnson had two outs on his side, but with Tech up by two, K-State was eager to break the game wide open.

But Johnson got his third strikeout off Mike Kindel, sending the Wildcats back to the dugout empty handed.

Bettis came in the seventh and continued to protect Tech's lead. He allowed three hits and struck out six Wildcats to finish the game. His performance even allowed Tech to tack one more run on the board in the eighth.

Tech used three other pitchers before Johnson and Bettis to protect the lead as well. John Neely started the game and was followed by Ben Flora and Colt Farrar.

"When everyone does their job correctly, we come out with the win," Bettis said. "Jay was great before me and the offense did their job. They put up 14 hits, since everyone did their job, it's a lot easier for the pitching staff in general."

Tech has been down this road before. The Red Raiders have the series-opening win, but players want to be going for the sweep by Sunday.

That wasn't the case last week against Texas. The Red Raiders hammered the Longhorns 12-5 in the Friday night game, but Texas proved too strong for Tech in the final two games of the series.

Getting that second win Friday depends on Bobby Doran, who Spencer said is hungry after his last start against Texas.

"Yeah it's true," Tech center fielder Taylor Ashby said of the importance of getting the second game in the series. "I guess we need to go after them tomorrow. Not mess around and make it go until Sunday to win the series. We really need to win (today) so we don't have to worry about that Sunday game. We can go for the sweep on Sunday."

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Dayton wins NIT, beats North Carolina 79-68

NEW YORK (AP) — Dayton players danced at midcourt and then lingered on ladders as they cut down the nets at Madison Square Garden.

Forgive these Flyers for taking a little extra time to soak it all in. They're not as accustomed to trophy ceremonies as the North Carolina team they had just beaten.

Marcus Johnson scored 20 points and Dayton denied last year's national champs another title, topping the Tar Heels 79-68 Thursday night to win the NIT.

"This game kind of is a capsule of our season," coach Brian Gregory said. "Started off great, had some tough times and then just kind of fight through, and ended up very successful at the end."

Relying on depth, defense and

some clutch 3-point shooting, the Flyers took home their first title in 42 years and handed North Carolina one more disheartening loss at the end of a lousy season.

"It's a tough feeling right now, there's no question about that. It's been an unusual year for North Carolina basketball," coach Roy Williams said, his eyes red and puffy as he spoke about his seniors. "I've lived a charmed life in the past, and this has been a little tougher. I'm so proud of our guys for coming to play in this National Invitation Tournament and playing so well up until today and getting us to this point. We just didn't finish the job."

Reserve guard Paul Williams added 16 points for No. 3 seed Dayton (25-12), which bounced back from

a disappointing regular season of its own to win its third NIT title and first since 1968 under coach Don Donoher.

Picked to win the Atlantic 10 Conference, the athletic and experienced Flyers faded late and missed the NCAA tournament before turning things around and finishing on a high note.

"We struggled through the season. But being in the NIT, we stayed positive and we showed we have heart and character," said Chris Johnson, selected the tournament's most outstanding player. "It shows today that we are a good team. We just won a championship."

Will Graves shot North Carolina back into the game in the second half, finishing with seven 3-pointers and 25 points for the fourth-seeded Tar Heels

(20-17), who started the season hoping for back-to-back NCAA crowns.

Chris Wright had 14 points for the Flyers, as did Chris Johnson — who scored 22 in a semifinal victory over Mississippi.

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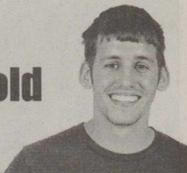
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Commend Best Buddies in quest to change culture

“That’s retarded,” “retard” or my personal favorite “your a retard,” (sic).

Jon Arnold



These insults are commonplace. You can hear the use of the word retard as an insult on campus (perhaps said into a hot mic in front of an audience of thousands at Carol of Lights), on television and really anywhere else your local insults are heard.

It has to stop. Retardation basically means to delay. People with physical or mental retardation have those developments delayed.

Like many words, we have seen this word evolve and take on different meanings. Retard has basically become slang which some people use interchangeably with other unfavorable terms like idiot, moron and fool among others.

So what? Why should we care about a word evolving and taking on different meanings? Nobody protested when Lil Jon and the East Side Boyz introduced us to a new definition of skeet.

Well, for one, it’s offensive. Perhaps it could be argued that people with retardations don’t notice people making fun of them. Even if they don’t, which I would argue against, there are thousands of people who have somebody they love very much who has some sort of mental or physical retardation. They get used to hearing the word thrown around casually, but that doesn’t make it any more fun to hear the word, especially when it is misused.

You see, I know. For me it’s personal.

My sister is retarded. She has Down syndrome. But she doesn’t act stupidly. In fact, she doesn’t do a lot of things that fit the stereotype, and she does a lot of things that break that stereotype.

And that’s precisely why everyone should stop using the word

in a derogatory manner. It’s just wrong.

Your friends, no matter how foolish they are acting, are not retarded. People with retardations can’t flip a switch and act “normally.” Your friends can.

If you’re chiding a retarded person with the use of the word, you certainly have issues beyond what I’m discussing, but in general your friend is not retarded. They are not “acting,” or “being retarded.” There’s really no particular way to even act retarded.

As with most slurs, it comes down to ignorance.

Go volunteer with Best Buddies, whose event to eradicate use of the word was covered in this paper yesterday. Volunteer with Special Olympics. I guarantee once you meet the people you are painting with such a broad brush, you’ll reconsider your use of the word retard.

My personal experience is that they love very much who has some sort of mental or physical retardation. They get used to hearing the word thrown around casually, but that doesn’t make it any more fun to hear the word, especially when it is misused.

Educate yourself, and it will change your misconceptions and allow you to reevaluate the use of the word retard.

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Extra time not enough to improve public schools

There’s been a fair amount of discussion lately about our public school systems, namely how many (or how few) days or hours per week children should be in school.

According to *The Chicago Tribune*, the Illinois House “has sent to the Senate a bill that would allow local school board to adopt a four-day week.” The main reasoning for this seems to be budget concerns. Cutting a full day out of the school schedule could save a school board a lot of money, even just in terms of the cost to run buses that cart students to and from school.

Whenever something like this is proposed, opinions seem to be mixed. A lot of people’s first reaction tends to be that this is a bad idea. Our public schools are struggling enough as it is to give the children of our nation the education they need. Cutting a day out of the schedule can only hinder the effort more.

Other people — especially the children that could be affected, but several educated people as well — argue that we push children hard enough as it is, and if we push too hard we’re

Britton Peele



just going to burn them out, resulting in lower grades and higher drop-out rates.

Illinois would be far from the first to implement such a schedule. The aforementioned *Tribune* editorial notes that 19 other states have at least one four-day-week school district.

It’s important to note that fewer days in school does not necessarily mean fewer hours. Schools could (and do) have longer school days on the days that classes are scheduled. This means schools can still save money by turning off the heat or not running the cafeteria on one extra day per week, but students would still have the same or similar amount of hours spent in classes.

But some people argue that if anything, children need to spend

more time in school. Mike Feinburg, co-founder of the Knowledge Is Power Program, contributed a column on CNN.com that cites reasoning for keeping children in school longer every day and even going to school on more days per month. His KIPP Academy in Houston ran from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., had Saturday classes twice a month and mandated at least three weeks of summer school.

This wasn’t cheap — Feinburg states such measures cost an additional \$1,100 to \$1,500 per student — but the school went on to become the highest performing public middle school in Houston.

Feinburg certainly makes some good points, citing for instance that China’s students spend 300 more hours in school than America’s students, and their schools run for 41 more days per year. It’s easy to wonder whether we want our children competing with that sort of rigorous education system, considering how poor of a job we seem to be doing lately.

However, there was something Feinburg said early on in his column that gave me pause: “I know there is

no substitute for the hours a student spends with an effective and inspiring teacher.”

Yes, this is no doubt true. I’ve spent time outside of class here at Tech with professors that I’ve found enlightening and inspiring, and I definitely benefited from the extra time with them. However, I think the bigger problem is not all of our teachers are “effective and inspiring.” If our students aren’t performing as well as they can with the resources they’ve been given, I’m not convinced extra time is enough to change that.

Don’t get me wrong, something certainly needs to be done, and maybe tacking extra class time onto students’ schedules would be a step in the right direction. But maybe we should worry about other aspects of our school system first. If students hate the five-day weeks they already endure, they’re not exactly going to be inspired by the idea of going to school every other Saturday.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Big 12 shootout set for Saturday

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
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The Texas Tech men's tennis team is preparing for the opening of Big 12 Conference play on Saturday in Lubbock.

No. 13 Tech (17-1) faces No. 5 Texas (18-2, 2-0 in Big 12 play) at noon Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

"We're pretty comfortable as a team and individually," freshman Raphael Pfister said. "We're all playing well, but Texas is a great opponent, too. They're No. 5 in the country, so it's going to be a good battle. We think we're prepared for this match."

The Red Raiders are riding a 15-match winning streak and the Longhorns are riding a five-match winning streak, including two wins in Big 12 play. Those two wins came against No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 44 Oklahoma State this past weekend in Austin.

During Texas' winning streak, the Longhorns have won four of their last five matches by a 6-1 advantage.

Tech struggled slightly in its last match, despite getting the 4-3 victory. The Red Raiders lost their first doubles point, breaking their seven-match streak of winning the doubles point.

Sophomore Gonzalo Escobar said the team did not come out ready to play, and that it won't happen again.

"We were a little too confident," he said. "We were not well prepared for doubles, so that's why we're trying not to do the same thing against Texas. We know it's going to be much harder. We cannot let what happened against Fresno happen again, that we were just underestimating them."

Texas is the highest ranked opponent that Tech will face this season. This match is putting two of the best teams in the Big 12, by overall win record, head-to-head this weekend.

With two powerful teams matching up, Tech assistant coach Marcelo Ferreira said the team that comes out and establishes itself early will have the upper hand.

"We just need to come out a little more ready and set the tone right off the bat in the first game," Marcello said. "I think that's going to determine the rest of the match, if we play good doubles. So yesterday we worked on a lot of doubles and that's what we're going to do today, too."

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GONZALO ESCOBAR AND the No. 13 Red Raiders will try to continue their hot streak against No. 5 Texas on Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Complex.

Tech softball takes to the road for Big 12 play

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**
STAFF WRITER

Just because Mikey Kenney is a freshman does not mean she isn't able to contribute to her team — in fact, it's quite the opposite.

Kenney leads the team in home runs, RBIs and slugging percentage.

"Well I just think if you just have the right mindset, you know you can just come in and just have fun and play your game and do good," Kenney said. "You know, make things happen for your team."

Kenney said she isn't worried about hitting home runs and all she ever does is try to get base hits.

Texas Tech coach Shannon Hays said he doesn't think about the home runs either because he doesn't want Kenney to try and force one.

"She's done a good job of just trying to hit it hard and hit it where it's pitched, and that's why she has 12 home runs right now," he said. "If she starts thinking about trying to hit the ball out of the ballpark then what you end up doing is jamming yourself and popping out."

Kenney isn't the only newcomer lighting up the stat sheets for the Red Raiders this year. Transfers Logan Hall and Raven Richardson each are batting over .320 and have combined for seven home runs and 49 RBIs to add power to the middle of the order.

Kenney said it is important not to take anything for granted this season; especially how well she and the team have been playing.

Tech (29-5, 1-1 Big 12 Conference) takes to the road this weekend with two games against No. 24 Baylor (19-10, 0-2 Big 12) on Saturday and Monday.

The Red Raiders will have to deal with a potent Bears offense, led by Nicole Wesley, who is hitting .435 to lead the Big 12.

However, the Bears have had some misfortune with the injury bug, losing last year's Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

HOLLEY GENTSCH GETS hit with the ball during an at bat earlier in the season. The Red Raiders face their first Big 12 road test this weekend.

Whitney Canion to a season-ending injury.

Last year, the Red Raiders limped into conference play with a slew of injuries eliminating their depth. But sophomore Jennifer Lee said Tech's depth is one of its biggest strengths this season.

Lee recently returned from a wrist injury and cranked her first home run of the season last week-end against Iowa State.

"It's real important to stay healthy," Lee said. "You've got to take care of yourself. I mean it's

good that we have depth this year you know. So if somebody gets hurt we've got somebody who's ready to go to step in and step up to the plate and fulfill that role. You never know what's going to happen day to day."

Lee said she was excited after hitting her first homer of the season, but knows how easy it is to come out hot one day and flat the next.

The only thing Lee wants to do, she said, is to come out strong and prepared for Baylor, ready to

give 100 percent.

Hays said he is focused on nothing more right now than beating Baylor in Saturday's game and his overall goal is to compete and play hard during the weekend.

"I've been in sports long enough to know if you have a positive mindset and you're going in to compete every day in and day out," he said. "Boy the game's fun and it keeps it fresh and it gives you a chance to win."

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