

Police debunk supposed internship h

By RALSTON ROLLO STAFF WRITER

Students who have been contacted about a shady-sounding internship can rest assured the opportunity is legitimate.

The callers from Southwestern Company arranging information sessions about those internships, to be hosted in Mass Communications building Room 282, represent a local business that does this every year, according to the Texas Tech Police Department. A total of nine reports reached the department involving unwanted electronic communication from the company between March 29 and March 31.

Lynn Huffman, executive associate dean of Academics, Research and Faculty Development for the College of Human Sciences, sent an e-mail to all Human Sciences students urging them to be careful if they received communication regarding summer internships because of the concern she saw

in many of her faculty and students.

Capt. Kenny Evans of the Tech Police Department said the electronic communication and subsequent reports from concerned students were part of a "misunderstanding."

"It was a miscommunication issue all the way around," Huffman said. "People are nervous about (being stalked or followed) and think the worst."

Although nine students reported the communication — which included phone calls and text messages — to the police, Evans said the communication came from a legitimate source.

Representatives for Southwestern Company had been contacting students about a summer internship opportunity, Evans said.

Huffman said much of the miscommunication could have been avoided if the Southwestern Company representatives were more clear with students about where they found contact information and why they were calling.

Travis Thompson, a representative for South-

western Company, said he and his coworkers attain student contact information using two methods: questionnaires and student recommendations.

Those questionnaires are passed out during the first week and a half of each semester and contain a space for students to provide Southwestern Company with their names, majors and telephone numbers, Thompson said.

"I think some of these students had forgotten they had filled out the (questionnaires)," Evans said.

Southwestern Company representatives are allowed to use text messages to remind students about information sessions and interviews to which they have already committed but never use them as a form of their first communication with students, Thompson said.

Nick Dale, also a representative for Southwestern Company, said text message reminders often are necessary.

"They're college students, and they tend to forget," he said.

Dale said he could not speculate as to why nine students reported Southwestern Company representatives to the police because he is confident in the company's methods of communicating with students.

"We give people plenty of chances to say 'no," he said.

Huffman said although she regrets any harm her e-mail may have caused, she does not in any way regret taking measures to keep students safe.

"I regret if anyone has had a problem because of this, but I always want to take care of students," she said.

After further investigation by the police, Huffman sent a second e-mail to Human Sciences students letting them know all concerns involving the communication had been eased Wednesday.

Huffman said she sent the e-mail at 6:41 p.m. March 30 after being told Mass Communications building Room 282 did not exist. >>> raiston.rollo@ttu.edu

Tech blood substitute near commercialization

By DEREK MOY STAFF WRITER

sity Health Sciences and HemoBioTech have reached a pivotal point in blood substitute research to meet U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards, and pre-clinical and clinical trials must be performed on monkeys to guarantee humans will not harmed.

the Tech blood substitute program, said stitutes. The blood market is estimated to the blood substitute comes from cows in be worth more than \$25 billion. New Deal. Tech has been working on

"You could take a lot of unsafe products off the market if (the substitute) was proven safe," Miller said, "and that Texas Tech, the Texas Tech Univer- could decrease, potentially, the incident of AIDS.

> Miller said he is focused on making it go through the primate trials to determine if it is as promising as the scientists and researchers believe.

HemoBioTech is a company that raises capital for the blood substitute. It Jan Simoni, principle investigator of joined with Tech in 2002 to research sub-

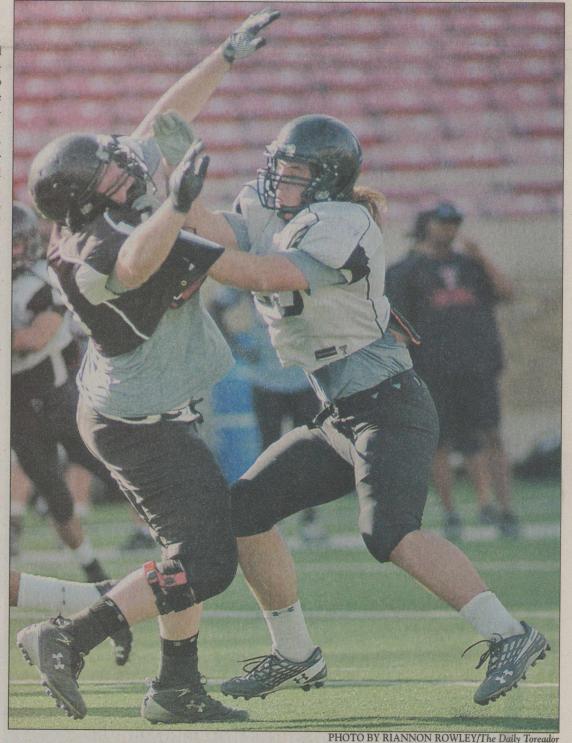
"We are very focused on holding



Bird takes over middle linebacker position

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

With spring practice in full swing, Bront Bird and his teammates are probably still trying to get the hang of the new scheme Texas Tech defensive coordinator James Willis is installing.



the product since the early 1980s and them accountable to raise the capital and has had success in testing of animals and get this to market," Miller said. "They other FDA mandated protocols as well as are a licensee of this technology, and it's human patients in Africa.

By 2030 the United States could face move it to market." a shortage of blood by as much as 4 million units per year, he said, which is nearly primate trials, it would bring in added one-third of the total supply.

to \$3 million for proper FDA testing to the amount of risk associated with the be performed by an independent lab, substitute, which would make it easier Simoni said.

If the capital is raised quick enough, he

Technology Commercialization and lives and saving the lives of people, not Economic Development, said the key just in the United States, but around the to success is getting through all of the world," he said. FDA trials, which could take two to three years.

their responsibility to raise the capital and

If Tech is successful in the FDA capital from investors, Miller said. By The substitute needs about \$2 million showing successful tests, it would decrease to move to the next level.

"The goal that's bigger than the said, testing could begin within the year. money is that we use it to get a return of David L. Miller, vice chancellor of the tax payers money in improving the

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PHOTO BY DEREK MOY/The Daily Tor

JAN SIMONI, PRINCIPLE investigator of the Texas Tech blood substitute program, holds a bag of substitute blood in the laboratory used to make the substitute.

Of the many changes, however, lies one that the senior may not have seen coming and hasn't gotten a taste of since before his days at Odessa Permian High School — a move to the middle linebacker position.

"I hadn't played that position since middle school," Bird said. "It's been a little bit different. You've just got to read flow and everything like that. I think it'll be good. I'm starting to pick it up, getting better every day, so that's all I can ask from myself right now is to just improve every day."

The switch is a result of Willis' desire to put a faster 3-4 defense on the field. Tech ran the 4-3 defense last season under former defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill, who is now the head coach at East Carolina.

But Bird, who saw little action at defensive end last season while starting primarily as an outside linebacker, has seen time at several positions throughout the spring. Before being moved to the middle this week, Bird filled the role of the "buck" linebacker, where he could play as a linebacker or defensive end depending on the package.

That role is now the responsibility of fellow senior Brian Duncan. Duncan started at middle linebacker for the Red Raiders the past two seasons.

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TEXAS TECH SENIOR Bront Bird, right, made the switch to middle linebacker this spring from outside linebacker, which he played the majority of the 2009 season. New defensive coordinator James Willis switched the defensive scheme of the Red Raiders from a 4-3 package to 3-4, which contributed to Bird's move.



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Prison: 700 years in Houston child sex, porn case

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Rodney Williams changed his plea to guilty during jury selection Monday in a case prosecutors say under the age 6. involved a 5-year-old girl.

Investigators say the case began last July, when his common-law nography found on his computer wife found digital images on a and digital camera.

HOUSTON (AP) — A Hous- camera that showed him sexually ton man has been sentenced to assaulting a child. Investigators also three life terms in prison for sexual recovered more than 70 images of assault of a child and 720 years child pornography on computers

Williams, who's 23, must serve three life sentences for super aggravated sexual assault of a child

He was also sentenced to 720 years in prison for the child por-

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Obama calls nuke terrorism the top threat to US

WASHINGTON (AP) - Re- yet clear how far and how fast writing America's nuclear strategy, the White House on Tuesday announced a fundamental shift that calls the spread of atomic weapons to rogue states or terrorists a worse threat than the nuclear Armaged- administration would narrow the don feared during the Cold War.

is suddenly moving on multiple it would forgo the development of fronts with a goal of limiting the new nuclear warheads and would threat of a catastrophic interna- seek even deeper reductions in tional conflict, although it's not American and Russian arsenals.

the rest of the world is ready to follow. In releasing the results of an in-depth nuclear strategy review, President Barack Obama said his circumstances in which the U.S. The Obama administration might launch a nuclear strike, that

WORLD

7.8 guake strikes off Indonesia's Sumatra island

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A 7.8 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatsunami warning and sending resi-There were no immediate reports morning prayers. of widespread damage.

tered 125 miles (205 kilometers) northwest of Sibolga in Sumatra lometers), the U.S. Geological ports of damage or casualties.

Survey said.

The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency issued tra early Wednesday, prompting a a tsunami warning following the quake, which struck as people dents rushing for higher ground. in the region were preparing for

"We issued a tsunami warning The quake struck at 5:15 and are still monitoring situation a.m. (2215 GMT) and was cen- there," said Fauzi, an official at the agency's Jakarta office.

Fauzi, who uses a single name, at a depth of 28.6 miles (46 ki- said there were no immediate re-

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador CAROLYN LONG SPEAKS Tuesday in the Mechanical Engineering building about why she should be elected as the Internal Vice President for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Improv Everywhere comes to Tech

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

When Kyle Vernor realized who prove that a prank Charlie Todd was, he said he thinks he screamed.

TechAnnounce about who Todd is, he around them," Todd said on the Improv said he got really excited. He has been a Everywhere Web site. fan of Todd's videos since "Frozen Grand 200 people to simply freeze in the middle of the busy subway station.

Todd, the founder of Improv Everywhere, will speak at 8 p.m. tonight in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union You Tube sensation that college students Building about how he has created and

set up dozens of the so-called pranks. "We're out to

doesn't have to involve humiliation or embarrassment; it

TODE making someone laugh, smile, or stop to notice the world

Aspen Teague, the nightlife coordina-Central," when Todd organized more than tor for TAB, said that TAB members heard about Todd's speaking engagements at a conference and knew they wanted him to come to Tech.

"His group, Improv Everywhere, is a have seen before," Teague said.

been featured in "20/20," "ABC World News Tonight," VH1 and Rolling Stone.

starting Improv Everywhere," Teague said. said. "It's cool that it came out of some- Web site. 'It's a behind-the-scenes look at all of it."



PHOTO COURTESY OF IMPROV EVERYWHERE

CHARLIE TODD, FOUNDER of Improv Everywhere, organized Frozen Grand Central, at which 200 people froze in the middle of a major subway station. The event's video has had more than 20 million hits on YouTube, and Todd continues to organize mass improv events, including one to take The videos have gone viral, as well as place 10:45 a.m. Thursday in the Engineering Key.

"He got into it by impersonating Ben with his live commentary and a question "He'll be talking about the process of Folds and getting free drinks for it," Vernor and answer session, according to the thing he did because he was broke."

Vernor, who is reading the group's

Vernor, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Perryton, saw a poster in can simply be about the Student Union Building and thought nothing of it, but when he saw the

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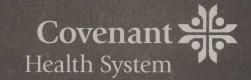
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How Todd started the group is one of Vernor's favorite aspects.

Todd's touring events also include book, "Causing a Scene," said he was reclips from the group's most famous pranks



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ally interested in all of Todd's scenes and especially in him coming to Lubbock. "A lot of his stuff is based in big cit-

ies," Vernor said, "and I think it's a great opportunity for Tech students to look at what people can do."

Following the speaking event, on Thursday morning, all of Tech is invited to participate in one of Todd's schemes, called the MP3 experiment.

Participants download the file from http://tinyurl.com/TexasTechMp3 and put it on their iPods or other electronic music devices. At 10:45 a.m. Thursday in the Engineering Key, all participants press play. Participants should wear a red, blue, yellow or green shirt and bring an uninflated balloon.

"A flash mob like this can be hard to organize," Teague said as she explained all the steps necessary including clearing it with university authorities and making sure the space was available. "All you have to do is download it and show up."

Tickets for Todd's speaking event are free in the SUB basement with a Tech ID and will be available just before the event. >>> hallie.davis@ttu.edu





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UFO-style laser tag in SUB fun, different than students expected

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

being in a wrecked space station, Kramer Entertainment company. the Tech Activities Board hosted TAB also planned for bumper laser tag from noon to 6 p.m. Tues- cars, but the company stopped day in the ballroom of the Student offering them. Union Building.

students can get really excited had extra appeal for college stuabout," said Lacy Burrows, a mem- dents because it is something new ber of TAB and a finance and and exciting. energy communications major from Lubbock. "They can just stop by to is to be a little crazy sometimes," play with friends between classes."

Students stopped by to play short, team-oriented games in the to playing laser tag, he said. inflatable laser tag arena, which was the scoring system was confusing Armstrong said. and it was darker than expected inside.

"It was actually fun, but it was hard to see," said Kyle Nelson, a music major from Houston, "but it was free, so I can't complain."

Other players compared it to commercial laser tag arenas

"We go to

that," said Jonathan O'Connor, a "It's laser tag — shooting people major from Irving, "It wasn't the day," Hart said. same at all, but it was still fun." >>> hallie.davis@ttu.edu

Burrows said TAB heard about the inflatable laser tag arenas at a national conference, and brought Described on TechAnnounce as the event to Tech by way of the

Preston Armstrong, who works "It's something that's fun and for Kramer Entertainment, said it

> "It reminds them of how fun it Armstrong said.

There were also other benefits

"There's a lot of physical shaped like a 40-by-40-foot UFO, activity involved, so it's a little and said they enjoyed it — even if boost of health for the day,"

TAB members invited passers-by

to play, offering an alternative to normal SUB activities. "Why sleep or study in the SUB when you can play laser tag?" Burrows said as reasoning for students to take part in the event. The laser

tag was well received, Burrows said; though freshman Brett

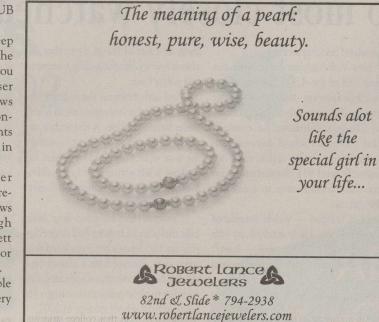
Main Event every week, so we Hart, a computer science major were expecting it to be more like from Irving, probably put it best.

sophomore mechanical engineering isn't something you get to do every



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado

PAULINA ALVENDA, A student from Robert E. Lee Freshman High School in Midland, participates in a game of laser tag Tuesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The event originally was planned to be a bumper cars and laser tag event.



Nicollette Sheridan sues producer of 'Housewives'

collette Sheridan, the actress who in ABC's "Desperate Housewives," filed suit against the show's creator series, Sheridan claims. and producer alleging assault and wrongful termination.

in the face on the Wisteria Lane set toward the cast and the writers. in September 2008.

suit said. After she stormed off to her to be without merit."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Ni- trailer, he came to "beg forgiveness." When she reported the incident to played a divorced real estate agent ABC, Cherry retaliated by killing off her character, Edie Britt, in the popular

The lawsuit seeks \$20 million in sustained damages. The suit, which also In the lawsuit filed Monday in Los names ABC, accuses Cherry of creating Angeles Superior Court, Sheridan a hostile work environment on the set claims producer Marc Cherry hit her and behaving aggressively and abusively

ABC Studios said in a statement Sheridan had asked Cherry about Tuesday, "While we have yet to see a line in the script, and he "took her the actual complaint, we investiaside and forcefully hit her with his gated similar claims made by Ms. hand across her face and head," the Sheridan last year and found them



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US pledge should remain unchanged

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hroughout the years, the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools has become a topic of controversy. While some argue freedom of religious practice is violated by requiring those who don't identify as Christians to recite this pledge, no way violates or offends those of other faiths.

maining silent for two words, with liberty and justice for all." "under God," would eliminate this conflict. So what's the deal? say, but not so fast. Sure, there's Should all school-aged children no mention of God in the original be required to recite the pledge? version, but could this not be for Is this requirement infringing on several reasons? anyone's rights?

any nation that so desired. In its the exclusion of the word "God" we are such a diverse and tolerant wishes hurts no one, but denying be tolerant and as understanding



others maintain that the pledge in original form the pledge read as follows: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which It's believed that simply re- it stands, one nation, indivisible,

"Ah ha" some of you might

One reason is fairly obvious. To get to the bottom of this, let's Remember, the idea had been for start at the beginning. According all nations to be able to use the to UShistory.org, the Pledge of Al- pledge if they wished to do so. As to express pride and support of our legiance was written by a socialist we know, not all nations share country. When the pledge is said, on the basis of democracy be made not only by ourselves but by other minister (oooh scary, I know) with the same beliefs as the majority of the hopes that it could be used by American citizens, in which case

tor would have little problem with mistaken notion that establishing ciples upon which it was built. varying nations adapting the creed a national religion would be offento better serve the beliefs and values of their respective citizens.

beliefs myself, I'm sure some of but I don't believe my tolerance order to become a citizen one must you who do not are saying, "Well and respect of diverging views of course you see it that way." My should in response to those people is quite any way simple: At any time you are free to obligate leave the United States.

Despite my religious views or from paying those of the next man, I think homage to my some have failed to realize this isn't country and, if an issue of religion; it's an issue of so inclined, patriotism. The pledge was not de- throw in a signed to pay tribute to God or any shoutout other higher power. It was adopted to the with the intentions of its use being man upstairs. we face a flag, not an alter.

me to refrain

to deny the wishes of the majority Sadly, I believe that because given that accommodating these

sive to the many American citizens why some find the establishment different views. who have some other spiritual guid- of English as our national language

why many express disdain at the mere thought of Christianity as our national religion. This is especially confus-Nor should a country founded ing given that we are perceived

nations as a Christian nation. Still, I do agree that we should

makes logical sense. With that said, country in comparison to several them is in essence denying our of one another's differences as I'm inclined to believe the origina- others, many are also under the country's foundation and prin- possible, whether they pertain to religion, political affiliation or any Just as I don't quite understand other belief on which there are

Should the Pledge of Alle-Still, identifying with Christian ance. I understand that argument, to be a racist concept being that in giance be required in schools? I don't know, but I certainly want know how to read and speak it my children to recite the pledge to some degree, each morning. Not as a way to I fail to fully share their religious views, but understand to share their pride in being an American.

> I don't take offense when others don't share my exact ideologies, but I take great offense at those who reside in our country and eagerly share the benefits but are reluctant to share the pride.

Remember, when you stand for the pledge, you're standing for your country, not a belief in a deity.

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Blood ←

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Simoni said Tech already successfully tested on animals, and, in the late 1990s, on humans in Africa who were suffering from sickle-cell anemia.

Blood substitutes and the FDA have not had an excellent past, he said, and other companies have tested on humans in FDA trials that produced fatalities in people vulnerable to heart attacks. The FDA now maintains more controlled testing procedures to ensure human life is not sacrificed to prove the substitute works.

Simoni said the failed first-generation attempts made the FDA more stringent on testing policies.

"This testing scheme is very sophisticated," Simoni said, "and the knowledge, essentially, created specific protocols which you have to follow to prove to the FDA that your product will not harm the volunteers but only will produce the beneficial effect."

Another issue in developing blood substitutes are the pathogens associated with blood

"The first question which the FDA

will ask you is if your product is free of

pathogen," he said.

Cameras make Chicago most closely watched US city

CHICAGO (AP) — When the body a passenger. of Chicago's school board president was found partially submerged in a river last demonstration of the most extensive about half of the 4,300 installed along and police force. fall, a bullet wound to the head, cameras and sophisticated video surveillance helped prove it was a suicide.

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forced Michael Scott to drive to the river in public in Chicago. before shooting him — and maybe even wrapped his fingers around the trigger.

using high-tech equipment that singled out his car on a succession of surveilcamera to camera. The video didn't stations and even some squad cars. capture Scott's final moments, but it

The investigation offered a riveting Friends had speculated someone that is transforming what it means to be like Chicago. Baltimore, for example, never before possible. A dispatcher can

In less than a decade and with little opposition, the city has linked thousands But within days, police recreated of cameras - on street poles and sky-Scott's 20-minute drive through the city scrapers, aboard buses and in train tunnels — in a network covering most of the city. Officials can watch video live at a sprawllance cameras, handing the image from ing emergency command center, police an estimated 500,000 cameras — doesn't

"I don't think there is another city helped convince police his death was a in the U.S. that has as an extensive and

Homeland Security secretary.

the city's subways don't work. Other system in the United States, and one cities haven't been able to link networks them respond to emergencies in a way doesn't integrate school cameras with tell those racing to the scene how big a its emergency system and it can't immediately send 911 dispatchers video from the camera nearest to a call like Chicago can.

Even London — widely considered the world's most closely watched city with as Chicago does.

While critics decry the network as suicide: He wasn't followed. He wasn't integrated camera network as Chicago the biggest of Big Brother invasions of following anyone. He never picked up has," said Michael Chertoff, the former privacy, most Chicago residents accept

New York has plenty of cameras, but always had a powerful local government at public and private facilities, nobody

fire is or what a gunman looks like. If a package is left sitting next to a building system and how effective it is. for more than a few minutes, a camera can send an alert.

Cameras have recorded drug deals, bike thefts and a holiday bell ringer dipping his hand into a pot outside a downincorporate private cameras in its system town store. Footage from a camera on a neighborhood — including drug city bus helped convince a suspected gang sales, robberies and weapons ofmember to plead guilty to shooting a 16year-old high school student in 2007.

president, the cameras helped diffuse Justice Policy Center. mounting suspicion and anger.

"It really closed that piece of the out and acting the fool," observed puzzle," police Superintendent Jody Weis Larry Scott, who lives in one of the said. "We don't know what was going city's last remaining public housing through his head, but we definitely know high rises.

them as a fact of life in a city that has 6,500 in city schools and many more disputes an estimate of 10,000 and And authorities say the system helps growing. Weis said he would like to add "covert" cameras, perhaps as small

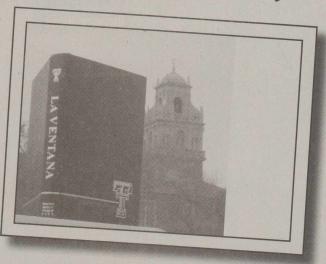
as matchboxes. City officials from around the world have visited Chicago to see the

Chicago police point to 4,000 arrests made since 2006 with the help of cameras. And, an unpublished study by the Washington-based Urban Institute found crime in one fenses — decreased significantly after cameras were installed, said Nancy In the death of the school board La Vigne, director of the institute's

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he was alone.

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1,500 installed by emergency officials, not city cameras last year.

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diseases. Intrinsic toxicity of hemoglobin was the major cause of complications in the first-generation substitutes because it was not accounted for. Since then, he said research shows the substitute must be formed with other pharmacological characteristics to make it safe when injected into the blood stream.

The pharmacological characteristics mixed with blood substitutes made it possible for the substitute to do many different things, Simoni said. With this new knowledge, the FDA announced it was searching for different traits in substitutes to keep the market competitive.

Tech is trying to make the blood substitute into a perfusion fluid, which is used in heart surgeries like putting in stints.

Bernhard Mittemeyer, former executive vice president of the HSC, said he has been with working with the substitute since 1986, when he first joined Tech. He believes the product could be used in times of war or catastrophes.

"It could be used as a viable blood substitute because there is always a shortage of blood," he said. "And when you think of mass casualties, whether it be from war or from major catastrophes, earthquakes, whatever have you, when people need blood this blood could be transfused without cross-matching."

The substitute could be saved for six months before use, contrasting to normal blood, which lasts only one month. It could also be transfused without needing to know the patient's blood type.

Simoni said if a substitute is made, the United States would not have to rely on human donors, which are expensive because of all the testing the blood must go through.

"This is not any longer a sciencefiction program," Simoni said. "It is a reality, because you are putting those standards in place and you have standards to test and obtain the conclusions." »»derek.moy@ttu.edu

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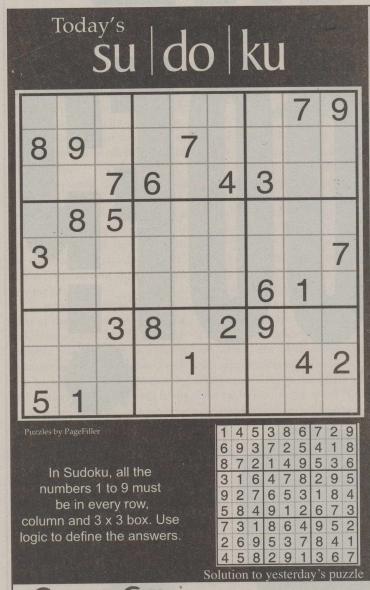
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Potgieter takes on new role through injury-riddled season

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

As her college career is coming to an end, Kerryn Potgieter is wondering what legacy she'll leave when the season ends.

The only senior among a crop of young players on the Texas Tech women's tennis team has been riddled with injuries, making it difficult for her to play this season.

The Lady Raiders are mostly freshmen, but there are some veterans sprinkled into the mix as well. For Potgieter, her senior season has not gone as planned.

"Definitely working at it for three years and then coming into your senior year with an injury, having surgery, then finding out you have to have surgery again is not the funnest thing to hear," she said. "Obviously, last Big 12 season you're not wanting to be sitting on the bench. You're wanting to be a part of the team as a player, not as a spectator."

Potgieter has been an essential piece of the puzzle during her career as a Lady Raider. She primarily has played doubles and in the No. 4 and No. 5 spots in singles play, compiling impressive numbers throughout her career at Tech.

In her first two years, she notched a 39-24 record, but the past two years - including this year — she has been battling a right wrist injury.

Tech coach Todd Petty said Potgieter got hurt last fall and the main problem in her wrist has been cysts and scar tissue, but the injury was not a new one. He also said Potgieter should have another surgery within the next two weeks.

Even with this problem, Potgieter is not one to give up.

"She's trying to get back, at least she shows a little bit of the want to," Petty

said. "Been getting the surgery early, she rehabbed over the Christmas break to try to get back. You know just her ability to face adversity and try to get back even though it looks like it's not going to work out. She really did all the things she could to try to get herself ready."

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Unable to play consistently caused Potgieter to take a new role for the Lady Raiders.

Potgieter has tried coming back this spring in doubles play. At the beginning of the season she played in some doubles matches posting a 4-4 record. Her last doubles match was against Baylor on March 3.

She has paired up with multiple players this spring including freshmen Caroline Starck and Sandra Dynka.

Potgieter played at a high level and is a key reference for the younger players on how to handle situations on and off the court.

The only player who may have as much experience as Potgieter is junior Kelsy Garland, who said she learned a simple lesson from Potgieter.

"I think she just always stood up for what she believes in, and she'll say her opinions," Garland said. "Just taking that away from her - don't be hesitant if you have something to say."

In the fall, Dynka was sidelined with a high-ankle sprain for the rest of the season after her first match. She said the Potgieter may not be completely healthy way Potgieter handles her own injury while still being an asset to the team is inspiring.

the fall, and I have no idea how she does record. It puts them second to last in the it and keeps a smile on her face every day," she said. "Because it's so tough being out there and knowing that you're not going help her teammates on the court much to play and keeping a smile on your face this season, but she wants to make sure and staying positive for everybody else." With the second surgery looming, young players when she leaves.



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KERRYN POTGIETER HAS spent the season on and off the court because of a right wrist injury. Although she has not been able to play much, the senior is still a leader for the Texas Tech women's tennis team.

for the rest of the season.

The Lady Raiders are in the middle of a season during which they have posted "I went through a little bit of that in a 6-9 overall, 1-4 Big 12 Conference conference standings.

Potgieter said she may not be able to her encouraging words stick with the

"I'm not going to be able to have that big of an impression on the court, but I'll still be out here to encourage them and support them," she said. "I want them to remember me as a positive influence on the team, and somebody that they will be able to remember in the future.

"Even though I may not be playing, I still want to be known as part of the team.'

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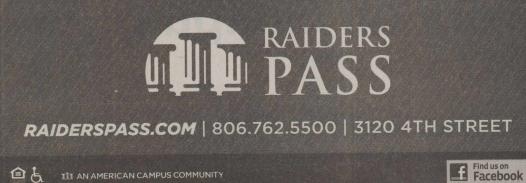
Aaron says Heyward can help 'what ails baseball' ATLANTA (AP) — Jason homer on his first swing — the Hall

Heyward has shown interest in

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Heyward's debut has Hank Aaron convinced that the rookie can stir that the 20-year-old rookie can up more excitement about baseball in the black community.

slugger told The Associated Press Tuesday that Heyward, who is black, "can mean an awful lot to what ails baseball."

Aaron shares a growing concern that there are too few African-American players in the game. It's a concern he expressed again during spring training. He says it's a common problem that baseball has been slow to address.

Aaron isn't wasting anytime promoting the Braves' newest African-American star.

After Heyward's debut on Monday — which included a three-run Heywards."

of Famer was even more optimistic make a difference. "You don't know how excited

The legendary Atlanta Braves I was, and not only me," Aaron said. "I was talking to (civil rights pioneer and former Atlanta mayor) Andrew Young about the same thing, and he wants me to bring him out there to meet Heyward. It's beginning to move through the black area. People are getting excited."

Aaron, 76, says the buzz makes him feel good.

"He can certainly bring the excitement back, not only for Atlanta but also for African-American players," Aaron said. "We do need to have many, many more Jason

promoting baseball. He is associated with a program co-sponsored by the Braves which offers free instruction to Atlanta inner-city middle school and high school kids. The program called L.E.A.D. - Launch, Explore, Advise and Direct — aims to help players earn college scholarships through baseball.

Today, the NBA attracts more black athletes than Major League Baseball. And though Heyward -6-foot-5, 240 pounds --- chose baseball, Aaron said his first impression of him was that he "looked more like a basketball player."

"But he carries it well," Aaron said. "He moves around well. He can glide along and catches a lot of fly balls and he runs the bases very well."





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Tech baseball splits series against UNLV Tech men's track receives

Texas Tech baseball struggled in the first game against UNLV, but bounced back to salvage a split with the Rebels and gain some momentum heading into yet another Big 12 Conference series.

The Red Raiders defeated UNLV 11-9 Tuesday in Las Vegas after falling to the Rebels 10-8 late Monday night.

The Rebels broke out the bats Monday, with a key four-run inning late in the game. Tech was down 6-5 heading into the bottom of the eighth, but UNLV scored four on a sacrifice fly from Travis Feiner, a Drew Beuerlein run off a wild pitch and a two-RBI singles from Riche Jimenez.

Tech scored three more in the top of the ninth, but the Rebels' scoring surge proved too much.

Brandon Petite took the loss Max Javate got the win for the Rebels.

Tuesday's game was a back-There was at least one run in every the 7-5 lead. inning.

the fifth.



PHOTO BY SAM GRANADIER/The Daily Toread

TEXAS TECH'S NICK Popescu tells Barrett Barnes to slide across the plate after scoring on a two-run hit for the Red Raiders and UNLV's from Scott LeJeune during the Red Raiders 8-5 victory against Dallas Baptist earlier this season.

> team came in the top of the fifth two-run single to end the scorwhen the Red Raiders posted five ing.

and-forth affair for both teams. runs on the board, giving them

And the Red Raiders had to with a double. Taylor Ashby later run in the eighth and ninth. come back and fight for the win. batted him in with an RBI double. But the key was Tech's con- off their first Big 12 series win this Tech was down 5-2 heading into JaModrick McGruder and Joey sistent scoring. The Red Raiders season, taking two of three from Kenworthy chipped in with RBI put up four more runs to stave off Kansas State last weekend. But the most offense for any singles and Scott LeJeune hit a the Rebels.

Ben Flora got his second win of the season for the Red Raiders and

The Rebels didn't stop pushing Chad Bettis got his fourth save. after that run, however. UNLV Tech's attention now turns to Nick Popescu got things started posted two runs in the sixth and a a three-game series at Oklahoma State. The Red Raiders are coming

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we've made, we're much faster than something that won't directly impact ronment, coach Tommy Tuberville we were day one," he said. "We're the team because of the new scheme. believes Bird's 6-foot-3, 242-pound "It definitely affects us, but right frame and physicality makes the right now, and it's really paying off now with everything being new, we transition easier. With the spring forgot about everybody," he said. game set to take place April 17, Bird Bird may have to take on more "Nothing against them, it's just every- has less than two weeks to fully grasp

> But Tuberville said Bird is the right defense doesn't mean he'd necessarily man for the job.

"We're expecting to keep him Bird, who was a captain last (there) right now, he's doing well inliams, along with defensive linemen season, will be one of the more expe- side," he said. "His height really helps Willis said the moves are going Brandon Sharpe, Daniel Howard and rienced players on the defense along him inside, and he's got a lot to learn to benefit both players, but more Rajon Henley. The four combined for with Duncan and defensive tackle in there. It's a mental game too, for the inside linebacker like Bront, but he's

Although he hasn't seen Bird play a senior, he can handle it." Despite the losses, Bird said it's middle linebacker in a game envi- »jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

highest ranking of season

marks at the Texas Relays last week in Austin, the Texas Tech in the 400-meter hurdles and men's track and field team was Wruck first in the discus. rewarded with its highest na-

No. 4 on Tuesday.

will change as we go through think we've started off good on Saturday. and given the team a lot of confidence and I think that's ranked in the Top 4 in the coungood."

season, and Kittley pointed out kind of nice." Bryce Brown and Julian Wruck >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

Recording some impressive as catalysts to the No.4 ranking. Brown ranks third nationally

Teams standing in the way of tional ranking of the season. the top spot are Florida, Texas The U.S. Track & Field and A&M and Oregon. Kittley said Cross Country Coaches Asso- having two Big 12 Conference ciation ranked the Red Raiders teams is great for his team because the stronger the conference is, the "It's early and (the rankings) stronger it makes his team.

The Red Raiders will put the year," Tech coach Wes their No. 4 ranking on the line Kittley said. "But you know I at the Texas Tech Invitational

"A lot of people don't get try," Kittley said. "So you know The Red Raiders reached as I just hope people realize the high as No.6 during the indoor potential we have here and it's

Woods placed in next-to-last group for return at Masters

other day at Augusta National the year. He's taking large steps to get brought Tiger Woods closer to his life back in order, and he wants to the very reason he came to the play golf. Masters.

side so he could make eye contact think that's great for the game."

with fans as he walked off the green. better person.

But as much as Woods talks

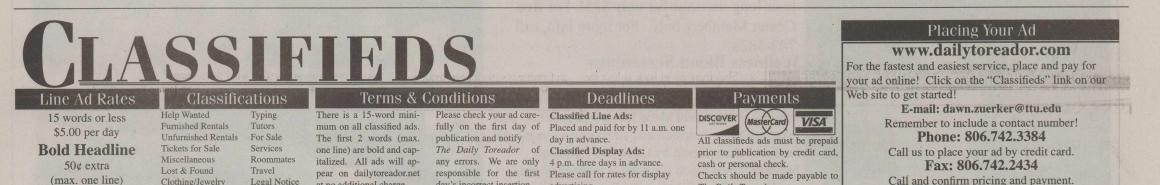
play golf. That's what he is. He's a sages from Woods.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — An- very good golfer. It's the first major of

"He's excited about wanting to play, He turned his head from side to and I think that's great for him. And I

Each day brings Woods closer to He looked more at ease as he tried Thursday, and the start of a Masters to make good on his pledge to be a where he commands more attention than usual.

Even a routine practice round about repairing his image from a sex with old friend Mark O'Meara turned scandal, he ultimately will be judged surreal when Woods crouched on by the number on his scorecard. the 10th green and peered into his "Why do you think he's here?" cell phone. It looked ominous. Only said Jack Nicklaus, whose 18 majors three weeks ago, a porn star who remains the benchmark Woods is claims to have had a three-year affair chasing. "I don't think he's here for with Woods released on her Web site his health or anything. He's here to what she said were salacious text mes-



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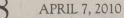
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2010 Summer Sports Camp Register your child in the Rec Sports Office now for the Rec Sports Youth Summer Sports Camp for children ages 7-13. Only \$130 per child for 2 weeks! Camps run in 3 sessions: Session 1: June 7 - 18, Session 2: June 21 - July 2 Session 3: July 12 - 23 Website: www.rescsports.ttu.edu Box 2151

Heartbeats

A quick pulse around the Rec Sports World ...

Sport Clubs Men's Lacrosse 10 North Texas 6

Sport Club Trivia Contest Answer this question: How many weeks was Texas Tech ranked 32 in the 2008 BCS Poll?

If you think you know, stop by the IM office and sign your team up for the Sport Club Trivia Contest on April 18. Teams of four will be taken until 8 are in the contest. The last day teams will be taken will be April 16. Sign up in Rm. 203 of the Rec Center. Any questions can be emailed to jonathan.elliot@ttu.edu.

Youth Learn to Swim

Summer Youth Learn to Swim registration is almost here. Summer registration will start May 7 and 8. Cost: \$40 for TTU Students and

For sessions, class levels, and registration times on may 7 and 8, please refer to the Rec Sports webpage at: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/youth index.php

Youth Summer Sports Camp





Looking for a Job at the Leisure Pool?

Come to the April info sessions to learn more about being a lifeguard or Water Safety Instructor at the Leisure Pool for the summer!

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

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

Fit/Well

Massage Special

Get a relaxing, stress free massage this month at a reduced price. Purchase the massage between April 5 - 9 and schedule the

appointment before May 4th, and receive an hour long massage for only \$35! For Rec Center Members only. For more info, call 742-3828.

Wellness Blood Screenings Thursday, April 8 6:30am

Make a commitment to better health. Begin by learning your current blood levels and continue with exercise, better nutrition and stress management. All tests are administered by Covenant Corporate Services. Once blood is drawn, a number of tests

Intramurals

4 on 4 Flag Football

It's spring, so you know what that means! 4 on 4 flag football is back. Get your team together for this single elimination, self officiated tournament. Team captains must register their teams during the captains meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm in Rm. 201 of the Rec Center.

Can't Get Enough Softball?

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

Singles and Doubles Tennis

Registration has started for singles and doubles tennis. Sign up in the Intramurals office, Room 203 of the Rec Center by TODAY. For more information about play dates, please call 742-2949.

Golf 2 Person Scramble

Register by April 16 for the Intramural 2 person Golf Scramble at Stonegate Golf Course on Sunday, April 18. \$25 per person gets you a cart, green fees, lunch and a bucket of range balls. Register in the Intramural Office, Rm. 203 of the Rec Center. Come out and play!



Intramural Basketball Co-Rec Champion: Dark Closets



can be run. Tests listed on the Rec Sports Website. Rec Center membership is NOT required.

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

Tests include: Lipid Profile, Glucose, Wellness Chemistry Profile, CBC, Thyroid - , PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen), H. Pylori. C-Reactive Protein, Homocysteine

Outdoor Pursuits

April 13 Rm. 201 6:00pm Llano Canoe April 14 Rm. 205 6:00pm Trip Dates: April 16-18 **Registration Deadline: April 8** April 15 Rm. 205 6:00pm Cost: \$95 Come paddle the beautiful and relaxing Llano Texas Hill country.

For More info stop by the Intramural Office Room 203 of the Rec Center River as it flows through the scenery of the

YOUTH SUMMER

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Intramural Basketball Women's Champion: Hoop-Shootin' Hillbillies



Intramural Basketball Men's Champions: Ice Cold



Student Union & Activities

Charlie Todd: Founder of Improv Everywhere

Zack Nichols

After Hours: Singer/Songwriter Competition

Rock the Plaza Student Organization Update...

S.O. Registration Meeting

The Student Organization Academy

The Academy will be Saturday, April 10, from 8:30-3:00 p.m. in the Student Union. It will consist of educational sessions, free lunch in the food court and a free t-shirt. Use this time to couple your risk management session and registration to fulfill student organizations' 2010-2011 requirement.

S.O. Awards Packets Due

Friday, April 9

SUB Main Office, Room 203 | 5:00 pm