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SLIDING into a dream

Injury doesn't stop student from loving baseball

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When talking to J.W. Wilson, the word "dream" comes up a lot.

Many kids want to grow up to play sports. The difference for Wilson, a sophomore energy commerce major from Midland, is that for three years, he lived that dream as a minor league baseball player for the Elizabethton Twins and then the Fort Myers Miracles.

Wilson was drafted as an outfielder when he was just out of high school and made it to Single-A before getting injured and coming to Texas Tech.

"It was just something I dreamed about all my life," Wilson said. "At the time I felt like it was the right thing to do, to pass up college on a good deal like that."

Wilson started playing when he was 3 years old, and he said baseball was a big part of his family.

"My granddad, he was always my inspiration, he played with the Milwaukee Braves," Wilson said. "He was the greatest influence. I always wanted to follow in his footsteps. It's been in the family, I wanted to carry on the tradition."

His father, Gary Wilson, said he agreed becoming a baseball player was a dream come true.

"We watched him play in Tennessee, it was a big thrill for us as a family," he said. "It was still kind of hard to believe. It was fun."

As he followed his dream, J.W. said he realized how much of a career baseball could be.

"It was my job at the time to play baseball," he said. "(I was) going out and getting paid to play a game, it was pretty fun. It didn't seem like a real job."

J.W. said he spent the next three years as a professional baseball player, traveling with the team.

"Every night you'd be in a different town, playing for a different group of people," J.W. said. "You just lived it, every day, every night and every week."

Gary said the family always was supportive.



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
J.W. WILSON, A sophomore energy commerce major from Midland, has played for two minor league baseball teams.

Although J.W. passed up college at first, the Twins franchise is now paying for his time at Tech, Gary said.

"Fortunately, college was a part of his contract," he said. "It's an opportunity to get an education."

J.W. said many high school graduates who get drafted include a clause in the contract stating that in the case of injury, college will

be paid for, just in case.

"It was a setback, of course you don't look forward to it," Gary said. "But it happens in all sports."

J.W. tore a ligament in his shoulder coming out of spring training with the Fort Myers Miracles.

Eye damage among summertime dangers

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

Warmer weather brings fun in the sun, but doctors caution students to enjoy the sun safely.

Dr. Jay Bradley, assistant professor who specializes in refractive surgery, cataract surgery and cornea and anterior segment, said eyes are vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation from the summer sun. The sun produces UVA and UVB radiation which both can damage eyes.

"College kids are young," he said. "Protecting your eyes now will decrease your risk of dissolving problems with your vision or with your eyes in the future."

By not protecting eyes with either sunglasses or a hat, the eye can contract cataracts, develop skin cancer on the eyelids or develop other problems with eyesight, Bradley said. It is important to purchase sunglasses with 99 percent to 100 percent ultraviolet radiation blocking and by wearing sunglasses at an earlier age, the cumulative damage radiation causes can be stopped.

"The biggest thing with the ultraviolet is that it's the cumulative damage, it's not just the one incident," he said. "So, over time, you don't protect yourself for years and years and years. And as you age you end up with cataracts at an earlier age, you end up with macular degeneration, you end up with skin cancers."

Skin cancer is a concern if the sun burns a person badly and repeatedly.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical direc-

tor at the Student Health Services, said students should be careful of the damage they cause to their skin by sun exposure or tanning.

"The rule of thumb is if your shadow is shorter than you, you are getting direct, full-on, burn-you sun," she said.

Sunscreen is vital for protection against the sun, Bennett said. SPF 30 sunscreen will give a person protection for 30 minutes in the sun, and SPF 45 is about the maximum amount of protection a person can get.

Reapplying the sunscreen is just as important as putting it on in the first place, she said.

"Research has shown that if you get a severe burn before the age of about 22 to 23, that that drastically increases the chance of getting skin cancer," Bennett said.

There are three types of skin cancer: basal, squamous and melanoma. Melanoma normally is the skin cancer that will kill a person, Bennett said. She said tanning at salons would raise the risk for cancer and tacking a 10 percent tax on tanning is good.

"Mostly all tanning salons do is cause sun damage, albeit through a light, that either prematurely ages you or gives you skin cancer," Bennett said. "So it's kind of like the taxes they put on cigarettes — cigarettes cause cancer. We're going to tax the wazoo out of them and use that money to pay for medical bills and we're going to do the same thing in tanning salons."

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
WEARING SUNGLASSES WITH 99 percent to 100 percent ultraviolet radiation blocking can help prevent cataracts and other eyesight problems.

International Affairs gives provost Global Vision Award

By JOEANN BON-JORNO
STAFF WRITER

The Office of International Affairs awarded Texas Tech Provost Robert Smith with the 2010 Global Vision Award last week for his contributions to the study abroad program.

Sandra Crosier, director of the office, said candidates were narrowed down by Tibor Nagy, vice provost for International Affairs, and the study abroad staff and the provost was chosen.

"This summer we will appoint an advisory board and they will select future recipients for this award," Crosier said.

The provost was selected based on his contributions to the study abroad program, she said, and his involvement in including global

focus for the first time in the university's strategic goals and objectives.

Smith said when he came to Tech in 2009, he spoke with Nagy about a vision of achieving global involvement for the entire university community.

"Part of the university's strategic goals now is to champion global awareness and engagement," Smith said.

Global engagement involves evaluating study abroad centers already in place and looking at how they could be expanded, he said. It also has to do with working with American colleges across the world while working on



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partnerships Tech already has with study abroad programs.

"When students study abroad, they not only study their discipline but the language and culture as well," Smith said.

Three things that really make a difference in the undergraduate education are studying abroad, service learning and undergraduate research, he said.

"After studying abroad students come away with an experience about who they are and where they fit into the world," Smith said.

Crosier said the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering was chosen as runner-up and Tech President Guy Bailey presented a framed certificate on behalf of the center April 15.

Shelli Crockett, director of the Engi-

neering Opportunities Center, accepted the certificate on behalf of the college and said the college has developed the study abroad programs about 18 months after seeing trends in global employment opportunities for engineering students.

"This academic year we have 89 study abroad students, and last year we had about 40," Crockett said.

John Kobza, senior associate dean and professor of industrial engineering, said the college has made an effort to encourage students to study abroad.

"Engineering students have a very structured curriculum so we have really worked to make it possible for students to go to places like Seville and get a semester worth of engineer-

ing credit and be able to take the classes they need," Kobza said.

In addition to studying abroad he said students from the College of Engineering are also involved in the humanitarian organization Engineers Without Borders in a village in Panama.

The global vision award recognizes administrators and faculty members who show commitment to study abroad and has been given out since 2003. Last year Andrew Vernooy, dean of the College of Architecture, received the award.

More information about the Office of International Affairs can be found at <http://www.iaff.ttu.edu/main/index.asp>

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STATE

Texas man kills 1, wounds 4 before killing self

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A 22-year-old man with a violent history shot up a crowded book store cafe, wounding four women, then walked down the street and killed a bar worker before holing up in a home where he killed himself, authorities said Wednesday.

Ross William Muehlberger's rampage, which ended early Wednesday after he shot himself in the head, may have been motivated by racial hatred, Police Sgt. Joe Snyder said.

"A recurring theme from witness statements was that the suspect was yelling racial epithets," Snyder said.

Witness Harmony Langford told the Wichita Falls Times Record News that the gunman shouted "White power!" before fatally shooting 23-year-old bar doorman Tim Donley.

NATION

Millions face tax increases under Dems budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's Democratic allies in the Senate promise to cut the deficit by almost two-thirds over the next five years, but their budget plan could threaten about 30 million people with tax increases averaging \$3,700 in 2012 and after because of the alternative minimum tax.

The alternative is tax increases elsewhere in the revenue code averaging up to \$100 billion a year after 2011 to continue alternative minimum tax relief and also curb taxes on people inheriting large estates.

The Democratic plan released Wednesday by Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad of North Dakota relies on such boosts in revenues to carve the deficit from \$1.4 trillion last year down to \$545 billion by 2015.

WORLD

Sarkozy to submit bill banning Islamic face veils

PARIS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday ordered legislation that would ban women from wearing Islamic veils that hide the face in the street and other public places.

In seeking to forbid the garment from public view, Sarkozy defied the advice of experts sought by the government who warned that such a broad ban risked contravening France's constitution.

Such a measure would put France on the same track as Belgium, which is also moving toward a complete ban in a similar reaction as Islamic culture has come in conflict with native European values. Sarkozy has repeatedly said that such clothing oppresses women and is "not welcome" in France.

Government spokesman Luc Chatel said after Wednesday's weekly Cabinet meeting that the president decided the government should submit a bill to parliament in May on an overall ban on burqa-like veils.

Corrections

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It is The DT's policy to correct mistakes in this spot as soon as possible.

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SKETCHING SCENERY



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
EMILY MOORE, A sophomore theater and art dual major from Kingwood, sketches a landscape Wednesday near the Architecture building.

POLICE BLOTTER

Ceiling tiles in Bledsoe Residence Hall reported stolen

April 17
2:24 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.
3 a.m., accident without injuries in the Z4-N parking lot.
5 a.m., criminal mischief in the lobby of Chitwood Residence Hall.
1:40 p.m., theft of an iPod in Horn Residence Hall.
5:51 p.m., assault in Murdough Residence Hall.
7:38 p.m., theft of an iPhone at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

April 18
12:45 a.m., medical call in the 1800 block of Hartford Avenue.
1:53 a.m., criminal mischief in Coleman Residence Hall.
3:13 a.m., driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of alcohol by a minor in the 1100 block of Flint Avenue.
1:14 p.m., theft of a wallet at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.
7:01 p.m., criminal mischief in the R-25 parking lot.
8:36 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z4-R parking lot.
9:26 p.m., theft of an iPhone at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.
9:43 p.m., medical call in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

April 19
1:12 a.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.
6:58 a.m., accident without injuries in the R-19 parking lot.
8:54 a.m., criminal mischief at the Lubbock Lake Landmark.
9:26 a.m., accident without injuries in the Z6-A parking lot.
4:08 p.m., unwanted electronic communication at the Athletic Ticket Office.
4:22 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z5-B parking lot.
4:44 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z3-L parking lot.
8:36 p.m., theft of ceiling tiles in Bledsoe Residence Hall.
9:31 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.
9:48 p.m., documentation of the discovery of marijuana in the Wiggins Complex.

April 20
9 a.m., damaged property at West Hall.
10:10 a.m., disorderly conduct in the Wiggins Complex.
1:20 p.m., theft of a bicycle at Stangel Residence Hall.
2:56 p.m., possible assault at an off-campus location.
3:33 p.m., theft of a bicycle and bicycle lock at Clement Residence Hall.
8:19 p.m., possession of marijuana at the basketball court west of Coleman Residence Hall.
8:54 p.m., theft of U.S. currency in Horn Residence Hall.
9:32 p.m., possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Weymouth Residence Hall.
11:58 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia in Sneed Residence Hall.

POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN ASSAULT

The Texas Tech Police Department is investigating an assault that occurred at 2:45 a.m. Friday outside of Knapp Residence Hall.

A female student was carrying items into the residence hall when an unknown male approached her, pulled her shorts down and fled southwesterly, said Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the department.

The suspect was described by the student as a Hispanic male, between 5'8" and 5'11," in about 150 pounds wearing a white tank top, dark blue jeans and a black baseball hat, he said.

The suspect, if caught by the police, could face a class C misdemeanor assault charge, Hoffman said.

"It could be (a prank), but she sure didn't think it was funny," he said.

Police were notified of the incident at 9:30 a.m. Friday and are still investigating the case, Hoffman said.

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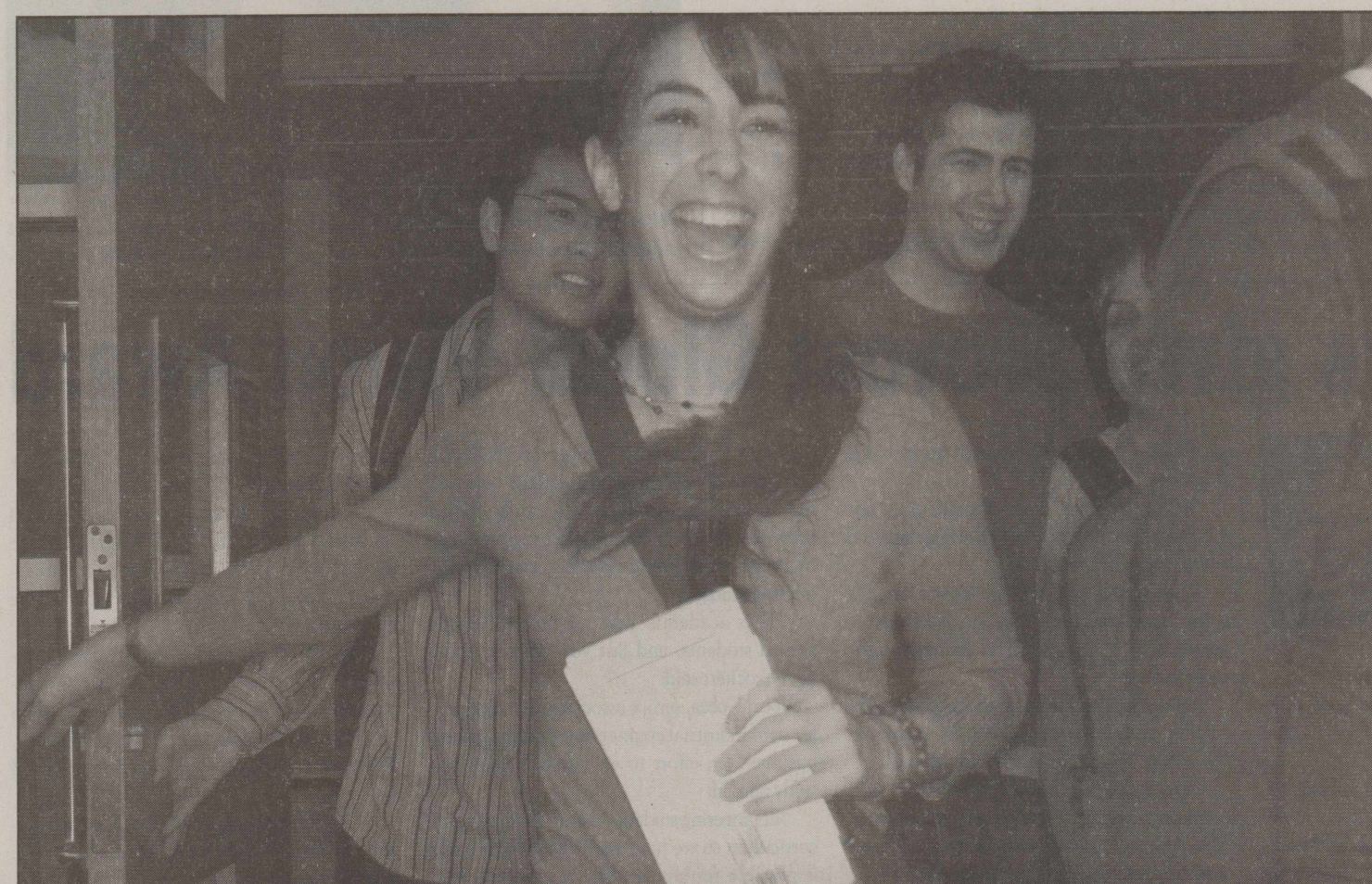
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14 Separate by color, say
15 Angle function
16 Barely flowed
17 Hairy "pet"
18 Father of Sam and Charlie
20 South Pacific site of large stone statues
22 Casual evenings
23 Dull
27 One might be snappy
30 Anti-vote
31 ____ Kan: Alpo rival
32 Some game ends
34 They come and go
35 Continuously
39 Enter
41 Search stealthily
42 Abate
43 Rosemary's portrayer
46 Hides
50 Mind
53 Clinton Labor secretary Robert
54 Asian draft animal
57 "All of Me" actress whose first name is a hint to this puzzle's theme
60 ____ on the shoulder
61 Author Rogers St. Johns
62 ____ sci
63 Pointed end
64 Feature of Oregon sales
65 Singles
66 Latin I word

DOWN
1 Go up
2 Angora fabric
3 Sad, to Sarkozy
4 Churchill or Roosevelt, e.g.
5 Star sci
6 10% of DXXX
7 Apprehension
8 Catch from a pier
9 "The Soloist" co-star
10 Robbery accessories
11 Nitrogen-based dye
12 Something that goes with breakfast?
13 Psyche parts
19 Avis lead-in
21 Samuel Johnson work
24 "You bet"
25 Alfred E. Neuman is its mascot
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Only local comedy club struggles to draw crowds

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Since the closing of Froggy Bottoms about a decade ago, Lubbock's only comedy club is struggling to maintain an audience.

During Joel's Comedy Club's third show at Cats Theater, Joel Rando, the owner, said the lack of an audience means the club needs to get its name out to the public.

Rando, a Lubbock native, moved back from New York City to open the first comedy club the city has had in several years. After it opening on March 15 in the Depot District, the club quickly moved to a smaller location at Cats Theater.

"This place holds about 60 people, but I'm Mexican and I could put that many on stage," Rando said.

Not only does Rando run the club, he also performs stand up. He first started performing

comedy at Froggy Bottoms, a local comedy club that is now closed. While Rando lived in New York City he performed at clubs like New York Stand Up. His material focuses around impressions of George Lopez, an idol of Rando's; as well as telling incidents that have happened to him personally.

Besides Rando's performance, amateur comics also perform their material.

"This place holds about 60 people, but I'm Mexican and I could put that many on stage."

JOEL RANDO
OWNER
JOEL'S COMEDY CLUB

Today Eldridge, an amateur comedian from Phoenix, Ariz., said he always has liked being the center of attention, especially when it comes to laughter. A friend introduced him to Rando and his club. Although he has been doing stand up for only four years, Eldridge has high aspirations for the next five years.

"I would like to be a regular at a large-scale comedy club where they have hundreds of different people coming in," Eldridge said. "If things go well, I hope to be featured on a 'Comedy Central

Presents."

As a comedian, Eldridge admires Christopher Titus, Robin Williams and Jeff Dunham. He believes his style of comedy can be tailored depending on how the audience responds to his jokes. He wants to be able to be family oriented like Dunham or as controversial raunchy comedian such as Williams, depending on the kind of reaction he gets, he says.

For Lubbock native and amateur comedian Al Perez, it all started during his school years when a teacher told him he was the class clown. Perez is looking to move to a bigger city and work for the improvisation club in Addison.

Although he grew up listening to Richard Pryor and Robin Williams, he believes Gabriel Iglesias is a great comedian because of his, mostly clean, variety of material.

"I like to keep it clean, but sometimes you've got to add a little bit of spice," Perez said.

Perez hopes and believes in the next five years he will be on Comedy Central and someday opening for Iglesias.

The club is BYOB with a \$3.00 charge to get in the door. They are open 9:30 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays and 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Cats Theater is located at 2405 34th St., close to university. For more information visit their website joelscomedyclub.com or call 806-548-2678.

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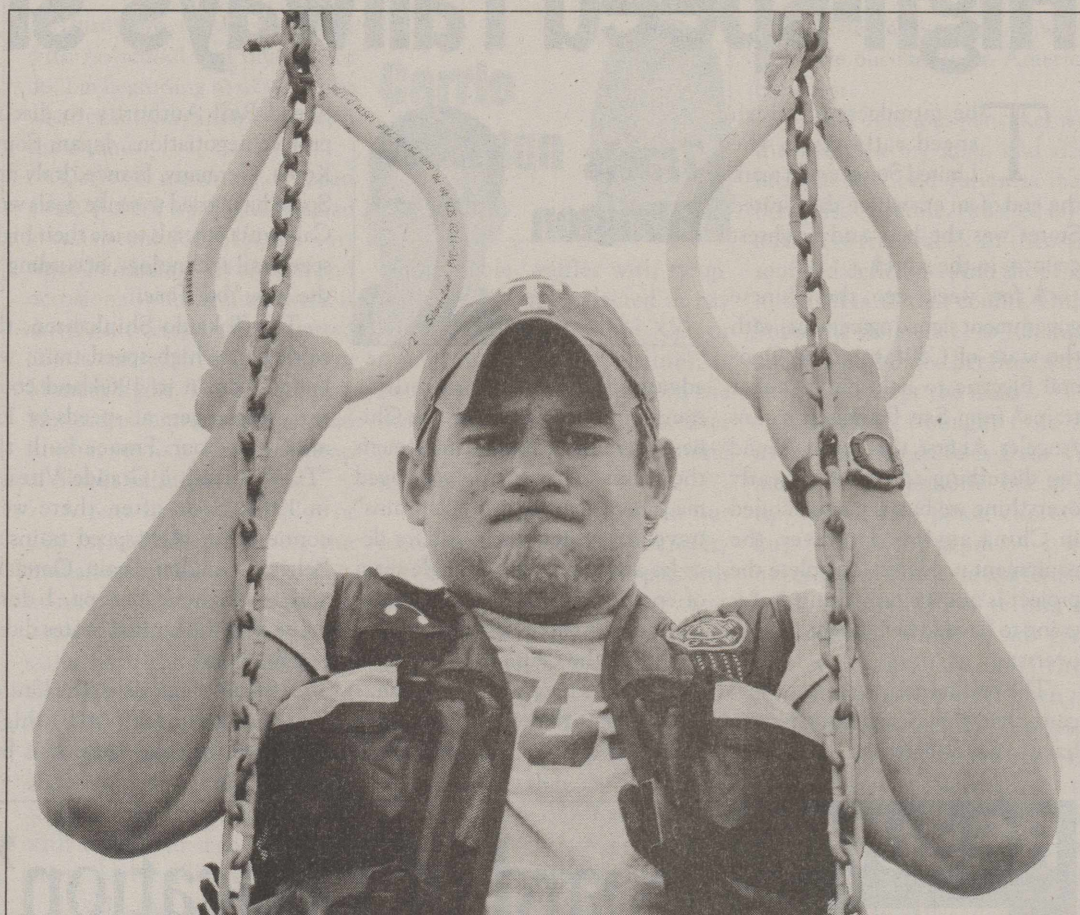


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JAKE MATTHEWS, A junior public relations major from Midland, does a pull-up on the rugby field goal post Monday near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Feud between Goldberg, Stewart ensues

NEW YORK (AP)—Things are getting rough between Fox News Channel commentator Bernard Goldberg and comic Jon Stewart.

Stewart brought a gospel choir on to "The Daily Show" to curse the media critic out a night after Goldberg told him to "find some guts."

Round Three is scheduled with another Goldberg appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor." Goldberg said Wednesday, after watching Stewart's routine,

that he found him "funny" but a "phony."

It was during an interview with O'Reilly that Goldberg, a journalist who has written books accusing the media of a liberal bias, made things personal.

Last week, a segment on Stewart's "The Daily Show" responded to statements by Fox News commentators criticizing Tea Party opponents for judging the movement based on the bad actions of a few. Stewart played tape of Fox commentators, including Gold-

berg, making generalizations about liberals.

Goldberg pleaded guilty. But he responded Monday by urging Stewart to be as tough on his liberal guests as he is on conservatives.

"If you just want to be a funnyperson, who talks to an audience who will laugh at anything you say, that's OK with me, no problem," he said. "But clearly you want to be a social commentator, more than just a comedian, and if you want to be a good one, you better find some guts."

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OPINIONS

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High-speed railways should be US opportunity

The introduction of high speed railways in the United States could mark the end of an era where the United States was the best and brightest country in the world.

A few weeks ago, the Chinese government signed agreements with the state of California and General Electric to help build "bullet trains" from San Francisco to Los Angeles. At first, this doesn't sound too disturbing considering nearly everything we buy is manufactured in China anyway. However, the equipment needed to complete the project is not the only thing that is going to have to be brought in from overseas.

The preliminary agreement suggests that Americans are going to have to pay to borrow the Chinese's

Travis Ellington



advanced technology in railway transportation, as well as the Chinese engineers needed to implement the trains. This is what outraged me. There have been "bullet trains" travelling around the world for decades and there isn't a single team of engineers in the United States who could build these trains without help from the Chinese.

What is even worse is that China is not the only country that approached the California's High

Speed Rail Authority to discuss project negotiations. Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy and Spain have tried to strike deals with California officials to use their high-speed rail technology, according to the *New York Times*.

The Tokaido Shinkansen, the world's first high-speed train, was built in Japan in 1964 and could carry passengers at speeds of 130 miles per hour. France built the "TGV" (Train à Grande Vitesse) in 1981. Soon after, there were connects for high speed trains to Belgium, London, Spain, Germany and throughout Europe. I don't know why the United States didn't hop on board.

After all these years, the United States still cannot build a high-speed rail for passengers. It is bad

enough we are constantly borrowing money and selling highways to the Chinese, now we have to have them come into the states to build the railways for us.

It may be the arrogant Texan in me, but we need rethink what we are telling the rest of the world. Everybody has been talking about this being China's century to dominate the world and their endless possibilities. Granting this project to them could be the final nail in the coffin.

We still are trying to recover from a staggering economy and California is in arguably the worst economic state of any. Projects such as these should be seen as opportunities to employ thousands of people and rejuvenate our economy as we continue to struggle financially. By employing Americans to master the

craft of high speed rail technology we could use their developments all across the country without having to pay huge sums of money to other governments.

There are plenty of places throughout the United States where a high speed railway would be very beneficial.

President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package tucked away \$2.25 billion to help finance the construction of these railways. According to the *New York Times*, the California rail authority estimates the entire project to cost about \$45 billion as it nears completion in 2020.

The California authorities should invest this project into the people of California and the people of the United States to build our

future transportation. Even if we aren't "the experts," I am sure plenty of American engineers and other workers could build these high speed trains without further involvement from the Chinese government. If they wanted to bank roll us, I wouldn't have a problem with that, but the actual construction and engineering of the project should be done by the American people.

The California authorities and the federal government should make the investment in the American people to build our future. I just hope that train hasn't left the station.

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Board of Education's re-writing of history dangerous

Throughout my 22 years on this earth, I have learned a few things here and there. All of my actions are based on my experiences. I have learned from my past.

The Texas Board of Education recently have made many revisions to the social studies curriculum to be taught in our public schools. Instead of making this a bi-partisan issue where the board would consult historians or a bunch of educators to make their decisions, the far right board of Conservatives have demolished the curriculum of our students.

Our textbooks to be used in public schools will start to lean heavily to the right and will indoctrinate our children with far right wing political ideology.

They want to teach our children there is no separation of church and state and want to teach them that our nation is a Christian one based on Christian ideology. Can you imagine what an impact this can have on a non-Christian child in the classroom?

Instead of learning that "the found-

Paul Williamson



ing fathers protected religious freedom in America by barring the government from promoting or disfavoring any particular religion above all others." (an amendment proposed by Mavis Knight, a Democrat, and struck down by the Republican board) they will learn that our nation is a Christian one.

It is dangerous to base a nation on strict religious ideology and our Founding Fathers knew this. This is why we have freedom of religion and why our government does not endorse any religious doctrine.

Some of the things, I can sort of understand. The conservative movement of the 1980's was a big part of our history and should be taught. But there are some that make my blood boil, not just as a Liberal but just as an American in general.

The Republicans even try to shake off historical criticism of conservative extremism like that of Joseph McCarthy. According to the *New York Times*, "Conservatives passed one amendment, for instance, requiring that the history of McCarthyism include 'how the later release of the Venona papers confirmed suspicions of communist infiltration in U.S. government.'"

But do they really think that this was an excuse for what McCarthy did? What he did was an embarrassment

to the United States. The House Committee on Un-American Activities was something led by McCarthy to try to expose hidden communists. They destroyed American First Amendment rights in an attempt to find them.

Barbara Cargill was able to get

passed another sickening amendment. She won an amendment "teaching of 'the importance of personal responsibility for life choices' in a section on teenage suicide, dating violence, sexuality, drug use and eating disorders," according to the *New York Times*.

Really, Cargill? Yes, I am sure it was the life choice of someone to get raped on their date or for someone to suffer with an eating disorder or to commit suicide. Just blowing off dating violence as a life choice that someone should

take personal responsibility for is just flat out repugnant. No one's life choice justifies rape.

Eating disorders are a very serious mental health issue that must be handled very carefully and cannot be treated like it was the child's fault.

This policy is also blatantly anti-gay and can lead to self harm. Many young people today struggle with their sexuality and often end up causing them self pain because they do not feel society will accept them. This new curriculum, teaching that one has a choice of sexual orientation, will only cause harm because now they are being taught that their feelings are their own fault.

Not one of the members of the board is a historian, economist or any expert of any kind. They are dentists and lawyers. They justify their actions because, they claim, our education system is too liberal. And it has been so successful at indoctrinating our youth to be liberal. Texas is such a liberal state with many liberal forces controlling the state government (sarcasm).

Hey, if our education system becomes more conservative, maybe our children will become more liberal? On second thought, keep it up.

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Honors College worth effort

While flipping through the April 20 issue of *The Daily Toreador*, an opinion article concerning the Honors College caught my eye. Being a student and employee of the Honors College, as a mentor to students new to the program, I felt that the piece was a complete misrepresentation of the program. I realize that Colleen Gartner is stating her opinion and I respect it, but I would like to throw my opinion into the ring as well.

The Honors College offers many opportunities for its students including small, discussion-based classes that allow us to form personal relationships with top-notch professors, and we also receive the opportunity to register before other students on campus.

The Honors College of Texas Tech is one of the few honors programs in the nation that has a dedicated faculty hired and paid by the Honors College itself, while also being one of two honors programs in the nation that awards its own degrees (Honors Arts and Letters and Natural History and Humanities, which is also offered as a minor).

Gartner also contends that there is a lack of faculty who are willing to teach honors courses, but that is not the case. Many professors simply may not have the time because the number of classes has been reduced and they are being forced to teach larger classes, or to focus on publishing and research expectations that placed upon many faculty members in certain colleges.

Because of these expectations, many colleges have very few major-specific courses offered through the Honors College, but there are core classes for every major and the possibility of contracting a class to meet major requirements. To contract a class, you must have the permission of your professor and sign a contract that requires you to complete all course assignments and a paper or project on top of the regular coursework.

There are still cases in which extra classes are required in order to fill the 24-hour requirement that it takes to be an Honors College graduate. The faculty, though, encourages students to take a class or two outside of their major in order to "broaden their horizons" and foster an appreciation for an array of subjects offered at Texas Tech. Last semester, I took a class called Performance: Analysis & Criticism. Though it did nothing at all for my major requirements, it was my favorite course of the semester.

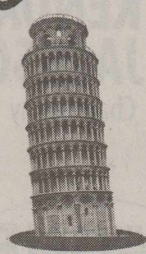
Whitney Neal, a senior architecture major from Brady, said, "I have to take about 20 to 24 hours of extra classes in addition to Architecture, but I like that the classes are challenging and smaller and I get to learn from faculty that are experts in their field."

Perhaps my biggest problem with the article was its portrayal of Honors students as not being "normal." At one point, Gartner goes as far as saying, "There are quite a few gifted students around Tech. Some of them hide within the masses in an effort to be normal..." Living in the Honors Learning Community in Gordon Hall, I have heard several reactions to this statement, most of them angry. Students don't take kindly to being called different.

The main difference between the students who inhabit the Honors College and Gartner herself, is that we expected the work that came with the title, and the opportunities that allow us to venture beyond our majors and enjoy the experiences. In the end, we leave Tech with a more rounded education than most students and employers look for that when hiring. Because of this, I think that we are able to better appreciate artists, doctors and engineers and the work that they do.

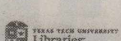
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Panel picks winners of video challenge

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

"Accountability: It starts here" is the tagline of Erick Stow and Nathan Milles winning entry for the Matador Ethics Video Challenge. Fourteen videos were entered into the challenge, and a panel of five judged them.

The 30- to 45-second videos were based around the Texas Tech statement of Academic Integrity. They were judged on 10 criteria including creativity, message and artistic value.

Lubbock Independent School District teacher Randy Paton was brought in to judge based on his career in motion pictures and television. Paton said he worked for everyone in Hollywood: from Disney to WB. He said he considered the videos well done.

"They're always pretty good," Paton said. "The creativity is in the eyes of the beholder but sometimes

it jumps out to everyone, it's a universal response."

Paton said that the videos this semester were more organized but slightly less "adventurous" than last semester's.

The judging panel also included Jonathan Marks, the director of the Ethics Initiative and three student judges, one of whom was sent in by the Student Government Association.

"Three out of the five judges were students at Tech. Since this was a student production we wanted student selection," said Justin Louder, the senior program administrator and official vote counter. "We wanted students to have the largest voice in the judging."

The videos were scaled from 1-5 in five categories and 2-10 in others for a possible total of 300 points. Milles and Stow's video scored 294. As the winners, the two will have lunch with Tech President Guy Bailey, Louder said.

Jacque Daly came in second with 291, and will get to go on a behind-the-scenes tour with women's basketball coach Kristy Curry.

Both of the winning videos will be played on the Tech movie channel, before Tech Activity Board movies and on repeat in areas during ethics week.

"I think of all the videos submitted, some (of the student filmmakers) are really talented and put a lot of hard-work into them," Louder said.

Although Louder's personal favorite did not win, he said he thought the winning video was equally high in quality. Louder said this was a good reason he was not on the judging panel.

Milles and Stow's winning video will also be featured on the Matador Ethics Video Challenge Facebook page and can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7Alg4a4SWw>.

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Adventures in Spain: A taste of La Feria

Carrie Thornton



During my second free week with no school and nothing to do, I'm beginning to wonder just what exactly Spaniards do with their time.

Don't get me wrong, it's been great. But for a girl who has had a consistent job of some sort since 16, sitting idly around and occasionally doing homework is driving me crazy. La Feria started this week with a kick-off on Monday night. The fair grounds are located across the river and in what seems to be a collection of blocks with empty lots.

A tent sits on each plot of dirt lavishly decorated on the inside, making it resemble a mansion more than four sides of canopy. Although other Spanish cities have the fair, most tents are open to the public where in Seville, most are private. You have to know someone to get in, and if not you can search for one of the free ones or go stuff yourself with fatty fair food and ride some pretty sketchy roller coasters.

Inside the tents Spaniards party it up with drinks, dancing and food. Oh, and how could I forget — Feria-dresses. The women adorn themselves in beautiful, snugly fit (to say the least), and colorful dresses to dance in. At least I assume their purpose is for dancing, otherwise they just like to spend a lot of money to look good one week out of the year.

The other section of this massive plot of land houses the rides and carnival tent, where my friends and I spent most of our time. Some bought the

a lot. Yesterday morning, however, we made our family an American breakfast.

I made delicious pancakes with the Bisquick my mom and sister brought me, and Julianna made breakfast casserole, finished off by a massive fruit salad. In theory, it sounded delicious. And they liked it, which is all that counts. Only I knew the difference, as Julianna's allergies prohibited her from eating anything except the fruit.

The syrup I bought from the nearby corner store is from Vermont. Why Vermont, out of all the states, does Spain choose to buy their syrup from — I will never know. But it tasted terrible. I felt so terrible for telling my unsuspecting family it was good. Just wait until we mail them some Mrs. Butterworth. Then the breakfast casserole had a mystery meat in it. Normally, you use ground beef or something of the sort. Well naturally we could not find a perfect match, so we chose ground turkey. I figured it would be similar enough.

Wrong. It tasted like ripe Spam. Ever had Spam? If not, go try some. Then read this again and you will understand. Once again, the family ate it up, but I couldn't do it.

So breakfast was a success and they think we are master chefs. I am supposed to leave for Paris tomorrow (Thursday) so let's hope this rogue volcano doesn't mess it up, or Iceland's going to pay. No, this is not an international threat. Don't get feisty, I'm no terrorist.

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Group warns 'South Park' creators of death

NEW YORK (AP) — A radical Muslim group has warned the creators of "South Park" that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.

The website Revolution-Muslim.com has since been taken down, but a cached version shows the message to "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone. The article's author, Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee, said the men "outright insulted" the religious leader.

The posting showed a gruesome picture of Theo Van Gogh, a Dutch

filmmaker who was shot and stabbed to death in an Amsterdam street in 2004 by a fanatic angered by his film about Muslim women. The film was written by a Muslim woman who rejected the Prophet Muhammad as a guide for today's morality.

"We have to warn Matt and Trey that what they are doing is stupid and they will probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh for airing this show," Al-Amrikee wrote. "This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of

what will likely happen to them." The posting listed the addresses of Comedy Central's New York office and

Parker and Stone's California production office. It also linked to a Huffington Post article that described a Colorado retreat owned by the two men.

CNN, which first reported the posting, said the New York-based website is known for postings in support of jihad, or holy war, against the West and Osama bin Laden.

Al-Amrikee told The Associated Press that the posting was made to raise awareness of the issue and to see that it does not happen again. Asked if Parker and Stone should feel threatened by it, he said "they should feel threatened by what they did."

He said he was disappointed that publicity about the posting focused more on the potential danger to the producers but admitted, "I could shoulder some blame" for it.

He said he "can't answer that legally" when asked if his group favored jihad. But he praised bin Laden.

"We look up to him and admire him for the sacrifices he has given for the religion," he said.

"This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them."

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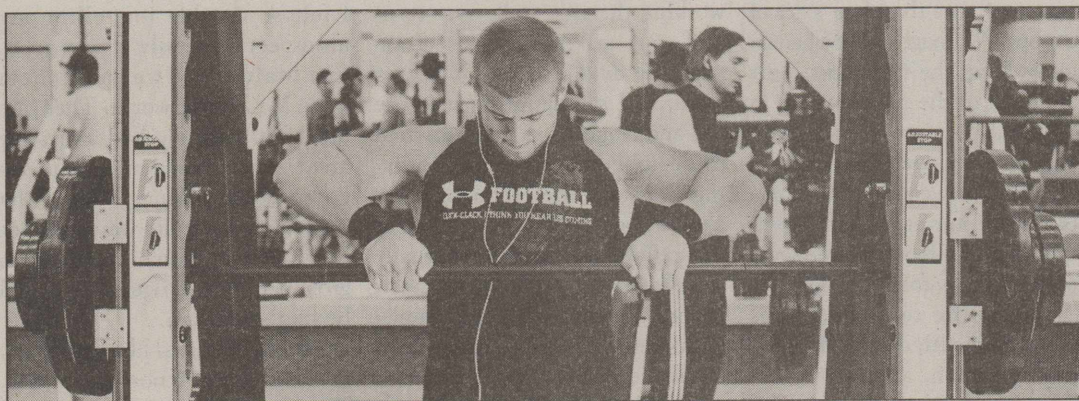


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BLAINE WALLACE, A sophomore exercise sports sciences major from The Woodlands, lifts weights Wednesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center.

Baseball

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"We were finishing up one of our games," J.W. said. "I threw one in and I just felt it, felt something pop."

He went through surgery to fix his shoulder and later another surgery for elbow problems, spent a year in rehab in the Twins' training facility in Fort Myers, Fla. Then he spent the off season at home, and decided it would be best for him to stay.

J.W. is fully recovered now, Gary Wilson said, now his future is in his own hands.

"It's entirely up to him," Gary said. "He's in great shape and condition. He's a smart young man. He'll make the right decision when the time comes."

Whether J.W. makes it back onto the field or not, he said he always will appreciate the time he spent living the dream.

"The all-around experience was something else," J.W. Wilson said. "It's some-

thing a lot of people, growing up, dream of getting that opportunity. I think it was really cool that I did, even if I didn't make it to the highest level, you could still say I achieved the dream of playing professional baseball. It was an all-

"The all-around experience was something else."

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AT&T opens Buzz to public, not impressive

Thanks to AT&T, the "Buzz" arena is now bit more crowded than anyone would like. First there was Yahoo Buzz, then Google Buzz and now AT&T has Buzz.com, their stab at social recommendation and local search and advertising with a location-based twist. It is essentially an update on their aging YellowPages.com service with a social slant, pulling in your social graph from Facebook and the like.

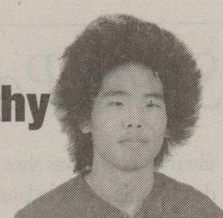
Launched back in January as a closed private pre-beta (something normal people would call the "alpha" stage), AT&T has now opened the flood gates to the public on Buzz.com. All you do is head on over to the site and either sign up or connect via Facebook, and you can get started. It is, however, still in a beta state as it is, somewhat common to run into bugs.

Perhaps they're not even bugs, though, as maybe there is just a distinct lack of information available for Buzz to present to you. Searching for "pizza" in Lubbock came up with a giant goose egg, the same as when you search in Dallas, Austin and any other number of large, bustling cities that almost certainly have some sort of pizza or Italian eatery.

Even when you do get results to peruse, they may not be entirely accurate. For instance, searching for "movie theater" in San Jose, Calif., came up with a flea market listing in Atlanta.

Quirks and want of usable information aside, a question strikes that brings up a Microsoft Kin type of sentiment: Why? Ignoring the obvious question of AT&T's

Timothy Poon



reasoning to sticking with the Buzz name in lieu of Google and Yahoo's products, why do they think their Buzz is worth the trouble?

Of course providing competition and taking back some of the local search market is the primary objective here, but why does AT&T think that Buzz can compete with the likes of Yelp and the newly revamped Google Places?

Buzz provides almost nothing you couldn't do otherwise with other services that are already more robust, usable, accurate, integrated, social and any other adjective you could ever want to apply to a local business search service. For instance, if you're looking for reviews on businesses and restaurants and whatnot, Yelp provides way more information that is infinitely more helpful than knowing that someone simply "favorited" the place on Buzz.

If you want to make the case that Buzz can provide short, Twitter-esque reviews, Twitter can obviously do the job. If you want your friends' input on the best place to get a car wash and barbecue in Oklahoma, Facebook already has all of your friends on there.

In fact, Buzz's Facebook integration thus far appears to be limited to posting questions you ask on

Buzz directly onto your Facebook profile, begging the question of why bother with the middleman? AT&T is boasting that with Buzz, your friends and their respective opinions were merely a click away.

However, that also applies to the general use case for Facebook as well. It's not like all 500 to 1,000 of your friends will see that Buzz posted something on your wall for you and say to themselves, "Oh wow, there's a service I can't live without," and sign up for it, too. If that were the case, everyone would be startup millionaires.

Buzz, as it is, lacks a certain something, a certain quality that makes it compelling to use. For the most part, that "something" can be best summed up with "everything." It may have local business search, Facebook integration, and its own social ecosystem, but none of it works particularly well.

It needs what everyone else already has, like perhaps a check-in system à la Foursquare or Gowalla, a better review and recommendation system like Yelp or Google Place Pages, more social integration with services like Twitter and maybe an up-and-coming foodie startup like Eat.ly, and some sort of loyalty reward program along the lines of Groupon. If Buzz had all that, it would be a service worth noting. Of course, if it had all that, it would also be complete chaos, but doesn't that sound like fun?

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Sun

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Dr. Jerry Grimes, surgeon at the Center for Orthopedic Surgery, said this time of year flip-flops and sandals become more popular to wear. He said his concern is when they are used and

where they are used.

"I recommend the right shoe for the right activity," Grimes said. "You don't wear a pair of flip-flops to go backpacking, you don't wear hiking boots to the pool."

Wearing flip-flops for walking can lead to stress fractures or skin cancer on the tops of feet. He said flip-flops

provided no support for the foot other than to protect the sole and to plan accordingly for trips by choosing the appropriate shoes.

"There's nothing that can ruin a trip faster than blisters or other foot maladies caused by shoe wear," he said.

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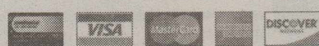
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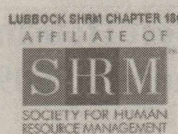
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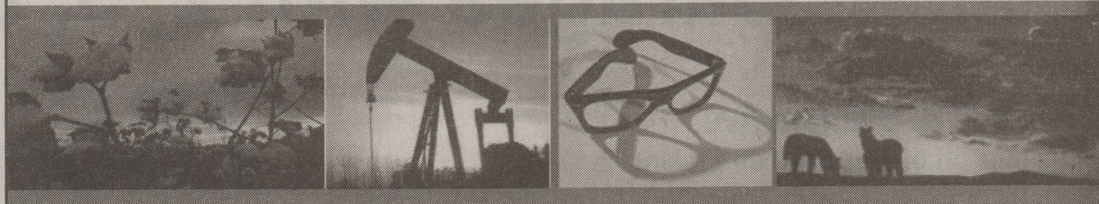
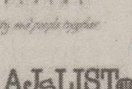
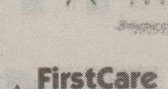
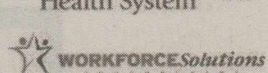
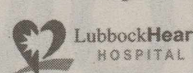
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Bettis gets 14th career save, Tech beats Bulldogs

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Chad Bettis probably got the easiest save of his career in Texas Tech's 3-0 win against Alabama A&M on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

He threw one pitch to get the final out of the game. But that will be a memorable one. The junior nabbed his 14th career save to tie Brad Ralston for the most in school history.

"To be tied with one of the greats and to be tied with 14 saves going into this year, it's a great experience and a great honor, really. Just hope I can keep it rolling into this weekend and just keep going with it for the rest of the year."

But what wasn't easy was the Red Raiders' win against the Bulldogs on Wednesday. After thrashing Alabama A&M 18-4 Tuesday, the series finale was a pitchers' duel.

There were no nine-run innings or Tech players getting two at-bats in one inning like Tuesday's game.

Brennan Stewart and Colt Farrar combined for the four-hit shutout, with Bettis getting his seventh save of the season.

But the Bulldogs' Chris Hernandez kept Tech's bats quiet, allowing seven hits and no runs in five.

Tech coach Dan Spencer is happy to get any win, but he was clear after Wednesday's game: His team lost focus a little bit.

"I told them (Tuesday) at the meeting," Spencer said. "I said

(Wednesday) will be a harder game because you guys have been out here and you've scored some runs, you've seen them play so the natural reaction is to start thinking about going to Kansas. You're always waiting for somebody to do something instead of you getting locked in and doing it yourself.

"The next thing you know, it's in the sixth inning, 0-0 and now anything can happen."

It was the sixth inning and both squads had zeros on the scoreboard. But it was Tech third baseman Nick Popescu who put Tech on the scoreboard. Popescu brought Jeremy Mayo and Scott LeJeune home with a two-run single. Popescu also hit an RBI single in the eighth to give Tech another run.

The junior finished going 3-for-4 with the only RBIs of the game.

"We had some good (at-bats) and we obviously had some bad (at-bats). Sometimes when you put up 18 runs the night before, things like that happen. You just try to scrap through it, get runners on base and get some knocks early on."

But Popescu was quick to point out the pitching performances from Stewart, Farrar and even the one pitch from Bettis.

Although Stewart started the game, Farrar came away with his second win of the season. Both Stewart and Farrar had four strikeouts apiece, both walked one batter and both allowed two hits.

Farrar was set to close the game out, but Spencer brought Bettis in with two outs, Kency Duarte on first and Steven Wimpeye at the plate. Bettis got Wimpeye to hit into a 1-3 and history was made.

Spencer said he didn't stick Bettis in just so the junior could tie the record.

In fact, Spencer said he was hoping to avoid using Bettis. But he didn't want Farrar to face the tying run in the bottom of the ninth if it got that far.

"The closer role is made for him and because of the kind-of athlete he is physically, he can repeat, throw on a bunch of days," Spencer said of Bettis. "I would hate to think where we'd be this year, especially with all the guys hurt, where we'd be without him."

Wednesday's victory pushes Tech's win streak to four, and the Red Raiders will go for their fourth consecutive series win at Kansas this weekend in Lawrence, Kan.

But while the recent surge has some believing Tech is playing its best baseball right now, Tech utility player Barrett Barnes said this team has to stay motivated as the Big 12 Conference race thickens.

"We definitely gotta keep momentum because we control our own faith," he said. "We keep winning, we'll be in the position we need to be in. So it's all up to us to stay focused and hungry, go out there this weekend and get this Kansas series."

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PITCHER SCOTT ERZINGER and the Red Raiders have won four consecutive games and three straight Big 12 Conference series. Texas Tech begins a three-game series at Kansas this weekend.

Appalachian State hires Capel as new coach

BOONE, N.C. (AP) — Appalachian State turned to a familiar coaching family on Wednesday, making Jason Capel the youngest men's basketball coach in NCAA Division I.

At 30 years, three months, Capel, who was born in 1980, is three months younger than Wisconsin-Green Bay coach Brian Wardle.

Capel replaces Buzz Peterson, who left for UNC Wilmington last week after his second stint with the Mountaineers lasted just one season. Capel was an assistant to Peterson last year — his only experience as a coach.

It didn't stop athletic director Charlie Cobb from promoting Capel, whose older brother, Jeff III, coaches Oklahoma. His fa-

ther, Jeff Jr., is an assistant with the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.

"Coach Capel's wealth of life experiences have led to him developing many of the qualities that we were looking for in a head coach, including maturity, humility and a presence that impresses anyone that comes in contact with him," Cobb said. "I look forward to Coach Capel helping us achieve the championship aspirations that we have."

Capel played at North Carolina and was a two-time all-Atlantic Coast Conference selection. He led the Tar Heels in scoring at 15.6 points as a senior in 2001-02.

After playing profession-

ally in the NBA Development League and in Serbia, Japan and Italy, Capel worked as a television analyst for ESPNU and Raycom Sports for two years before joining the Mountaineers' staff last season.

Capel was selected for the job ahead of longtime Appalachian State assistant Matt McMahon.

"We have a great group of guys in place in our program and I'm really proud to be able to coach them," Capel said. "I know that we're all in this together and I'm ready to work hard."

It marks the second time Appalachian State will have the nation's youngest coach. Bobby Cremins was 28 when he was hired in 1975.

Ex-Olympics head Juan Antonio Samaranch dies at 89

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Shy, reserved and unimposing at first glance, Juan Antonio Samaranch also was a shrewd and sometimes ruthless operator who built consensus and got what he wanted during some of the most turbulent times in Olympic history.

Samaranch, who died Tuesday in a Barcelona hospital at 89, was a master of negotiation, persuasion and behind-the-scenes diplomacy during his 21 years as president of the International

Olympic Committee.

His was a simple formula: Pick the right people around you, use phone calls and one-on-one meetings to line up support, wait for the right moment to proceed, and, more often than not, come away with a resounding victory.

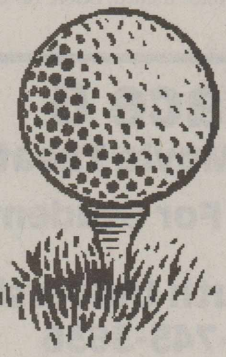
A former Spanish ambassador to Moscow, Samaranch oversaw a landmark era from 1980-2001 — a period that saw political boycotts, the end of amateurism and the advent of professionalism, the explosion of com-

mercialization, a boom in the growth and popularity of the games, the scourge of doping and the Salt Lake City corruption scandal.

"He did essentially a two-century jump," said senior Canadian IOC member Dick Pound, one of Samaranch's most trusted allies. "He got us from being in the remnants of the 19th century and got us into the 21st century. He gave the organization financial stability, international presence and a certain gravitas it never had before."

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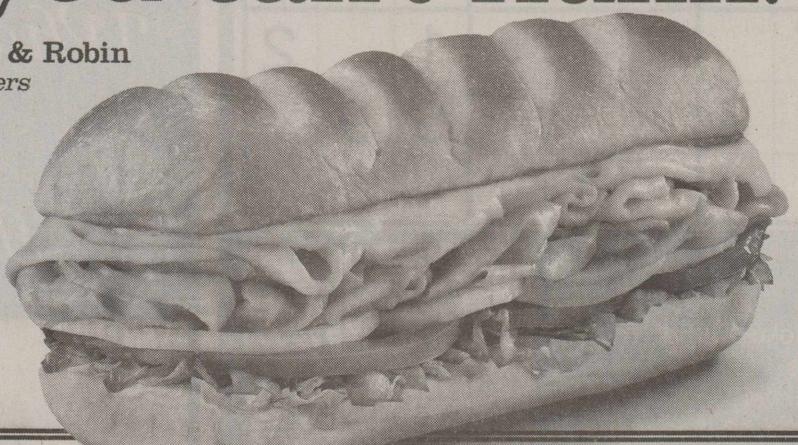
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Tech softball hosts No. 8 OSU in doubleheader

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**
STAFF WRITER

When Oklahoma State comes to town tonight they will bring more than just an undefeated Big 12 Conference record, but also former Texas Tech assistant coach Rich Wieligman.

Wieligman spent two seasons in Lubbock as an assistant coach for the Red Raiders before moving to Texas A&M, then taking the reins at Oklahoma State in 2008. He also played for Lubbock Christian during its 1983 NAIA College World Series Championship season.

Tech coach Shanon Hays said Wieligman's team is well coached and is a prime example of a well-built program.

"Oklahoma State is a really solid team," he said. "They do everything well. They don't beat themselves. They're the type of team we're working to be next year and the year after that."

Hays and Wieligman also shared some playing time together in the

mid 90s as part of the Amateur Softball Association.

Tech (31-12, 3-8 in Big 12 play) takes on No. 8 OSU (40-7, 9-0) at 5 p.m. tonight at Rocky Johnson Field.

The Cowgirls sit atop the Big 12 standings, while the Red Raiders are ninth out of ten teams with only Kansas behind them. However, Hays said his team could easily be 8-3 and Oklahoma State will not take them lightly.

While the Red Raiders try to return to their winning ways, Oklahoma State is on a 17-game winning streak, highlighted by wins against Baylor, Oklahoma and Missouri. The last time the Cowgirls lost was March 19 to Maryland 2-1 in the USF The Game tournament, in which Tech also competed.

Hays said he would love nothing more than to give OSU its first two conference losses of the season, and he believes his team has the ability to pull off the upset.

One thing Hays pointed to as key to victory against Oklahoma

State is pitching.

"If you're going to beat a good team, you've better get ahead early in the counts and that gets you in control of each at bat," he said. "So getting ahead I think in the pitching department is something that we have to do to win."

Tech pitcher Ashley Broke-shoulder said she agrees that the key to victory starts with pitching, but she pointed out Tech's defense as being equally important to success against Oklahoma State.

Eleven of the Cowgirls' wins during their recent streak have come by three runs or less, including seven one-run victories.

"Coach (Hays) told us that they score off of at least just one run," Broke-shoulder said. "It's been really close games with anyone they've played. So just keep defense down, then they won't score."

Tech third baseman Emily Bledsoe said she is welcoming the chance to play against one of the top teams in the nation but knows it won't be easy to win.

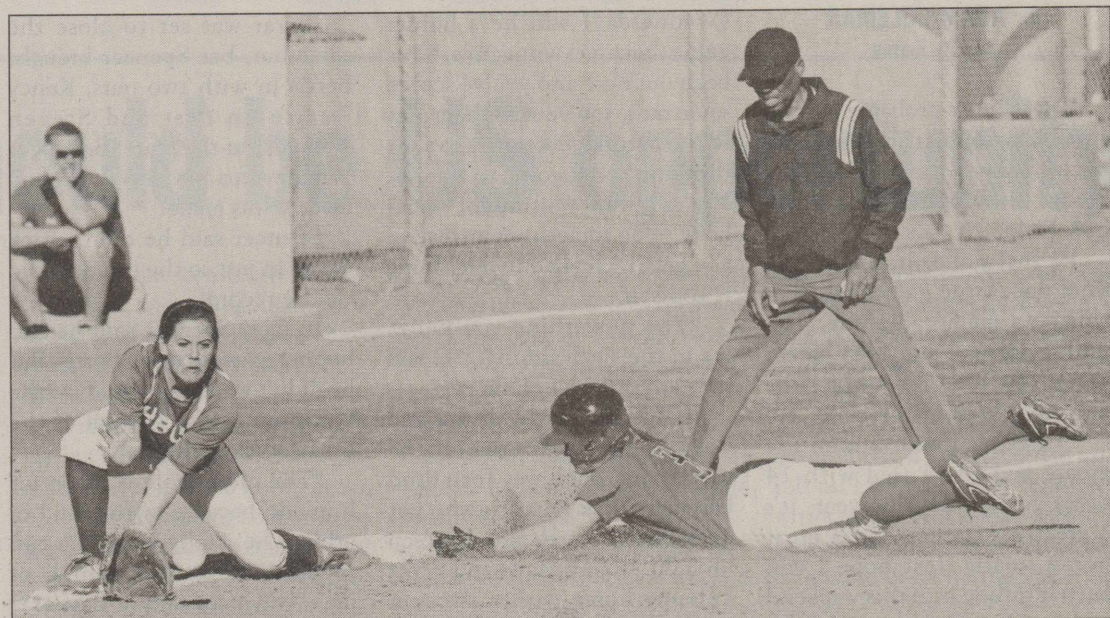


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EMILY BLEDSOE SLIDES to third base during a game against Houston Baptist earlier this year Tech takes on OSU at 5 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson field.

Bledsoe said she knows the offense will have to try and keep up with the OSU hitters, who are second in the Big 12 in batting with a .304 average.

"I think it's all just a mental

game," she said. "You've got to be mentally ready for it like always. I know I've said that before but it really is key. I mean we've been able to hit before. We had pretty good averages

this past season. I know they've gone down a little bit but as long as we stay mentally tough at the plate then I think we'll be perfectly fine."

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Roethlisberger banned 6 games

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL cracked down on one of its stars Wednesday, suspending Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for not just a few games but the first six of the season, even though he avoided sexual assault charges in Georgia.

The two-time Super Bowl winner was banned without pay for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and was ordered to undergo a "comprehensive behavioral evaluation by professionals."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Milledgeville, Ga., nightclub last month.

"I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," Goodell said in his letter to the six-year veteran.

"My decision today is not based on a finding that you violated Georgia law, or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor. That said, you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Goodell said team offseason activities were off limits to the quarterback until he completes the evaluation and is cleared by the league to rejoin the Steelers.

"Your conduct raises sufficient concerns that I believe effective intervention now is the best step for your personal and professional welfare," Goodell wrote.

Trade rumors immediately swirled, and while the Steelers declined to address the speculation, they were privately weighing whether they should consider dealing their franchise quarterback for a Top 10 draft pick if one were offered.

Sitting out all six games would cost Roethlisberger an estimated \$2.8 million, though the penalty could be shortened to four games for good behavior.

Roethlisberger is the first player suspended by Goodell under the conduct policy who hasn't been arrested or charged with a crime.

Roethlisberger also is being sued by a woman who accused him of raping her at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino in 2008. He denied the allegation and wasn't charged.

"In your six years in the NFL, you have first thrilled and now disappointed a great many people," Goodell wrote. "I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity to get your life and career back on track."

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether Roethlisberger broke the law.

Before acting, Goodell said he interviewed Roethlisberger on April 13 and talked to current and former players and the players' union. He also reviewed information from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Milledgeville police and talked privately with Georgia district attorney Fred Bright. In addition, Goodell said he listened to recommendations from the quarterback's representatives, and took into account information learned by the NFL office regarding the alleged assault.

NFL draft goes for glitz as it moves to prime time TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Offensive tackles and tight ends used to hitting the green artificial turf will make their entrance on the red carpet.

Tennessee defensive tackle Dan Williams will be ready for that big, Oscar-like question: "Who are you wearing?"

The NFL is going for glitz over the blitz as it moves its draft to prime time Thursday.

The first round now has its own day on the most popular night for watching TV, and the players are the stars of the show.

More players have been invited to see their fate revealed in front of a national audience, and there will be

more cameras to document the joy of hearing their name called — or the distress of sliding down to a lesser pick.

"Hopefully I'm not in there that long for the cameras to be on me, because it's going to start to get hot," said Georgia Tech defensive end Derrick Morgan, who's projected as a top-10 pick.

NFL officials are comfortable comparing the event to the Oscars or a big-budget movie premiere, as the league under commissioner Roger Goodell grows more aggressive in marketing an already wildly popular sport.

Sixteen players have been invited to attend, up from nine last year. More invited players and more attention

mean more pressure on the draftees to make a fashion statement worthy of the Academy Awards, where celebrities are breathlessly asked on the red carpet which designer's clothes they are wearing.

Williams conceded he was nervous about which suit to pick.

"I want to look good," he said. Morgan has five or six suits to choose from, including one he received after a fitting Tuesday at the Sean John store in Manhattan.

"Everyone is giving me suits," he said. "I've got light suits, dark suits."

Williams' former Volunteers teammate, safety Eric Berry, picked out a gray suit with the help of a stylist.

Fans bid final farewell to boxer Valero

EL VIGIA, Venezuela (AP) — Relatives and fans of former boxing champion Edwin Valero gathered for the funeral on Wednesday of the troubled fighter who killed himself after slaying his wife.

Hundreds of residents from this small town in southwestern Venezuela attended the mass for a fighter who rose to national fame before quickly falling into disgrace. Many wept, wiping tears from their faces during the ceremony. Fans, friends and family members later brought the coffin containing the boxer's remains to a local gym where he once trained, before his body was

buried at a nearby cemetery.

Valero, famed for an impressive record of 27 straight knockouts and a huge tattoo of President Hugo Chavez on his chest, was arrested Sunday in the stabbing death of his 24-year-old wife. Police said the boxer hanged himself in his cell early Monday.

The killing, coupled with Valero's suicide, shocked many Venezuelans. Many have been asking what went wrong in his life and why authorities hadn't stepped in to protect his wife, Jennifer Carolina Viera, after numerous reports of domestic violence.

A boxer who was close to Valero, Jose

Luis Varela, lamented that many of the fighter's friends didn't urge him to seek help to deal with what had become a serious drug and alcohol addiction.

"We didn't want to see that he had problems," Varela said.

During Wednesday's mass, Priest Esteban Gudino told parishioners he hoped Valero "receives the mercy of our Lord."

"It's a tragedy for all of use when the life of a youngster ends like this," Gudino said from the church's pulpit. "Hopefully, this will serve others to emulate his positive side, and they'll distance themselves from drugs and alcohol."

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Women's tennis duo breaks into rankings for first time this season

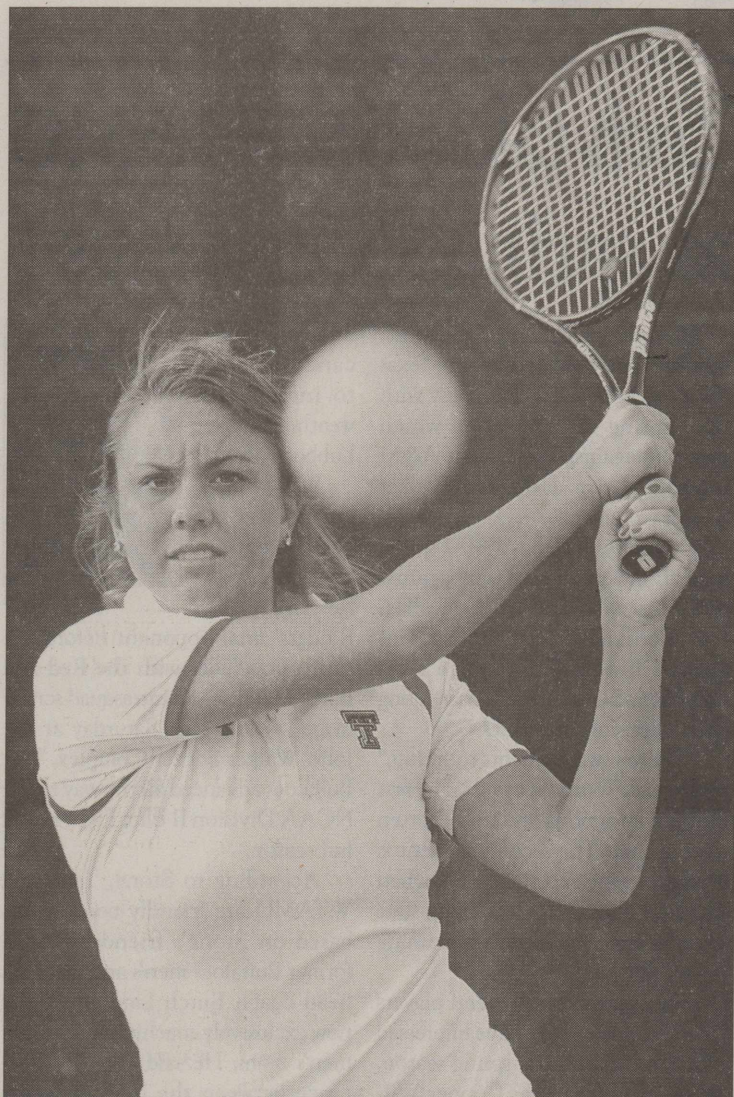


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TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch is a part of the Lady Raiders' No. 78-ranked duo with Kelsy Garland. The two are 9-4 this season.

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

When working with a partner on any project, playing to each other's strengths is key to achieving success — that concept apply to playing doubles in tennis.

Sophomore Natalie Leitch and junior Kelsy Garland have done just that as Texas Tech women's No. 1 doubles pair. Leitch said doubles was not the strongest area of her game at the beginning of the season, so it took a lot of work to get to this point and it has finally paid off.

"We play completely opposite games, I play the back, and she closes off our points," she said. "So that's why we work really well together. I guess just putting in all the time, and learning how each other works the best, is I guess how we've gotten our success."

In Tuesday's ITA Rankings Leitch and Garland were ranked No. 78 in doubles, becoming the first Lady Raider doubles pair to be ranked this season. Along with the duo being ranked, the Lady Raiders as a team broke into the rankings for the second time this season, this time at No. 70.

Leitch and Garland have been tough to beat this season, posting a 9-4 overall record and going 5-3 in Big 12 conference play. The duo has won seven of its last 10 matches.

But this is not the first time that Garland has seen her name in the doubles rankings.

Last season Garland teamed up with

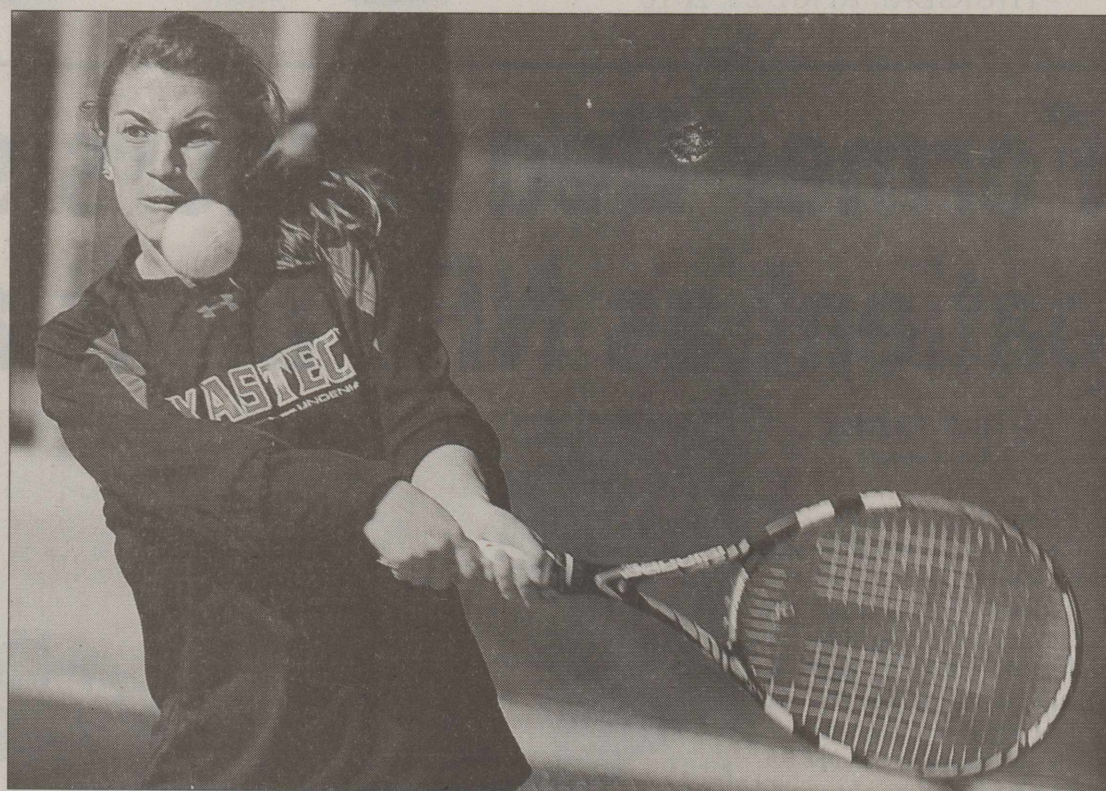


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TEXAS TECH'S KELS Y Garland returns the ball during the Lady Raiders match against New Mexico earlier this season.

Samantha van der Drift for a team best 12-5 record in dual match play, along with an overall record of 17-7 for the entire season.

Garland and van der Drift were in the rankings for ten weeks straight, with their highest ranking being No. 43 in the March 17, 2009, rankings.

Coming into this season, Garland knew she was going to get a new partner but has begun to build another relation-

ship on the court. "I think playing with Natalie so far has been a good thing," Garland said. "We have good chemistry, good connection on the court. I think us two together make a good team."

For Tech coach Todd Petty, the duo's recent success is just another sign that the program he is building continues to grow stronger as the season goes on.

Petty said they both have been work-

ing hard to get better and have performed in the clutch, making the ranking something they deserve.

"That's a long time coming, they've had some really big wins," he said. "Kelsy's someone who's always been ranked since she's been here, and Natalie's really improved her doubles, and made a big part of that team. So it's something I'm not surprised by."

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Former Red Raiders staying patient as NFL Draft arrives

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Shawn Byrnes is pretty blunt about how his possible NFL career might start.

He knows his name might not be called tonight in Radio Music City Hall as the 2010 NFL Draft goes prime time for the first time ever and the whole nation is watching.

Byrnes believes it could be Saturday when he gets his name called or it might not get called at all. But no matter what happens, Byrnes said he hopes to make an NFL camp and fight for a spot on the team.

"There's a chance, but I'm not planning on it," he said. "They say there's a chance to go in the late rounds, but that's not what I'm expecting."

A handful of former Texas Tech players will be waiting on that call this weekend as the Draft begins at 6:30 p.m. today in New York City. Brandon Sharpe, Daniel Howard, Jamar Wall and Brandon Carter are just a few former Tech players trying to make NFL teams.

But Tech's influence in the draft is different this year compared to last year.

Tech's 2009 NFL Draft buzz was headlined by Michael Crabtree, who the San Francisco 49ers picked with the 10th overall pick. But it wasn't just Crabtree that made last year's draft special for the Tech program.

Safety Darcel McBath was picked in the second round by the Denver Broncos. Offensive lineman Louis Vasquez was a third-round pick by the San Diego Chargers. Former defensive end Brandon Williams was drafted in the fourth round by the Dallas Cowboys.

But this year, Carter and Wall have arguably had the most exposure to scouts. Both players were invited to the NFL Combine back in February in addition to participa-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

FORMER TEXAS TECH cornerback Jamar Wall will be one of the former Red Raiders waiting to hear his name called as the 2010 NFL Draft begins at 6:30 p.m. today in New York City. Brandon Sharpe, Brandon Carter, Daniel Howard and Shawn Byrnes are a few other players hoping to land on NFL rosters.

tion in Tech's Pro Day in March. Others have had to rely on just Pro Day and constant training.

ESPN's Scouts Inc. has Wall as the 25th best cornerback and Carter as the 13th best guard. But Howard believes Sharpe also could get drafted this year, keeping up with his former teammate on a regular basis. ESPN's Scouts Inc. has Sharpe as the 22nd best defensive end and Byrnes is the 27th best center.

But Howard has not had much time to ponder his status as a prospect since Pro Day, continuing to train, stay in shape and spend time with family. It's helping the former Tech defensive end keep his mind off the Draft.

Howard said he plans to spend the weekend hunting with family members back home in Wichita,

Kan. In fact, Howard said he doesn't even plan on watching the draft.

"I feel like it's the best way for me to deal with it," he said. "Some people have different ways. I just rather not be sitting here, stressed out. ... So I'll just go home and relax and treat it like a vacation."

Former linebacker Marlon Williams sits in a similar situation as Byrnes.

Williams said he will watch the draft out of pure curiosity, but he is not sure when or if he'll get a call from an NFL team.

"I kind of started late because I got an agent late in the game," he said. "He's doing what he can for me. Getting my film and my numbers and other things out there for me, so right now, just hoping for the best."

Wall has had a chance to meet with some NFL teams since Pro

Day. He pointed out a visit with the Jacksonville Jaguars last week.

But Wall said he has not had any private workouts and staying healthy has been a priority. At Pro Day, Wall turned a few heads with an unofficial 40.5-inch vertical leap. But a sore hamstring prevented him from participating in the 40-yard dash.

While some players may have a lot of family around this weekend, Wall said he hopes for a peaceful weekend with his parents.

"I'll just be around my mom, dad," he said. "I'll probably already be stressed out and kind of anxious. So I don't want to be around a lot of noise. Just want to be there with my mom and dad, just watching. Wait and listen."

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Tech takes on WTAMU as spring soccer ends

Despite not gathering much attention in the media realm, the Texas Tech soccer team has kept busy with their spring soccer season, which wraps up against West Texas A&M tonight at 7 p.m. at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Currently, Tech has a 3-0-1 spring record and got a 2-0 win against SMU last weekend in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Tech also has wins against Big 12 Conference rival Oklahoma State and Arkansas, along with a draw against TCU.

"There's two elements to spring," head coach Tom Stone said. "The first element is training, and we've gotten a lot of that. The second element is getting playing experience. But when you have a team that's going to start seven or eight young players, training is very important."

Stone added that several players from last year's squad have impressed him thus far into the spring season, including sophomores Conner Williams, a midfielder, and defender Hayley Fowler. Midfielder Tiffini Smith — who was invited to practice with the U.S. Under-18 team after the 2009 season — also has impressed the head coach through the spring.

Tonight's matchup is a makeup game between the two schools that was originally scheduled for March

27 but was canceled due to inclement weather in the Lubbock area.

WTAMU, a Division II team from Canyon, will be the Red Raiders' final opponent before the spring concludes with the Red and Black Match — an intrasquad scrimmage — at 2 p.m. Saturday at the John Walker Soccer Complex. The Buffaloes advanced all the way to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight round last season.

According to Stone, Tech and WTAMU are friendly competitors based on Stone's friendship with former Buffaloes men's and women's head coach Butch Lauffer, who is now exclusively coaching WTAMU's men's team. He said the short distance between the two schools is also a factor.

"We're good friends with those guys," Stone said. "I grew up with Butch, and economically it makes sense from a traveling standpoint. West Texas A&M fields a great team and a lot of Division I teams would be lucky to get to compete with this team."

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Rangers owner Tom Hicks waiting for sides to agree

BOSTON (AP) — Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks says he feels caught in the middle and can only just watch the stalled proposed sale of the club to Chuck Greenberg's group.

On the field at Fenway Park before the Rangers played the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night, Hicks said the dispute is over the what lenders think the team is worth.

"The lenders have to agree with baseball and the buying group that it's the right price," Hicks said. "There is some concern that they think somebody will pay a higher price. That's what the dispute's all about."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig doesn't seem to be happy with the slow pace.

"Major League Baseball

is currently in control of the sale process and will use all efforts to achieve a closing with the chosen bidder," MLB said in a statement. "Any deviation from or interference with the agreed upon sale process by Mr. Hicks or any other party, or any actions in violation of MLB rules or directives will be dealt with appropriately by the commissioner."

The sides announced an agreement on Jan. 23, but creditors of the Hicks

Sports Group, which owns the Rangers and the NHL's Dallas Stars, have not approved it.

"Right now I feel like a guy in the center court of a tennis match, watching it go back and forth," Hicks said. "We're not really involved in it because we don't get any of the proceeds. It all goes to the lenders."

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Tuesday he was "disappointed it's not closed yet."

"I thought it would be done by opening day. I thought it would be done by April 19," Hicks said. "Right now, we'll all just have to wait and see. There's nothing I can do."

In February, Hicks Sports Group announced it had retained Galatioti Sports Partners to look for new investors and explore the idea of selling a majority stake in the Stars.

Separately, Hicks and George Gillette Jr. said Friday they had hired Barclays Bank to lead the search for a buyer for Liverpool, which they co-own under a separate entity.

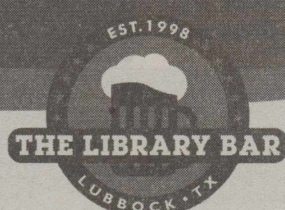
The Rangers sale eventually must be approved by three-quarters of the 30 teams before it can be finalized.

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