

ATTENDEES AT THE Burkhart Walk for Awareness make their way around the field Sunday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tuberville, Burkhart lead autism awareness walk

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI

At the fifth annual Burkhart Walk for Autism Awareness, head football coach Tommy Tuberville and Jim Burkhart, co-founder of The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research, led the first lap around Jones AT&T Stadium on Sunday.

One in 110 children are born with autism in the United States. Because this is the fastest-growing neurological disability in the country, Janice Magness, center director, said they're trying to make people aware of autism and that there is help for people with

"We have this walk annually to help provide and raise support for the Burkhart Center at Texas Tech," Burkhart said. "It's just the hardest thing to get people aware of the situation of autism and Asperger's."

The center began as a way to "educate educators" about autism and to help parents coping with their child's disability, he said. Almost everyone has been affected by autism in some way, which was why there was such a large turnout at the walk, he said.

This was the first year the walk was hosted at Jones AT&T Stadium. The past four walks someone they know with autism. Although fun days. were at Coronado High School and have the event was free, many of the teams raised

largest yet with twice as many people as the walk last year, Burkhart said.

This is a big turnout and coach Tuberville deserves a lot of the credit for that and we are forever grateful to him for providing his help and support in this thing," he said.

Before the walk began, Tuberville, Burkhart and Magness welcomed walkers to the stadium before Brianne Curlee, a Burkhart Transition Academy student, sang the national anthem.

Tuberville said he works with young people every day and has met many with autism over the years. He said many people don't understand the disability.

He said he encourages men team to go to events such as these walks and believes that coming to show his support is not only his responsibility, but something

'It's a great cause, and I've met a lot of kids with autism over the years that come to practice and come to games and we don't know how fortunate we are," Tuberville said. "A day like today is kind of an awareness day of what it's about. You can see the support on various activities for children with

grown each year, making this year's walk the money to donate to the center which puts



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador HEAD FOOTBALL COACH Tommy Tuberville autographs a fan's T-shirt during the Burkhart Walk for Autism Awareness on Sunday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

autism including a monthly parents' Many walkers formed teams in honor of night out, teacher training and family

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Students raise money for stroke recovery program



ABDUL SULE, A freshman chemical engineering major from Cypress, shovels out weeds in a garden for donations to the STAR program at the HSC.

> By DEREK MOY STAFF WRITER

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers at Texas Tech hosted its Stroke/Aphasia Work Day on Saturday oney for the Stroke/Aphasia Recovery Program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Sciences'

Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic. Rachel Green, a senior chemical engineering major from Borger and the president of the institute, said the organization hosts the work day once a semester to raise money for the recovery program. Members of the institute went to different houses in the community and volunteered their work for donations. The recovery program raised

\$5,000 last year. "They need about \$10,000 to run their program, and so we provide almost half of the funds they need,' Green said.

The amount of community members participating has been increasing since the program started three years ago, starting at three houses and increasing that to 22 houses.

She said students usually do 70 percent yard work, but they also do jobs such as move boxes and paint bedrooms.

Tessa Yelvington, integration engineer at the HSC. said she saw the work day advertising in the Spirit Newsletter and wanted to participate. She said it seemed like a good program and needed some yard work done. Donations to the program vary in size and any amount helps, Yelvington said.

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Ward wins first conference title for Tech men's golf since 1996

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Going into this weekend's Big 12 Championships in Trinity, Chris Ward probably had some lofty expectations for the team to perform well, or perhaps, win it all.

The team did not walk away with onship in 1996. a Big 12 title, but Ward accomplished Tech men's golf since 1996.

I've ever won," Ward said. "It was at 7-under. a good experience to keep this lead throughout the whole tournament and just keeping my focus the whole time. Just not getting ahead of myself, keep playing my game and just don't do any-

thing different."

Ward is Tech's first conference tournament champion since Bryan Novoa won the Southwest Conference Champi-

Ward, a former member of the Oklasomething that hasn't happened in homa State golf team, finished the tourney at 9-under, just in front of "Probably the biggest tournament OSU's own Peter Uihlein, who finished

Ward began the tournament by shooting rounds of 69 and 65, respectively, to jump out in front of the pack.

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Professor helps Haiti earthquake survivors

By DEREK MOY STAFF WRITER

Although many have chosen to help survivors of the Haiti earthquake by visiting the country or donating money to the cause, one Texas Tech professor is helping in a unique way.

Carla Burrus, a French instructor at Tech, translated ingredients and instructions on bags of food for the citizens of Haiti who were affected

by the earthquake in January. Burris said she was contacted by the non-profit organization Breedlove to translate their dehydrated food bags to send to Haiti. She wanted to participate in the Haiti operation but did not know how she could help.

"If a company takes the time to put a foreign translation on it, then whoever picks that up that reads that language can use that product

effectively," Burrus said. In May she was going to visit and help translate for doctors in Haiti, but due to scheduling problems and her daughter's graduation she could not make it. Burrus even starred in a Breedlove movie demonstrating how to cook the food while speaking Creole, a dialect of French.

"I like to participate in volunteer work so that was the way I could participate in the Haiti operation without going to Haiti myself," she



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreado

CARLA BURRUS, A French instructor at Texas Tech, demonstrates in French how to cook food that will go to Haiti for HAIT continued on Page 2 mearthquake survivors Friday at the Salvation Army.

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STATE

Small earthquake rattles southeast Texas

ALICE (AP) - A small earthquake has rattled awake some residents in southeast Texas.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports that a 4.0 magnitude earthquake hit an area near Alice, about 50 miles west of Corpus Christi, around 9:10 p.m. Saturday. No damage or injuries have been reported.

But numerous residents felt the quake. The Alice Echo-News Journal reports that calls flooded the Alice police department in Nueces County and the sheriff's office in neighboring Iim Wells County.

A 3.8 magnitude quake was reported in Jim Wells County in March 1997.

NATION

Rescuers fan out after twister kills 10 in Miss.

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP) — Rescuers spread out Sunday to find anyone who might be left behind in the rural Mississippi countryside hit hard by a tornado that killed 10 people a day earlier, while others returned to demolished homes to salvage what they could and bulldoze the rubble.

About 40 National Guard soldiers patrolled the devastated Yazoo City, some in Humvees and others in a Blackhawk helicopter. Dozens of volunteer state troopers and other law enforcement officers also came from far-flung parts of the state to help.

The high winds on Saturday ripped roofs off buildings in Yazoo County, a county of about 28,000 people known for blues, catfish and cotton where Gov. Haley Barbour grew up. He described "utter obliteration" among the picturesque hills rising from the flat Mississippi Delta. This tornado was enormous," Barbour told The Associated Press as

He said there are about 100 homes in Yazoo County and another 38 in Choctaw County that are uninhab-

searchers resumed their work.

State emergency officials are still trying to determine how many people have been left homeless after Saturday's storm, he said. It's unlikely the final tally of damage and other figures will be done before Tuesday.

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency spokesman Greg Flynn said Sunday that at least three dozen people were hurt and nearly 200 homes damaged in Attala, Holmes, Monroe and Warren Counties. Officials were still working to assess the total damage in Choctaw and Yazoo

WORLD

SKorean minister: Torpedo likely sank warship

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A South Korean minister says a torpedo was the likely cause of an explosion that sank a warship near the tense border with North Korea

Defense Minister Kim Taeyoung told reporters Sunday that he believes "the bubble jet effect caused by a heavy torpedo is the most likely" cause of the disasters. At least 40 sailors died.

Seoul has not directly blamed North Korea for the blast but suspicion remains given the country's history of provocation and attacks on the South.

The Cheonan was on a routine patrol on March 26 when the unexplained explosion split it in two in one of South Korea's worst naval

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Organization renovates elementary school courtyard

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

Honors service organization Gamma Beta Phi hosted its ninth annual Project Gamma Beta Phi Ready to Improve and Plant on Saturday at Jackson science. Elementary School during which Texas dren to help improve the looks of part in the classroom and take it out here."

a courtyard, said Joel Obaseki, a senior help of Gamma Beta Phi members and landscape architecture majors, the group plants grass and plants to revitalize the area.

"We do what we can to make the education major from Houston.

The group covers all expenses for the project, which costs abut \$5,000 to complete. Between bake sales, a the group raised more than \$3,000 this needs to be done, Obaseki said.

Obaseki said because of the economy, the group wasn't able to get corporate sponsors to support Project G.R.I.P. like they had in the past. This has been a difficult year to raise money, but because the organization is so large and had so much success in fundraising last year, they were able to put the leftover money toward this year's project.

their wallets this year," he said.

Rather than having just group members fixing up the courtyard alone, it worked with the school, inviting children to help plant the grass and plants to make them feel like they are a part of the finished product. Obaseki many questions ranging from anything related to Project G.R.I.P. to anything ber they went to Tech. in the world. He said it's fun to be

around the children.

Staci Sumners, Jackson Elementary School assistant principal, said she hopes their science teacher will use the courtyard to help teach students in her classes, giving them a chance at more hands on

"They're going to be so excited," she Tech students worked with local chil-said. "They can take what they're learning

One of the problems the school had Every year, the organization hosts with the courtyard in the past has been Project G.R.I.P. at a local elementary the large tree in the center which attracts school where the members renovate birds. With birds comes the mess they leave on the ground below them. Because finance major from Dallas. With the of the large numbers of birds who habitat the tree, Sumners said they always worried about the sanitary problems with the them pooping on the courtyard below and possibly on the children. With the help of a few landscape architecture graduate students, school a better place," said Kelsey Anthey learned how to keep the birds away so derson, a sophomore early childhood students can enjoy the courtyard without the birds overhead.

Part of the group's goal is to not only get the courtyard clean and looking nice, but to help maintain the area. Once a month Valentine's Day auction, and fundrais- the group plans on sending a few members ers with Cold Stone and Gattis Pizza, out to help pull weeds or do anything that

But the maintenance of the courtyard won't be up to Gamma Beta Phi members alone. Sumners said she hopes her students will play a large in keeping the area nice whether that be working in the yard or simply picking up their trash. Because the courtyard is directly outside windows of some of the classrooms, children will see the newly renovated courtyard every day in class. Hopefully this will be something "A lot of companies are tightening they can be proud of and help keep clean,

> "They'll help it keep growing and not let it just die," Sumners said.

After the event, the school is left with a revitalized courtyard and hopefully the legacy of Tech students, Obaseki said. Although the children helping may knew the children would be asking not remember who the individuals who worked with them were, they do remem-



LINDSAY PARIS, LEFT, a junior early childhood education major from Plano, and Kendall Walters, a sophomore early childhood education major from Katy, work with project G.R.I.P. on completely renovating Jackson Elementary School's courtyard Saturday.

great for schools," said Tiffany Ho, Gamma portunity to grow and I wish I had a safe Beta Phi president and a senior chemistry environment like this (growing up)." "We really enjoyed the idea and it is major from Austin. "It provides an op-

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Stroke

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"It's just pay what you want to pay," she said. "You can't beat that because then I can be helping out with their program plus get the benefit of the work."

Yelvington planned to donate based on the number of students who helped her with yard work, and said

she was hoping to receive an e-mail about Institute of Chemical Engineers national engineering major from Cypress and an three hours clean her garden and plant compost and planting flowers.

Erika Yamasaki, a freshman chemical engineering major from El Paso, said she was participating for the cause and the points she gains from the institute, out of a year to help others?" which go toward a trip to the American

the next work day so she could participate conference. She helped Yelvington with officer with the institute, said he did the again. Two students helped her for about her garden by digging up weeds, adding

> "I think more people should just donate to help others, period," she said. "I mean, if you have the means and you're capable, why not just lend one Saturday

Abdul Sule, a freshman chemical >> derek.moy@ttu.edu

work day last semester, this semester and plans to do it next semester, as well. He helped Yelvington with her garden along with Yamasaki.

"It's always good to help someone out," he said, "and some people can't always get to this work themselves."

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Instead of trying to figure out picture instructions, Burrus said bags being in their native language will allow Haitians to cook it properly. The translated bags are not limited to Haiti, however. The West African region can receive the bags and be able to read them because they also are French speaking.

"(Breedlove) made this extra effort at the time, he said. trying to make it more profitable for the goal to really reach and help the people said. of Haiti.'

was surprised at the poverty of the counguage, humanitarians can strengthen

on hills crumbled apart, and there were they are providing aid to. almost no roads. He stayed at Petit Trou "From what I've seen, for de Nippes with a mission group.

"They have the only clean well for something like 20,000 people,"

Port-au-Prince was vital to Haiti, and Mahmood said he was surprised at how underdeveloped the city was at the time. There were no stop signs and almost every building looked unstable

person who receives it - Breedlove Haiti who's like, 'They're so close doesn't get anything extra out of that, to the bottom that there's not much in Haiti to provide relief. Griffith said he nor do I," Burrus said. "It's just for those worse that could happen to them." people. I think that they had a genuine And yet something did," Mahmood to translate and Burrus then translated

Translators were there, he said, but Brian Mahmood, a second-year he still had to use hand motions and humanitarian aid has got to be the way medical student from El Paso, said he single words to communicate with the visited Haiti in the summer of 2007 and Haitian people. By knowing their lan-

try. Tents were flooded from rain, houses the bonds of friendship with the people

disasters like this, food distribution or supply distribution is kind of chaotic,' he said. "And a lot of times you're going to have a handful of people who can speak the language and those people can't explain to every single person how to do what is required to make the food edible."

Mark Griffith, lab supervisor for Breedlove, said the translation idea "Anyone who has ever been to began when the David Fish, CEO of Breedlove, spent a few weeks in March provided the information that needed it into Creole

"A multi-language approach to to go," he said. "We have to look at various facets of each culture that we go into but language is always one of the key things."

Humanitarian aid relies on donations but also talents of people involved, he said. Burrus using her talent to help thousands of people in Haiti was an example of using skills instead of giving money to charity. Griffith said Burrus's compassion and assistance should be an example of how to use talent to help.

"A lot of times when people go, 'Well, what can I do?" he said. "Well, chances are there's something that you can do down deep inside that you're probably overlooking — that you do every day. And that's what I would encourage people that when they want to get involved with humanitarian aid consider that."

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Organization hosts second annual Green Week

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

This week, Texas Tech's chapter of the United States Green Building Council is celebrating and sponsoring Green Week in the hopes of educating the Tech community on the various ways it can make a difference in the local environment.

Brittany Young, president of there is still Tech USGBC and a graduate quite a architecture student from Carrollton, said the organization's mission is to educate the Tech community about sustainability efforts and practices. She said there are simple ways for anyone to better

the environment, but unfortunately, most people have not been educated on the ways to do

This is the second year for the organization to sponsor Green Week. This year the focus will be on-campus sustainability. USGBC designated a theme for each day of the week and planned coordinating activities and lectures to fit the day's theme.

Outside of the Student Union Building on Wednesday, students will have the opportunity to learn about compostable food containers, food utensils or receptacles made from plant byproducts.

'Though they are making huge containers instead of styrofoam.

efforts to cut down on waste, the hospitality industry at Tech has a ways to go to achieve sustainability," Young said. "Using compostable eco-products would help cut down on that waste."

Tech earned a D+ on the College Sustainability Report in 2010, and although this grade is earned in 2009.

room for improvement. Both Texas A&M and University of Texas at Austin earned a B- on the 2010 report.

an improvement from the D it more eco-friendly. But there is still

Young said the grade doesn't reflect Tech's efforts for sustainability because Tech's administration and other organizations have been working hard to become more work to be said students should get involved

recycling program," she said. "The Physical Plant has created a job with the sole purpose of tracking how much energy is wasted on tion campus and working to fix that." Samantha van der Drift, US-GBC's education and outreach officer and a senior civil engineering of Student Union Build- SUB and University Limajor from De Zilk, Netherlands,

add bike lanes, and creating a

sustainability can put you ahead ditions Room

in the job or internship search," she said. "Many companies are trying to become green and susand knowledge of this can only help you."

One company that is headed toward sustainability is Starbucks Coffee. The Speech Area Lubbock location on University Avenue Green Team among its employees to help with recycling efforts. They are also donating coffee at all of the Green Week

Green Week starts today and such as the addition of bicycle lanes, recycling and the use of compostable Day on Friday.

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"SGA has been working to **GREEN WEEK CALENDAR**

MONDAY •Alternative Transporta-

Solar and Eco Car Display - 11:30 a.m. north side

Bike Ride around camability efforts because it is the pus - 1 p.m. north side of SUB

"Being knowledgeable about •Lectures in the SUB Tra-

Betsey del Monte: Beck - 3 p.m. -3 p.m.

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tainable now Timothy Maxwell - 5

TUESDAY Water and Energy Conservation

Landscape Jug Display -5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Free •Lectures in the SUB Es-

condido Theatre has implemented a Val Cochran: Citibus — 3

Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper: LEED - 4 p.m. **Professor Andrew Swift:** Wind Energy — 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

 Recycling Compostable Eco-Products - 11 a.m. between brary

•Lectures in the Escondido Theatre

Texas Department of Transportation: Recycling in Transportation

Stuart Williams, Allied Joey Gamsey: Solar Car Waste Industries: Sustainable Practices — 4 p.m. **Green Queens: Recycling** on a local level - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

 Sustainable Products Workshop and Potluck -5 p.m. Traditions Room Lecture in the Traditions

Professor Susan Tomlinson: Sustainable Gardening - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY Arbor Day Lucky Bamboo — 11 a.m. Memorial Circle

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Class hosts Scholarships Golf Scramble

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech graduate students in Sungwon Bae's ESS 5329: Sport Event Management class organized Saturday at Lubbock's Meadow- now." brook Golf Course in MacKenzie

Management class is to give students hands-on experience in managing an actual sporting event," Bae said. "The students have the opportunity to put the theories playing again next year. they learn in class into practical application."

Andy Bean, a sports management graduate student from Dalhart, said he initially didn't realize the class would be putting on an actual golf scramble.

"I thought it was going to be more of a hypothetical event," he said. "Instead, (the class) is actually applying the concepts we've learned and it's been a great agement graduate student from Management Program's Fourth experience."

In February, the students organized themselves into four subcategories: finance, sponsorship, management and marketing. They worked together since then to organize the golf scramble.

registered for the scramble on the day of the event, which Bean said

was to be expected.

exercise and sport sciences major running smoothly and they do-For their class assignment, 26 from Lubbock, said she had so nated a Taylor Made driver for the much fun at the scramble that she auction. wants to play again next year.

"I hadn't golfed in a few years," and hosted the Sport Management she said, "but after today, I want chased for \$350. Program's Third Annual Swing for to continue playing. This might Scholarships Golf Scramble on become a summer hobby for me cluded an autographed football

management information systems basketball signed by former head "The purpose of Sport Event major from Southlake, registered to coach of the men's basketball team play in the tournament to support a Bob Knight. friend in Bae's class. Although his team didn't place in the scramble, a set profit goal except to raise he said he was still interested in more money than the past classes

> Anderson, Brady Carrington, than any past classes were able Greg Roberts and Bryan Gay, had to raise. the overall lowest team score. For Flex Fitness gym membership and its project. Now the students must Main Event.

the event, said he attributes the Golf Scramble and continue to success of the event in part to the raise more scholarship money. number of sponsors the class was sored by various companies, prizes put together. were donated by local restaurants In total, the scramble drew 128 and stores, such as Golf Headquar- said. "I think they did a great job players, or 32 teams, many of who ters, and lunch was provided for and everyone had fun. This was participants by Chick-fil-A.

"Meadowbrook Golf Course > brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu

has also been a great help to us," Kinsey McCown, a sophomore Bean said. "They kept everything

> The driver was the high-ticket item at the auction and was pur-

Other items auctioned off insigned by head coach Tommy Shane Kelly, a junior business Tuberville and an autographed

Bean said the class didn't have did. The final profit from the Finishing at 15 shots under scramble, auction and a raffle was par, a team of Tech students, Kent about \$2,200, which is \$200 more

Although the scramble may winning, each teammate received officially be finished, the class course credit at Meadowbrook, a still has work to do to complete gift cards to Ruby Tequila's and compile a notebook of information, guidelines and tips to help Nick Button, a sport man- next year's class plan the Sport Moscow, Idaho, and chairman of Annual Swing for Scholarships

Bae said he was impressed with able to obtain. Holes were spon- his students and the event they

"I'm very proud of them," he

much better than past years."



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Arguments against health care bill not logical

The Democrats control Congress. The Democrats control the White House. They did this by the American method: winning a democratic election. And, looking purely at 2008, they did so in a landslide. What some call a mandate for change.

through Congress. When Scott Brown took Massachusetts, they about a month ago.

president's signature, one would the needs of the people. expect all government employees with the bill. Of course not.



The Democrats, ever true to one group of American industry their lazy, inept moniker, took that benefits most. No, it's not their sweet time getting legislation the socialist government. It's the private insurers, who will now have more people being required finally got into gear. Of these, to purchase their services. But this the most notable is the sweeping isn't really important here. It's the health care reform bill passed just fact that not only do Republicans the Republicans with these rather oppose it, but when they do so, stupid lawsuits. With the law passed bearing the many are putting their party before

Firstly, there is the active opwould go about implementing the position by Republican state At- ing Gov. Rick Perry's coattails law, regardless of their agreement torneys General. According to the Christian Science Monitor, the attor-If one looks at the bill, there is neys general of Alabama, Florida, ment. This man, by definition,

Washington, Utah, North Dakota, South Carolina and South Dakota have filed lawsuits against the federal government. Now, the party line being towed is that this is a violation of states' rights.

However, given these states are dominant Republican (Alabama, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, North Dakota, South Carolina and South Dakota), or their attorneys general are (Florida, Pennsylvania and Washington), it doesn't take six degrees of separation to connect

Our esteemed Attorney General Greg Abbott is an unabashed Tea Party member — he is holdwhen it comes to hatred for the Democrat-controlled govern-

Nebraska, Texas, Pennsylvania, opposes government spending. He displays this value by wasting valuable Texas tax dollars on a lawsuit to prevent the federal government from saving money (which the health care bill, according to the Congressional Budget Office, will). It seems like it's rather kindergartenish.

The second strange point that I keep hearing is that the will of the people is being ignored. The right-wing bloggers, Fox News commentators and candidates claim the will of the people has been violated with this vote, which came off a "procedural loophole." Not only is that absurd, it's just a flat-out lie. Our system worked the way it was designed to. It's not perfect, but we've lived

Look at it this way - if the true will of the people was upGore would have been president in 2000, regardless of if he won Florida. This isn't just because I'm a flaming Liberal whining about a Supreme Court decision.

It's because any way you slice it, Gore got more votes in November. But the system dictates that when one candidate gets 260 votes in the electoral college, they become the president of the United States. Former President George W. Bush used the system in place for elections, and he became the president.

The majority of members in the House of Representatives voted for it. The majority of the Senate voted for it. Democrats used the system in place in Congress to pass the health care bill. So, by the same definition, it is law.

The majority of people do not

held, former Vice President Al hate the health care bill. The Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit group with no history of bias like Rasmussen Reports, released a study this past week detailing that 46 percent have a favorable view and 40 percent have an unfavorable view. Certainly that doesn't make a majority in favor of it, but there are more in favor than opposition.

> The fact remains that the majority of people elected to Congress voted for the measure. These people were elected by their constituents. Until we have a direct democracy, this is as close as we can get to a true government by the people.

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Religious beliefs should not invoke violence

Many of you probably saw South Park and witnessed the creative satire of Trey Parker and Matt Stone. South Park is undeniably a show known for pushing buttons and not holding back at the opportunity of making comedic fodder of popular icons, celebrities, religions, stereotypes and social issues. But last week's South Park episode, in which they portrayed many religious figures

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in unflattering situations including Jesus, Buddha and Muhammad, may have stirred up more then they bargained for.

While Jesus and Buddha were put in very compromising positions relating to drug use and porn, Muhammad was disguised as a bear (not depicted as a bear since it is against Islamic belief to depict the prophet in any way, shape or form), but regardless of their best efforts and as a result of RevolutionMuslim.com's (which, by the way, is based in New York City) "warning" to Trey Parker and Matt Stone, Comedy Central gave into the threats and intimidation and censored the episode and all references to the prophet in question without the creators' consent.

It is incredible to think that in a nation founded on religious freedom, a radical group could challenge our freedom of speech and in this case win — because essentially that is what censoring the episode did. It gave in to a radical group's fear tactics.

Could the creators have done the

Muhammad and bypassing the pos- rorist" are synonymous, because sible ridicule and death threats? Yes, they're not. but according to Trey and Matt it would have gone against what they we all have and choose to have; were about and they "have never it can define our culture and way done a show (they) couldn't stand of life. It is the belief the world behind." If they were going to air an is greater and life has a meaning episode focusing on religious figures, beyond existence. So it's frustratthen why leave out the one belong- ing to see that such an extremist ing to the second largest religion in group can make people feel inthe world? Should one religion be timidated and fearful especially in above criticism?

in which we didn't like what was the escape. being depicted or that went against or made fun of our own beliefs and religion, but we like to exercise the power of picking up the remote and already has been done. changing the channel.

protect us from being different from group could make them become each other or having challenging cowards, and unfortunately maybe beliefs or believing in what we want. one of the most important victims But to take something so sacred as is the Islamic faith itself. religion and worship and turn it into an excuse for terror and violence is a of extremists has overshadowed hindrance not only to humanity but billions of followers who only to the religion itself.

second largest religion in the world, and with more than 1 billion followers, it is also one of the fastestgrowing religions. Even after 9/11, I have never condemned those of the Islamic faith; I don't like to

episode without having to include think that "Muslim" and "ter-

Religion is a blessed gift that a free country. We should not run We all have encountered shows away from a religion — religion is

> Despite the fact Revolution-Muslim.com's warning post has been taken down, the damage

Comedy Central showed how There is no censorship that can an American-based extremist

It's unfortunate that one group want to believe and live, not As I stated earlier, Islam is the terrorize. Although extremists (in any religion) may think that they are protecting their religion by using violence, threats and fear, they are only providing a disservice to their faith. They forget that what protects religion, what keeps it whole and valuable, is faith itself.

The ironic part of all this is that South Park actually depicted Muhammad years ago (not in a disguise) and didn't get any threats or warnings afterwards and it's still available to watch on YouTube.

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Volcanic ash brings out best in humanity

Hi my name is Ion ('Hi Ion.'). And I am a VAV, or volcanic ash victim, as those of us stranded around the globe trying to fly into or out of Europe were

It started innocuously enough. I left for England after Easter to take advantage of one of those once-ina-lifetime opportunities. Through a somewhat bizarre series of occurrences, I was offered the chance to get some work experience on the sports desk of one of the U.K.'s national newspapers. As a journalism student hoping to land a job as a soccer commentator (or writer, I'm not picky) I jumped at the chance. Even though I would be missing school, I knew the education I would get in England would be very beneficial.

I really enjoyed my first couple acclimating and sightseeing. Then, only to learn another stranded VAV normal throughout the week, and I was having a nice time and getting took to Facebook. some good experience.

something up for the newspaper and heard all flights were canceled that day (April 15) I didn't think too much of it. One of London's free newspapers ran a particularly apocalyptic cover predicting mass chaos for almost a week. I just laughed to myself.

But I wasn't laughing last Saturday when I looked up my flight, scheduled for Monday, and found that it already was canceled. At this point, would resume over the weekend, and I would get out of the country Monday or Tuesday. One of the writ-

ers I was working with that day gave me his contact information and told me there was a possibility I could stay with him instead of continuing to spend money on hotel rooms and

I thanked him for the offer, but declined, still maintaining my optimism. I booked my hotel for another night and hoped that would be all the money I needed to spend.

Quickly, I realized that wouldn't of days in England, which I spent be the case. I contacted the writer, two weeks ago today, I went in for my beat me to the punch and there was first day of work. Things were pretty no room at the inn. So, I did what any American college student would do. I

Luckily, my friends Tech gradu-So, Thursday when I was writing ate Mindy Moser and senior Megan Wesley (who are cousins) have family near London, and saw my plea for help on Facebook. Their uncle and aunt, Steve and Jan, took me in as their own for two days, saving me loads of money on lodging and also helping me curtail food costs. They even showed me around various villages near their home to give me a slice of the average Briton's life.

This story is about the kindness I remained optimistic that flights and generosity of Steve and Jan. Without them, I would have been like so many others, stuck spending all the money I had left to crash in a hostel and eating McDonald's while using McDonald's free WiFi to attempt to book a flight. Instead, my involuntarily extended stay turned out to be pretty pleasant. I still have enough money to eat and pay my rent, and I got an earlier flight back to the United States.

There are thousands more like Steve and Jan who helped out those stranded. With their example in mind, I encourage everyone to be kind to strangers and be open to the unexpected things life throws at you. I certainly didn't expect my trip home to be delayed because of an ash cloud from an erupting volcano in Iceland, but it didn't turn out so bad.

People seem to expect me to be angry at somebody, but when my personal safety was everyone's biggest concern it's hard to get upset. The airlines did what they could to clear things up and the various European governments and agencies did what they thought what was best for everybody. If one plane had even the slightest issue, those same agencies would be maligned for endangering people's safety.

I had quite the experience, and while I'm recovering and very glad to be home I know my experience as a VAV will always be a part of me. Or at least it will make for a good story years down the line.

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Spring Fling features illusionist, obstacle course

STAFF WRITER

Round two of One Big Crazy Weekend was the Residence Halls Association's Spring Fling on Saturday at the rugby fields.

The event included carnival-type activities, a performance by illusionist Mike Super, T-shirts and food.

RHA ordered 800 beef and chicken sandwiches from Rib Crib and was giving them away as well as chips and sodas.

Craig Kuehnert, the Residence Life coordinator for student development, said the Spring Fling committee, which had been planning since November, was impressed with the turnout. Besides food, RHA gave away 625 T-shirts, which were all gone within two hours.

"It's a great way to be outside and relax before finals," Kuehnert said.

Anyone who signed a liability waiver was free to take part in inflatable obstacle courses, a Velcro wall, other games and a mechanical bull.

"I liked the mechanical bull," said Sarah Evans, a freshman zoology major from Austin, "It was my first time, but I guess you can't be a true Texan without doing that."

RHA also provided free snow cones, cotton candy, airbrush tattoos and a booth where students could get their hands molded in wax. Kuehnert said the tattoos and wax hands were the most popular because they are tangible things students could take away from the event and are not something you can normally get in the area for free.

Another priceless experience was getting to see illusionist Mike Super, winner of the NBC show "Phenomenon," perform as a finale to the event. Doug Cooper, a freshman electrical engineering major from Austin, was on the planning committee and said Super's performance cost about

it," said James Adams, a sophomore music major from Dallas who was an audience volunteer for Super's "voodoo magic" illusion. "I was kind of a skeptic, but not anymore."

Super's act was interactive — he used seven audience volunteers on stage as well as involving the entire audience throughout the show for various parts of his act, ranging from a dancing napkin to a magic rope to a "pick- acard" trick in which the picked card drew itself on his note pad.

"Everyone was really involved in going along with (the illusions)," said Amanda Baquera, a freshman microbiology major from El Paso.

Super pulled Baquera on stage for the dancing napkin trick, in which he turned the napkin into a rose and gave to Baquera as a souvenir.

The illusion involving the most audience participation began right after his introduction. Super set up

"After seeing it, it was worth envelope inside holding a "prediction." Toward the end of the show he threw dice in the crowd, and asked the audience members who caught it for random parts to a clue game. In the end, he revealed he had the exact case written in the envelope — it was Lady GaGa with a pair of roller blades in New Zealand — along with the names of the audience members who participated.

"Some stuff you can't explain, but this, maybe," Cooper said. Cooper was the audience member selected to reveal Super's prediction. "The voodoo stuff, that was strange."

Adams said during the "voodoo magic" trick he could feel the taps on his back when Super tapped the doll, and when Super lit the doll's hands on fire, Adams said he felt his hands warm up, when he opened his fists he had black singe marks. Adams said he had no idea how it was done.

After the show, RHA drew tickets a glass box, locked shut, with an for door prizes of parking passes for



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CHANDLER SPEARS, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from Burleson, rides a mechanical bull during the Spring Fling Saturday at Urbanovsky Park.

finals week and movies.

Overall, the Spring Fling was a success, and had many more people than last year's event take part in both the outdoor events and the indoor

"I'd do it again for sure," said freshman Dakota McKee, a restaurant, hotel and institutional management major form Palestine. "Anything with the word 'free' in it is good."

Chrome Live! brings out bands, Toms shoes

By DEVIN SANCHEZ STAFF WRITER

Chrome hosted its Third Annual Chrome Live! Music festival and the Toms Shoe's Style Your Soul event Saturday.

The festival was an all-day event and featured music, food, shopping and painting shoes. Each attendee of the festival was given the opportunity to decorate their Toms shoes. Event coordinator and Toms representative Kiko Velez said the idea of painting the shoes was one of the main components of the festival.

"About three years ago, a few of us students got together and decided we wanted to paint our Toms," he said. "We talked to Chrome, and our Toms rep, and it has evolved into this."

And the painting was in full swing. There were mothers decorating for their children, friends throwing ideas out to one another, and the artists, who would carefully plan their design for the shoe.

Velez, a senior sociology major from Clovis, N.M., became a Toms representative in the region, and now is more of a liaison between Chrome from the first year.

"Our first year we had 250, our people like them so much. second year we had 680," he said, "and this year we are expecting more than 1,000."

Many students attended the event and were partaking in painting their Toms. Tables were set up with paint and paint brushes for people to work at. There was even spray painting and said Lubbock's Toms consumption has



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AMY BREWER, LEFT, a freshman broadcast journalism major from Ennis, and Katy Kirkpatrick, a sophomore elementary education major also from Ennis, paint pairs of Toms shoes during the Third Annual Chrome Live! Music Festival Saturday at Chrome.

a station set up for those who wished to spray paint their shoes.

Josh Mead, a sophomore zoology and the Toms representative in Austin. major from Houston, accompanied Velez said the number of shoes sold for and guided his friend through her shoe this year's festival has more than tripled decoration. Mead said he didn't own a pair of loms, but could understand why

> "I have never been to an event like this," he said. "It's cool to see how much people get into doing something good for someone else."

The reason for the festival's success in Lubbock is due to how well Toms have done in Lubbock. Velez played a big role for the company in

"Per capita, Lubbock gives Toms so much business, and so much support," he said. "Lubbock has the most immense heart for giving and helping others, and it's so easy to help with Toms."

Wendy Escobar, a freshman business major from Plainview, was painting her shoes at the event. Escobar said she bought her Toms specifically for the event.

"I just thought that it would be fun to be able to decorate our own shoes, listen to music and do something good."

The planning for the event began in late November and was expensive, Velez said. The event required the work of many volunteers and the help of many sponsors. As for deciding what music to have, Velez said he kept the local taste in mind.

"We talk about who we want locally," he said, "then we think about what jives with the local community, then we go after it.'

The lineup at the festival included Estelline, The Orbans, Spivey, Thrift Store Cowboys, Matt Costa and Ben

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Students, bands 'rock' plaza despite weather

By BROOKE BELLOMY STAFF WRITER

Despite chilly weather and some harsh winds, Texas Tech students gathered between the Student Union Building and the University Library in the West Plaza to listen to three bands rock the stage Friday night.

Jana Vise, assistant director of Student Union and Activities and Tech Activities Board adviser, said considering the less-than-perfect weather, the than TAB expected.

"We had a great turnout even with the poor weather," she said. "The T-shirts and food were gone within an hour, but the students still showed up and stayed to listen to the music. They even lined up to meet the bands after

The first performance of the night was South Texas Hippies, who were given the honor of being the opening act by winning TAB's singer-songwriter competition. The South Texas Hippies took the stage at 7 p.m. and were followed by the indie-rock band Colours of Dallas. The final band to rock the plaza was Mae, of Norfolk, Va.

Although most students said they to the concert to listen to Mae, they still really enjoyed hearing new music from an unknown band, Colours.

Ross Girouard, a junior marketing and management major from Rowlett and TAB's concert coordinator, said this was the committee's goal when

booking Colours and Mae together. He said committee members listened to both band's music and knew Mae had a large following, but they thought the two bands would do well playing one after another.

Alesha Ward, a sophomore psychology and Spanish major from Marshall, and Ben Lane, a sophomore social work major from Marble Falls, were among some of the students who showed up to see Mae and were converted to being Colours

"We liked listening Colours," Ward turnout for the concert was even better said. "We're going to look up some of their

Hearing a comment like Ward's is music to the ears of Colours band members, Phil Carter and Rico.

"(Colours) is a smaller band and we know a lot of the people (at the concert) didn't know us," he said. "But we love playing for new people. We had a blast.'

Rico and Carter said they had a great time performing and they hoped the students had as much as they were having on stage. Although this was their first time to play in Lubbock, they said they look forward to getting another opportunity to here.

"Everyone is so nice," Rico said. "We've really been spoiled here. We'll find a way to get back here again.'

Girouard said he especially enjoyed were initially only interested in going when Mae took requests for songs at the end of their set from the audience because he could tell how much the students enjoyed that.

> "That's my favorite part of the night," he said. "You could tell by the audience's faces how much they loved that."

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'Dragon' wings it back to No. 1 spot with \$15 million week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "How to Train Your Dragon" continues to breathe fire at the box office, while newer releases are mostly blowing smoke.

The DreamWorks Animation adventure took in \$15 million to reclaim the No. 1 spot in its fifth weekend of release. "How to Train Your Dragon" opened in first place in late March, then dropped back into the pack. But it has held up strongly and climbed to the top again amid a flurry of so-so new

The tale of a Viking youth and his

Walk ←

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

The center brought inflatables for children to play on and worked with a local Boy Scout troop that made games for them to play. The most popular attractions were Raider Red, the Masked Rider and Tuberville, who all were available for pictures and Tuberville for autographs.

Although she and her daughter had not been able to make it to the walk in past years because of. illness or weather problems, Helene Chamberlin, her daughter Stephanie Chamberlin, who is autistic, and other family members attended this year's walk to support Stephanie and people with the disease.

"We've been to different events for different causes, but this is the first one I've been to where we didn't feel like we were alienated and like we didn't belong," Helene said. "We feel like we're very much part of this community. We didn't grow up in Lubbock, but we feel like we're a part of Lubbock and that's nice.'

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pet dragon raised its total to \$178 million and is on its way to becoming a \$200 million hit.

Premiering weakly at No. 2 with \$12.3 million was Jennifer Lopez's romantic comedy "The Back-up Plan," released by CBS Films. Another comedy, Steve Carell and Tina Fey's "Date Night" from 20th Century Fox, held up well to finish at No. 3 with \$10.6 million, raising its total to \$63.5 million.

Among the weekend's other newcomers, the Warner Bros. action flick "The Losers" flopped at No. 4 with \$9.6 million. Disney's nature film "Oceans" coming in at No. 8 with \$6 million.

"How to Train Your Dragon" nearly regained the No. 1 spot the previous weekend but wound up a close second to Lionsgate's superhero comedy "Kick-Ass." In its second weekend, "Kick-Ass" slumped to No. 5 with \$9.5 million, down 52 percent from its debut, lifting its total to \$34.9 million.

Revenues for "How to Train Your Dragon" were off a scant 23 percent from the previous weekend.

"To be No. 1 in week five, it's an had a solid opening for a documentary, exciting time," said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation. "Especially to be decisively No. 1 after last weekend's box-office shenanigans."

The box office had ended in rare photo finishes for two straight weekends as movies bunched up tightly in the rankings. Though "How to Train Your Dragon" was the clear winner this time, top movies again were crowded closely together as the weekend's newcomers failed to grab-





Tech soccer ends spring with Red-White game

STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech soccer team wrapped game Saturday, which has a certain against Tech — which the Red Raiders uniqueness around it.

Unlike other Tech sports teams that get NCAA allotted practices in the offseason, the soccer team opted not to take itself so seriously in its intrasquad scrimmage.

"We just wanted to have fun with it do this for charity and we enjoy it." on our last day," head coach Tom Stone said. "We were playing for a great cause. We raised some money and it was for a good cause and the game was a great way to just let the girls enjoy themselves and get a little work in as well."

The Red Raider soccer team and the Greek fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon Guild of Dallas. Instead of getting right to the organized pregame warmups the Red Raiders normally do, the team the team against the Red Raiders which came out early Saturday and kicked will open their season Aug. 20. the ball around with members of both organizations.

The actual game was played in an eight-versus-eight fashion on a field shortened and narrowed with cones. opposite players evening out the teams.

the crowd with a wireless microphone think we've played well in the spring and and led fan waves as members of SAE and the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas stood around the players' means coaches cannot have organized

benches cheering on the two teams.

Instead of talking game strategy at halftime, Stone invited the two organizations back onto the field and up its spring season with the Red-White challenged them to penalty kicks ultimately won.

> "I think this was really fun," midfielder Dawn Ward said. "It was really good reaching out to our fraternity and sorority groups and I think they're going to come out for games. I'm glad we got to

But the spring season was not all fun

Stone said the Red Raiders put in a lot of hard work into the exhibition season in efforts to give the team more game experience for the 2010 season. Those efforts paid off when Tech finished off its spring season Thursday with a 4-1 joined up to benefit the Down Syndrome win against West Texas A&M, compiling a 4-0-1 record overall.

Tech's only tie came against TCU—

The spring season also helped Whitney Sharpe, a transfer from UCLA, get used to her new teammates.

"It took a little while to get adjusted to the wind and orange, dusty The teams consisted mostly of offensive sky," Sharpe said. "But soccer was easy versus defensive players with one or two from the beginning with the team being awesome and welcoming me right away. During the game Stone talked to I've loved soccer ever since I got here. I should be pretty pumped for the fall."

The conclusion of spring workouts

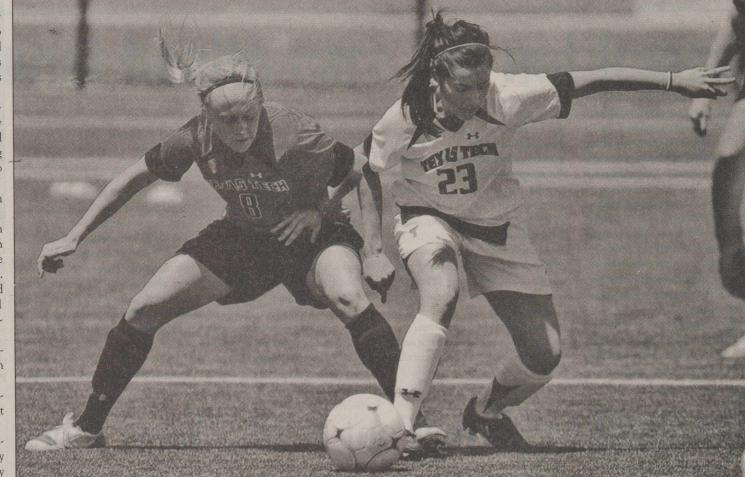


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Tored TEXAS TECH'S MADISON Terry and Sarah Ellison fight for the ball during the Red-White match on Saturday at John Walker Soccer Complex.

practices until August, leaving it up to the players themselves to stay in shape to keep working out and conditioning playing time later in the summer. during summer vacation.

The Texas Tech basketball team

The nonconference schedule fea-

tures six teams the Red Raiders squared

off with last season, including a rematch

with Washington at the Huskies home

arena in Seattle. Tech also will play

TCU, Stephen F. Austin, UTEP, New Mexico and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

— all which are teams from last season's

home games and five games on the road,

starting their season with a home game

against Louisiana-Monroe on Nov. 12.

Tech will then get its first road game out

of the way with a short trip to Denton to

F. Austin, Tech will host two games of

against Liberty and Georgia Southern.

Padre Island during Thanksgiving break

After a home game against Stephen

play against North Texas on Nov. 16.

In total, the Red Raiders will play 10

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ference schedule Saturday.

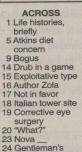
The match closed out the Red Raiders' spring practice.

during the first summer school semester

Midfielder Taylor Lytle said she plans at Tech, as teammates begin filing in for second summer session, we'll probably

start playing more," she said. "When more girls come for the >>> michael.graham@ttu.edu

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to play teams to be determined.



Tech basketball releases 2010-11 nonconference schedule

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreadon D'WALYN ROBERTS and the Red Raiders will play at Washington in

the South Padre Invitational tournament when the Red Raiders square off against The Red Raiders will wrap up nonconfer-

2010 in a re-match of last season's overtime win in Lubbock.

The Red Raiders will then travel to South Roberts in Lubbock on Nov. 30. Following the Oral Roberts game, Tech will travel to Seattle for the Satur-

a tough mid-major opponent in Oral ence with a string of games against TCU, at UTEP, UT-Arlington, New Mexico, TAMU-CC, and finishing with a game

Jan. 4 against Delaware State. Of the six nonconference rematches

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- Nov. 12 Louisiana-Monroe Nov. 16 at North Texas
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- tational (Semi-finals) Nov. 27 at South Padre Invi-
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- Dec. 8 TCU
- Dec. 18 at UTEP
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from last season, New Mexico is the only team Tech did not defeat.

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Astros complete sweep of Pirates

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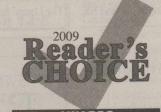
Brett Myers (1-1) allowed 11 singles and struck out six in six innings and Michael Bourn tied a single-game career high with three steals. The Astros have won eight of 10 games after an 0-8 start.



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Tech track brings home 10 titles

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech track and field has only a few more days to prepare for its dual meet against Nebraska, but Tech coach Wes Kittley said many of his athletes are clicking at the right time.

Tech competed at the Sooner Invitational on Saturday in Norman, Okla., its final tune-up before Saturday's dual meet.

"I just see some confidence being built in a lot of these kids and are they're just now running like they've changed," Kittley said. "They're winning things not necessarily with their times being so fast, but they're competing and doing what it takes to win."

Two school records fell Saturday to sophomore Terra Evans and senior Tori Smith.

Evans' record-setting time of 11.28 seconds in the 100-meter dash places her sixth in nation and also was a meet record. Smith finished second in the

100m hurdles to Oklahoma hurdler Latoya Greaves, but broke the school record she set last season with a time

Kittley said Evans made it look easy when she ran her races and he is proud of the way she competed after sitting out last week.

In addition to the women's 110m first-place finish, the Red Raiders won nine more titles including both the men's and women's 4x100 relays.

The women's relay of Evans, Erica Alexander, Candace Jackson and Taylor Evans set a meet record with a time of 44.84

The men's relay had a new look, but the four-man tandem of Rashad Hawk, Markus Henderson, Jansen Hyde and Bryce Brown took first and beat Oklahoma's relay team by .11 seconds, with a time of 40.24. Henderson also won the 100m and 200m.

His time of 20.69 in the 200m is good for 10th in the nation. Hyde's mark of 13.84 in the 110m hurdles is his best this season.

vaulter Shade Weygandt — winning her third consecutive meet — Tyler Menges in the shot put and Sandra Iwunze in the 400m hurdles.

Winrose Karunde competed at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational in Berkeley, Calif., winning the 3000m steeplechase with a time of 10:23.62. Gilbert Limo also competed in California, and although he did not win the 3000m steeplechase, he now sits at third in the nation with a time of

The Red Raiders' meet against Nebraska is their last of the season before the Big 12 Conference Championships on May 14 and May 15 in Columbia, Mo.

"I think this meet gave us a lot of confidence; a lot of people did good," Kittley said. "We competed against Oklahoma who's in our conference so I think it continues to give us good looks at our conference. And I think I'd going to help us a lot competing against Nebraska, We gained a lot of confidence."

Other winners include pole- >> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

Golf ← CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

shot lead into Sunday's final round was happy for her. of action.

Raiders finished fourth.

Junior Nils Floren was second on taking sixth place.

"We just didn't play very good we just didn't get the job done."

On the other hand, Tech womin the Women's Big 12 Champion-plished it. ships in Norman, Okla.

- who finished in a tie for seventh place with Texas A&M's Sarah Beth Davis and Iowa State's Punpaka Phuntumabamrung at 7-over par. The senior followed that up with Robertson knows Kim will not be here a 1-under 71 round to take a two-next year, which is why she said she

"She started out strong with a 71 Despite Ward's play throughout the first day and just really played well the tourney, the team as a whole which was good to see," she said. "I struggled to make a move up the know she really wanted it, being her leaderboard. Oklahoma State took last Big 12 (tournament). I'm proud home the team title with a final of her, I hate that it's her last one, I'd score of 19-under par. The Red like to have her for at least another vear."

The Lady Raiders took fifth place the team, finishing at 2-under and after beginning Sunday in seventh place. A&M won the women's title.

Tech shot 16-over in the final title with a 9-under 279. (Sunday), kind of played bad," said round to pass Colorado and Missouri Tech coach Greg Sands of his team's for fifth place. Rounding out the Course. final round performance. "Chris team's push were Gabby Dominguez, played through the whole tourna- who finished tied for 11th, and junior ment, Nils played pretty good but Alex Gibson, who finished in a tie said. "Wind never died down much

en's golf coach JoJo Robertson was not claim the team title, Robertson but I think that they did what they encouraged with her team's efforts said the team set a goal and accom- needed to. Starting the day, fifth place

Pacing the Lady Raiders was Lady Raiders' 11th-place finish last done." Rosalyn Kim — Tech's only senior season in the Big 12 tourney, which ≫thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

PHOTO COURTESY OF BIG 12 CHRIS WARD WON the Big 12 Conference men's golf individual

was on Tech's own turf at the Rawls

"Final round performance was good — it was tough out there," she and I think everybody played well. Although the Lady Raiders did The scores don't really reflect that, was pretty much what we had our eye The finish is a long way from the on and we found a way to get that

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador FORMER TEXAS TECH cornerback Jamar Wall was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the sixth round of the 2010 NFL Draft on Saturday.

Cowboys draft Wall, other Red Raiders sign free agent contracts said his agent told him there was a pos- camps next week. Wall said having a

By ADAM COLEMAN SPORTS EDITOR

Jamar Wall had to wait until Saturday afternoon to feel what 195 people before picked higher, but he understands how him felt: joy and relief.

"Can't even explain it man," Wall said about 30 minutes after he was drafted. "It's so much relief — waiting that long. It was worth the wait though. explain the feeling."

Saturday and selected Wall with the always been well-coached and really out there to help me improve my game so 196th overall pick in the sixth round. coachable and The 5-foot-10, 204-pound cornerback was the only former Tech player taken eyes to learn and in the 2010 NFL Draft.

What makes things a little better for do. That's what I Wall is the Plainview native gets to stay will do now. Try to

As a three-year starter, Wall had nine interceptions and 34 pass breakups, but a busy day for there are a handful of plays fans might Wall. He said he remember most. There is the overtime received more interception against Nebraska in 2008, than 200 conthe hit on Kansas' Jake Sharpe and the gratulatory text collision with Oklahoma State's Zac messages. He said Robinson last season.

But Wall said his expectations this of being drafted weekend were not high because of the by Dallas is havhamstring injury he has been battling. He also said he was excited when he family and sup-

got the call from owner Jerry Jones on port close to him. Saturday afternoon.

"I was actually kind of surprised because I had never talked to the Cowboys Tech defensive end Brandon Williams except for a little bit at the Combine," Wall said. "I didn't think they had interest. Now I'm a Cowboy."

The hamstring injury took a toll on Wall's Pro Day in March when he had a 40.5-inch vertical jump, but could not with Williams on Saturday and he got and help me learn this position." post a 40-yard dash time that day. Wall some good advice heading into mini >>>adam.coleman@ttu.edu

undrafted.

Wall believes he could have been transition a little bit easier.

But it didn't scare the Cowboys. Wall is now a part of a Cowboys draft has covered.

class that includes Oklahoma State's Dez There's no other feeling. I can't even Bryant and Notre Dame's Sam Young.

The Dallas Cowboys made it official or anything or be lazy," Wall said. "I've others guys, Miles Austin, and everyone

ing all his friends,

from getting on the field.

open ears, open It's so much relief that's what I gotta — waiting that long. It was worth earn me a spot." Saturday was the wait though. ...

I can't even explain the feeling. one of the pluses **JAMAR WALL**

6TH ROUND DRAFT PICK DALLAS COWBOYS

sibility the former Tech corner could go former teammate and good friend already on the Cowboys roster will make the

Another player Wall is familiar with is the issues with the hamstring scared some on the other side of the ball. Bryant, the Cowboys' first-round pick, is one of the many Big 12 Conference receivers Wall

"He's out there to prove something, too," Wall said. "So therefore I'm going to "I've never been one to make excuses get my work in against him and all those

> we can be a successful team."

Other former Tech players are looking for free agent contracts as well. Brandon Carter reportedly signed with the New Orleans Saints and Marlon Winn reportedly signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

Defensive end Daniel Howard accepted an offer from the Cleve-

land Browns on Sunday morning. He He has another good friend who said the Browns plan on trying him out plays for the Cowboys as well. Former at linebacker.

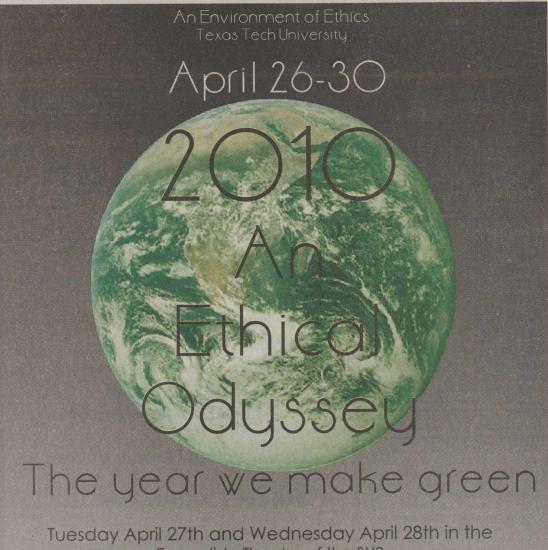
"I have a little bit of familiarity with was drafted 120th overall in the fourth each position," Howard said. "I'm going round of last year's draft. But Williams to have to learn a lot more since I played tore his ACL last year, preventing him defensive end. It'll be a learning experience. Hopefully they like what they see Wall said he spent time on the phone and they take the time to work with me

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