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PART ONE OF A FOUR-PART SERIES ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

## Help WANTED

When students applied to college, many expected to attain a job upon graduation. However, the state of the job market today is not what it once was. This is part one of a four-part series that will focus on the status of the economy and services Texas Tech offers to help students find jobs, whether it is beneficial to attend graduate school now, the impact the economy has had on some of the university's traditionally most successful majors, and unconventional jobs for the newly graduated.



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WITH GRADUATION A little more than two weeks away, students are preparing for graduate school, full-time jobs or full-time unemployment. Although Lubbock's unemployment rate is 6 percent, 3.7 percentage points lower than the national average, soon-to-be alumni hoping to get jobs in Dallas and Houston may be disappointed to find those cities' unemployment rates are higher than 8 percent.

### Career Services expresses optimism despite job market

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech seniors across campus eagerly are counting down the days until graduation. As exciting as graduation day may be, many graduates will only transition from full-time student to full-time unemployed when walking across the stage.

"Five years ago, the economy was good," said David Kraus, director of University Career Services. "It's really only changed in the last year and a half to two years. That's when there was a significant downturn."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics, the national unemployment rate, as of March 2010, is 9.7 percent. Although Lubbock's unemployment rate is lower than the national average at 6 percent, it is still an increase in comparison to the rate in 2006, when many of the current seniors entered college.

Students hoping a change of scenery and a move to a bigger city is the key to finding a job will not be impressed to know that the unemployment rates in Dallas and Houston metropolitan areas exceed 8 percent.

Kim Kelly, a senior general studies major from The Woodlands, said she noticed the change in the job economy during the last two years.

"I'm in class with a lot of people looking for teaching jobs," she said. "It's been really rough on them."

Although the statistics might look grim for Tech graduates, Kraus said it is important to note that this is not an issue unique to Tech or Tech graduates.

"Comparatively, Tech fares pretty well," he said.

Other students are less sympathetic to job seekers who credit their unemployment to the idea of a poor job economy or a shortage of jobs.

Brady Hinson, a senior agriculture communications major from Spur, said he thinks too many people use not being able to find a job as an excuse to not look

for a job.

"If a college student has made enough contacts during college, he or she should have no problem finding a job," he said. "There are still jobs out there but you actually have to pursue them."

Kraus said he admits looking for a job can be a long process and is often not fun, which is why many people lose motivation. A new trend he has noticed is more students are moving back home after graduation. In this case, he advises students to treat looking for a job as their full-time job.

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## KKK distributes fliers in Lubbock

By BRITTANY NUNN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Texas Tech Police Department documented the discovery of hate group fliers from the Ku Klux Klan on April 12 in the C-12 parking lot, and a member of the Lubbock KKK confirmed the fliers are not a prank.

Sgt. Bill Casey, with the Lubbock Police Department in the neighborhood service unit, said at first he thought the flier might be a prank.

"I've been a policeman over here for 30 years, and I've never seen any type of Ku Klux Klan activity," he said. "Not to say they're not here, but they've never come out and pushed things. We know that they exist in certain parts of Texas."

Mayor Tom Martin also said he has never heard of any Ku Klux Klan activity in Lubbock.

However, the flier was not a prank.

The Imperial Kleagle for the Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who lives in Lubbock, goes by the alias "Cowboy Outlaw" for security reasons.

Cowboy said because of the need for family and job security, names cannot be used.

"What people aren't realizing is," he said, "regardless of who we are, we're here for you. Be it Black, Hispanic, Chinese, Korean, we don't care. As long as you are a national citizen of the United States, we protect you. By the Constitution, we have to protect you. We take an oath to protect you."

Cowboy said he could not disclose how many people in Lubbock are members of the KKK.

"It's a secret organization; we're the Invisible Empire," he said.

However, Cowboy said people would be surprised by how many KKK members there are in Lubbock.

He said he joined the Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux

Klan four years ago and was the first KKK member in Lubbock at that time, but the Klan has since grown through recruitment.

As the Imperial Kleagle, he said he is the head recruiter of the Traditional Christian Knights for the whole United States.

Cowboy said he was involved with another white supremacist group from 1989 until 2004, when he left that organization to join the Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

"I left them because of the nature of the offenses that they do," he said. "They're not very Christian, let's put it that way."

He said he joined the Ku Klux Klan because it is a Christian organization.

"And the other reason — the big, main reason — is for the furtherment of our race, our people," Cowboy

said. "To wake up America to what's happening."

"Lubbock's real bad. It's real bad with interracial marriages, openly gays. That's against our Christian beliefs, period. I don't care what kind of Christian you are, that's against our morals. That's against our standards."

Nonnie Ouch, a sophomore sociology major from Arlington, was

elected as next year's president for the Gay-Straight Alliance at Tech and said she believes the Klan is hiding behind Christianity as a "defense mechanism."

"And that's really sad that they're using religion to hide what they're really feeling," she said. "One thing I want to point out is that the majority of organizations that are against homosexuality use Christianity as their only defense. And when they demonstrate, they demonstrate against everything that I've heard that Christianity stands for, and that is love thy neighbor."

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THE KKK

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## Tech offers season tickets to students

By RALSTON ROLLO  
STAFF WRITER

Season tickets for the home games of the 2010 Texas Tech football season, 1,000 of which are reserved for Tech students, go on sale at 8:30 a.m. today.

Scott Orscheln, director of marketing and promotions for the Texas Tech Athletic Department, said the season tickets cost \$120 for students, a 20 percent discount from the public price of \$149 for seats in the same sections.

"The Athletic Department wants to provide for students who are married, want to tailgate, or maybe want to sit together as a group of friends, or

simply want a reserved seat, an opportunity to go ahead and reserve a seat for the entire season," said Craig Wells, senior associate athletics director, in a news release.

Students only may purchase season tickets if they have paid their athletic fee, he said in the release.

The season ticket includes admittance to the six home games of the 2010 football season, and the opponents for the games, according to the Athletic Department website, are Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas, Oklahoma State University, the University of Missouri, Weber State University and the University of Houston.

The seats are located in the new sections on the northeast and north-west corners of Jones AT&T Stadium, Orscheln said.

The price of a ticket for the Sept. 18 game against the University of Texas is \$98 alone, and he said the season tickets are a bargain.

"Having the Texas game in mind, students can reserve a seat and not have to worry about camping out (before the game)," he said. "They can show up right at kickoff if they want."

Dan Myers, a graduate student seeking a philosophy doctorate in personal financial planning, said the season ticket package is a good deal because of the cost per game.

"I think it is great," he said. "It is a fabulous deal. Six games for \$20 each."

Andrew Moriarty, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Austin, said the season tickets would be convenient because students would not have to camp out before popular games such as the Texas game.

"It's pretty good that you don't have to wait out," he said. "I did for the UT game last season, and I felt sick to my stomach."

There are 1,000 season tickets reserved for student purchase, with a limit of two per Tech ID, Orscheln said.

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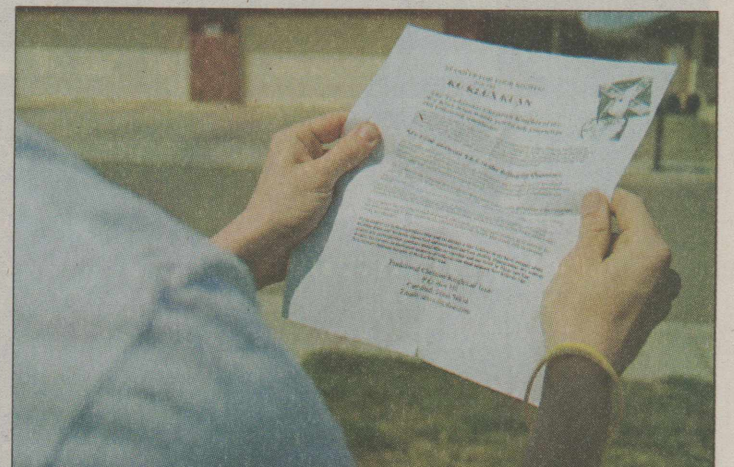


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THE LUBBOCK CHAPTER of the Ku Klux Klan distributed fliers for the group in recent months. Despite the advertisements, local officials have not seen any evidence of the Klan working in the area.

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**STATE**

**1 dead, 1 hurt in east Texas tank explosion**

NEW LONDON (AP) — A fiery tank explosion in east Texas has left a woman dead and a man seriously burned.

Rusk County Justice of the Peace Jerdy Wolverton says the cause of the explosion early Monday near New London is sought.

Wolverton identified the woman

who died as 24-year-old Melissa Helsel of New London.

The Rusk County Sheriff's Office says an injured man was airlifted to LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. His condition was not immediately available.

Wolverton told The Associated Press that the man suffered burns.

**NATION**

**Court: Wal-Mart to face massive class action suit**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A divided federal appeals court in San Francisco says Wal-Mart Stores Inc. must face a massive class-action lawsuit that claims the world's largest private employer discriminates against women workers.

The 6-5 ruling by the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals on Monday exposes the retailer based in Bentonville, Ark., to

billions in damages if it loses the case at trial. The lawsuit was filed in 2001 and includes more than 1 million current and former workers.

The lawsuit alleges that Wal-Mart pays women less than men for the same jobs and that female employees receive fewer promotions and have to wait longer for those promotions than male counterparts.

**WORLD**

**Israel halts east Jerusalem building**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister has effectively frozen new Jewish construction in east Jerusalem, municipal officials said Monday, reflecting the need to mend a serious rift with the U.S. and get Mideast peace talks back on track.

The move comes despite Benjamin Netanyahu's repeated assertion he would never halt construction in east Jerusalem and risks angering hard-liners in his government. One lawmaker from Netanyahu's Likud Party warned the governing coalition could collapse over the issue.

Still, the de facto freeze appeared to offer the promise of reviving peace efforts derailed after Israel announced plans for a major Jewish housing development during a visit by Vice President

Joe Biden last month.

That set off the worst diplomatic dispute between the U.S. and Israel in decades — and prompted the Palestinians to call off a new round of U.S.-brokered peace talks.

The quiet halting of east Jerusalem housing approvals coincides with signs that those talks are now about to start — and could help explain recent U.S. statements stressing America's close ties to Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas signaled Monday he was ready to start indirect talks with Israel after weeks of hesitation. Washington has stepped up efforts in recent days to coax Abbas to agree to the talks, with President Barack Obama's envoy as go-between.

**Corrections**

In Monday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Class hosts Scholarships Golf Scramble," should have stated the event made a net profit of \$4,488.10. *The DT* regrets the error.

In Monday's issue the caption of the photo for the article, "Tech basketball releases 2010-2011 non-conference schedule," should have identified the player as Brad Reese. *The DT* regrets the error.

**Students participate in national hunger study**

By KATHERINE ROWE  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech professor Alan Reifman's research methods class was invited in spring of 2009 to interview those receiving food from the South Plains Food Bank as part of Feeding America's 2010 Hunger Study.

Reifman said there is a national survey every four years of hunger in the United States done by Feeding America, which commissioned a research company called Mathematical Policy Research.

"The reason this is coming to attention a year later is that when you get thousands of surveys from across the nation, it takes a lot of time to tabulate

the data," he said.

Reifman said the project exemplifies the three missions of Tech: teaching, research and service.

"Research can play a constructive role in society," he said. "The findings will enable the hungry to be better taken care of."

Trine Solis-Jackson, director of external relations for the South Plains Food Bank and one of Reifman's former students, invited the class to help interview.

"If it wasn't for Dr. Reifman, I don't know how I would've been able to do the study," Solis-Jackson said. "He helped me out tremendously because we had to have 350 interviews in a short period of time. I was very grateful that Tech allowed him to do this

study project with me."

Kristin Clarke, a Tech graduate from Arlington, was in Reifman's class for the study.

She said in a research methods class, it's easier to take things hands on and many students took advantage of that opportunity.

"We asked them questions that we would think is basic information, but they are really private things for some people, especially people that are in this situation," Clarke said. "They don't want you to know about these things in their lives. It's a touchy thing; you have to be really careful."

Solis-Jackson said the Tech students didn't understand how the people receiving help from the food bank were unable to buy something as essential as food.

The study found 52 percent of the people interviewed in the South Plains area had to choose between buying food or medicine.

"It opened the students' eyes tremendously for them to talk to these clients," Solis-Jackson said. "They start appreciating what they have and how easy their lives are. The study was a good thing for them and a good thing for us because we are able to figure out how hungry Lubbock is."

Clarke said the study helped her better appreciate the things she has.

"We all have problems, but some of the things that we live with are nothing compared to the real life situations that we haven't been exposed to," she said.

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**KKK**

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Johnny Lee Clary, a former Ku Klux Klan member from Miami, Okla., is now a full-time motivational speaker and minister.

He said he works with police departments around the world to educate them on white supremacist and hate groups. He also works with the U.S. Army by giving messages of racial recognition and bringing people of different races together.

Clary was raised in Del City, Okla. He said his father committed suicide in front of Clary when he was 11, and then Clary's mother sent him away to live with his sister in a bad part of Los Angeles.

"I was living in the worst conditions a kid could live in, and I

didn't have anything to my name," Clary explained. "I was looking for acceptance where ever I could find it, and then I met the KKK."

"And so I made the wrong choice at 14 years of age, and I spent the next 16 years of my life involved with those people."

When Klan members started getting arrested and Clary lost his job because of his involvement with the Klan, he decided he no longer wanted to be the leader, so he turned his position of Imperial Wizard over to another man. However, that made the Klan angry.

"All the Klan got ticked off at me," Clary said, "and they started making threats against me and everything else. Finally, I just walked away from the whole bunch of them, and I said, 'Some family this turned out to be.'"

Clary said he could not find a job

and was drinking quite a bit.

"Finally I decided I was going to commit suicide like my father did," he said. "So basically, I loaded up the gun and decided to kill myself. I wrote up the suicide note, and I looked down and there was a Bible."

Clary said he read the Bible all night and then in the morning asked God to forgive him. Clary explained that he got a job and turned his life around. Later on, Clary began going around to schools and talking to people about his experience with the Ku Klux Klan.

"The number one warning is: do not have anything to do with these people," Clary said, "because I know how dangerous it is."

Clary said he warns people about the history of violence and hatred that the Ku Klux Klan has.

"No one joins the Ku Klux Klan that doesn't hate," he said. "They all hate."

"Basically when you run with the Klan, you're going to pick up their hate and you're going to pick up their violence. And so I warn people to stay away from these organizations."

Ouch said she does not see the Ku Klux Klan as a threat to Tech students or to the Gay-Straight Alliance.

"Their agenda is completely warped," she said. "Their idea of white supremacy is unrealistic, their idea of eliminating all homosexuals is Hitler-like, and their appeal to the public will be minimal at best."

"I don't think Tech students know about them, and if they did I would hope that their reactions would be similar to mine."

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"Students often underestimate the time it takes to find a job," he said. "Sometimes, you apply for a job and you might not hear back, one way or another, for several months."

For this reason, it is important for students to begin the job search early. The center offers a plethora of job search tools, job fairs, career advising,

seminars and resume critiquing to help students fare better in their career search. It is not necessary to wait until senior year or final semester to pursue the benefits University Career Services offers.

One program the center recently implemented to help students early on in their college career is the Raider Mentor Network, which is a database of Tech alumni willing to assist students in their career development.

In the first few weeks that the network was up and running, more than

200 alumni registered with the program. Since then, the database has continued to grow.

Antonette Burse White, assistant director at University Career Services, said the program is an invaluable tool for students use.

"Students can contact alum in the specific area they are interested in with questions such as advice on comparing job or internship offers or companies, how the alum got to where they are today and what he or she does in a typical day," she said.

Jared Lay, assistant director of University Career Services, said the network is just another way for students to network and make connections in various industries. He said every career field imaginable is represented but it is necessary for the student to make the initial contact with alumni.

To all of the job seekers, Kraus offers a last piece of advice.

"Stay positive," he said. "It may be obvious, but it is critical."

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## Blue October to make tour stop at Pavillion

While on the road for the band's Pick Up the Phone Tour, Blue October bassist Matt Noveskey took some time to speak with *The Daily Toreador* about his time with the band, their current album, tour and why he's looking forward to returning to Lubbock.

Blue October, Hurricane Bells, 10 Years, Powerman 5000 and Three Days Grace will take the stage at 7 p.m. tonight at The Pavillion.

**How long have you been with the band?**

I actually joined at the end of '98, and then I was gone for a couple years earlier in the 2000s between 2002 and 2005, but since then I've obviously been back.

**What got you into playing music?**

My entire family is very musical. Pretty much just about everyone in my family plays an instrument of some sort. My uncle played bass guitar when I was a kid. I would go see them; I would hang out and listen to them play and I was really drawn to that instrument. I also listened to a lot of Motown, and to me bass is cool because you got to play drums and guitar at the same time. It's a very rhythmic instrument. I just leaned towards it. A lot of bass layers are sort of like failed guitarists. It's like the band needs a bass player, so the guy that wasn't as good on guitar, we gave him four strings. But for me that was a much different thing; I found it much more intriguing than anything else.

**What can you tell me about the tour the band's on right now?**

It's been fantastic. It's been great because at least in the U.S. we've been off road for so long we really seem to miss it and go, "Gosh, we haven't been out to Chicago, Boston and Dallas and all these other cities." And it's been so long you start to miss fans and that experience of being on

road with boys. Getting back out felt really good right off the bat, and we needed it. We've had a lot of sold-out shows. The crowds have been awesome and really, really positive. It's been a good feeling all around and is definitely a good experience.

**How long has it been since the band has toured in the United States?**

Well, we toured Europe twice since last U.S. tour; we toured Europe this spring and last fall. It's been since August or September of last year since we've done a proper U.S. tour.

We canceled a tour we had planned in between because Justin had an extent in the hospital. He had to spend some time in the hospital because he had a major anxiety panic attack that really put him out for a while. It was sad, but we had to stick it out as a family and get through it and that's exactly what we did.

**Where's it going? Are there any cities you're looking forward to playing in?**

We've gone from Atlanta, up East Coast, up through the Midwest, Chicago, and we're coming back down through Texas. We're actually doing a few Texas dates which we're really excited about. It's always great to go home; that's where our old friends are. It's like seeing your family again.

A couple of cities we haven't played in a long time. We haven't played Lubbock or Odessa in a long time so going back, I mean it's been a couple of years, it's a really good feeling.

**What do you think of Lubbock?**

I love Lubbock; our tour manager is actually from Lubbock. When we first got going, that was one of the places we'd go hit time and time again to build up a following and it was a really good city for us so when we go back there, we see friends we've had for 10 or 12 years now. It's a lot of fun.



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(FROM LEFT) BLUE October band members C.B. Hudson, guitar; Matt Noveskey, bass guitar; Justin Furstenfeld, vocals and guitar; Ryan Delahoussaye, violin, keyboards and backup vocals; and Jeremy Furstenfeld, drums, will be performing their Pick Up the Phone Tour stop in Lubbock at 7 p.m. tonight at The Pavillion.

It really is; it's a good feeling.

**Is there anywhere specific you like to go when you're in Lubbock?**

We never really get to go out; we're always pretty much stuck where we are. But we played Bleacher's (Sports Café), that's where we'd always go eat and play and hang out after the show. We had friends that worked there back in the day and it always seemed like that's where we'd go have dinner so it's kind of an old tradition.

**Do you plan on going back when**

**you're in town?**

The venue we're playing isn't very close, but I wish. I'd like to go back, it's been a long time.

**Will Three Day's Grace, 10 Years and Powerman 5000 be going with you on the entire tour?**

No, it's just for this show. It'll be more like a festival-type show with a couple of the bands. It's definitely something we like to do, by playing with more bands here and there. We did a show in Boston last week where Red Jumpsuit Apparatus was

on the bill with us, doing stuff like that keeps it interesting, too. The guys from 10 Years, we've known for years so it's kind of nice to go see old friends and get together and actually go out before the show and watch another band that you're not seeing every single night.

**What should your fans expect when they come see the show?**

Honestly, a lot of bands get up and go through the motions and they go on tour and especially towards the end of tour, they're tired, and they're

doing what they're doing because that's what they do and there's not a lot of substance behind it or emotion behind it. With what we do, every word is sincere and it's from the heart. When Justin is performing he means it. I think that's what people latch onto and I think that's why we have such a solid fan base and fans that have been with us for years. I think it's a powerful show.

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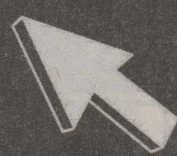


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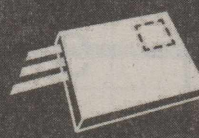
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## New Arizona law is unwise

This past week, the Governor of Arizona, Republican Jan Brewer, signed into law one of the most controversial immigration bills with a debate not rivaled but by those from decades previous.

The law, which does not take effect until 90 days from the adjournment of the Arizona legislature, allows for police officers or any other civil agent to question immigration status.

Although I believe immigration is an issue, I don't believe this law is the answer. It forces those who are immigrants living in Arizona, particularly along the border, to think twice about calling the police for a legitimate crime committed, such as rape, murder or drug possession in fear of being asked their immigration status or being threatened of deportation if they do not comply.

Furthermore, it places the police between a rock and a hard place. A large portion of the population in Arizona, especially along border towns, is an illegal population. Police officers will come across illegal immigrants several times, if not dozens of times, during any ordinary patrol route, and may be forced to decide who gets turned in and who does not. However, what place does a local police officer have in determining who stays and who goes? It's simply not their jurisdiction.

Plus, there is the increased instance of racial profiling. Cops may seek out those who are illegal just to ask the dreaded immigration status question. Checkpoints could even be created along Arizona highways.

**Colleen Gartner**



If I were illegal, I would not answer. I would rather be uncooperative than lie to a police officer in that situation, particularly if it spared the rest of my family.

Similarly, I believe we should not let red or yellow tape prevent us from identifying illegal immigrants. Immigration is an interstate issue; it affects all of the states bordering Mexico. The state government of Arizona simply doesn't have the jurisdiction to decide the fate of illegal individuals.

The federal government currently reigns over it with hundreds of men and women under the state guard, the National Guard and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

That doesn't make the system perfect, but if we are going to grant the local governments that exclusive power, each border state should have the same power. Each state should remain equal.

Overall, Arizona is "representing what's best for Arizona" at the expense of both its sibling states and stepping over what the federal government currently works tirelessly to improve.

It is like that border fence. People still dig under the fence, and the fence stops at the border of one state, only to be built whenever the next state gets around to constructing it, regardless of where the funds have originated from. We should take what we have learned from this and realize the position of the United States must be consistent to have any significant impact.

Now, understanding Arizona's frustration is relatively easy. There is a strong influx of people coming from a country that they felt was not offering them enough opportunities. In doing

so, Arizona must take on increased responsibilities in terms of law enforcement, education and other social services without much more funding from lawful taxpayers.

On the other hand are entire families who risk life and limb just so their children can have a better shot at a decent life, a life that couldn't be obtained otherwise in the Central and South American region.

Now, many of my ancestors were immigrants. They spoke a foreign language, and they tried to find the American Dream. They may not have come from Mexico, but they came with the same hopeful spirit in their hearts. Although the United States is not as welcoming today as it was before to immigrants of other countries, I am optimistic that there is a solution that does not involve the law in Arizona that was just passed.

After all, illegal immigrants are not objects that can stack like boxes; they are humans who want a better future. I can't blame them because I, too, would swim across the Rio Grande for the sake of my family.

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## US health care in political shambles

**By MIKE DURAKIWICZ  
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"For most of the 20th century, people fled the ghosts of communist dictators, and now you are bringing the ghosts back into this chamber," said Rep Devin Nunes, referring to President Obama's health care overhaul. In response, CNN pundit Roland Martin said, "That's just stuck-on stupid." According to Martin, opponents of Obama's agenda are "nutcases" who "couldn't spell communism, socialism, much less identify it."

My mother and father, who, unlike Roland Martin, have lived under communist despots for 27 and 26 years respectively, did not share CNN's views on Obamacare. "It's as if (Rep. Nunes) stole the words from my mouth," said my father, who fled from Polish communism in 1989. CNN pundits simply cannot comprehend why people who have experienced the receiving end of "social justice" do not respond warmly to statist "solutions" to health care.

If President Obama intended to reduce health care costs, he would

pass tort reform to reduce the damage done by ambulance-chasing lawyers, allow people to carry health care across state lines and remove the over 1,900 mandates causing those premiums to increase. More federal employees, more government dependency, more Democrat votes.

But fear not, comrades — Indiana, under conservative governance, has already pioneered the solution to Obama's seizure of the health care industry. Health savings accounts, optional for the state's public-sector employees, have exploded in popularity since their inception, while dramatically driving down costs. The program will save the state some \$8 million dollars in 2010 and has bolstered policy-holders' salaries by \$30 million.

In Russia, where health care is "free" and hospitals are nationalized, doctors are the second-lowest paid profession (after teachers). Professor Konstantin Kustanovich of Vanderbilt remarked of Russian hospitals, "I could tell you horror stories." Unless Indiana goes to Washington, comrade, that won't be necessary.

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## Interdependence is overrated

We always talk about how the nations of the world should depend on each other and work together for global peace and security. We formed organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations to encourage international cooperation.

However, often these organizations encourage dependence instead of cooperation, and when this occurs, dangerous consequences are brewing.

Take Greece for example. The European Union is bailing out Greece. The country has so mismanaged its affairs that now Germany and other European powers are offering \$60 billion to prevent Greece from going belly-up. Now, this may seem like a drop in the barrel compared to our \$700 billion TARP program, but the chunk of change is significant.

What does Greece contribute to the world economy? Greece's largest amount of income actually comes from tourism. Although I love Greek history and believe ancient Greek poli are worth saving and treasuring, it seems a little ridiculous to me it makes its money from the past and not the present.

Why is Greece being bailed out? The European Union is bailing out Greece because it must. Greece's economy is connected to the euro, therefore Greece's

**Roy Long**



problem is Germany's problem, France's problem and even Luxembourg's problem.

For Europe, "Let Greece go bankrupt," is not an option. No matter how irresponsibly the Greeks have handled their finances, more prosperous nations are being forced to help out of sheer self-preservation.

This is not to say that economic cooperation is worthless. Trade agreements can increase world product variety and encourage entrepreneurship worldwide. However, these agreements quickly can become dependence. For Europe, this dependence can bring down the prosperity of countries that actually contribute to the world economy such as Germany and Great Britain.

The difference between cooperation and dependence is self-reliance. Self-reliance is not "going it alone," but rather, it is organizing our affairs so that, in case every other nation has a meltdown, we

can still make it.

Economic self-reliance manifests itself in many ways. The movement to remove our dependence on foreign oil is one manifestation. What about our dependence on foreign investment, such as the Chinese owning federal bonds? What about our food situation? Do we produce enough food to feed our nation if all countries stopped importing goods to our nation?

Why are we spending millions and billions of dollars on the United States Agency for International Development to countries which are not doing their best to protect our national interests? Why do we support other countries with our money when they do not support our objectives?

Our help is not obligatory or mandatory for us. If countries do not want to cooperate, they cannot be dependent on our help too. I say we get out of Dodge when they refuse to support us.

It's not impossible, but it is difficult to organize ourselves in this matter. We must stop spending our money in fruitless venues. According to Ben Bernanke, we have three options as a nation: We can cut back on benefits from entitlement programs, raise taxes or do a combination of the two, if we want to continue our standard of living.

Now, raising taxes will not solve anything if President Barack Obama continues to expand an inefficient government bureaucracy and to spend our money on this nebulous group that he claims is deprived of every right on the planet.

As a nation, we can both encourage our own national economic policy to keep us financially secure and self-reliant at home. We can also promote our interests abroad by making trade deals and our aid conditional on other countries' performances. We will encourage other countries to be less dependent on our money and more self-reliant by only dealing with nations, which cooperate with our own.

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FROM FRONT, SPENCER Riebschlag, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Sugarland, and Daniel Vitiello, a freshman finance major from Rockwall, climb the rock wall at the Robert H. Student Recreation Center on Monday.

Tuesdays with Tina: Environmental duties

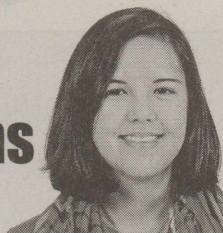
Some of the attendees at Chrome Live! this weekend unpleasantly surprised me.

Several of us from Seva, a student group on campus, went to promote the Second Annual Green Week at Texas Tech and collect recyclables. The people at Chrome were nice enough to allow us to set up shop in a small area near the entrance of the music festival.

Collecting recyclables was a last-minute idea and none of us owned any official looking recycle bins. So, we collected items in a kitchen trash bin and a big blue plastic bin that my boyfriend and I normally use for recycling.

I taped homemade signs to them, announcing the purpose of each bin — plastic and glass in one and cans in the other. We kept bags on hand to empty each bin as they filled up. And we placed the bins beside a large trash can.

Tina Arons



Sometimes people put their cans or bottles in the trash can despite the convenience of nearby recycle bins.

Did they not notice? Did they not care? It upset me. I mean, it doesn't get much easier to do something environmentally responsible.

It was understandable that we only collected approximately nine bins full of recyclables despite the large crowd, because we only had two bins and not everyone knew where they were. It boggles my mind that people would choose not to recycle when the option clearly was available and required no more effort than tossing the item in

the trash.

It rejuvenated my motivation to help more people understand why it is vital to be an environmentally responsible consumer and how to do it.

The members of Seva, myself included, will be doing our best during our Green Week activities Thursday to promote awareness about fair trade and sustainable products.

We'll be giving out samples of fair trade coffee and teas as well as displaying sustainable products from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Student Union Building, with help from Chrome.

We also arranged for a Tech professor to speak about sustainable gardening at 4 p.m. in the Traditions Room at the SUB. After hearing what she has to say, several Seva members will host workshops.

I'll be talking about how to switch from store-bought chemicals to eco-friendly, homemade

cleaning products. It actually costs the same or less as store-brand cleaners and it is equally effective.

Other workshops include a demonstration of how to make your own notebooks and how to compost. We also plan to have a potluck of dishes made from local foods during this time, too.

Please consider coming, if only for the free stuff. Maybe we'll change your habits as a consumer, and maybe we won't. The important thing, at least if you ask me, is that more people become aware of the issues and the available alternatives.

By the way, I appreciate everyone who took advantage of our recycle bins last weekend, especially the random strangers who helped me fish out cans and bottles from the trash bins. It's good to know not everyone loves pollution.

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'The Losers' actors make shaky-camera flick better

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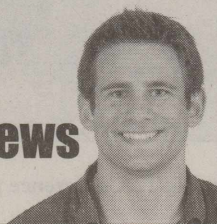
Talk about a coked-up, high-octane, sporadic film.

An elite team of special forces ops find themselves double-crossed in the Bolivian jungle by a man they know only as Max. When they are presumed dead, they plot their revenge and a way to stop Max.

This is a hard film to pin down and write a concise review on because the action and storyline are so hectic. It just bounces of the walls for an hour and a half and makes no qualms about the kind of story it is trying to tell. I suppose that's why I enjoyed it for the most part.

The story moves quickly and wastes no time in getting past preludes and jumping right to the action sequences, which at times employ the shaky-camera method enjoyed by so many these days (I'm not completely sold) and just really fast back-

Jake Matthews



and-forth frames between characters.

Much of what makes "The Losers" a winner (kind of) are the characters and how much fun it is to watch them together.

The actor most deserving of attention is Chris Evans, who I'm pumped to see in "Captain America." Evans plays Jensen, a tech whiz with a quick mouth. He's a really funny character and you can see how Evans is enjoying himself here. He can straddle the line between awkward dweeb and smart ass better than most. I was on the verge of tears in one scene during a confrontation between Jensen and some

security guards. Good stuff to watch.

Next up on the notables is Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who plays Clay, the leader of the group. Clay is a character whose whole identity revolves around his position in the military. He's rough and rugged and manly but he has a soft spot in his heart for his men and for loose women. None of that is a character complex addressed very deeply in the film, though. I'm not very familiar with Morgan's body of work but I would love to see what all else he is capable of. He seems to be an actor with great potential. However, it bothers me that he wears the same outfit throughout the whole movie.

The other character I want to draw attention to is Max, played by Jason Patric. I've enjoyed Patric in most of the work he has done, but not so much here. Granted this is an inconsistent movie but at least most of the characters are consistent. Patric just plays Max all over

the place — at times he is this menacing, single-minded business man and at others he is a quirky, eccentric character who is evil and knows it, but at the same time, he loves it. The latter is much more fun and fits the context of "The Losers" so much better. I wish Patric would've just sealed it down a tad bit more quickly.

"The Losers" speeds along and wastes no time in allowing the audience to watch explosions, sex and humor. It doesn't hold a candle to action films in the same vein, but the characters and the banter they share back and forth really seal the deal on it. For what its worth, "The Losers" is a winner.



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Justin Bieber Australian concert canceled after paramedics called

SYDNEY (AP) — Thousands of frenzied teenagers, who spent the night camped out by Sydney Harbour awaiting a concert by pop star Justin Bieber, surged toward the venue Monday morning, sending at least eight girls to the hospital and injuring several more.

Police canceled the performance after the swarm, which may have begun when rumors spread that the 16-year-old Canadian heartthrob had arrived early. In the crush, at least 10 girls fainted, and paramedics had to pull them out of the crowd, according to Australia's Network Seven. Of the eight sent to the hospital, one fractured her knee cap, though most had hyperventilated.

"We were expecting this to be the biggest concert we ever

had, but we just couldn't have foreseen this scale," said Grant Denyer, the weather presenter for Network Seven's Sunrise program, which was planning to broadcast the open-air concert.

Police said the station was well prepared, but that the frenzy of 5,000 fans got out of control.

"They wouldn't listen to our directions, so hence they left us with no option," Deputy Commissioner Dave Owens told reporters, adding it was a concern that so many youngsters were out at night without their parents.

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# Tech softball cruising after sweep of Jayhawks

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**  
STAFF WRITER

One week ago, Texas Tech softball was in ninth place in the Big 12 Conference and in dire need of some more conference victories.

After consecutive two-game sweeps of Big 12 opponents Oklahoma State and Kansas, the Red Raiders are that much closer to the postseason.

Tech (35-12, 7-8 in Big 12 play) defeated Kansas (18-29, 1-13) 4-2 and 4-1 on Sunday in Lawrence, Kan., with some timely hitting and dominating pitching.

Tech coach Shanon Hays said his team's approach has not changed all season, and he is proud his team is battling game in and game out.

"We had a good week," he said. "We had two good series, and we played well but you know you want that to carry over but there's no guarantee, and I think that we feel like we're in a good place right now for sure."

The Red Raiders' sweep of the Jayhawks makes it easier for Hays to feel comfortable about his team's postseason chances, he said.

Last week, Hays said he would feel good about his team's at-large chances with seven conference wins and great with eight conference wins. Even though the Red Raiders appear to be clicking at the right time, Hays said the formula for winning is the same.

The formula Hays speaks of

is good pitching, backed by solid defense and timely hitting. Against the Jayhawks, the Red Raiders had all three, but the wins began in the circle.

"(Ashly Jacobs) and Karli (Merlich) both threw very well this past week, they were just what the doctor ordered," Hays said. "They complement each other well because they are totally different styles of pitchers and I can't say enough about how well those young ladies threw."

Merlich and Jacobs have 11 and 13 wins, respectively, and have been catalysts to Tech's recent four-game win streak.

On the offensive end, Tech has benefited from some timely hitting, including a three-run home run from third baseman Emily Bledsoe in game one. The Red Raiders only mustered up four hits on the day, but they made them count.

Despite the low hit total on the scoreboard, Hays said he was pleased with his hitters' approach at the plate and he has been for the past month or so.

"We're swinging at better pitches than we were and we're getting better counts to hit the ball," he said. "And so our girls are lining it up and as a result we got the timely hits."

The Red Raiders have three more games left in the regular season, all against ranked opponents. Their next game is at 7 p.m. Thursday at Rocky Johnson Field against No. 14 Texas.

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TEXAS TECH HAS swept two consecutive series to lift its record to 7-8 in Big 12 Conference play. The Red Raiders face No. 14 Texas at 7 p.m. Thursday at Rocky Johnson Field.

## Run-ins with Johnson ignite old fire in Gordon

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Jeff Gordon, for at least a decade, was the biggest star in NASCAR.

He dominated the sport on the track, steamrolling his way to 47 victories and his first three championships over a four-year span during which he was nearly unbeatable. And he

transformed NASCAR away from the track, becoming the first driver to dazzle Madison Avenue and earn mainstream endorsement opportunities that the entire industry ultimately benefited from.

The spotlight eventually shifted, though, to teammate Jimmie Johnson.

With four consecutive championships and 50 wins over eight years, Johnson is now king of the road.

And Gordon, the original "Four-Time," seems just about over it.

"He's been testing my patience," Gordon said after Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway, "and it's about reached its boiling point."

Rarely since Johnson's 2002 arrival has Gordon been publicly negative toward his one-time protege. They had nothing but praise for each other during their epic 2007 championship battle, and have been careful not to create the appearance of anything but a friendly rivalry.

That's changed over the last two weeks as Gordon has gone through a

clear public shift after incidents in consecutive races.

He was caught griping over his team radio during last week's race at Texas, where he was annoyed with how hard Johnson was racing him. "He just wants to be treated different than anybody else," Gordon told his crew while sarcastically referring to Johnson as "Four-Time" — Gordon's industry nickname.

Then came another incident late in Sunday's race, when Johnson saw Gordon flying through Talladega traffic and ducked low to get in front of him. Johnson insisted he was trying to get in position to work with his teammate, but misjudged Gordon's closing rate.

## Roethlisberger says he won't appeal suspension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A chastened Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger accepted his six-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy Monday and promised to "comply with what is asked of me — and more."

In his first comments since the NFL handed down the penalty last week, Roethlisberger apologized to his teammates and fans for his behavior last month in a Georgia bar, where a 20-year-old college student accused him of sexual assault.


"The commissioner's decision to suspend me speaks clearly that more is expected of me. I am accountable for the consequences of my actions. Though I have committed no crime, I regret that I have fallen short of the values instilled in me by my family," Roethlisberger said in the statement.

Roethlisberger was cleared of charges,

but commissioner Roger Goodell cracked down on one of his biggest stars because "you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville (Ga.) that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

The two-time Super Bowl winner said that while it will be "devastating" to miss games, "I will not appeal the suspension and will comply with what is asked of me — and more," he said.

"I am sorry to let down my teammates and the entire Steelers fan base. I am disappointed that I have reached this point and will not put myself in this situation again," Roethlisberger said. "I appreciate the opportunities that I have been given in my life and will make the necessary improvements."



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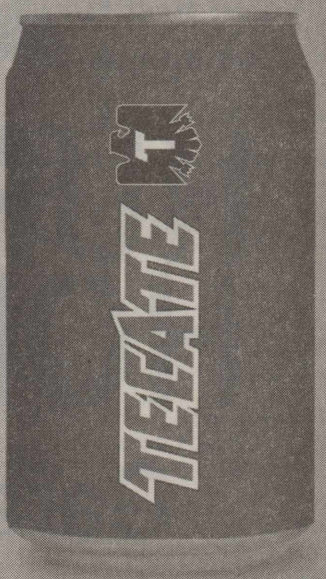
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# Big 12 announces pairings

By **JOSHUA KOCH**  
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With the regular seasons complete for the Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams, the next stop is in Austin.

No. 13 Tech fell to No. 9 Baylor (20-5, 4-2) 6-1 on Saturday in Waco, but Oklahoma is on tap in the Big 12 Conference Championship quarterfinals on Friday.

"Every team in the Big 12 is very good," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "Oklahoma is an important match for us not only because it is the first match, but also because if we win, our ranking should stay in the Top 16. We are giving ourselves a chance, now all we got to go out and do is take care of business, and I think we will."

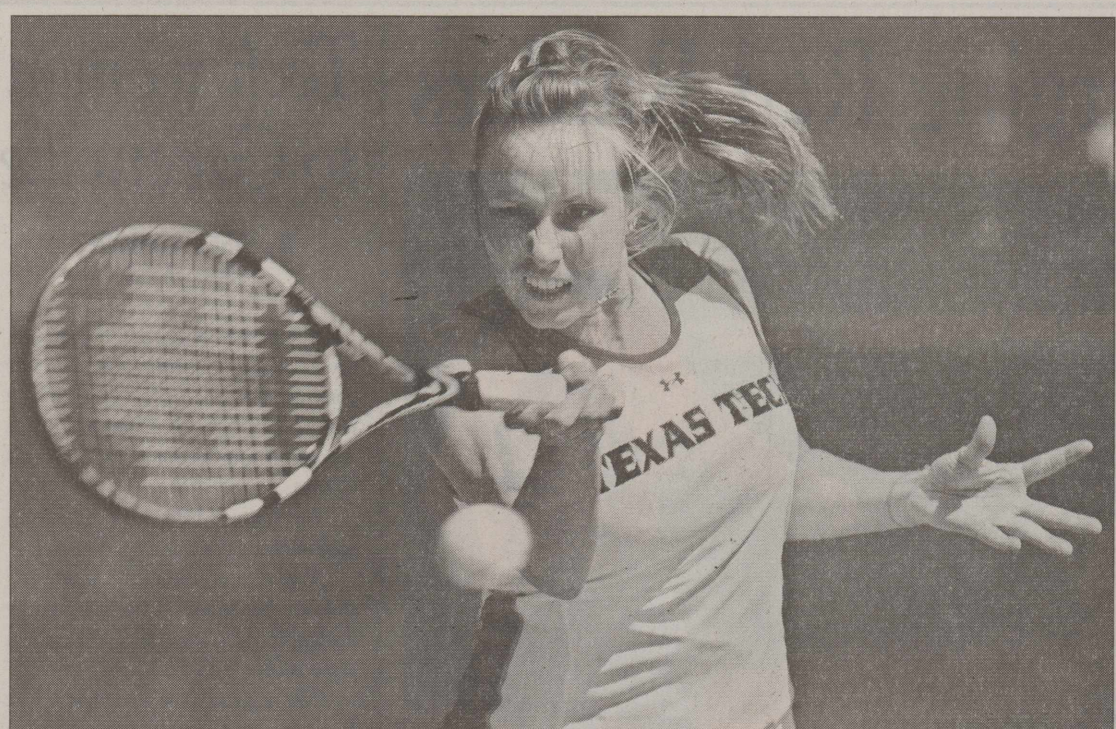
The Red Raiders are the No. 4 seed in this year's Big 12 Championship, finishing the season with a 3-3 conference record.

But maybe one of the highest points of the season was Tech's 15-match win streak that spanned more than two months. No. 13 was the highest ranking the Red Raiders had in this season's JTA Rankings. Sophomore Raony Carvalho charged into the Top 10, at one time being ranked as high as No. 6 in singles.

Tech's duos of Carvalho and Rafael Garcia, and Gonzalo Escobar and Andre Stabile were the two doubles pairs that were in the rankings all season long.

Siegel said looking back on this season, there was quite a bit to be excited about.

"The most impressive thing is that



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TEXAS TECH'S STEFANIE Peana and the Lady Raiders face No. 11 seed Missouri in the first round of the Big 12 Championships, which begin Thursday in Austin. The Tech men's tennis team will face Oklahoma in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament, which begins Friday.

we are 20-4, ranked as high as 13 in the nation, with a team full of freshmen and sophomores," he said. "That's something I didn't expect, something I'm very proud of. This team has really done a tremendous job."

The No. 70 Tech women's team finished the season one game under .500 at 10-11.

This weekend the Lady Raiders split their final matches of the season by defeating Kansas 6-1 and losing to Kansas State

5-2, Friday and Sunday, respectively.

"I think the most impressive thing was the way we started, and the way we finished," Tech coach Todd Petty said. "I think it's an impressive thing when you're starting four freshmen to have that maturity to keep battling every week."

The Lady Raiders started four freshmen in the lineup this season, but they still have one last chance to make a run, starting with No. 11 seed Missouri

on Thursday.

The pairing might be good news for the Lady Raiders. Tech beat Mizou 5-2 in Lubbock earlier this season.

"By this time the girls are ready to play, there's not a whole lot you can do," Petty said. "Just get home, get some rest, pick up on some school, have a light hit. The girls are hungry, I think the girls think they can make some noise in the tournament."

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## Tech's Sharpe signs rookie free agent deal with New Orleans

Former Texas Tech defensive end Brandon Sharpe signed a free agent contract with the New Orleans Saints after being undrafted in this weekend's 2010 NFL Draft.

According to the team's website, Sharpe is one of the Saints' 14 undrafted rookie signings. The Saints made the announcement Monday.

The former Tech player joins another former Red Raider who signed a free agent contract after going undrafted. Brandon Carter signed a contract to join the Saints after the draft.

Sharpe left Tech as with the most sacks in a season in school history with 15. The total also was second in the nation behind Texas A&M's Von Miller.

ESPN's Scouts Inc. had Sharpe as the 22nd best defensive end in the draft, but Sharpe did not get his name called.

Last year was Sharpe's breakout season as a Red Raider. In 2008, he had one solo sack. One of the most standout performances in 2009 for Sharpe was the Nebraska game, where he had a season-high four solo sacks. There were four games last season where he had two solo sacks and all 15 of his sacks totaled for a loss of 104 yards. Sharpe joined a handful of

## 2010 Tech rookie class

CB Jamar Wall, Cowboys  
OL Brandon Carter, Saints  
DE Brandon Sharpe, Saints  
OL Marlon Winn, Vikings  
DE Daniel Howard, Browns

former Tech players who went undrafted this year. Daniel Howard signed with the Cleveland Browns and Marlon Winn signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

Sharpe and Howard combined for 23 sacks last season. The two were key parts of former Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill's 4-3 defense.

The two also were key in helping the Red Raiders reach the Valero Alamo Bowl last season.

The only Tech player to get drafted this year was cornerback Jamar Wall, who was taken by the Dallas Cowboys with the 196th overall pick in the sixth round.

This year's draft has a different look for Tech compared to last year's. In 2009, names such as Brandon Williams, Darcel McBath, Louis Vasquez and Michael Crabtree headlined the draft for the Red Raiders.

According to the Saints' team website, Carter and Sharpe will participate in rookie minicamp, which starts May 7 and wraps up on May 9.

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## Lobos on tap for surging Red Raiders

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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When asked what he expects for Texas Tech's mid-week game against New Mexico today, Jamodrick McGruder gave a straightforward answer.

But maybe his answer is the best way to describe the Red Raiders' recent mid-season surge.

"We expect to go out and win like we always do and play hard," the freshman leadoff hitter said. "That's all you can ask, is for us to play hard. Play hard and you win."

Tech came away with a fourth consecutive Big 12 Conference series win this weekend at Kansas, taking two games from the Jayhawks. The Red Raiders also set a few records in the process. In the 21-10 thrashing Sunday, Tech tied a school and Big 12 record for doubles in a game with 12. Tech closer Chad Bettis also etched his name in history and became the school's all-time career saves leader Sunday with 15.

The Red Raiders (24-20) will take their good fortunes on the road against the Lobos at 2 p.m. today in Albuquerque, N.M.

Maybe what stands out most about this game is it being one of the final nonconference games of the year for Tech. The Red Raiders' final nonconference game is on May 18 at Northern Colorado. Additionally, Tech has three more conference series left on the schedule. But the New Mexico game also is the first time Tech gets a crack at the Lobos (24-17). The two squads were scheduled for a game on Feb. 23 in Lubbock, but inclement weather canceled it.

Now Tech has to go on the road against an UNM team on a small win streak as well. The Lobos have won three consecutive games after a sweep in a doubleheader against Air Force.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Stephen Hagen puts out a player in one of the Red Raiders' games earlier this season. Tech will look to knockoff New Mexico at 2 p.m. today in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Lobos also are pacing one of the best teams in the nation in No. 15 TCU. New Mexico and TCU are the only Mountain West Conference teams with at least 10 wins in conference play.

The Lobos turned heads earlier this season, too, taking two of three from then-No. 1 Texas in February. That series win was right before the Lobos were scheduled to face Tech.

Tech players are hoping their success during the last few weeks carries them into this game.

But Tech catcher Jeremy Mayo said that success has been because of his teammates' resiliency. The

Red Raiders have won nine of their last 12 and still sit third in the Big 12 standings as the season winds down.

Some of that resiliency showed in the Kansas series this weekend, when Tech dropped the first game 10-2.

"It shows how tough our guys are," he said. "Grinding it out. Joey's neck's been hurt. He's been playing every day. It just shows how tough and durable our guys are. We just stay at it. Every win we can get is huge for us."

Considering how well the Lobos are playing, a win for Tech might help the Red Raiders' case for an NCAA Regional berth even if the

Red Raiders underachieve in the Big 12 tournament in May. Mayo said he believes the Red Raiders' accomplishments this season should be enough to push Tech into a regional.

But for now, Mayo said the Red Raiders just keep searching for wins.

"Just go into every weekend with the intent to win, every game that we play," he said. "If we keep doing two out of three every weekend, we're going to be at the top, make a regional and do what we've been wanting to do all year."

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## Tech women's golf headed to Greenville for regionals

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
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About this same time a year ago, the Texas Tech women's golf team was coming off an 11th-place finish in the Big 12 Conference Championships despite hosting the tourney at the Rawls Course.

But that was before Jojo Robertson took over the program.

A year later, Robertson is starting to leave her mark on the program by leading Tech to its first NCAA Regional since 2008.

"We're going to be going to the East Regional, East Carolina (University) is hosting it," Robertson said. "I don't know anything about the golf course and I don't think any of our girls have ever played there, so going into it without knowing anything about it sometimes is a good thing. You don't really have any expectations. I think we're in a pretty good place."

Tech is the No. 14 seed in the East Regional and tees off in the first round of play beginning at 11:30 a.m. May 6 in Greenville, N.C. The Lady Raiders are the only Big 12 team in the East Regional.

The top eight teams from each region will advance to the 2010 NCAA Women's Golf Championship from May 18 through May 21 in Wilmington, N.C., along with the top two individuals who are not one of the eight qualifying teams.

The announcement comes just a day after Tech took fifth place in the Big 12 Championships in Norman, Okla.

For Robertson, making regionals is just a matter of hard work paying off for her players in a season that saw improvement from last year. But the team's start is probably a reason Tech has a chance to compete for a national title.

Tech opened its fall campaign by taking fifth place in the Ptarmigan Ram Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., and fol-

lowed that up with a first-place finish in the Heather Farr Memorial in Boulder, Colo. Junior Alex Gibson also won the individual tourney title in the Heather Farr Memorial, helping the team to that victory.

By making a regional, the Lady Raiders also have the chance for some more exposure on the national scene, which may pay dividends for the future of Tech women's golf.

"Hopefully it's the start of many regional tournaments and even NCAA tournaments," Robertson said. "Just to be able to have that on our website and for the girls to tell their friends about it, recruits to see it, that's where it all starts. As much as we can get our name out there and have people start talking about our team — whenever we show up at a tournament to be considered the team to beat, that's what it's all about."

As for the Tech men, they will have to wait until May 9 to find out their destination for regionals. Tech has to wait until all the conference championships around the nation are finished.

Tech men's golf coach Greg Sands, however, isn't worried about his team's chances against teams from other strong conferences. He said the Pac-10 Conference has five of the Top 10 teams in the country.

His confidence may be warranted, considering the difficulty of the Big 12, along with the confidence he has in his team.

"I think this is probably our best team," Sands said. "I told the guys (Sunday), we really started to play consistently well. We've gotten great rounds out of Chris (Ward), great rounds out of Nils (Floren), he's played good all year. So we have two really good players that are probably going to get All-American awards."

"We feel like if we can get some contributions from that 3, 4, 5 spot, we can compete with anybody in the country."

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## Mavs have history-buckers on their side

DALLAS (AP) — Shawn Marion took on a new role for the Dallas Mavericks on Monday: Motivator.

With the Mavs facing a 3-1 deficit to the San Antonio Spurs, Marion told his teammates how they can overcome the long odds, speaking from the experience of having been part of the last team that pulled it off.

"They believed they were the better team that year, had a couple of tough losses, stuck together and fought through it," Dirk Nowitzki said of Marion's speech. "That's what you have to do in a situation like that — keep believing in each other, play together and just play a little smarter and a littler harder down the stretch and we can get it done."

History says they can't. Of the 189 teams in a hole this deep, only eight have clawed all the way out.

The Mavs have a few thin vines of hope they can cling to, starting with their connections to the last two teams that did it: Marion's Phoenix Suns in 2006, and the 2003 Detroit Pistons coached by Rick Carlisle, who is now Dallas' coach.

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