

Experience of a lifetime Students



for CASA to host 1st meeting

Advocate group hopes to attract Tech students

By EDMUND ROSTRAN NEWS EDITOR

Tech Students for CASA will host its first meeting Sept. 8 in the senate room located in the SUB.

Appointed Special Advocates, is a program started by a judge in Seattle during the 1970s, which gives advocates an opportunity to help children who were neglected or raised in an abusive environment.

Rose Carkeet, development director for CASA in Lubbock, said the ties, which unfortunately our area has judge who started the program was used to hearing criminal court cases but was soon transferred to handle juvenile court cases. There, the judge had to make decisions regarding the lives of children in a mater of minutes. Carkeet said the first case the judge had was of a three-year-old girl named Sarah that he still tears up

about to this day. She said he had no time to get all the answers he wanted and decided to start a program to fix the problem.

"He still wanted more information so he started recruiting community CASA, which stands for Court volunteers and friends in his area of Seattle," she said, "and he started this court appointed special advocates, and its grown to be a national movement."

She said there is at least one CASA organization in every state and 59 in the state of Texas.

"Here locally we serve six counconsistently placed among the highest in the state for confirmed victims of child abuse in the last several years," Carkeet said, "and then last year we placed number one, and that's not

Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales uses White House experience, Texas roots

By KASSIDY KETRON STAFF WRITER

Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales gives Texas Tech students a special learning opportunity to hear about the time he spent working at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

For those not familiar with the address, that's the White House in Washington, D.C.,

dent George W. Bush as AG from 2005-2007.

Now in his second year at Tech, Gonzales serves as a visiting professor for political sciences and public administration, teaching courses such as policy making and contemporary issues of the executive branch.

"(The students) have a

where he served under Presi- unique opportunity to talk to a cabinet official who served in an administration during one of the most historic, monumental periods of our nation's history," Gonzales said.

Jodey Arrington, chief of staff for Tech Chancellor Kent Hance, said he's known Gonzales for more than a decade because he worked with Gon- **GONZALES** continued on Page 3 >>>

zales when Bush was governor of Texas.

Tech needs more people like Gonzales, Arrington said, who can speak from experience with real-life situations and real-life consequences rather than simulated decisions and scenarios in the laboratory.

of geosciences at Tech, assisted

Beddingfield with her research and

ultimately helped her present the

such a thoughtful, motivated and

ambitious student," Yoshinobu said.

Beddingfield set out to prove her hy-

pothesis that water is in fact beneath

evidence of something that may

be analogous to pressure ridges

the surface of Saturn's moon.

"It was a pleasure to work with

With the help of Yoshinobu,

She said together they found

results from the study.

Research project searches for water in universe

Tech alum invited to geological conference to present findings

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

A recent field study conducted by the geosciences department at Texas Tech tests the theory of plate tectonics on Saturn's moon, Enceladus, to see if there is in fact a layer of water beneath its icy surface.

Chloe Beddingfield, a recent Texas Tech geosciences graduate from McKinney who is now a Ph.D. student at the University of Tennessee, said she initially became interested in the features on Enceladus' surface after receiving images from the Cassini spacecraft, which currently orbits Saturn.

based upon the theory of plate tectonics

"On Earth, plate tectonics is a theory describing the large-scale motions of the planets' broken up lithosphere, which we refer to as tectonic plates," she said.

Tectonics on Enceladus, however, is quite different from that on Earth, Beddingfield said.

"On Enceladus we see a massive amount of rotation," she said, "and therefore transform displacement of plates of ice whose boundaries are defined by a series of brittle fractures."

By using her knowledge of the Beddingfield said the project was formation of structures on Earth, and then comparing them to the findings on Enceladus, Beddingfield was able to form a hypothesis.

> "An important point to consider," she said, "is that many of the observed features suggest that subsurface liquid water may be present in at least a few locations on this small moon."

in a small, equatorial region on Enceladus.

Aaron Yoshinobu, a professor **RESEARCH** continued on Page 2

a list that you want to be number one on."

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RAINY DAY



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador STUDENTS NAVIGATE THE rain-soaked area by the library and Animal Sciences building after rain hit campus Thursday.



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Community Calendar

TODAY

Bombshell Fridays at Hyde Time: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Where: Hyde Lounge 1707 **Texas** Ave So, what is it? \$5 Shot Specials and a live DJ all night, no cover.

Opening Reception - Art Faculty & MFA Exhibitions Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: Landmark and Study Galleries, Art Building So, What is it? A public reception to meet the artists of the "Annual Art Faculty Exhibition" and "Annual MFA Candidate Group Show."

First Friday Art Trail Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Texas Tech Museum So, What is it? New exhibits, activities, movies, planetarium shows and snacks. And, it's not just art either: dinosaurs, historical objects, different cultures and science are all displayed.

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Research

"Pressure ridges are found in sea ice on Earth," Beddingfield said. "Their presence on Ence-

ladus suggests that subsurface water was present beneath these features at one point in time.'

sible source of water on the opposite side of Enceladus.

feature may also suggest a large amount of liquid water was be-

SATURDAY Alpha Tau Omega Gatorfest Time: 5 p.m. Where: Bash Riprocks So, what is it? Live bands and fried alligator. What more could you ask for? Casey Donahew is the featured band at this event benefiting

SUNDAY

the YWCA.

RaiderGATE Time: 10:30 a.m. Where: R-1 parking lot So, what is it? RaiderGATE is a student-run tailgate hosted by the Tech Activities Board. Enjoy live music and food.

MONDAY

Take the day off Time: all day Where: wherever you please So, what is it? It's whatever you want to do. We suggest a barbecue.

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

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The pair found another pos-

been studying a massive block job of teaching and research of ice, which may represent a a rewarding experience, said rotating tectonic plate. This neath the surface at least at one point in time.

"Because the cratering density is so low in that area," Beddingfield said, "it appears that the presence of the subsurface water was recent, or is still there."

"Dr. Yoshinobu and I presented this work at the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco, California, and then the North Central/South Central section meeting for the Geological Society of America in Branson, Missouri," Beddingfield said. "It won 'Best Student Poster Presentation' and was then invited to the Geological Society of America conference in Denver, Colorado.'

Tech students like Chloe Beddingfield said they have make a professor's combined Yoshinobu.

Beddingfield said the project along with Professor Yoshinobu's guidance was life changing, allowing her to understand the process of conducting good

2 Tech School of Music professors given awards

By WILL RITCHIE STAFF WRITER

Christopher J. Smith and Jeffrey Lastrapes of the School of Music received university wide recognition when each were given an award last April for their performance in both their field and teaching environment

Lastrapes was awarded the Texas Tech Alumni Association New Faculty Award while Smith, a past recipient of the New Faculty Award himself, received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Lastrapes views the benefits from obtaining the reward with more pride than the actual award

"It's exposure to gaining a national representation," he said. "It means I'm being a good ambassador for Texas Tech out in the world."

Award recipients were first told of their nominations in late November and December. Nominees then had to create a dossier of recommendation letters from other students and staff, along with a resume of accomplishments, to proceed to the next level of consideration.

Dr. Eric Fried, associate professor for the School of Music, is responsible for the information and helped with the award process for the school. Fried said he sends out a detailed listing of what is required for each award and sometimes, such as in the case of Lastrapes, will help them along the way.

"It's not easy to get an award besides being qualified," he said, "It's a long process to document your worthiness to get the award."

After submitting these dossiers,

CASA 🖵 **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Carkeet said the organization has many volunteers who do a number of things to help. She said volunteers can talk with teachers at therapy sessions, keep up with placement information, look at reasons for removal and try to talk with all of the adults involved in the child's life. She said volunteers serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the court system as well. They get to build a relationship with the (children) and really get to know them and their life and their interests and how their case is going — but know them as people as well," she said. All of the children CASA works with are in the foster care system because they have already been removed from their home for abuse or neglect, Carkeet said. "So that can be a range of things," she said. "It can be physical abuse, it can be born with drugs in their system, it can be emotional, sexual, physical. It can also be neglect."

candidates generally wait two to three months to hear the results. In the cases of Lastrapes and Smith awards were announced in

April.

SMITH

Smith feels the awarding process is less like a competition and more of a timely matter.

"It's not really a competition," he said, "its more this person is a particularly good candidate for this particular year."

The physical award does not make Lastrapes as proud as realizing he had a strong support team along the way. Aside from the guidance of Fried, Lastrapes received letters and help from Bruce Wood, Kirsten Yon and various past and present students.

"The faculty all get along really well so it's not a surprise when we support each other," Lastrapes said, "but it's especially nice to get student's comments and support."

Smith agrees with Lastrapes. He said staying in contact with many of his students provided Smith easy access to a network of people who could write letters for him. Before sending off his packet, Smith had the chance to read many of the letters and found the contents humbling.

"Reading those letters and recognizing as a teacher I have made a constructive positive impact on those people's lives is the reward," Smith said.

To Smith the awards are merely a way to mark his success, but the letters showed the effects of it. He learned through this process that the way he and others teach could affect the lives of their students for

child abuse and the child is removed from the home, then a case is opened in court,

Carkeet said. "From that point, if we have enough advocates, and we're not maxed out on our load, the judge can request a CASA advocate be appointed to that case," she said.

Steve Maxner, a member of the board of directors for CASA and adviser for the new Tech organization, said CASA is a unique program in that the advocates get to know the children while working closely with the courts. He said their vision is to make sure the child is represented throughout the entire process. "It's a really special program here in Texas because what CASA does is it provides a voice for those kids within the court that's outside the foster care system," Maxner said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK UMSTOT JEFFREY LASTRAPES WAS awarded the Texas Tech Alumni Association New Faculty Award.

years to come.

"Because you have made such a positive impact on your students, she or he can go out and replicate the posi-

get involved with CASA, but possibly the easiest is the new Tech organization. Maxner said the new club will allow

students to become volunteers for the organization.

"These are for, of course, our students who have a very strong community spirit, want to reach out and help — help our community, help the children in our community," he said. "What we expect and ope will happen is we'll attract quite a few of the students who have already been volunteering to help CASA." Carkeet said CASA currently has about 175 advocates working with children in Lubbock. But the organization needs more.

tive impact on other people's lives," he said. "That's quite a moving form of immortality.'

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by an attorney who is supposed to represent the child's interests. He said there is no way to know how the appointed attorney is representing the child since attorneys often come to the task with a completely different mindset.

"So we eventually want to pick up on those cases as well and those are the kids who, of course, have harder time communicating their issues and challenges," Maxner said Maria Sanchez, president of Tech students for CASA, said the organization was created to promote CASA on Tech campus and to get more advocates for the children. She said she has been actively recruiting members since the creation of the organization. "We had a student organization fair and I made a board that had information on there about child abuse and about CASA and I passed out fliers that kind of told everything about what CASA is exactly and how they are helping out in Lubbock county," Sanchez said. A big part of Sanchez's goal is to show others what is really out there. She said she wants students to become more involved as well. "I know being in college and everything, you are kind of in your own little world, Tech is really like its own little community, and its good to be aware what else is out there and help anybody you can," she said. Carkeet said CASA helped 954 children last year, but there were 353 children that the organization couldn't help. "That's still a lot of lives that need a CASA, that need someone who makes sure they don't fall through the cracks of the very overburdened foster care system," she said.

With the results from their study, Beddingfield and Yoshinobu set out to present their findings.

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"This project made me love science and especially planetary science," she said. "Because of it, I decided to continue working on planetary science as a Ph.D. student at the University of Tennessee."

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Although an important goal for CASA is to care for abused and neglected children, it is not its only goal.

"Now one of the most important goals for CASA is to make sure that child is properly cared for," Maxner said, "but also to make sure the family gets whatever assistance they need, and the parents get what they need so hopefully the child can be reunited with them."

There are many ways for students to

"Our goal is to have just over 300 by August 2011," she said, "so there's definitely an increase that needs to happen in order to do that."

Becoming a volunteer can be easy, but there is most certainly a process involved, Maxner said

"To be a CASA volunteer you have to go through state-mandated training to make sure you are doing a good job and doing this very important work correctly," he said.

Once training is completed and everything has been checked to make sure the volunteer is suitable, that person is provided with a case and sent to meet with the child, Maxner said.

"As we get volunteers — as we get them trained — we accept additional cases and can help a lot more children but we do not have enough volunteers and staff to manage all of the abuse cases of the surrounding community," Maxner said. "In fact, at this point we can not even take on cases and are not taking cases on children who are four years old or younger."

He said children who are four years old or younger are specifically represented

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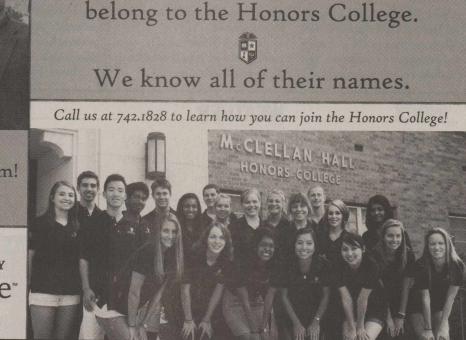
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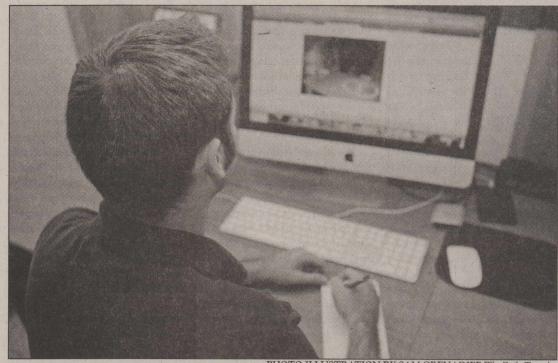


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador MORE COMPANIES ARE turning to Facebook to find information about future and existing employees.

Facebook pages often reveal more than intended

By CAROLINE COURTNEY STAFF WRITER

Good bikini body, heavy drinker, stupid, party animal and moronic are all words that can be used to describe typical college students after glancing at their Facebook page. But many students are realizing these are not the words they want used to describe themselves to potential employers.

At an alarming rate, companies are turning to Facebook to research information on job applicants.

"A person's Facebook page tells me more about them personally than I could ever glean from an hour-long interview," said Steve Dawson, a certified personal accountant for Bolinger, Segars,

Gonzales

Gilbert and Moss L.L.P. in Lubbock. "Generally, what's most important to an individual is evident from their Facebook site."

Students often question why employers check Facebook profiles. Dawson's response is that Facebook paints an accurate picture of who a person is. If he sees pictures of an applicant's service in the community or with family, it could be a positive representation.

Dawson said it is unfortunate that he rarely sees Facebook pages with a positive representation of a person.

While many students feel secure with their privacy settings, Dawson said there is no privacy associated with a social networking site. He is shocked people post their most private intimacies for millions of people to see.

"Privacy settings may deter college students from seeing their friends' profiles," Dawson said, "but if a company really wants to discover the truth about someone, they will find it."

The most surprising aspect of Facebook for Dawson is when students do not use privacy settings and post pictures that offend employers, citing profanity and pictures of total drunkenness as the worst offenders.

Randal Billings, a local optometrist, said pictures of drunkenness show a level of immaturity that he does not want in his company. As a smaller business, he does not look at applicants' Facebooks, but he knows that larger companies Cooke's fraternity monitors Faceinvest much time and effort into Facebook searches.

"I just can't understand why students display pictures of themselves acting stupid," Billings said. image," Cooke said, "but people "Why do they do it? They know it could get them in trouble, but maybe they just don't care."

Mike Mansour, a senior construction engineering major from Houston, said he does not care what people see on his Facebook page. He does not withhold any pictures or comments from his page because he believes he is simply being himself.

"Companies should make the distinction between social life and work life," Mansour said. "As long as you get your work done and don't show up drunk or high, then you're fine."

Mansour said his Facebook is an accurate representation of himself. He does not distort that image and thinks that if employers have a problem with his page, then he does not want to work for that company.

While Mansour does not care what people see on his page, he said a majority of Tech students worry, sometimes excessively, about their Facebook.

Nick Cooke, a senior business management major from Austin, said he remains very conscious of what he posts on his page.

"I have pictures of parties," Cooke said, "but I never post pictures of alcohol because most adults see the way college students abuse alcohol and assume that everyone with pictures of beer is getting wasted.'

Cooke also avoids use of profanity and anything that would appear tacky, but he does not do this solely for potential employers.

book pages of its members to ensure they are upholding the fraternity's reputation.

"Facebook can ruin someone's can create an image that is good too. Facebook really is important to people, whether they are posting or looking at posts.'

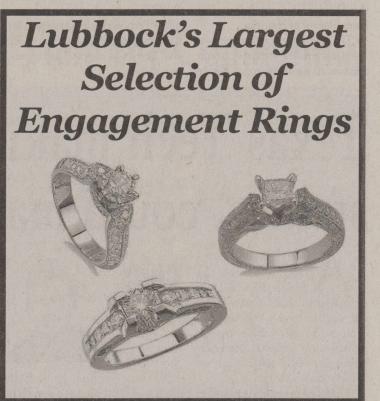
Cooke said Facebook is important to students because it is a great way to keep in touch with friends, it is a fun activity and often it is a means for students to show off.

"People don't admit it, but the reason they post all those pictures >>> caroline.courtney@ttu.edu

of themselves at the beach is just to show how great they look in a swim suit," Cooke said. "Employers and other adults recognize that stuff and it shows immaturity."

Cooke said he customizes his settings on Facebook so certain people cannot see things and it makes him feel more comfortable.

"Even with privacy settings I know not to post some things," Cooke said. "It's on the Internet and it can always get out. College seniors need to start paying attention because employers are on the look out.'



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While charges have yet to be filed, the case has the potential to put one of music's top names in behind bars yet again. "We're not making any observations at this time," said Ed Garland, a defense attorney for T.I. "This is an unfortunate occurrence, and we do not know what the outcome will be."

ences that are really special, really unique to share in a classroom setting," he said. "I think that has incredible value for the goal of educating our students. I think that is invaluable to students."

The change in scenery has been a bit of a surprise for the Gonzales family.

Although the move to Lubbock was a culture shock for his sons, who have lived most of their lives in Virginia, Gonzales said he and his wife love it because of the welcoming community.

His wife, Rebecca Gonzales, said some of the things their family has most enjoyed about Lubbock are the good friends they have made and the many different people they have met.

Alberto Gonzales said he recalled a particular night while out to dinner with his family as an example of the community's warmth.

"The guy sticks out his hand, I mean big ol' hands, and he wants to shake my hand and he says thank you for your service," Gonzales said. "When you have someone come up to you, a stranger, particularly in front of my sons and say that, it means a lot."

Juan Munoz, vice president of institutional diversity at Tech, recalled a time in San Angelo when a woman was brought to tears that she was able to meet Alberto Gonzales.

And while he might not have brought any students to tears with his lectures, Munoz said he considers the judge's presence at Texas Tech to have been very beneficial for the school and its students.

"It's certainly been one of the highlights of my professional career to work with him," he said. "He is the most humble statesman I've ever met."

Arrington also said that Alberto Gonzales was a very humble, soft-spoken person, and credited his Texas roots for much of his personality.

"He's a wonderful human being," he said. "He's a fun person to be around so he's the kind of person that I like to be around and he's somebody I'm proud to call a friend."

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weapons charges earlier this year, 1.1. was poised to have the comeback of the fall.

The multiplatinum rapper starred in the nation's No. 1 movie, recently married his longtime girlfriend, taped a music special for VH1 and was wrapping up a new album. But after an arrest Wednesday in California, there are questions about whether he's returning to the music charts - or prison.

The Grammy-winning hitmaker, who is on three years of probation, was taken into custody with wife Tameka "Tiny" Cottle on suspicion of possessing methamphetamines after police pulled over their Maybach in West Hollywood. They were released on \$10,000 bail early Thursday.

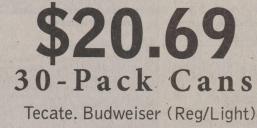
His music label, Atlantic Records, also said it "would be premature to speculate about the current situation given that there

Born as Clifford Harris, he sold millions of albums since his debut and racked up hits like "Whatever You Like" and "U Don't Know Me." He also had top collaborations with artists including Rihanna, Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake.

is an ongoing investigation of this matter."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

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No matter which candidate you support, debate should receive encouragement

students at

racy thrown around a lot. In the United States, democracy is something we all hold very dear, and we should. In our representative democracy the people can influence the way their country, state, county and municipality are governed.

This November the nation will once again head to the polls to vote in midterm elections. Here in Texas, we will vote for governor, among other things. Incumbent Rick Perry received the Republican nomination earlier in the year, and his main contender is Bill White, the Democratic candidate and former mayor of Houston.

The five largest newspapers in Texas and the PBS station in Austin announced a gubernatorial debate

You hear the word democ- will be hosted Oct. 19 in Austin. Currently, the debate only will include White.

Perry is choosing not to debate White unless White releases his income tax returns from 1993-95 when he was Deputy Secretary of Energy and 1995-98 when he served as Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party. The Perry campaign said he will not debate unless the documents are released by Sept. 15. White has released all records

from between 2004 to 2009, while Perry has released all records since 1987.

"Texans are tired of waiting for Bill White to release his taxes, as am I," Perry said in a statement from his campaign, which went on to say that Perry was eager to participate in a debate.

Governor. This edito-

rial board is all for transparency, and if White is hiding something, it should come to light. You know what might be a fantastic forum to call White to the mat on his taxes? Perhaps a televised debate, seen by millions of voters across the state would fit the bill. Also, what do White's

taxes have to do with declining to that impact us not only as Texas

newspapers across the state?

Perry is the

overwhelming favorite to win The governor of the election, so it seems he has the state has many more to lose in a debate. Even responsibilities that so, he should be more than willimpact us not only ing to take to as Texas citizens and the podium and defend his posiresidents, but also as tions and challenge those of his opponent. The gov-

Texas Tech. ernor of the state has many responsibilities

Then, by all means, be our guest, meet with the editorial boards of citizens and residents, but also as students at Texas Tech. He appoints members to our board of regents. He is tasked with managing the state's budget shortfall, which has resulted in Tech cutting its budget.

We deserve to hear what his plans are, because they truly will affect our lives.

We have a representative democracy, in which we elect lawmakers to serve as our voice, rather than having to take time to vote on every issue ourselves. As such, it is incredibly important to know where each candidate stands on issues that are important to us, both as individuals and as a collective body of voters.

Part of our job as members of the media is to help inform the electorate about the candidate.

One easy way for voters to see

each candidate articulate their stances on issues is a debate. There have been debates between presidential candidates in every election since 1976. And in the past there have been gubernatorial debates. Perry even debated the other candidates for his party's nomination in February. Sure, participating in a debate isn't the law, but it is something in which a candidate for major public office should participate.

The Daily Toreador editorial board joins with the editorial boards of nine other university papers in Texas today to implore Governor Perry to debate Bill White Oct. 19.

Jon Arnold for the editorial board.

Texas Tech making great strides, could make more

merican universities are among the best in the world, but even within this country these universities have a very distinct competitive drive. Each vies for prestige and national presence, hoping to leave their mark on this nation's history.

There is probably no better current example of this strive for honor than Texas Tech University

If you've picked up a copy of The Daily Toreador this year, checked your e-Raider e-mail, driven by Jones AT&T Stadium or walked by the construction of the new business building, it becomes painfully obvious of the long strides an ascendant Tech has made over a relatively short ount of time.



endowment to soar from more than \$400 million just a few years ago to about \$736 million currently, according to an estimate by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

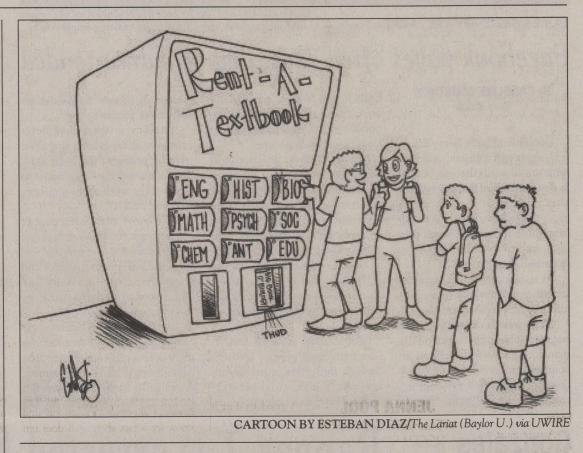
This growth, along with rising tuition, has helped the university not only increase research expenditures, but also provide financing for the construction of the new business building and the additions to the football stadium.

Perhaps the second most important factor in Tech's quest for increased national prominence is its goal of increasing enrollment to 40,000 While Tech is students by 2020. certainly making With size comes power, numerous moves and additional students mean simultaneously additional revto intelligently enue in the form of tuition reach its goals, and lucrative on-campus there are some housing rates. The aforeplaces where the mentioned football staschool would do dium addition, business buildwell to focus its ing and eventually tier-one attention on. status will all help to reinfloor of the business building waiting to see somebody who was out of their office. As I waited in the office I took advantage of the view they enjoy from being so high above the rest of the campus.

Recently I was on the 9th

As I gazed out of the window I noticed how much empty and unused space there is on the roofs of many of the buildings. These rooftops, along with potentially some of the vacant fields Tech owns, would be perfect for the installation of solar panels.

Regardless of ideology on the subject, transition to renewable energies is inevitable. A university would do well to be at the forefront of this transition and take advantage



Excess items ruin Lubbock ISD bond package

This strategy of growth really works from a number of different angles; the central pillar being the school's aspirations to become a tierone institution - tier-one referring to research expenditures (among a few other requirements including endowment size, PhD's awarded and various subjective criteria).

Large research expen-

ditures are essential to a universities prestige as those funds attract talented faculty and can lead to medical, technological and economic innovations. This push for more research and ultimately tier-one status is helped by a larger movement by the state to improve its own national image with regards to higher education.

Texas currently has only three top-tier universities: Texas A&M, University of Texas and Rice University; meanwhile, New York has 7 tier-one schools and California has 9.

Tech has another asset helping its push for ascendency, a relatively strong financial position.

Conservative management of its endowment, along with massive fundraising efforts and government aid has allowed Tech's

fort for growth and subsequent prominence

force this ef-

While Tech is certainly making numerous moves simultaneously to intelligently reach its goals, there are some places where the school would do well to focus its attention on. Financial prosperity, architectural facelifts and adding sheer size to the student population will only take a school so far.

Yes, these things are good, but there will always be schools with larger populations or a larger endowment (Harvard's is roughly \$26 billion by comparison).

One thing Tech should keep an eye on is what it can do strategically to help set it apart from many other universities. There are a few pragmatic ideas that can be utilized to reach such goals, the first being renewable energy.

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of the numerous government subsidies available for such investments. Not to mention generation of your own energy would provide a useful hedge against future fluctuating energy prices.

Another area of distinction Tech could seek to implore would be a business incubator. A business incubator is an entity that funds and guides early stage businesses through what's known as the "gestation phase" of an entrepreneurial endeavor.

A business incubator at a university takes advantage of the various intellectual niches faculty members hold and couples that with the entrepreneurial ambition of students.

This could potentially lead to technological breakthroughs and various successful companies, and at the very least could be beneficial to the local economy, while adding value to the educational experience.

While the steps this university is currently taking are impressive and definitely on the right track to increase national prominence, these suggestions would help ensure that Tech not only competes with other schools, but markedly distinguishes itself from its competitors, telling the nation and potential students that you can gain something here that can rarely be found elsewhere.

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From time to time, governmental entities decide they need to spend a lot of money that they don't have, after the powers that be see that the taxpayer has far too much disposable income.

They may think that the cars are too nice, the real estate market is too good and the people are enjoying their hard earned cash a little too much in their area. The government officials seem to believe that the proletariat shouldn't be allowed these things, because they didn't choose to work for the government and aren't being tightly ground enough under the greedy and oppressive thumb of those which are more equal than others.

Some bonds are fairly acceptable for basic infrastructure such as fire stations, streets and basic school needs; but those that are focused on frivolities should not be afforded the same respect.

Unfortunately, the impending Lubbock ISD bond package is brimming with wishful whimsy. The bond committee put together a massive list that would make changes to every school.

They've allotted \$106 million for school and academic improvements, \$39 million for arts and athletics, \$25 million for safety and security, and \$28 million set aside for

technology, for a grand total of \$198 million.

Now, I do understand that all this is for the children, and I know that many people are going to join the "Every Child, Every School" political action committee that now exists to help dupe people into voting for this particular bond, which will go before the voters as a single item on Nov. 2.

Many people will vote for this particularly exorbitant piece of debt simply because they feel they'll be



doing a disservice to the students of Lubbock ISD in voting against it, but that really wouldn't be the outcome if it failed. I'm not necessarily against borrow-

ing by a school district or municipality as long as it's done responsibly for necessities. That doesn't seem to happen often, and the items included for the bond elections are mostly wants rather than needs. For instance, apparently Lubbock ISD students are spending far too much of their money on outside restaurants during lunch, so all campuses will move to a closed-lunch system, which will require \$11 million to expand the high school cafeterias.

This expenditure is listed as a safety and security measure, since so many students apparently get shot, raped and run over in Lubbock whilst travelling to the lunch destination of their choice.

As for the technological and security upgrades, taking out a long-term bond for these items makes as much sense as financing a computer for ten years. By the time it's paid off, you'll have paid more than double what you should have for it, and it will have been obsolete for the last eight years. Lubbock ISD also plans

to begin ridding the area of the outdated idea of the convenient neighborhood elementary school. If the bond passes, they'll close four elementary schools around the city in order to build two

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new large campuses, at a cost of \$34 million, rather than expansions of the current campuses. The Talkington School for Young

Women Leaders is being expanded at a cost of \$3.5 million, which is a price that's easier to buy into, compared with the cost of the two new schools.

The two replacement campuses will also come at an extreme expense, not only fiscally, but due to the loss of convenience for parents and students. After all, having a campus within walking distance of the majority of the student body could apparently be considered a security breach by LISD.

Lubbock ISD is also heavily touting the fact that this bond will not raise the tax rate, but don't shout the fact that the three phases remaining to be presented by the bond committee will, if approved. The district already has said the rate won't be lowered if the measure doesn't pass. It will simply ensure indebtedness for the district for decades to come.

According to the district's calculations, this feckless file of wanton spending would be paid on through 2044, and would total \$415 million. I've heard higher numbers for the final payoff, but only have proof for the lower number, so I'll just have to accept that for now.

Rather than working to take care of the current debt that's on the books, then taking care of the necessary items in a steady, budgeted fashion, Lubbock ISD believes that plunging the district deep into debt for things that will be completely obsolete in thirty years is the correct course of action. If you really want to keep things better for Lubbock youth, vote against this package. Ensuring a future that no one can afford isn't terribly bright.

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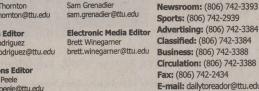
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New website helps users quit dipping

By HALLIE DAVIS Staff Writer

Steven Greenup started using chewing tobacco as a junior in high school. Now, after several attempts to give it up, he still is trying to quit.

"I try to keep my mouth busy with sunflower seeds or jolly ranchers," said the junior chemical engineering major from Houston.

When more traditional methods such as Greenup's don't work, the website mylastdip.com can help people who are addicted to smokeless tobacco.

"There are places where it's almost a part of the culture," said Brian Danaher, the co-investigator for the

project associated with the website. "It's not frowned upon, so people take it up.'

Smokeless tobacco use varies by state, Danaher said, and Texas ranked higher in use than others.

He and researchers at the Oregon Research Institute run the website, a research project funded by the National Cancer Institute investigating effective methods to get people to stop using smokeless tobacco.

A user must first take a survey to be eligible to participate

the videos offer others' opinions and the tracking system is used for accountability.

Jenna Pool, the Texas Tech Wellness Center's health educator, said the website's community aspect was a plus.

"Once someone has made that commitment (to quit), then they can make progress," Pool said. "Some sort of support system and method of accountability is necessary?

She said she encouraged students to join the site or the Raider Assistance program on campus, where a licensed drug counselor is on campus to help people with any kind of substance addiction.

The important thing, both said, was

The most common quitting for health reamisconception is sons. "The most that it's not as bad common misconception is

as smoking because that it's not as there's nothing bad as smoking because secondhand and there's nothing secondit doesn't cause hand and it doesn't cause lung cancer. But lung cancer," Pool said. it can still cause "But it can still cause

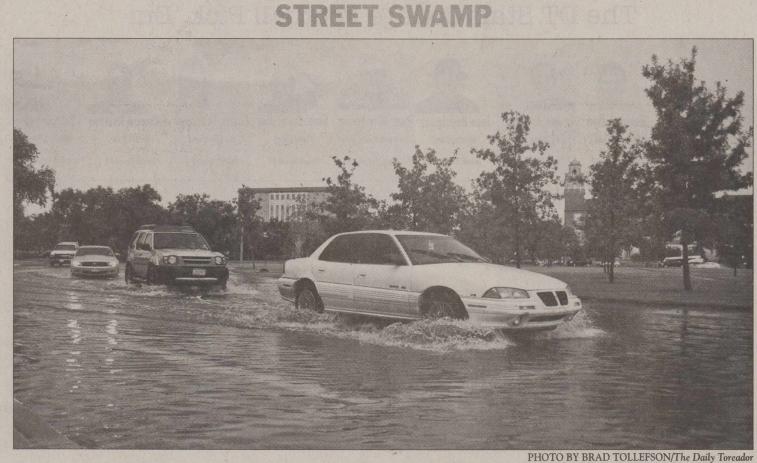
serious oral cancer serious oral cancer and and even stomach even stomach cancer."

99 Greenup said he has **JENNA POOL** tried to quit many times

WELLNESS CENTER'S because he HEATH EDUCATOR recognizes the risk.

Greenup and then will be randomly assigned to said he believes many people

cancer.



CARS DRIVE THROUGH four-inch-deep water around Memorial Circle outside of Holden Hall Thursday.

SECC: Tech Employees Help the Community

By MEGAN AVILA STAFF WRITER

The State Employee Charitable Campaign had its annual fundraiser Thursday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

The SECC is a state-mandated organization that was brought to effect in 1991 by the Texas Educational Association Board of Trustees.

"The SECC is a way that the employees at Tech can give back to the communities," said Grace Hernandez, a member of the organization. "Last year the SECC raised \$499,519 which was 112 percent of our goal and this year we hope to raise \$515,000"

Many non-profit organizations in Lubbock operate from funds raised by the SECC.

"It takes many people to run a campaign...to help the Lubbock communities around Tech," Hernandez said. "Over 25 organizations showed up last year and this year we hope to do even better. People from Tech help the community to help back others in need ... I am from San Antonio and know for a fact that Tech does ten times better when it comes to helping the community, which is a great achievement.'

Participating in the SECC is not andatory for all Tech employees, but

the Superior Campaign Award.

The Exercise and Sport Sciences and Institutional Diversity Departments received the Increased Dollar Amount Raised Award.

Among the organizations the SECC helps are the Hope Community of Shalom, The Salvation Army, Morris Safe House, Hospice of Lubbock and Communities in Schools- South Plains.

Esther Moses, an employee at Hope Community of Shalom, said supporting local children is the organization's primary goal.

"The Hope Community of Shalom helps find out what schools in the Lubbock community need and help by using their building as a community project that helps kids in an after school program, community meals, giving clothes to those in need and helping with support groups for grandparents that are raising their grandchildren," she said.

The local Salvation Army provides services for families and disaster relief using the funds it receives from SECC, said Melody Pator, spokewoman for the Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army uses the funds received from the SECC to sponsor shelter reserves for those who need a place to sleep, disaster relief for when disasters happen we can go and help the people that were involved in the disaster, and family services," she said. "We also run thrift store services and \$0.83 of every dollar goes directly to the Salvation Army."



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador DAVID ABERCIA, THE Chair of the Steeering Committee for the State

one of two "conditions" or methods of quitting. These methods can include videos, information, ways to track progress and forums to interact with others on the same program.

Though the results are not yet conclusive, Danaher said a good number of people are quitting with help from the program.

He said this is different from other online options because it is free, and the site does more than tell people about the risks.

"It's not just a website with info," Danaher said. "It's a behavior change program that listens to the participant."

As the participant keeps track online, Danaher said the recommendations of the program would adjust. He said the website was built on the principles of face-to-face programs,

start around the time he did. when their peers, friends and parents do it. He said it's difficult to avoid.

Now, Greenup said he has few friends who dip and is genuine about wanting to quit, though he didn't think a website alone would help.

access, but it still takes work," Danaher said. "For many, getting guidance in quitting makes all the difference."

from mylastdip.com or not, Greenup said the easiest way to avoid an addiction to smokeless tobacco is to not start.

don't do it," he said.

"The web makes it easy to

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all employees must be notified about the benefits of the SECC and how it can benefit them. Some employees were awarded for helping the SECC. succeed in raising funds.

The Universal Interscholastic League, Environmental Health and Safety, and High Performance Computing Center Departments received

Local animals also benefit from the funds raised.

At Morris Safe House, the funds

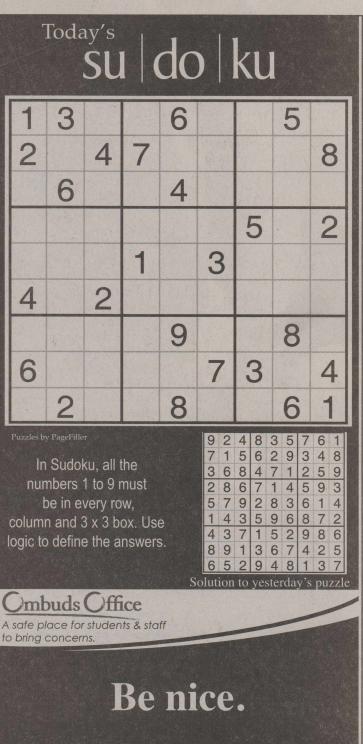
Employee Charitable Campaign, announces departments that went above their goals for charitable donations during the previous school year during the Campaign Thursday in the West Club Level of Jones AT&T Stadium.

received go toward providing animal environment," he said. "(We) give all services for lost and stray animals, said Pat Munoz, a volunteer.

"Morris Safe House takes in abused or homeless animals and keeps the down slide road on Saturdays." animals in a climate controlled living

animals their vaccines, microchips so if the pet gets lost it can get returned to it's owner and adoptions at PetSmart >>> megan.f.avila@ttu.edu





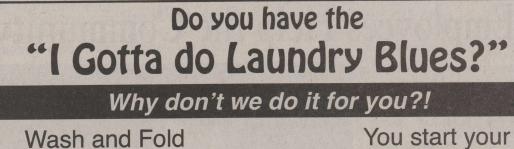
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Tuberville, 'Raider Walk' provide new tradition

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

If there has been a constant with Texas Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville since his arrival in Lubbock, it's been one thing - change.

Of the many changes, such as Tech's new defensive scheme, a more professional atmosphere surrounding the program and refined facilities, comes the "Raider Walk," which Tuberville believes will only benefit the Red Raider nation.

"We want to do the Raider Walk. I think those are things that help us," said Tuberville during Monday's media conference. "(The players) get to see a little bit of the tailgating as we walk through. We'll involve the band, the cheerleaders, pom-pom girls and the fans."

The Raider Walk will allow fans and followers to greet the players as they make their arrival to Jones AT&T Stadium.

Pick 'em is a weekly feature in which

This is the one section of the paper we

The DT's editors try to predict that week's

college football games. Play along weekly

can promise will usually not be accurate.

And remember, don't gamble on college

for no prize.

The walk will begin two hours and 15 minutes prior to the start of the game and the athletics department will announce the walk time each week once kickoff

times are set.

The starting point for the walk will be at the corner of Canton Avenue and the Drive of Champions the corner of Dan Law Field and the City Bank Auditorium - and will proceed from Drive of Champions to the front of the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, coming to an end at the football training facility, east of the Athletic Training Center, referred to as "the bubble."

Tuberville wants to give his players the opportunity to witness the buildup that occurs before kickoff.

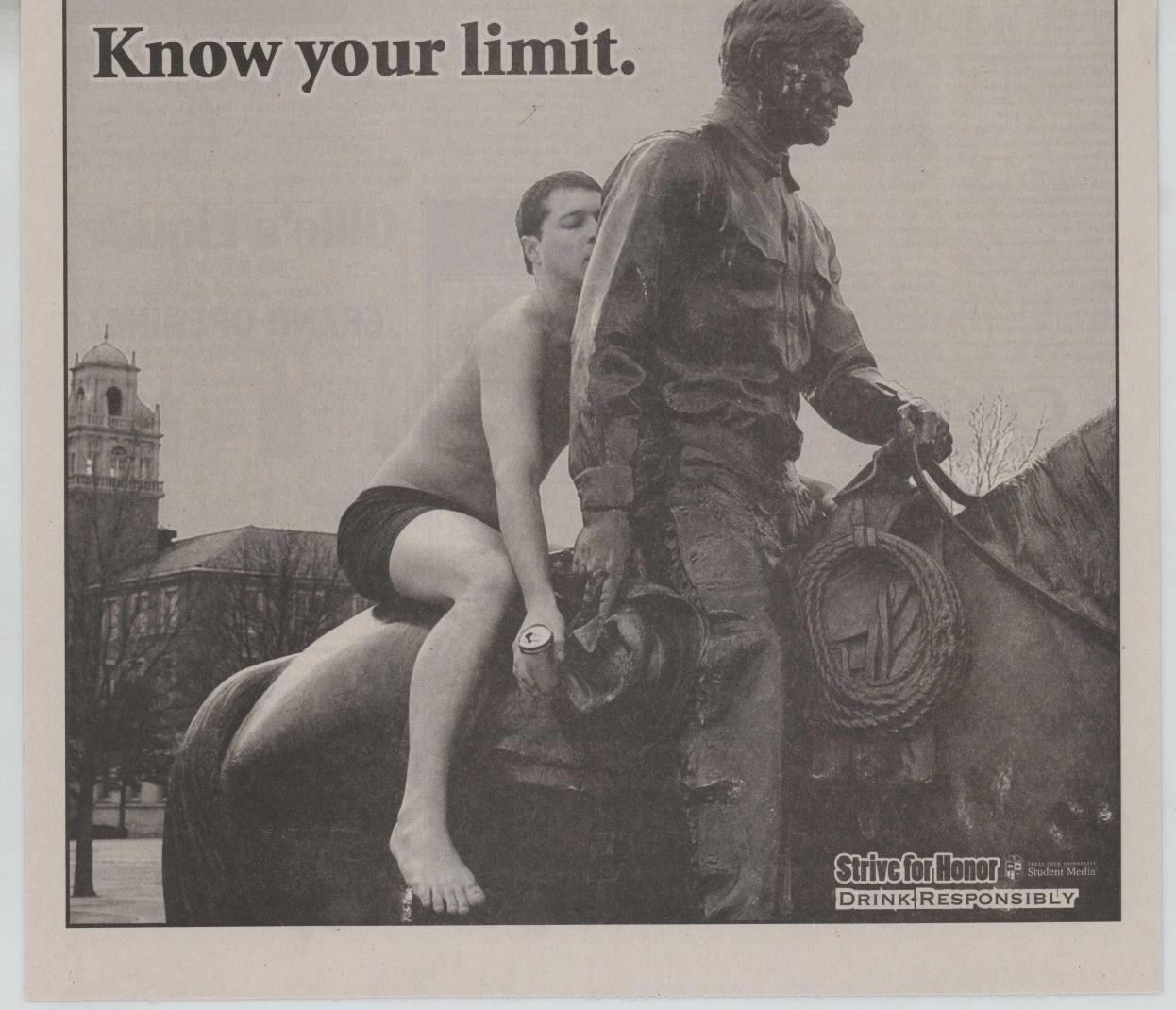
"When you get to the stadium, a lot of times, the players don't realize what went on outside the stadium," Tuberville said. "This lets the fans and players understand the game is coming up and everybody is fired up about it."

So in order to support the Red Raiders to the fullest, Tuberville hopes to see a large crowd of scarlet and black come Sunday afternoon.

"Hopefully with two hours and 15 minutes before game time, we'll have a lot of people out here on the west side of the stadium fired up and getting our players fired up," he said.

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New arrivals at Tech to be tested Sunday | Celebrate start of season,

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

After the most eventful offseason in recent Texas Tech football history, the 2010 season kicks off in just two days.

the first test for a revamped program.

I couldn't have asked for them to do more a 5-1 record as the SMU starter. than they have done," head coach Tommy Tuberville said during Monday's media James Willis from 2009 national champion conference. "They've learned a lot but we Alabama where he served as a linebackers need to play to find out where we're at, our coach. Willis has said the 2010 Red Raider strengths and weaknesses, and when we do that then we can go back to the practice in years past. field the next week and improve on what we did wrong."

Tuberville's head coaching record at Tech. on national TV.

Like all coaching changes, comparisons between Tuberville and former head coach big statement about the new staff's defensive Mike Leach will be made, so a win against approach, an element that played second SMU could be pivotal for Tuberville and fiddle during Leach's tenure at Tech. the new coaching staff to win over fans who made first-hand.

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN

STAFF WRITER

that today's opponent, Ole Miss, achieved

Make the NCAA tournament.

NCAA tournament last year," Stone said.

experience that we would like to have.

"They represent something that we

this weekend's pair of games represents one

of the toughest tests for the Red Raiders.

4 p.m. today in South Bend, Ind., as part

last season.

pete with."

pions and simply playing in the bowl game was a first for SMU in more than 20 years. SMU's offense is pass-heavy and will test

a Tech secondary that will start two sophomore cornerbacks starting at the position for the first time in Will Ford and D.J. Johnson. Tech faces off against SMU, which poses Additionally, the Mustangs return most of its depth at the offensive skill positions "(The players) have practiced hard and including quarterback Kyle Padron who has

> Tuberville hired defensive coordinator defense will be much more aggressive than

If Tech's defense can stifle the SMU offense quickly, the Tech offense - which In addition to being the first chance returns virtually all depth at the skill posi-

Stopping SMU's offense could make a

are reserving judgment of the staff until now," senior linebacker Brian Duncan said they witness the changes that have been after Tuesday's practice. "A lot of prepara- where his offense ranked fourth in the tion has gone into this thing, the past eight nation. Troy ranked behind Florida while hard work, you know seven months with SMU should enter Sunday's game with months has come down to Sunday. I'm ranking two spots higher than Tech, the this staff, everyone is ready to get on the a lot of confidence. The Mustangs finished pumped, I'm double pumped, I'm excited. last season as the 2009 Hawaii Bowl cham- I can't wait to see what some of our younger



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador BRIAN DUNCAN AND Cody Davis team up for a tackle against Kansas last year at Jones AT&T Stadium. Tech hosts SMU at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

be ready for Sunday. I'm excited.'

offense has a lot to prove too. For the first 444 running plays. But Tuberville has time, Red Raider fans will be able to see how said in the past he plans to keep elements much different a fully implemented Brown from the old Tech offensive system. "I just can't wait to get on the field right offense compares to Leach's offense.

> Tuberville hired Brown away from Troy, thinks fans will like what they see. sixth most productive offense. Leach, and interim-offensive coordina-

guys can do for us because we're going to tor Lincoln Riley for the Alamo Bowl to evaluate players in a live atmosphere, tions from last year - should be able to need a lot of their help. But as soon as after Leach's termination, combined to the SMU game will be the first mark on break down the SMU defense for a big win everything comes together, we're going to call 669 passing plays to 319 rushing pays.

At Troy, Brown ran a fairly balanced Offensive coordinator Neal Brown's offense. He called 529 passing plays to Regardless, receiver Detron Lewis

"Everybody is just ready to put that

field and show what we've got," he said. >>> michael.graham@ttu.edu



season kicked off Thursday night with a barnburner between Wake Forest and Presbyterian:

Quite frankly, I didn't care that the majority of games BCS teams played were see the start of the season.

seemed never-

ending, but like a Gobstopper it turned out to be finite. Even though the Red Raider faithful have to wait longer than almost any other fan base to see its first game, one extra day won't kill anybody. I know I'm not the only person ready to stop talk-

hypotheticals.

Sabbath Day than (college) game day, passing the ball. Sound familiar? Sunday should represent the spectacle that always envelops campus when the Red Raiders are set to take the field.

If you're a freshman, or have never No excuses. been over to Jones AT&T Stadium, News writer Dave Curtis got a little carried away in tapping it as the best home-field advantage in the country. The east side buzzing for the season to start.

So, enjoy the start of the season, but season. Enjoy. remember it's exactly that: The start. The *minimum jon.arnold@ttu.edu* beginning.

It won't be pretty football. First games are always marred by yellow flags raining down onto the playing field. Offenses aren't in sync yet. Defenses miss assignments. Special teams are anything but special.

And please, please don't take whatever result Texas Tech achieves against SMU this weekend as an indication of how the season will go. Sure, we'll learn more during the four quarters than we did during four months of the offseason. but remember the Red Raiders' best season ever, in 2008?

That team had a sluggish start against It's finally here. College football FCS-opponent Eastern Washington. They set a school record for penalties, and scared a lot of fans who were prepared for the season that eventually came when Tech found their stride.

I'm writing this before the game to against FCS opposition, I'm just glad to avoid any accusation of bias, for or against, after the fact. If Tech destroys SMU Sun-The offseason here in Lubbock day, it does not mean they'll win the Big

If you're a

freshman, or have

never been over

to Jones AT&T

Stadium, you're in

for a treat.

12 Conference. If they lose, the season is not over. SMU is a much different team than the one Graham Harrell and company picked apart on Labor Day of 2007 and again in Lubbock in 2008. The Mustangs are coming off a bowl romp in their first postseason action

in 25 years. June ing about Tommy Tuberville's team in Jones is turning the program around just as he was brought in to do. Jones has been Even though it's traditionally more criticized for his offense that thrives on

> It's not that the result doesn't matter. Tech should get a win against a Conference USA opponent every time.

But if they don't do it in convincing you're in for a treat. The atmosphere in fashion or if they stumble, it doesn't the Jones is top-notch, even if The Sporting mean Tuberville is a bust or Taylor Potts is inept.

What really matters is that feeling in the air, the campus decked out in scarlet expansion looks beautiful and campus is and black, and the knowledge that we've only just begun another college football

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Stone said today's game will be one of his team to achieve something this season Red Raiders.

performance from all of our players," he Tech looks to extend its scoreless streak an- team that Tom says we are and bring "Ole Miss is a team that got something we're confident. We're excited about the to do that, Stone said his team is going to that we want - they were selected for the challenge.'

Once the dust settles from what should "They played in the NCAA tournament be one of the Red Raiders' toughest games, and they have that experience. That's an Tech will face what is likely to be its strongest opponent of the season.

need to be ready for and we have to com- No. 3 Notre Dame at Alumni Stadium.

But as of Tuesday, Stone said his team's Starting the season off 40, Stone's focus is entirely on Ole Miss, and he hasn't to the NCAA tournament, the pressure another pair of wins. squad is well on its way toward a potential talked about what it's going to take to beat should be on the shoulders of Ole Miss and NCAA tournament appearance. However, the Irish.

All he knows is that his team is overcoming every hurdle it has faced this The scarlet and black play the Rebels at season.

featuring four teams from across the nation. expect to do that again this weekend."

"Its' obviously going to take an A-level said. "We're certainly fit enough, I think other 180 minutes this weekend. In order

"So far every time we've seen a chal-

Off to their best start ever, the Red ourselves these past four games and I Texas Tech coach Tom Stone wants the hardest matchups of the season for his Raiders are quietly proving themselves to think we're ready for them, we definitely

be a force to be reckoned with. Outscoring opponents 11.0 this season, have to make quick decisions on the field against a pair of teams who have biggame tional level. This week, Tech received experience.

NCAA tournament before falling in the program first. At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Tech takes on first round, and Notre Dame advanced all the way to the 2009 Women's College Cup. said her team has to play all 180-min-

Notre Dame more than Tech, Stone said.

Freshman forward Jessica Fuston said she is ready to bring her physical style of Fowler said. "If we just go in and play our play to the Hoosier State. Fuston leads the kind of style of game, then it's possible." Red Raiders with four goals this season.

"We're making our way up the ladder, 4-0, and we've definitely proved are," Fuston said. "We just need to be stronger and harder, be the scrappy

it to them." The Red Raiders are out to prove they should be recognized on the na-14 votes in the National Soccer Coaches Ole Miss was selected to last year's Association of America Top-25 poll -a

Sophomore defender Haley Fowler But since his team has never made it utes this weekend in order to pull out

"I think we just want to go in and show that we're a force to be reckoned with, that we can beat an SEC team," >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

Ole Miss, No. 3 Notre Dame on tap for Tech soccer of the Inn at Saint Mary's Soccer Classic, lenge we've met it," Stone said. "And we

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Tech to officially begin Tuberville era

SPORTS

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

not to mention the ending - of many things associated with Texas Tech football.

The Red Raiders host SMU at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Jones AT&T Stadium, ending an offseason filled with turmoil, Mike Leach news and an eight-month stretch of speculation, while marking the beginning of Tech's season and the Tommy Tuberville era in Lubbock.

So there probably isn't a better way of showcasing Tuberville's product than by playing on ESPN in front of a national audience.

"That's the reason we played this game on Sunday. I wanted everyone to see what this program is about," Tuberville said during Monday's media conference. "We are still here, and we are going to be able to throw the football, run it and play defense and special teams."

Although many may hand Tuberville the title of having the most pressure regarding the results of this season, who have to stop the Mustangs.

GAMEDAY

What: Texas Tech vs. SMU Where: Jones AT&T Stadium When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday

*Note: Game will be televised on ESPN

"You can't control what they do, but you can control how you approach a game, the mental approach, the physical approach," Tuberville said. "My job is to get them to the point where they can learn and put everything together and play well on attack. Saturdays.'

Nothing is certain about the upcoming season, or Sunday for that matter. But Sunday will showcase offenses that are used to lighting up the scoreboard.

In Tech's case, fans will expect to see the usual "Air Raid" offense Leach made popular during his tenure.

The big news during training it will be the players, not the coaches, camp was the announcement that Taylor Potts was going to be the start-

ing quarterback for Tech. Regardless of the starter, whether it be Potts or Steven Sheffield, the Red Raiders will throw the ball around.

But long-time Tech fans may be surprised to see a constant running

Under new offensive coordinator Neal Brown, the running game has been touched up to bring different sets, some of which will have both Baron Batch and Eric Stephens on the field simultaneously.

Batch expects himself, and the ground attack, to play a key role Sunday.

"The thing that's different about this going into this game, I know I am going to be a factor," Batch said



RUNNING BACK BARON Batch and the Red Raiders take on SMU at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Monday. "I am going to get the opportunities and touches this year so I am excited about that."



Potts' counterpart Sunday comes in the form of 6-foot-4, 210-pound sophomore Kyle Padron.

Padron comes off a season during

type of offenses the Big12 Conference presents.

SMU returns three of its top four receivers from last season's group, something safety Cody Davis knows will provide a tough task.

"It puts a lot of pressure on the secondary as a whole," Davis said Tuesday. "We just got to be on the same page defensively. We just got to get out there, read the routes, fly

A win Sunday may silence many of both Tech's and Tuberville's critics, while a loss could only ignite

But regardless of the outcome, Tuberville knows his team will move on.

"The only thing that maters now is what we do going up to this first game and how we play," Tuberville said. "No matter what happens, we will practice next week and start getting ready for New Mexico." ≫jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu

end winless after dropping both of their matches last weekend at the Utah Classic. Tomorrow at noon the Red

Raiders will face a familiar opponent in Texas State.

This will be the 21st time these two squads have met on the court. Tech leads the series 16-4 against the Bobcats.

This tournament also marks the second consecutive weekend the Red Raiders have been on

Although playing at home may provide an advantage, Tech coach Trish Knight said playing on the road for a team can only be beneficial in the long run.

"We did it the year before and we're just use to being on the road," she said. "I think if you can go get some wins on the road that even makes you tougher as a team maybe going into conference which is I think a good thing for us."

The team's record shows only one win, but Aleah Hayes said the team took a lot from last weekends tournament and will use that going into this weekend.

"To prepare for our next tournament we like to take what we've learned from the previous tournament and build off of that," Hayes said. "Of course (we) look at what we need to do better and just how we can improve each individual and as