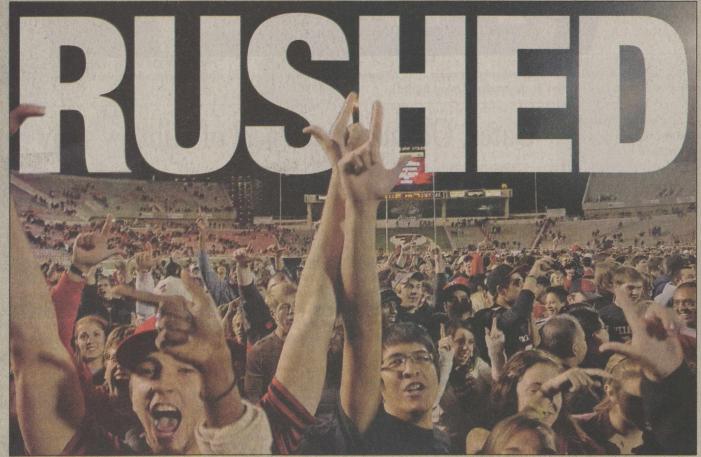
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TEXAS TECH FANS rush the field after upsetting the Missouri Tigers with a score of 24-17 on Saturday in the Jones AT&T Stadium.

## **Red Raiders** upset No. 14 Missouri Tigers

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

It seemed almost too easy for Marcus Murphy and the Missouri running attack. Murphy, listed as the fourth running back on now-No. 20 Missouri's depth chart on Nov. 1, took the handoff from quarterback Blaine Gabbert on a sweep to the right - the third play from scrimmage - and didn't look back. A few missed tackles later, Murphy dashed 69 yards up the Texas Tech sideline and into

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Lyle Leong celebrates after scoring a touchdown during Tech's 24-17 victory against Missouri at Jones AT&T Stadium.

## Wounded Warrior Project inspires Tech to victory



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH COACH Tommy Tuberville runs onto the field after the half of the football game against Missouri on Saturday night at

### **Quarterback Potts on soldiers:** 'Those guys are our heroes'

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Quarterback Taylor Potts came off the bench Saturday and jumpstarted Texas Tech's offense to a surprise 24-17 victory against then-ranked No. 14 Missouri.

After the game, many members of the media expected the always-humble Potts to talk at least a bit about how his performance changed the outcome of the game. Instead, Potts delivered only a two-minute statement

about how the visits of wounded American Armed Forces members paid to the Red Raiders in conjunction with Under Armour's Wounded Warrior Project made a large impact on him.

"I don't think I ever realized that people being at war, maybe once or twice a week, they might engage in battle," Potts said moments after Tech's win. "(A soldier) said every single day you're in a firefight.

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# TxDOT promotes drinking safety on football gamedays

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'Know When to Pass' campaign aims to inform about dangers



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JACKIE CHOI, LEFT, a dance major, and Kortani Rettige, early childhood education major, both freshmen from Dallas, hand over keys to cutout football players that were placed near the center stage at RaiderAlley on Saturday to discourage driving under the influence.

> By JORDAN SIGLER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Department of Transportation set up a truck at Raider

Alley on Saturday to promote its

"Know When to Pass" campaign. TxDOT's Lubbock spokesperson Karen Peoples said the campaign is about raising awareness

of drinking and driving on football

game days.

We have a truck that's going across Texas to major cities that have universities and that have National Football League teams," she said. "Basically, it's a model of a living room where people are sitting around, eating pizza, having drinks and watching the game."

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## Health conference makes new legislation central issue

Professionals discuss recent changes

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

The West Texas Area Health Education Conference, hosted at the Overton Conference Center on Friday, brought together members of the Texas Nursing Team and Health Sciences Center School of Nursing to gain a better understanding of what kind of steps would be necessary to adapt to changes in the health care system in the midst of current reform.

Susan Sportsman, the west region chair with the Texas Nursing Team, opened the conference with a short introduction, exemplifying the important role nurses will play in the new health care system.



SCHOOL OF NURSING Dean Alexia Green speaks about health education during the Health Education Conference on Friday morning in the Overton Hotel.

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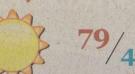
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Reasons to be Pretty Time: 8 p.m. Where: Maedgen Laboratory Theatre

So, what is it? Neil LaBute takes a harsh and humorous look at what matters in love and life in his latest play. Tickets are free for Tech students with a valid ID.

Flipbooks Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Student Union Building

West Basement So, what is it? Organized by the Tech Activities Board, you can bring pictures to life by making your very own flipbook. You and your friends can make a seven-second video clip to be transformed into a flipbook in only 90 seconds.

### TUESDAY

Landscape as Knowledge Lecture: Reynolds and Laramee Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: English building, Room

So, what is it?

Ann Reynolds is an associate professor of art history at the University of Texas, and Eve Andree Laramee is a professor of interdisciplinary sculpture at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Convergence: Korean Prints Now Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Art Gallery in art building So, what is it?

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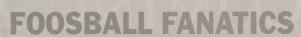




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BOBBY JAMES, A sophomore civil engineering major from Houston, plays a game of foosball against Murphy Imarhia, a freshman chemistry major from Dallas, on Thursday in the Student Union Building.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 and yourself, so you can't die."

Peoples said TxDOT is not coming to Lubbock because the city has a drinking problem but rather to raise awareness among students.

"We are trying to reach the areas that have a well-known college or university so that we can insure the safety of the students; not just the students, but traveling public, as well," she said.

Studies have shown that football game days are some of the heaviest days for alcohol consumption in the state of Texas, Peoples said.

Ashley Gregory, a freshman education major from San Antonio, said it's important for students to have a designated driver.

"It's very important," she said. "For the safety of everyone else

Peoples said TxDOT is hoping to see a decrease in injuries and fatalities due to drinking and driving. In 2009 in the state of Texas, there were 27,237 DUI crashes, 956 of which were fatal.

"It's okay to celebrate, but to just celebrate in a responsible manner, and hopefully we'll see those numbers decrease quite a bit," she said.

Gregory said raising awareness alone may be difficult to change minds but is a positive start.

"I don't know, I think that there are hard-headed kids sometimes, too," she said. "I think that more awareness, too, could help."

Enea Abbud is the account manager for Think Street, which runs the advertising for the "Know When to Pass" campaign.

She said it is hard to change an individual's drinking behavior, and the campaign is not going to change the fact that people will continue to drink.

"I mean, at the end of the day, we've all been in college, we've all partied, so we just want people to be responsible when they drink," she said. "That's our goal. Like what the (campaign) says, know when to pass - just give your keys to somebody and make it home."

Peoples said TxDOT wants to encourage people to plan ahead before they drink.

"I'd encourage everybody to be responsible, think ahead," she said. "If you're planning on drinking, make sure you have a drinking.'

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## Gates, Obama urge repeal of military's gay ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Det heir hopes for ending the 17-year and Afghanistan. fense Secretary Robert Gates is encouraging Congress to act before year's end to repeal the ban on gays serving openly in the military. It's a position shared by his boss, the president.

But his new Marine commandant thinks otherwise and the Senate has not yet taken action, setting up yet another hurdle for gay activists who see their window quickly closing. After Tuesday's elections that saw Republicans chip away at Democrats' majority in the Senate and wrest the House from their control,

old law have dimmed.

"I would like to see the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell,' but I'm not sure what the prospects for that are and we'll just have to see," Gates told reporters traveling with him to Australia this weekend.

Gates said he would prefer Congress act after the Pentagon releases but it has not yet seen a vote in its study of how repeal would be the full Senate, where Democrats

implemented, which is due Dec. 1. That goal, though, lacks to backing of the Marine Corps commandant at a moment the

"This is not a social thing. This is combat effectiveness," Gen. James Amos said.

That hesitation could be enough to give senators permission not to act, activists fear.

The House has passed legislation repealing "don't ask, don't tell," don't have the votes to overcome a Republican filibuster. Democratic leaders says they are trying to reach a deal across the aisle now that Eleccountry is fighting wars in Iraq tion Day has passed.

### designated driver that you can trust, someone that won't be

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"There is a current need for nurses that are committed to health care and to adapting to the new health care legislation,"

After a few brief words, Sportsman introduced Alexia Green, the head chair of the Texas Nursing Team, who delivered the keynote lecture at the conference.

"You are all a part of the Texas team," she said. "You will be engaged with this team as health care reform is integrated in."

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critical stage, the implementation to be prepared for major changes stage, Green said.

'After stepping down as dean of the nursing school, much of my focus has gone to teaching and this Texas team," she said. "This new health care reform is the most monumental thing I have seen in my 40 years in the field of nursing."

The Texas Nursing Team is split into a total of seven regions, with the West Texas region extending from Lubbock to Odessa and all the way to Wichita Falls, Green said.

"Texas has a strategic plan to address current health issues in the future," she said "Nurses, educators and practitioners need

coming forth."

Green said all health care professionals must work collaboratively with the new idea of total population health in the mind.

'Population health is very different than community health," she said, "and I am hopeful that inter-professional education will present itself.

Organizations now must focus on delivering care to the entire population, and nurses will be an integral part in doing so, Green said. Nurses are the largest segment of the healthcare workforce, and due to aging population and health care reform, there will soon be a need for even more.

It is up to nurses to be the "glue" that holds together the service of quality care to a patient, she said.

"We are going to need to become more effective in assuring that the continuum of care is 'glued together' well so we don't have patients falling through the cracks as we currently do," Green said. "Also, nursing care delivery is more economical for patients than care being delivered by some other providers.'

There is a lot of innovation needed in the area of nursing,

Green said. "The Combest center here in Lubbock is a good example of cutting edge innovation," she said, "and it is one of only four federally qualified nurse-managed health care centers."

Nurses can provide exceptional quality care on par with that of general practitioners, Green said.

"Nurse practitioners in particular can provide primary care for less money," she said, "and with same or better outcomes than primary care doctors.'

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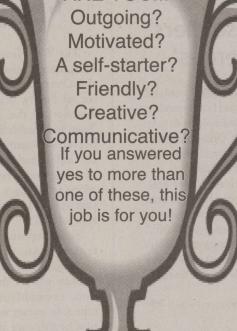
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# Lady Raiders win exhibition game 92-46

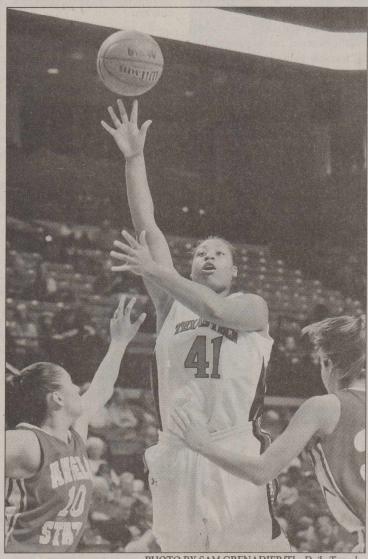


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreadon TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kelsi Baker shoots over two Angelo State defenders during the Lady Raiders' 92-46 victory over the 'Belles on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena. The game was the team's final tuneup

before it begins regular season play at New Mexico on Nov. 12

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

It may have been titled an "exhibition game," but the Texas Tech women's basketball team probably knew better than to take Angelo State lightly on Sunday.

On Nov. 9 of last year, the Lady Raiders were dealt a loss in the same setting, and exhibition game, by Lubbock Christian University with a final score of 71-65 at home.

So defensively, the Lady Raiders made sure that wouldn't be the case this

"Fundamentally, I thought we were as good defensively as we've been," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "It'll be some good film clips to go back and teach with."

Tech defeated Angelo State 92-46 Sunday in the United Spirit Arena, doing its part in erasing the memories of last season's exhibition game loss. Sunday also presented the Lady Raiders with their first opportunity to play in a regular season atmosphere with a home crowd on hand.

Curry utilized every player on the roster except for senior center Teena Wickett, displaying one major factor that will have a huge say in how the Lady Raiders' 2010-11 season plays out: depth.

The starting lineup, however, consisted of veterans with sophomores Monique Smalls and Chynna Brown along with California transfer Casey Morris starting as guards, junior Jordan Barncastle starting at forward and junior Kierra Mallard at the post.

The experience of Tech's starting five would prove its worth early on in the contest.

Brown and Barncastle got things going for the Lady Raiders, scoring the first three baskets of the game before the Belles scored their first point off a Camille Perkins free throw at the 17:50 mark in

A little more than three minutes later, Tech owned a 17-1 lead. By that point, Morris had logged nine points, one steal and one offensive rebound. Morris, who sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules, is one component of a backcourt Curry believes has a high amount of potential.

"Casey brings a lot of experience against a high level of competition," Curry said. "(Casey Morris) is a top-50 player coming out of high school. It's exciting to have Chynna, Mo and Casey, Christine, Mary, the list goes on and on."

As the game rolled on though, Curry

sent out some new faces onto the court.

Of the many new additions to the Lady Raider roster are freshmen Kelsi Baker, Haley Schneider, Ebony Walker and Antiesha Brown - all of whom played and scored.

Paving the way for the crop of newcomers was Baker, who was the most highly touted recruit coming in for the Lady Raiders, chipped in with six points and two rebounds.

Brown combined for eight points and four boards on limited playing time.

Although the freshmen may not have had as substantial an impact as the starting bunch did, Curry said the important thing was simply plugging the younger players into a game-speed situation in front of a larger crowd.

"I could see that the freshmen were

a little bit nervous," Curry said. "They were a little but pale at times, but it was great to be able to put them in that kind of environment.'

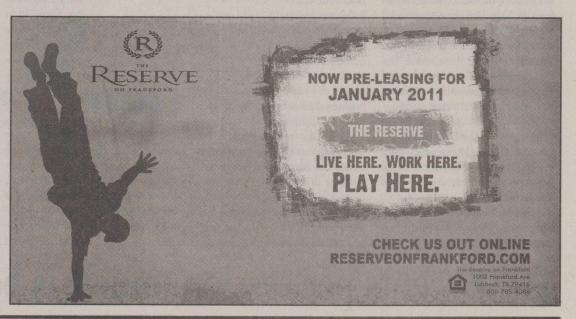
Sunday was the Lady Raiders' final tuneup before the official start of the regular season, which kicks off Friday against New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.

Last season, the Lady Raiders defeated New Mexico 65-55 in Lubbock.

So Curry said she views Sunday's win Schneider, Walker and Antiesha as a nice launching pad going into her team's regular season opener.

"I want to thank our crowd, I thought our crowd was the best exhibition crowd I've seen since I've been here," Curry said. "It was just a great environment for us to be able to get some game-like minutes with the lights on and let things kind of help us for Friday night."

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## Escobar eliminated during quarterfinals of USTA/ITA Indoor Championships

Texas Tech tennis player Gonzalo Escobar went to the home of American tennis last week and more than held his own.

Escobar advanced to the quarterfinals of the USTA/ITA Indoor Champion-

ships in Flushing, N.Y. Flushing is also home to events such as the U.S. Open. His coach at Tech, Tim Siegel,

said the experience will help Escobar continue to grow as a player with the spring season just around the corner. "That's what I'm most ex-

cited about, is the development tory, Siegel said it's still imporof Gonzalo," Siegel said. "He's much more mature on and off the court, and he's incredibly disciplined. And it's an important message for the rest of our team how much he's improved and how much he's willing to work on his weaknesses."

Escobar came from behind to win his match against North Carolina's Jose Hernandez in the Round of 32. After losing the first set 2-6, he rallied to win the second 7-6 in a tiebreaker. Then, he dominated the final set, only allowing Hernandez to win one game en route to a 6-1 set win.

Next, he faced Chase Buchan-

the tournament's No. 8 seed. Escobar dispatched of Buchanan in only two sets, winning 6-3, 6-4.

In the quarterfinals, Escobar came up against Alexandre Lacroix of Florida. Lacroix sent Escobar out of the tournament with back-to-back 6-3 wins.

Siegel said Escobar's recent run of form is of historical significance.

"These are the two best weeks back to back that anyone at Texas Tech has ever had," he said. "To win the regionals and to make the quarterfinals of the most prestigious tournament in the fall. You can't ask for anything more."

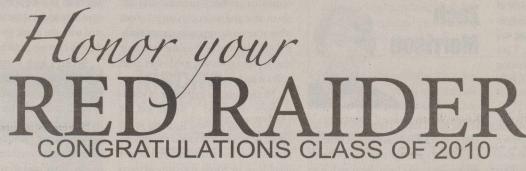
But while the performances are some of the best in Tech histant to think in context of the approaching team season.

"So, his last two tournaments he played well," he said. "It means a lot, but certainly the most important thing for Gonzalo, it gives him so much confidence going into the spring."

The coach said he is expecting big things out of Escobar during that season after his recent successful stretch.

'What's great about Gonzalo is each year he's improved," Siegel said. "He was a good player his freshman year, but he turned into a great player last year, and I t think the sky's the limit."

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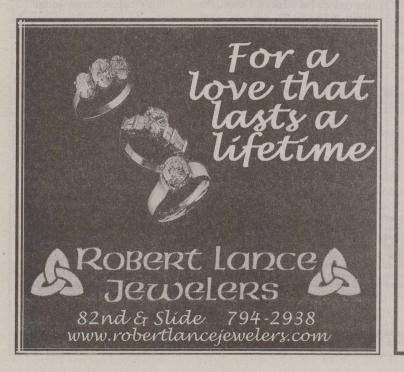
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# Democrat losses not so bad

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merica turns right. Return of red America. Conserva-Live triumph. All of these are descriptors for Tuesday night's

Not so fast, my friends. The Republicans won the election, no doubt. They did so convincingly in their strong areas, removing conservative Democrats from power and feeding on the weak progressives. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in the Deep South, where the electoral map for the House of Representatives is blaringly red.

Statistically, there is cause for concern among the Democrats. The sheer number of House seats they lost (60) is simply unacceptable. The number of governorships the party has (19) is frighteningly small.

But this is nothing like the 2008 landslide for the Democrats in reverse form. In 2008, Democrats slaughtered the Republicans in the House, Senate and in the race for the White House. Immediately after the election, the Democrats had a supermajority in the Senate, an unquestionably large majority in the House and a clear mandate.

The 2010 election was nowhere near that bad. The Republicans did win 60 seats in the House, which was a swing of 11 percent. They did take some governorships. But the bigger picture was in the Senate.

The outlook wasn't particularly pretty early on Nov. 2. Republicans ally a Republican.

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were dead even or winning in several states - Washington, Nevada, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania and

As election night progressed, it became extremely possible that the Re-

publicans would not take one of those states, but all of them. Patty Murray in Washington was behind. Barbara. Boxer in California was barely ahead. Nevada's Harry Reid was in a deadlock.

But by the end of the night, the outlook had brightened considerably; Washington, Nevada, California and Colorado were all back in Democratic hands. The Democrats had not only maintained the Senate, but now have a majority of 53, leaving some room in case Ben Nelson (D-Nebraska) decides to come out and say he's actu-

there was hope. Early returns were quite misleading, putting Perry up by as much as 20 percent. By the end of the night, that gap had narrowed to 13 percent, still a victory for the governor, but about par for the course. Interestingly, White won San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin, El Paso and the entire Rio Grande Valley. Both of these stats are important because it shows that the Democratic cause in Texas hasn't regressed very much.

> White won about 1 percent less than Obama did in 2008, and he won the same number of counties that Obama did. White got 2,102,606 votes in this state, more than Perry did in 2006 and more than any Demo-

> > cratic gubernato-

rial candidate has gotten since before 1990, the Ann Richards era.

All of this was done against a massive uphill battle. Midterms never favor the incumbents, especially during tough economic times. The electorate this year was largely Republican, largely white and largely supportive of

Speaking of the Tea Party, the

Even in Bill White's loss in Texas, Tea Party's Fabulous Four, Angle, O'Donnell, Buck and Miller, all lost their races.

Angle lost to a very unpopular speaker in a state where unemployment is strikingly high. O'Donnell got blown out in a race that was expected to be close had Mike Castle won the primary. Buck got beat in Colorado to a former superintendent of public schools.

The best story, however, could be found in Alaska, where Joe Miller has apparently been beaten by a write-in, incumbent senator who had no support from the Republican Party, Sarah Palin or the Tea Party, and whose name is extremely difficult to say, much less spell.

All these indicate that the country is not ready to take a hard right. Not ready to get rid of Social Security, the EPA or the Department of Education. This indicates that, despite all odds, the Democrats held their ground and remain very much in control of the government. Sure, they lost a bunch of seats. But in the end, they only lost the House.

When the economy comes back in two years, and it will, the Democrats can ride that to victory.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### An open letter to Randy Neugebauer

bauer,

Congratulations on winning the election. Before you get comfortable behind that nice desk, you should understand why you have that job and your opponent does not. We did not vote for you because you are a Republican. We voted for you because you are not a Democrat.

We are Americans. We are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are entitled to a government that will establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and

secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

We are entitled to believe as we wish, speak as we wish, publish as we wish, assemble as we wish and to have our complaints heard. We are entitled to defend ourselves. We are entitled to a warrant signed by a judge before we can be

searched or our property can be

We are entitled to a fair trial by a jury of our peers and to the control and use of our own property. We are entitled to punishments and bail that are appropriate to the crimes of which we are accused.

We are entitled to a Congressman who respects, supports and defends the Constitution against all enemies, behaves like a fiscally responsible adult and believes in American exceptionalism. We really are the shining city upon the hill. Don't blow it.

Your job is to see that we receive these entitlements.

We are not entitled to everbigger government checks at the expense of our children. We are not entitled to borrow money we cannot hope to repay. We are not entitled to apparently free goods or services of any form that

Dear Congressman Neuge- will actually be paid for by our children.

We are not entitled to make poor business or personal decisions and to then be saved by taxpayer money. We are not entitled to take bankrupt automobile companies away from their rightful and legal owners. We are not entitled to vote ourselves the rewards of someone else's hard work.

Do not cite someone else's bad behavior to justify your own. Such behavior is discouraged even among children, and we would like the adults to be in charge now. As an adult, do not steal from our chil-

> dren to try to buy votes. We know how to balance checkbooks and to preserve our own credit ratings and not to loan money to deadbeats, and we expect that you can do the

> Tax us to pay for things we need, not things you want.

Do not give us another Bridge to Nowhere, Watergate, Teapot Dome, Whiskey Ring or Credit Mobilier. Such scandals will cause severe damage to the cause of fiscal responsibility, and the spendthrifts will exploit them to undercut the best hope of this nation in restoring its fortunes.

Give us the leadership of Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. Give us balanced budgets, secure borders, protection from those who would harm us and market solutions to market problems.

The government will not make better decisions on what to do with our money than we will, and you will have to stop trying to do so if you want to keep your seat behind that nice desk.

God Bless the United States

■ Brian Nutter is a Tech alumnus from Lubbock.

# At 99 cents per session, music is best therapy

s Hugh Grant said in one of my favorite movies, "Music and Lyrics," "Nothing will make you feel as good as fast as, 'I got sunshine on a cloudy day." Speaking from personal experience, I am totally inclined to agree with him.

When I was about 12 years old, the only music I listened to was that which my parents had purchased for me over various holidays: The Beatles, The Eagles, Chicago and The Rolling Stones, mostly. I had no real knowledge of modern music, but nonetheless, it was good stuff. That all changed when I got my first Linkin Park CD.

From there, I took advantage of just about every musical opportunity that arose. To this day, I listen to it everywhere, about 14 hours a day. IPods, computers, radio, car CD player - these have all become part of our daily lives and have made music as accessible as air conditioning or fast food, if not even

At the risk of sounding a bit too optimistic, I submit to you that with music's newfound prevalence in our society, we have lost almost all need for professional therapy. It sounds like an odd comparison to most of you, probably, but I'm convinced.

The state of mind of a human being is mostly related to the associations they connect with whatever surrounds them



at any given time. Therefore, if we are able to make those associations positive, our state of mind will improve, probably taking our productivity level with it to some extent. Music, in my opinion, is the best way to do this, both because it's accessible and because it's cheap (free, if you're a cheater).

Personally, my best example is my past habit of using John Mayer music to get through all my radiation treatments at MD Anderson. It wasn't a great experience, but now when I listen to John Mayer, I think of radiation; but the memory is of the music and the lyrics that I concentrated on instead

of being so much about the process itself. This is something I would urge you all to do to some extent.

We all have our favorite music, and it's hard to not be wide-ranged about our tastes these days. I urge you to be less con-

cerned about what your music taste says described as a support system, made about you and more concerned about what your music says to you personally. It doesn't have to be the same as anyone else. If polka gives you good vibes, then polka it up.

Music is unique in the ease of which it affects our mood. If we are sad, we listen to happy music to bring us up again, or maybe sad music to immerse ourselves in our emotions on a deeper level. If we are happy, then we can listen to just about anything, as it will make us mechanism through which we can see happier simply because music is a positive influence and happiness attracts us to it even more.

If we utilize this concept for our advantage then there is no reason why music can't become a bigger part of our lives. Not just as a form of entertainment or a part of pop culture, but as a mood stimulant, and even more importantly, a thought-provoking force.

> hear the lyrics that other people took the time to write because they found meaning in them that was worth conveying to the listener. When we hear those words, we are free to interpret them in the way that we find the most beneficial, and by doing so, we develop what I think can best be

When we listen to music, we

up of ideas and positive feelings associated with the music we listen to and the emotion we glean from it.

When I look at my own music taste, for example, I see a lot of rock and roll, acoustic and alternative. When combined, they provide me with a spectrum ranging from religious ideals down to simple teen angst where there is something for every occasion. Music has become an effective and feel the experiences of others and also apply new thoughts and ideas to our own lives.

Songs like "Let it Be" by The Beatles and "No Such Thing" by John Mayer are constructed with ideas that have encouraged multiple generations to not only live life to the fullest, but to love your fellow man and be excited about the good things to be found in every chapter of life.

I urge you to embrace this and take yourself on a journey through the music you've got and to get more along the way. Use it to gain an essential understanding of the world that creates both peace of mind and a heightened sense of enlightenment.

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# Don't know about politics, candidates? Don't care? Don't vote

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Election season is over, but a circus of any kind always leaves some confetti in its wake. Regardless of the fact that there are no more votes to cast, comments about big oil, marijuana and Meg Whitman's infamous housemaid are still speeding through campus.

Many people find this talk annoying. We've made the decisions, after all.

But if those who have already voted are exasperated, consider the feelings of the people who didn't vote. Many students are as apathetic as ever, but a lot of non-voters are likely experiencing some guilt.

On top of the professors who urge us to vote, there's always that one friend who won't shut up about politics.

Non-voters, have no fear: This column isn't going to give you any more grief.

In an ideal world, all members of a democracy would be public policy experts, swatting aside propaganda and casting educated votes. Unfortunately, that's not the world we live in. The midterms we're familiar with come with blue books. We have jobs and extracurriculars; many of us probably can't remember the last time we cooked a decent meal (or did laundry, for that

Now, none of this presents a challenge to the politically inclined. If you love elections, following the candidates is fun. It's just like any interest. Cinema students have homework like everyone else, but they still make it to premieres,

The thing is, if politics isn't your thing, it's homework - plain and simple. People don't like to do homework. For some of us, the following happens: either we don't do it or we end up turning out a less-than-exhaustive effort.

Voting works the same way. A lot of people who weren't that interested in the first place get told to vote right and left so they eventually give in, only to find that no amount of pamphlets will compel them to care about mortgage laws. Some people even mark in random bubbles — "Hey, at least I voted, right?" Not exactly. Voting is a privilege,

and it comes with additional obligations. If you commit yourself to voting, you commit yourself to looking beyond commercials and doing your own research. You commit yourself to gaining at least a basic command of the issues.

If you happen to be among those people who don't care - and can't force themselves to care — don't vote. Just don't. Don't feel guilty, don't make excuses and don't succumb to pressure, well-meaning as it might be. Perhaps you're not being the most responsible citizen out there, but no one is perfect.

Democracy means having the right to not vote, too.

Before someone starts throwing metaphorical tomatoes at me, I would like to emphasize that I'm not discouraging people from voting. It's an incredible opportunity to be part of something bigger than yourself. However, it's also one that must not be taken lightly. If you're going to commit, go for it. Your state — and your country - need you.

But if you're going to choose whichever name sounds cooler? By all means, carry on studying for your own midterms. There's something honest and responsible about admitting that you haven't done enough research to understand the issues. A misinformed vote is worse than no vote at all.

Just remember that you're forfeiting the best right in the United States: the right to complain.

Obama missing audacity in post-midterm world By BEATRICE WALTON

HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW (HARVARD U.) Immediately following the midterm

elections, newspaper headlines from around the world told the tale of an American president embarrassingly "defeated" and "apologetic" of his presi-

From titles such as "No We Can't" in the Kuwait Times to "Obama Admits He Needs 'to Do a Better Job' After Election Beating" in the London Guardian, to pouting faces of Obama on front pages from Brazil to China, the international media has cast Obama as a chastised president of remorseful policies.

Sadly, Obama sealed his own fate, particularly in the midterms, by allowing the media, Republicans, and even some Democrats, to spin his hard-fought achievements against him.

It's a mystery to me how easily the country has rendered Obama, the most effective progressive since FDR who managed the largest economic disaster since the 1930s while passing healthcare reform, financial reform, winding down the war in Iraq, engaging with the Muslim World, significantly expanding Pell grants for low-income college students, appointing more openly gay officials than any other president, creating more private sector jobs than during entire Bush years, signing a new

START Treaty with Russia, increasing fuel economy standards, and repealing restrictions on embryonic stem cell research, as a delinquent, incompetent president out of touch with America's

And yet, much of this portrayal I fault with Obama's recent demeanor. Instead of touting his impressive record, Obama took a defeatist line after the midterms and promised that in the future he would simply try to "do a better job."

Now that's an Obama we haven't seen before.

And yet unfortunately, it's an Obama of whom we will probably see more and more. In his Op-Ed in the NY Times last week, Obama wrote about his upcoming trip to Asia that surprised me in one line. He wrote: "If we can, we'll be able to complete an agreement that supports jobs and prosperity in America."

If we can? What happened to yes we can?

Obama needs to pull together in the wake of his party's bloody midterm results to regain the confidence in his policies and penchant to radiate hope that propelled him to office in the first place.

Otherwise, Republicans and Democrats alike will simply be battling it out in Congress, conducting phony investigations, and bickering about power, while attempting to fix American problems, "if they can."

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# Tech falls to Nebraska in straight sets

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team had a little extra motivation to go for the upset against No. 5 Nebraska on Saturday.

Since it was homecoming weekend, the team honored former players who have worn the scarlet and black on Friday and Saturday.

"That was the most special thing," interim coach Beth Falls said. "And I think the girls really wanted to show the alumni what it meant to be a Red Raider."

Friday night, the alumnae were honored at a special dinner on the west side of Jones AT&T Stadium, and Saturday, they were recognized during the intermission of the match

The current Red Raiders (3-21, 1-14 in Big 12 play) tried their best to give the alumnae a homecoming present with an upset, but fell in straight sets 25-10, 25-18, 25-20.

The fans and alumni were on their feet to begin the match, but that didn't last long as the Cornhuskers started proving they're worth their ranking.

Nebraska opened on a 5-2 run and eventually widened the margin to a five-point advantage. Once Nebraska had blown it wide open, up 13-6, Falls burned her first timeout to try and stop the bleeding.

The timeout didn't help as Nebraska came out on a 5-1 run. The Cornhuskers rolled their way to a first-set victory, as the Red Raiders could not seem to get any kind of momentum.

The second set didn't start well for the Red Raiders, either, as Nebraska kept the momentum they had in the first half rolling.

Tech pulled it to a four-all tie, but Nebraska went on a 5-0 run to take a 9-4 advantage. The Red Raiders fired right back with their own 3-1 run, pulling within three.

Nebraska ended up taking a sevenpoint advantage at 14-7, which forced Falls' to take a timeout, which spurred the Red Raiders onto a 6-4 run, putting them five off of the lead.

The Red Raiders continued to fight

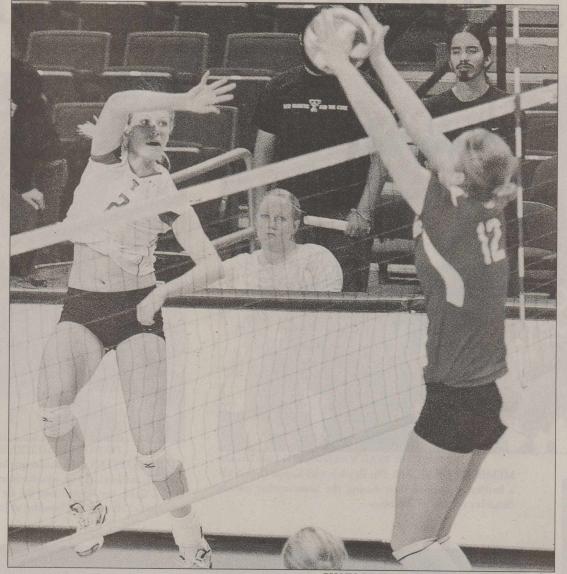


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MORGAN BROEKHUIS BLOCKS Caroline Courtney's return Saturday during Tech's loss to the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the United Spirit Arena.

but fell short, losing the set 25-18. Tech's 18 points in that set were the most they have put up against Nebraska all season.

Tech junior middle blocker and outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said even though the Red Raiders didn't get the

win, the team still performed well. "I think overall we did a good job," she said. "We started off slow, but we really picked it up, and we did good things. And that was our goal, is to get better this game. Nebraska's a great team, and it's a great opportunity to play them, so I think we did a good job."

leading 3-2, but Nebraska went on a 4-0 run, which was stopped by a huge kill by senior middle blocker Barbara

Tech kept the match close for a while, but Nebraska started to roll, eventually leading 22-16.

Out of a Tech timeout, the Red Raiders went on a 3-1 run, but that wasn't enough as Tech fell 25-20 losing the match 3-0.

Nebraska will return home to face The third set opened with Tech Kansas State, and the Red Raiders will take their show on the road again after a short home stand, heading to Missouri to face the Tigers.

In a season that has not gone as well as expected, Conceicao said the squad has to keep its head up and play

"Just trying to make not too many mistakes," she said. "And just keep playing, you know, just do our best." >>> joshua.koch@ttu.edu

## Potts provides quick end to quarterback outrage

Get out your fork and dig in. It's crow-eating time.

The quarterback change couldn't have worked out better for Texas Tech; it just took a quarter and a half to figure things out.

Fan-favorite Steven Sheffield got the start after outperforming regular starter Taylor Potts in the loss to Texas A&M. But Sheffield was never his normal, energetic self, and Potts entered the game in the second quarter.

Potts gave the team the sort of energy boost fans are used to seeing from Sheffield. With Potts pulling the strings, the Red Raiders overcame a Missouri lead that seemed insurmountable, not due to the number of points on the board, but because of the fashion in which the Tigers

"Well, it was huge. We needed some momentum, and I tell you, he was on," Coach Tommy Tuberville said of Potts' entrance into the game.

The senior from Abilene didn't put up gaudy numbers, going 19 of 28 for 188 yards in addition to three scores, but aside from an interception on a tipped ball, Potts was mistake-free.

Though he was only allowed to give a statement on the Wounded Warrior project in the post-game press conference, Potts has to feel vindicated. This season will not go down as "the one Potts blew."

"Those quarterbacks, they go through a lot. They're basically the center of the spotlight on a team, whether that's good or bad," said linebacker and fellow senior Bront Bird.

"He definitely rose to the occasion. His name was called, and he came in and he did his thing, and hats off to him."

With the upset win, Potts answered the question of 'what if?' Sheffield didn't spur the team on. He was nervous and vacated the pocket too early on several occasions, which hindered his ability to read the whole field.

"That was probably the best



defense that we've seen all year long," Tuberville said. "They got after (Sheffield), and he didn't settle his feet, and we just felt like it was time to let him settle down and put Potts in the game and see if he could get going, and obviously it helped."

It's unfair to praise Potts alone, though. The offensive line turned in its best performance of the year by far, giving Potts time to pass and actually allowing the Red Raiders to establish a running game. The capable backs took full advantage of the space they were provided, running for a combined 224 yards.

"The offensive line played great. They played hard and played physical. I think they took it personal this week," said running back Baron Batch, who became the first Tech back this season to eclipse the 100-yard mark, going for 134 yards.

The defense deserves accolades, too. It looked like it was going to be an unpleasantly ugly loss for Tech early, with Missouri wasting no time in taking a 14-0 lead.

But the defensive line figured out their alignment, and the secondary saw heaps of improvement on last week's sub-par effort against the Aggies. LaRon Moore and Jarvis Phillips specifically erased that game from fans' memories with crucial plays in the fourth quarter against the Tigers.

In football, though, it always falls to the quarterback. Potts has been maligned all season because of this truism. Behind his effort, the Red Raiders came together, played a full game for the first time this season and pulled off an upset that will surely mean Tech is playing into December.

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the south endzone of Jones AT&T Stadium to celebrate a touchdown with his Tiger teammates, all of this occurring one minute and three seconds into Saturday's game.

Five minutes and 33 seconds later Missouri was up 14-0, this time via running back Kendial Lawrence's 71-yard touchdown scamper, providing Tech with an early uphill battle.

"We had some miscommunications on the field early," said Tech defensive tackle Colby Whitlock regarding the defense's start. "They came out and gave us some different alignments that we didn't get to see early in the week."

Unfortunately for the Tigers, football is a game of four quarters, not one — the Red Raiders pulled off the upset, winning 24-17.

Tech's (5-4, 3-4 in Big 12 Conference play) defense would quickly adjust to Missouri's running game, limiting the Tigers to 260 yards rushing overall after surrendering 189 yards on 14 attempts in the opening quarter.

Missouri had 19 yards passing at the end of the first quarter, showing the Tigers' reliance on the running game early in the contest.

"I thought the coaches did a great job of adjusting after the first couple of drives," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "Moving guys around, putting them on different players and being able to make plays. That's pretty much about as good as you can play in the open field against that type of offense that you can play."

Tech's offensive strategy, in retrospect, was a virtual opposite to Missouri's in the beginning stages Saturday.

Steven Sheffield earned the start at quarterback for the Red Raiders over Taylor Potts, a week after Potts was benched in the fourth quarter in favor of "Sticks" against Texas A&M in a loss.

In that game, Sheffield completed 11 of 14 passes for 129 yards, two touchdowns and one interception, leading to the reopening of quarterback controversy throughout the week.

At the end of the first period against Missouri, Sticks was 9-of-16 on passes for 90 yards. The Tech offense produced only 14 yards rushing in the same quarter.

But Sheffield wouldn't last much longer. Potts entered the game with 5:10 remaining in the second quarter and led Tech to its only touchdown of the first half.

"Offensively, Sheffield came in and looked a little nervous, and that was probably the best defense that we've seen all year long," Tuberville said. "They got after him, and he didn't settle his feet, and we just felt like it was time to let him settle down and put Potts in the game and



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador MISSOURI TAILBACK KENDIAL Lawrence is brought down by Texas Tech Linebacker Bront Bird during the football game Saturday night in

see if he could get going, and obviously

the Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Tigers possessed a 17-10 advantage at halftime, which, in similar fashion to Missouri's start, would vanish rapidly.

Potts, who remained the quarterback for the Red Raiders the rest of the night, led Tech on a scoring drive to open the second half. Potts connected with receiver Lyle Leong for a 16-yard touchdown, tying things up at 17 all.

The Potts-Leong connection – the two were teammates at Abilene High School - tied the game up and eventually generated the game-winning score.

That game-winning drive was Tech's second possession of the third quarter. Potts orchestrated a 12-play drive, ranging 85 yards in 5:54, capped off by a five-yard touchdown to the aforementioned Leong.

However, Tech's running game emerged in the second half, compiling 133 yards on the ground in the second half — Baron Batch finished with career highs in carries and yards, 28 and 134, respectively.

"I think that was big for us," Batch said, referring to production on the ground. "The offensive line played great.

They played hard and played physical. I think they took it personal this week. They lost last week, and then came out and played physical."

Missouri found itself with opportunities to tie the game, but all attempts to do so were stalled by Tech's defense.

The Tigers had three possessions the final quarter totaling 13 plays, taking up less than five minutes of play. Gabbert finished the game with 95 yards through the air, marking the first time the junior had been held under 100 yards passing. His previous low was 199.

Saturday's victory may be regarded as Tuberville's marquee win to this point in his first year as the head coach of the Red Raiders.

But Tuberville believes it's a better win for Tech as a whole, not just himself.

"It was a team effort," Tuberville said. "And it was great to get that win. First conference win at home for a lot of us. Our fans stayed with us, and it was really sweet. So, what a great night. Great night for college football and great night for

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It's not like hunting; you're hunting something that can hunt you back, so you're fighting for your life every single day, so I'm glad we got to experience this Wounded War-

"Doing it for these guys, those guys are our heroes because we get to go out there and play this ballgame. On Saturdays, we're worried about wins and losses, and they're worried about their lives and what's going to happen to their families if they don't make it back."

Before Potts came into the postgame interview sessions, it was announced that he would not be taking any questions, but it was unclear whether that was Potts' choice or someone else's.

What was clear is that Potts had been affected by the troops that were present around the Red Raider football program leading up to Saturday's big win.

Tech (5-4, 3-4 in Big 12 Conference play) participated in the Wounded Warrior Project because Under Armour, the official outfitter of Tech Athletics, supports the

Tech and then-ranked No. 5 Utah both wore digi-camo uniforms to show support for U.S. Armed Forces and all of the jerseys worn in both Tech's and Utah's games are being auctioned off, with proceeds going to wounded American troops. Tech's game-worn jerseys will be up for auction, with bidding on texastech.com opening at 7 a.m. today.

Maryland, another Under Armour school, will wear the camo uniforms in a game later this month.

We had some of the wounded warriors in the locker room at the end of the game," head coach

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Tommy Tuberville said after the game. "They're in there crying, and it means a lot to our players. All week long, they put a lot into it, knowing that they were going to be playing for our soldiers that had been injured, and even the soldiers that are still fighting for us. What a great night, great night for college football and a great night for Texas Tech."

The wounded warriors participa in many aspects making up the pageantry of college football.

A group of troops led the Red Raiders onto the field carrying the American flag, Texas flag and Tech flag. Then, troops were honored at midfield, serving as honorary captains for the Red Raiders. At halftime, troops were honored with a brief halftime ceremony and were invited back to the locker room for the postgame celebration. The Red Raiders face an enor-

mously tough challenge this week in playing No. 19 Oklahoma on the road this upcoming Saturday, but the experiences they had with the wounded troops won't be forgotten, along with the upset win.

"I thought it was big with those wounded warriors, and (defensive coordinator) James (Willis) will tell you the same thing; we heard some testimonies (Friday) that would touch your heart," offensive coordinator Neal Brown said. "I thought our kids came out and showed some perseverance like they were talking about."

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# Sights of homecoming spirit



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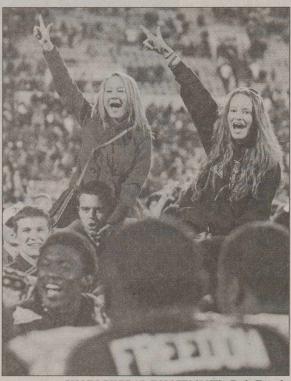


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador STORRIE WEEKS, A freshman psychology major from Denver City, and Jessica Frost, a junior animal science major from Somis, Calif., are hoisted into the air while celebrating the win against Missouri on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador MEMBERS OF THE Saddle Tramps perform a cheer during the homecoming parade Saturday.

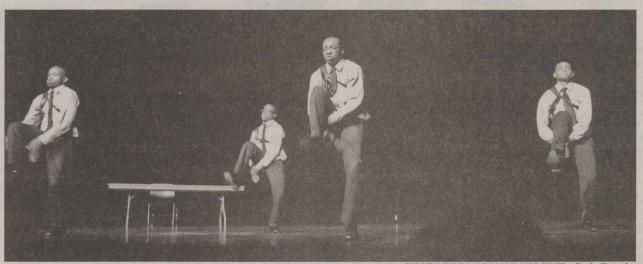


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador WEST TEXAS A&M'S EXCluzive Steppaz perform at the 2010 West Texas Showdown Homecoming Step Show on Friday in



the Student Union Allen Theater.

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador STUDENTS ENJOY FREE tamales at the Campus Crusade for Christ Tamale Fest on Friday in Urbanovsky Park.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS lead the Texas Tech football team onto the field before the game against Missouri on Saturday night in the Jones AT&T Stadium.



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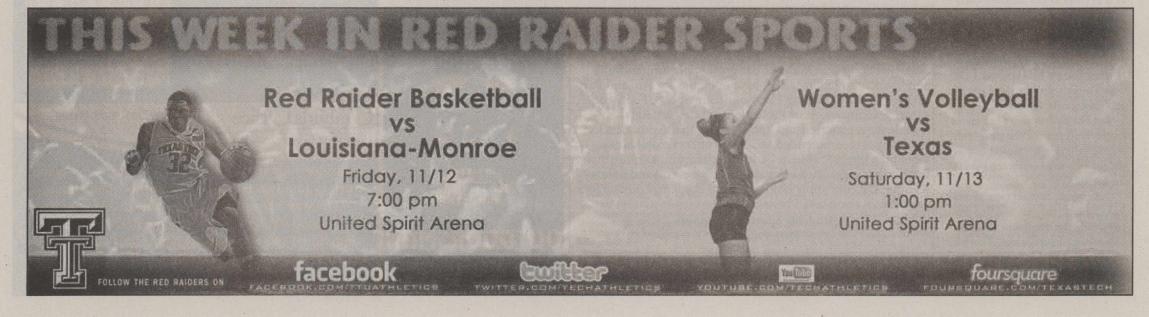
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# Homecoming 2010 Royalty Cram and Cravens named king, queen

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER



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TREY CRAM AND Jessica Cravens are crowned as the 2010 Homecoming King and Queen during half time during the game against the University

energy commerce major from Lubbock is the leader of the committee for planning and organizing the election of the Homecoming King and Queen, something she has been working on since February. Her hard work, as well as that of the rest of the committee and

hen Lacy Burrows talks about being the Royalty Chair, she's not talking about a throne. The junior

the nominees themselves, came together Saturday night at halftime when seniors Jessica Cravens and Trey Cram were crowned Texas Tech 2010 Homecoming Queen and King.

The process began with 34 nominees from various campus organizations, Burrows said. Next, a committee reviewed all the nominees' resumes, and narrowed it down to 10 queens and 10 kings.

Finally, a panel of representatives from around the university interviewed each candidate. "It was pretty rigorous," said Cram, a senior microbiology major

from Arlington. "They threw out questions on politics, the economy and things going on in Lubbock."

The interviews eliminated five more people in each category, Burrows said, and these final five become the Homecoming Court on which the student body voted.

Voting ran from 1 p.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday. Burrows said students were encouraged to vote because the winners would be representing Tech as role models.

Both Cravens and Cram said they were excited about this aspect. "I'm one of the biggest Tech fans you'll ever meet," Cram said. He hasn't missed a single home game in four years, he gives tours of the campus with President's Select, is a member of Golden Key

and the Chancellor's Ambassadors, and he said he would support Tech in any decision made. Cravens is the president of President's Select, which is just

another outlet for her to tell people why she chose Tech.

"I love this university," she said. "I grew up loving Texas Tech, and I'll die loving Texas Tech."

With her father, a '74 alumnus, on the field by her side, Cravens said she wasn't winning the crown just for herself or her sorority, but also for her family, many of whom graduated as Red Raiders. On the other hand, she said she was really happy to be winning

it as a representative of Chi-Omega. "People aren't going to remember my name," Cravens said. "They'll remember a Chi-Omega won."

She said the announcement was as much of a shock to her as anyone. "I didn't hear my name, they just said Chi-Omega first, my jaw dropped, and I was in heaven," she said.

Representing Delta Tau Delta, Cram, the fraternity's president, said he was excited for his fraternity and to represent the entire Greek system in a year when some organizations have been getting

"It truly does make the Greek system as a whole look good," Cram said. "As bad as it gets, it's good to let everyone know that there are good fraternities, and there are good people.'

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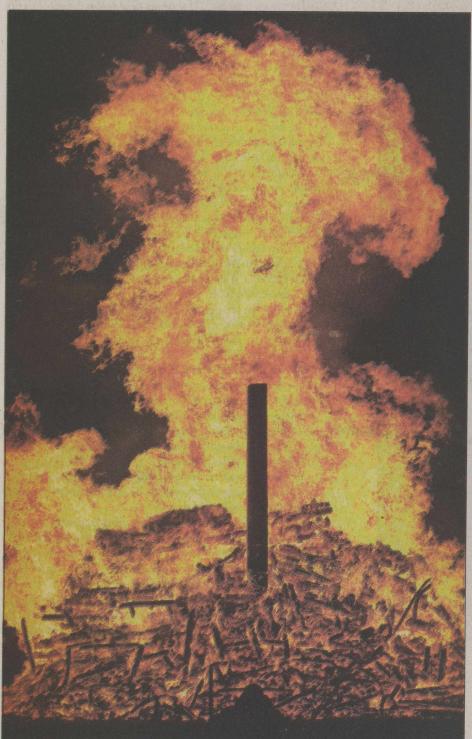


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador THE BONFIRE BURNS during Friday's Homecoming bonfire at the bonfire pit.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador GOIN' BAND TRUMPETERS perform during half time against the University of Missouri on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Hendricks said she can remember the first Homecoming bonfire she attended with her now-husband, Vance Hendricks.

It was back when Texas Tech was still part of the Southwestern Conference, and the bonfire was held in the Southwestern Conference Circle – in 1995.

Fifteen years later, the Hendricks have brought their two children for their first Tech Homecoming.

"He's been walking around with his guns up all day," Hendricks said of her excited 5-year-old son.

The couple said they come back every year for at least one game, and after seeing last year's Homecoming, Vance Hendricks said he knew he wanted to bring his children the next year.

"I love it; every year we make new memories," he said. "We wanted them to get to see the parade and the bonfire and, of course, the game."

The football game against the University of Missouri concluded a whole week of celebration. For this year's events, the Tech Activities Board joined with the Homecoming Committee to plan and organize the week, said

the committee's royalty chair, Lacy Burrows,

a junior energy commerce and finance major

from Lubbock. This increased the number of students involved from 20 on the Homecoming Committee alone to 90 total.

The festivities, themed "Let the games begin!" began Monday with a kick-off at noon and Student Organization Sing.

A-Phi and Delta Sig won with their Apples-to-Apples-related song and dance choreographed to T-Pain's "Apple Bottom Jeans".

"We worked really hard; we had a great group of girls; they're very talented," said A-Phi member Brenna Lynn Hicks, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Cisco. "We worked on it together as a team, and we pulled through."

Though Hicks said she did not compete, she was there to support her sorority. The Greek system comprises a huge part of Homecoming, from S.O. Sing the first night to their floats in the parade on the last day.

"There are so many people involved in these organizations; being involved in Homecoming can bring all of the student body together," Hicks said.

For Hicks, being involved meant S.O. Sing, decorating and helping to build and decorate their float, which she said required so many hours of work she lost count.

Some organizations were involved in other ways. Senior Christina Eisenhut, a chemistry major from San Angelo, said her sorority, PhiLamb, and all the Christian sororities joined together and spent money on something other

than a float. Kappa Chi, BYX, the Raider Sisters for Christ and Phi Lamb got cookies and hot chocolate to provide for others involved. They passed the food and drinks out to Greeks working on their floats late into the night, as well as early Saturday morning before the parade.

The parade began at 10 a.m. on Saturday and featured floats from many sororities and fraternities, as well as other campus organizations.

"It was outstanding," said Francisco Delgadillo, a judge for the parade and a professor in the College of Business. "The floats showed a lot of originality."

The floats featured the board games each organization had chosen, like a set-up murder scene for Clue and a Hungry Hungry Hippos float complete with moving bright pink and yellow hippos. The winning float had a larger-than-life, fully operating Mousetrap with a Chi-O member acting as the mouse.

Delgadillo said the floats clearly took a lot of thought and dedication and made the parade batter, which makes Homecoming better.

The Hendricks said they were likely to keep coming back and showing their Red Raider spirit, which Delgadillo said is beneficial for Tech.

"We want to welcome back alums, family and friends," Delgadillo said. "We want to show our school spirit and how the university is improving."

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