



#### **By CARRIE THORNTON** LA VIDA EDITOR

Climate Change. Ozone deterioration. Landfill overpopulation.

During a time of heightened environmental awareness, these terms are discussed more frequently as the green movement gains momentum.

To help play its role in lessening humanity's environmental footprint, Texas Tech established a new Office of Sustainability to build foundations for a more sustainable campus.

"What they are doing is assessing what we have, what we need to be doing and what makes the most sense for us," said Tech President Guy Bailey. "If you look at sustainability, what makes the most sense for one school in one part of the

country doesn't necessarily make the most sense for another part."

Although the green-minded office was just recently mobilized with the guidance of Mike Faires, associate vice president for operations, discussion about making Tech sustainable began long before this fall.

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# Nobel Prize winning chemist gives guest lecture at Tech

**Presentation part** of Henry J. Shine **Lecture Series** 

**By DEFOREST GARCIA** 

STAFF WRITER

established chemist and biologist

spoke to Texas Tech University stu-

A former Nobel Prize winner and

dents and faculty at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Texas Tech Chemistry building as a part of the Henry J. Shine Lecture Series.

Aaron Ciechanover, the recipient of the 2004 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, was the featured guest at the annual event hosted by the Tech Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

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PHOTO BY DEFOREST GARCIA/The Daily Toreador STUDENTS, FACULTY AND staff gather after Aaron Ciechanover, a Nobel Prize winning chemist, gave a guest lecture Monday in the Chemistry building. years in the U.S. Army **By HALLIE DAVIS** STAFF WRITER

ing forensic psychology.

Juanita Rodriguez woke up in the middle of the night. She was scared; her weapon was nowhere to be found.

She was in no danger, though. After a year in Afghanistan, Rodriguez, a senior forensic psychology major from El Paso, was at home with her mother.

"It's just as hard, if not harder, on the family," Rodriguez said. "You leave one way and come back a completely different person ... It's hard for everyone to adjust to that."

After nine years in the U.S. Army, Rodriguez said she was used to certain three months after her eight-year things. Coming home was a tough adjustment, she said.

"You're trained to think in a certain way," she said. "(It takes a lot to get used to) not being so alert. Learning to drive without feeling like I'm in danger, that took some adjusting."

Rodriguez said driving in Afghanistan meant watching for roadside bombs or other threats; coming back to Texas, every piece of trash on the side of the road caught her eye.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

ARMY VETERAN JUANITA Rodriguez is a senior from El Paso study-

El Paso native spent nine

Part four in a four-part DT series about service men and women

She was in Afghanistan when she was stop-lossed for another year and contract ended.

Before then, former Sgt. Rodriguez said she traveled everywhere from Germany to Turkey in her job with Civil Affairs.

Since she was 9 years old, Rodriguez said, she knew she waned to be in the armed forces.

"I graduated from high school on a Friday," she said. "On that next Monday, I was at boot camp."

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## Community Calendar

## TODAY

Red Cross Club Fundraiser Time: All Day Where: Chik-fil-A, 69th Street and Slide Road So, what is it? The American Red Cross club has partnered with Chick-fil-A, which has agreed to donate 20 percent of its sales to the organization from all customers who tell the cashier, "I support the American Red Cross."

Alien Ant Farm **Time**: 7 p.m. Where: Jake's, 5025 50th St. So, what is it? Come watch pop rock band Alien Ant Farm perform its original songs. Tickets are available at Ralph's Records or by calling 888-512-SHOW.

### WEDNESDAY

**Trombone Choir Concert** Time: 8 p.m. Where: The Legacy's Great Hall So, what is it? They can play more than the Christmas songs you hear them play at Carol of Lights. Check out some of the rest of the Texas Tech trombone choir's repertoire.

#### Nobel ← CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Jessica Brock, a freshman exercise and sports science major from Amarillo, said the opportunity for the school to host a guest speaker like Ciechanover is great for the university.

"Having a major scientist like Aaron speak is an amazing opportunity since he's a really famous person," she said.

The lecture series, which was established in 1999, has hosted many prominent people from the science community.

This year's lecture, the tenth lecture since the series' inception, was conducted in front of a considerably large audience.

was packed before the lecture even such as cancer and muscular and began. Eventually the crowd of more than 300 people led event organizers to relocate the lecture to a new classroom about three times the size of the original one.

Cajun Buffet Time Time: 5 p.m. Where: Horn/Knapp, Hulen/ Clement or The Fresh Plate So, what is it? Another of the always-popular themed night at some of Texas Tech's dining halls. They're treating residents right this week, with Steak Night coming up on Thursday and a Thanksgiving feast on Sunday.

#### Jana Mashonee

Time: 7 p.m. Where: International Cultural Center Auditorium So, what is it? Mashonee, a Native American singer who has been nominated for a Grammy and won seven Native American Music Awards, will perform as part of Tech's Native American Heritage Month events.

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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.

are actually man-made, Ciechanover said. "Not only are a few of the

diseases that plague us today manmade, almost 50 to 60 percent of them are," he said.

According to the Chemistry Department website, Ciechanover is a distinguished research professor at the Technion-Isreal Institute of Technology and has earned the title after garnering 21 different awards, honors and fellowships throughout his career.

Ciechanover's Nobel Prize honor was won in 2004 after he and two other scientists discovered ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation.

Through their discovery, they figured out the ubiquitlin-proteasome pathway plays a major role in maintaining the homeostasis of Because so many came to see cells and is involved in the devel-Ciechanover speak, the classroom opment and progression of diseases neurological diseases, as well as immune and inflammatory responses. While Ciechanover was just one of the few speakers to visit the campus so far this year, Brock said she feels Tech should keep inviting guest speakers. "These guest speakers are not only fun to listen too, but hearing their background and insight is also really cool," she said. In addition to the general audience session at which Ciechanover spoke, he also høsted a session speaking on his technical lecture about the ubiquitin system earlier in the afternoon at the Chemistry Building. >>> deforest.garcia@ttu.edu

# Ethics emphasized through video challenge

#### **By JETT THOMPSON** STAFF WRITER

Two groups of Tech students were recognized by the Tech provost's office this week for being selected as the winners of the bi-annual Matador Ethics Video Challenge.

For the third-straight semester, this competition has allowed students to create and develop short 30-second videos that highlight the importance of ethics on campus, said Justin Louder, the senior program administrator in the office of the provost.

While the competition always focuses on a specific theme from the university's statement of ethical principals and academic integrity, this year it focused specifically on the importance of community service, Louder said.

Due to the increased popularity of the video challenge and its

focus on community service, there was a record number of nearly 60 videos submitted to the challenge this fall, Louder said.

He said the videos were reviewed by a panel of five judges who based their assessments on the group's ability to present a clear message in a creative way within the 30-second time limit.

Casey Turle, a freshman computer engineering major from Houston, submitted a winning video entitled "Inspiration" on behalf of the Tech Residence Halls Association leadership development committee.

Turle's winning video highlighted the importance of using inspiration as a tool in different leadership situations. The video was created in collaboration with around eight people, all of whom Turle said worked on the project equally.

"Our video's greatest strength was combining multiple aspects of leadership and community service, but also incorporating them into our theme of inspiring others," Turle said.

The winner of the individual competition was Danielle Blakely, a second-year accounting graduate student from Lubbock. Blakely said she based her video around a theme of community service by compiling video footage from several events around Lubbock. Her video was entitled "Texas Tech: The Leader of Service in Our Community."

Blakely was also helped by Jamie Robinson, a second-year accounting graduate student from Clear Lake, and by Kristen Meeks, a secondyear accounting graduate student from Austin.

Robinson said the group started brainstorming ideas for their video in August and then began compiling video footage from several community service events she and her group had previously attended.

Blakely said her group used video footage they had gathered from participating in events like Race for the Cure, Habitat for Humanity and Buddy Day, and from serving at the Lubbock Food Bank.

"It was all about showing that Tech students truly care about the community," Robinson said.

Louder said the winning videos will be shown on the JumboTron at the upcoming Weber State football game Nov. 20 at Jones AT&T Stadium. The films will also be screened at the next Board of Regents meeting, he said.

Additionally, Louder said the winning teams will have the opportunity to eat lunch with Tech President Guy Bailey sometime over the next several weeks.

The challenge will be held again in the spring semester, and Louder expects the program will continue to grow into a Red Raider tradition. »»jett.thompson@ttu.edu

# POLICE BLOTTER Doctor's signature forged, theft of golfclubs from truck

#### November 8

8:23 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated forgery, which occurred at an off campus Health Sciences Center Clinic. A Medical Release Physician's Statement had a forged doctor's signature.

9:42 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented information in reference to a medical, which occurred at the Student Union Building. A student fainted and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

10:19 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated theft, which occurred at the Lubbock Coliseum north parking lot. Twenty four unsecured traffic cones were taken.

8:26 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer responded to an odor of marijuana, which occurred on the 10th floor of Weymouth Residence Hall. A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and subsequently released.

8:42 p.m. A Texas Tech Of-

#### and released November 9

8:52 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated a burglary of motor vehicle, which occurred in the Z3L parking lot. An iPod was taken from a secure vehicle.

12:07 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented information in reference to a note a student left at an off campus residence written to a Texas Tech Student Assistant. This case is being forwarded to Student Judicial Programs Office

2:35 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented information on damaged property, which occurred on the 1st floor of the Science Building. A glass window was shattered.

4:04 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented information about someone writing on a vehicle window. A derogatory comment was written in the dust of the window. November 10

10:35 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer issued a criminal trespass warning to a non student who was living in Knapp Residence Hall with a student and refused to leave.

11:13 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated the theft of fourteen

2:30 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated burglary of a vehicle, which occurred in the Z1-B parking lot between 11-05-10 and 11-11-10. An unknown person entered into an unsecured vehicle and took CD's, and an iPod transmitter.

8:00 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated theft, which occurred at the Texas Tech Recreational Center. An unsecured iPod 4 was taken.

November 12 2:49 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer arrested a student for public intoxication which occurred at the North entrance to Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Detention Center.

11:02 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer responded to the report by Housing staff of a loud party which occurred in Stangel Residence Hall. A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor, consumption of alcohol by a minor, and possession of a fictitious identification card. Two other students were issued at Lubbock County citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

11:06 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer responded to the report of a

loud party which occurred in Wall

Residence Hall. A student was

issued a Lubbock County citation

for possession of alcohol by a minor

November 13

1:35 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer responded to the report by Housing staff of an intoxicated individual, which occurred in the grass area north of Stangel Residence Hall. A student was released to a responsible person pending the filing of charges with Justice of the Peace Precinct IV for public intoxication.

3:34 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer responded to the report by Housing staff of an intoxicated individual which occurred near the east entrance of Coleman Residence Hall. A student was released to a responsible person pending the filing of charges with Justice of the Peace Precinct IV for public intoxication.

9:00 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated an assault which occurred in the Wall Gates Residence Hall parking lot. A student was struck in the face by a non student after getting in an argument.

9:45 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer investigated a burglary of vehicle which occurred in the Z5C parking lot. Unsecured golf clubs were taken from the bed of a truck.

November 14

4:43 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer arrested two non students for public intoxication which occurred at

Ciechanover gave a lecture titled "Why Our Proteins Have To Die So We Shall Live," however his lecture did not solely focus on this topic.

Ciechanover said his lecture was based on whether or not we can cure all diseases through medicine.

He discussed the history and future of medicine, as well as diseases and possible ways to beat them.

Most of the diseases we see today

ficer responded to Wall/Gates Residence Hall in reference to a possible theft. A student took some chips from the Sam's Place without paying for them. The student was issued a criminal trespass warning from the area

The quick turnaround did

nothing to dampen her spirits,

Rodriguez said. Boot camp was

grueling, but she knew it was

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"Looking back now, it wasn't

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necessary.

unsecured chairs, which occurred in the Biology Building. November 11

2:30 p.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented finding marijuana and paraphernalia in the hallway on the 6th floor of Gates Residence Hall.

that difficult," she said. "It was a great experience, but at the time CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 it was tough."

After boot camp, Rodriguez said, she traveled, building hospitals, orphanages and the U.S.'s reputation.

"Doing these things is important to maintain positive relationships with whatever country we are in," she said.

said she knew it was time to go back soldiers, who thought maybe the to school, which did not prove to be as easy as one might think.

and released.

where everything's provided," she said. "The university life is just completely different."

Rodriguez is no stranger to adversity. Though she said she was never directly discriminated against, she knew throughout her After Afghanistan, Rodriguez career of people, mainly older

Chitwood Residence Hall. The non students were issued a criminal trespass warning from all Texas Tech University property and transported to the Lubbock County Jail. >>> brooke.bellomy@ttu.edu

Army wasn't right for her.

"You have to face the challenge "You're coming from a place of some mentalities that women don't belong," Rodriguez said.

> Taking all challenges well, Rodriguez said a big help has been the Veteran's Association on campus.

The association is made up of veterans of different ages, backgrounds, military branches and members who have fought in many different wars, Rodriguez said.

"When we have a struggle when it comes to school, there's already someone who has been there," she said. "They help you get through."

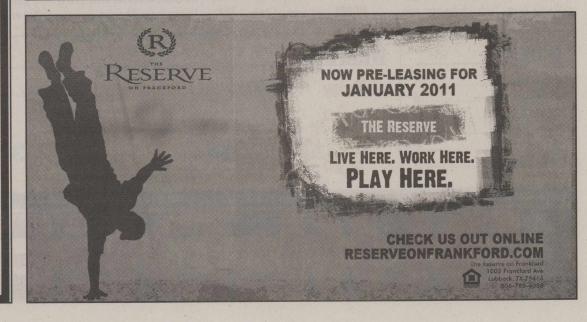
Rodriguez said her success so far could be attributed entirely to her sense of discipline, which the Army enforced.

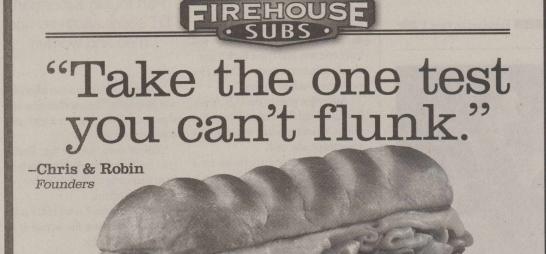
It was harder in the classroom. Students here are not like peers in the military; here it is easy to be distracted in class, whereas no phones, talking or sleeping would be tolerated in any military or boot camp class.

"It is a struggle," she said. "We have a couple more hurdles we have to jump." >>> hallie.davis@ttu.edu



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## Green 🖵

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Bailey appointed a sustainability taskforce following a Green Campus Action Symposium to assess current programs and present solutions regarding green initiatives.

Then in March 2010 the team listed a few recommendations including creating an Office of Sustainability and becoming a member of the Association for the Higher Education.

Because the process of becoming a truly sustainable campus involves numerous steps, the administration's focus remains on a small number of issues at a time, including transportation.

"If you asked me what the single most important sustainability initiative we had was, I'd say our bus system," Bailey said, "and the more students who can live close to a bus system and take the bus or their bikes to campus - the more students who can do that, the better off we'll be."

Tech administration has great interest in reducing the flow of traffic within campus, Bailey said.

to off-campus living and provide more on-campus living should help achieve this goal.

What we'd like to do is build on-campus housing that is attractive so that people will want to stay beyond their freshman year," he said. "That's why we have talked about mixed-use housing and

ated the Office of Sustainability in October and appointed Karen Hopkins as its coordinator.

We have been doing several In November 2009, President things," he said. "We just don't get any credit for it."

> The office's primary goal will be to organize and disseminate information concerning any existing or planned programs and initiatives.

> "We're trying to reduce our carbon footprint," Faires said. "We are very keen on utilities and energy consumption."

For example, he said Tech Advancement of Sustainability in disposes of about 80 tons of trash a week. About seven tons of paper and plastic are recycled each week, and out of the 80 tons of trash, 35 to 40 tons are mixed waste paper while the rest is garbage.

'We also use well water instead of city water for the plants," Faires said. "When we tore the buildings down to make way for the business building, we recycled the materials instead of dumping in a landfill.

"So there's all sorts of things from all aspects going on, and I think what the president wanted for us is to share that with West Texas and then the nation on what we're doing. So that's what Efforts to place bus stops close were trying to do: Put everything

together and then on a website."

Hopkins joined the Tech community a few weeks ago and said she recognizes the task of organization then dissemination set before her.

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**KAREN HOPKINS** 

COORDINATOR

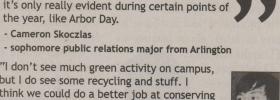
sity's environretail over off 19th across from ment," Hopkins said. "It's not just Covenant. We think it would at- an economical issue, it's social

## WORD ON THE STREET

"I do see a lot of recycling stuff, like a lot of different ways to recycle, which is great. It's important because we are such a big campus and every little bit counts." Lee Heaton -

senior exercise and sports sciences major from Wichita Falls -

the year, like Arbor Day.



- Cameron Skoczlas sophomore public relations major from Arlington

and I don't think Tech is doing a bad job, but

"I think it's really important to have a green campus,

"I don't see much green activity on campus, but I do see some recycling and stuff. I think we could do a better job at conserving paper. I know Tech has some programs, but they need more publicity.

freshman without a declared major from Lubbock -

"I'm not really sure what Tech is doing (to be sustainable); it's not very apparent. But it is important for us to have sustainable and green facilities on campus.

senior social work major from Lubbock

gauge their efforts and results. 'We're going to use these standards from AASHE to send out

- Anissa Parson

some guidelines for people to look at and maybe realize, 'OK, we've been doing that all along," she said, "and that will help people think of things already going on, then compiling that into one large report."

#### Student Support

Administration doesn't stand alone in its green crusade and continues to receive support from the student body and Student Government Association.

Tyler Patton, SGA external vice president, said the creation of the sustainability office is a great first step toward building a sustainable campus, and he is eager to initiate other projects.

"One of our long-term goals is something I really believe is a great model called the Green Campus Loan Fund," Patton said. "It provides zero-interest loans to departments on campus that want to invest and implement green projects.

"The loan builds upon itself, and so you have this constantly growing fund that different departments can pull from to start

portation and ways Tech can improve its already expansive system. Also, he said he'd like to see the utilization on campus of the energy research Tech faculty conducts, considering millions of student dollars are spent on research resources.

**Going Forward** 

Becoming an efficient, sustainable university takes time and money. The first step of creating a focal department means great things for Tech, Patton said, and it's obvious the campus has the same goals in mind.

"I think everyone's eye is focused in the same direction, and it just takes time," he said. "I think the biggest inhibitor for universities to move to any long-term sustainability plan is because it's so expensive to jump into, but we have a lot of opportunities to start off right with all of our new buildings put on campus being built to meet LEED certifications."

The green attitude has swept the United States, and President Bailey said he has seen a change on campus and expressed optimism for Tech's upcoming projects and initiatives.

"As far as I know, it's been different initiatives. But what an increasing focus since I have been here; I came here in August 2008," he said, "and again, it's driven by our concern for the environment and good stewardship of our money and resources. If you do it right it will save you money. We think if we can do this the and this is where we should be right way we'll reduce the flow of traffic and have good, clean buildings that people will be proud of." >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

# Weightlifting can help keep off holiday pounds

The end of the semester is quickly approaching, meaning I'm more than halfway into my quest to maintain a healthy lifestyle using the free resources available on campus. So far, I have added the cardiovascular exercise advice to the nutrition advice I got from experts at Tech, and all I can say is these people really know what they're talking about. Replacing a few bad habits with good ones has made a noticeable difference.

Alas, the two most terrifying obstacles to any diet or workout schedule are quickly approaching. They're called Thanksgiving and Christmas. I've never endured any kind of eating restriction on a holiday, but I'll do my best to start a new trend this year.

If you're anything like me, you like to eat every day of the year, but tasting takes on an entirely new pinnacle of excitement on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Holidays aren't just an excuse to gorge, they're an opportunity to indulge in a way that is only humanly possible a couple times a year.

However, there is some good news. Good, at least, for those of you who might not want the pecan pie hanging on to their love handles through the spring.

Kyle Ochsner said the answer may lie in the weight room. Kyle is a certified strength and conditioning coach and certified athletic trainer. He's also a strength and conditioning graduate assistant on campus and an exercise and sport sciences instructor.

According to Ochsner, weightlifting plays an important role in long-term weight control because resistance training increases lean body mass, making you capable of burning more calories. Because it requires more energy to maintain muscle mass than it does fat mass, packing on muscle will result in more calories burned at rest.

I want to take advantage of every minute I have in the gym between now and Christmas, so Ochsner



help keep you motivated, it will let you know when you need to make changes to continue to progress.

Just like the cardio expert suggested working out with a friend, Ochsner said weightlifting with someone else is not only more enjoyable, but important for maintaining accountability. He also said consistency is vital to a weightlifting routine. Expect soreness and anticipate being tired, but don't give up. Persistently sticking to the plan you make for yourself is the greatest way to reach your goals.

If you're going to invest the time in the gym, you want to be able to see results. I'm by no means looking to bulk up, but I don't know anyone who wouldn't want to be able to burn more calories at rest and have a little more tone. Ochsner surely spends a lot more time in the weight room than I, so I will share with you the most common mistakes he sees students make when it comes to training:

My Top 5 Common mistakes that I notice about students lifting at the gym:

5) Ego is bigger than the amount of weight on the bar

-Big safety concern, both at the moment and long-term effects

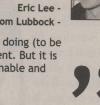
4) A lot of attention on upper body and not enough on lower body

-Your leg muscles are very large muscles (i.e. big calorie burners) and you use them to go from place to place. If you bench more than you squat something is wrong.

3) Improper form and partial range of motion

-Proper form and full range of motion ensures the safety and efficiency of the lift and can prevent injury later on. 2) A lot of machine work, not a lot of free weights

-Machines have their place, but when you utilize free weights you recruit more synergistic muscles (helper muscles), which in turn can burn more calories and also train the body more efficiently and promote whole body coordination.



tract people to stay there beyond their freshman year and reduce the use of cars."

Also, all new construction projects follow LEED certification guidelines, Bailey said, including the in-progress business administration building. Any renovations or upgrades made also include sustainable aspects, like the asbestos removal in the administration building.

#### **Current Progress**

The push to establish a sustainability office and evaluate existing and possible initiatives stemmed from the Green Report Card, a grade released by a New England interest group — College Sustainability Report Card.

This year, Tech, along with 321 colleges and universities, were rated according to the group's guidelines. Tech received a C-, a slight increase from last year's D+.

"We didn't do very well, but apparently we didn't respond to their questionnaires, except for a Bailey appointed liaison for sustainability in August to establish the Office of Sustainability, "and when they looked for information on the web, you had to have a e-raider account or you couldn't get to it."

With that in mind, Faires cre-

and environmental one. A lot of us just go along and don't know what contribution we're making in a negative or positive way."

The disjointed nature of current green initiatives causes a problem because the community has no idea what's going on, she said.

"If you are in that particular department or college, then you know, but there's no vehicle to get everything together," Hopkins said. "If you go to the Texas Tech website, you won't find a section on sustainability anywhere. Now if you go to other Big 12 schools' or other leading universities' websites, you find a sustainability site with links to other things and lets you know what's going on."

However, she stressed the office does not intend to take the initiative or program away from any department. It's a focal point for departments to join together in their efforts and provide resources.

One of the ways for departfew individuals," said Faires, who ments to check whether their efforts can be approved and their operations are as sustainable as possible, Hopkins said the university will utilize the Sustainable Tracking Assessment Rating System created by AASHE.

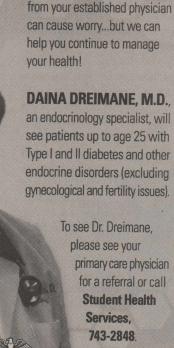
The transparent, self-tracking system aims to help universities

we've got to do first is have an office that's staffed with a group of people willing to take those initiatives up. That's our goal, as everyone is getting their footing, that they have the information; this is what on students' minds, focusing our energy."

Similar to Bailey, Patton said he is very interested in trans-

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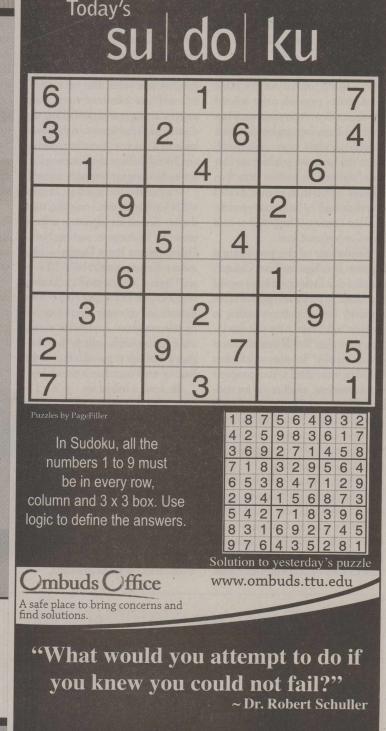
shared a few tips to make the most of the time spent doing resistance training.

He said it's important to have a plan before you ever walk into the weight room. Write down the exercises you need to do so you can get a structured workout while also getting in and out quickly. Also, he said it's important to set goals and track your progress. Not only will it

1) Texting and playing on phones while working out.

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# **Cell phones to tell lazy people they have STDs**

**DPINIONS** 

ccording to our European chums across the pond at The Guardian, there are currently people hard at work developing a small device that you can pee (or spit) on, plug into your computer or phone, and have it tell you whether or not you're infected with a sexually transmitted disease.

Friends, we are living in the future. It's kind of a scarv future, but it's the future nonetheless. Worried you might have herpes? There's an app for that.

The experts behind this new technology hope that it will drastically decrease the spread of STDs among the world's youth. This is definitely a noble goal, and one that addresses an issue that seems more pressing every day.

They are developing this private, technology-centric STD test because they feel the need to cater



to today's "technology-savvy young people," as most STDs are found among that age group - at least in the U.K.; I don't know about here in the U.S. This tells me that teens and young adults today are not only too embarrassed to go see a doctor when they think they might have screwed up, they also, well, screw up a lot.

Technology blog Gizmodo reports that the people behind this technology hope to make the testing chips - which are said to be about the size of a USB dongle - cost as little as a dollar, and they

hope it can be widely available, point fingers at so-called con- anyone - least of all your parents from vending machines to drug servative teaching methods and stores. As the website points out, religious-influenced abstinencethese are the same places where only sex education in public somebody could buy themselves a schools. I'm sure there's definitely little protection and not have to some blame to be spread in that worry so much about getting an STD in the first place.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not entirely against the idea of this technology. And let's face it, with Lubbock being fairly notorious for its "Raider rash," some of us could probably use all the help we can get. It just amazes me that we have come to methods such as this. Sure, it's ex-

tremely easy to

direction. However, we also have to wonder where the crap common sense went these days.

Obviously there are a lot of idiots out there that don't keep a condom on them for "emergencies." This isn't a revelation for most of you, though it's still a really bad thing. What's crazy to me are the people who would rather have their smart phone diagnose them with a potentially lifealtering disease than visit a trained physician.

Oh, I'm sure there are excuses. You hate clinics, you don't have insurance, you're 16 and don't want

content, which is 60 percent

- to know you slept with a girl or six ... I hate to be callous, but you should have thought of that stuff before you had the unprotected sex.

The no insurance excuse is at least a little understandable to me, but still, if your phone does tell you that you've contracted an STD, the next thing it's going to do is refer you to a doctor for treatment. So you're in the same boat either way.

The only thing this technology might save some people is time, assuming your worry about having a disease was a false alarm.

And while I'm sure there are plenty of noble people out there who would stop having so much sex - or at least start being a lot more careful – when they find out they have an STD, I have to imagine there are still plenty of people that wouldn't care enough to change their lifestyle, which helps absolutely nobody.

Now, I don't think this mobile STD tester is necessarily a bad idea, and the cause is certainly a good one. However, this really feels like a potentially flawed attempt to treat a symptom rather than the disease - or even the rest of the symptoms.

Proper sex education could be a step in the right direction, yes. Higher condom availability could be another. And raising STD awareness definitely needs to happen. And maybe I'm wrong about this phone test and it will be a tremendous help - I wouldn't mind if I am.

But I wish we could develop an app that would inject some common sense and maturity in most of today's young adults. That would solve a lot more than just the spread of STDs.

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# Serious risks come with birth control patch

#### **By SARAH BREGMAN** UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

A common birth control patch, Ortho Evra, has been the target of intense scrutiny in the past several years, because many young women have developed — or died as a result of — side effects that were previously overlooked.

Zakiya Kennedy, a freshman at Berkeley College in New York, is one of 23 women whose deaths have reportedly been caused by Ortho Evra, according to Jim Edwards of Brandweek, a business journal. The number of women who have died after using Ortho Evra has not yet been made public, according to Edwards, because of the ongoing litigation between the drug's manufacturer, Johnson and Johnson, and the 1,500 women and their families who are suing because of the adverse effects they

(i.e. a blood clot in the lungs) caused by Ortho Evra.

This raises a serious question in regards to the safety of Ortho Evra. Kennedy died back in 2004, when the safety of Ortho Evra was first seriously questioned, but even after ed with the patch five years earlier. more and more

women have died or suffered severe health consequences, such as strokes or heart attacks, and the number of lawsuits are ever increasing, Ortho Evra continues to be prescribed and women contin-

Rossen and Robert Powell of NBC Johnson and Johnson ignored News, women who use Ortho Evra Dr. Lippman's opinion on the

Again, Duffy was a healthy, 18 lems to Ortho Evra's high estrogen year old woman. The difference is Duffy's death could have been prevented had the FDA pulled Ortho Evra off the market after learning of the previous problems associat-

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Proponents for Ortho Evra argue that it has helped more women than it has hurt — but at what cost?

According to an article by Jeff ing the safety of Ortho Evra;

higher than the pill. Proponents for Ortho Evra argue that it has helped more women than it has hurt — but at what cost? Surely there is a way Instead, Ortho to make medicine both safe and Evra continues effective. to be prescribed

Because of the pending litigabecause doctors tion it is unknown how many trust the FDA's women have actually died from Ortho Evra, and it may be impos-Back in sible to ever know. There is the 2000 Dr. Joel possibility that many families Lippman, who never connected the dots of their was the vice loved one's death or they didn't president of have the means to attempt to clinical trials bring down the renowned Johnson on Ortho Evra, and Johnson in a lawsuit.

> But ultimately it is still a woman's choice what kind of birth control she chooses, if at all. So I pose this question ladies: Would having a child really alter your future so drastically that you would rather assume you won't be a statistic of Ortho Evra, like Zakiya or Adrianna? Consider the vast array of options available today, and then consider the risks associated with Ortho Evra; your health is in your hands.

# If you've got nothing useful to say, shut up

#### By MARY NOVOKHOVSKY THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

According to Nielsen Internet ratings, YouTube was the number one most visited Internet video site in the U.S. during September, totaling over 100 million unique users.

While a statistic like that probably doesn't incite a reaction of shock and awe, one might be interested to know that YouTube beat out the number two most visited site for video content (Facebook) by about 68 million users. I think it's safe to say the average American heads content fix.

If vou're a regular

search and realized that the song wasn't putting the "cool" stamp of approval on drug use but was merely discussing this artist's need for an escape tool (believe me, there weren't any complicated metaphors here). And no, I'm not about to start on an anti-drug rant — that's not my point and not my place.

What I'm saying here is that whatever debate might have existed that was actually pertinent to the song had become buried beneath a slew of personal attacks, copied and pasted Erowid factoids and just dumb arguments (both in defense and in opposition of to YouTube for their daily video drugs). Now, technically, I could

have saved myself the irritation by sim-

ply navigating

But alas,

have experienced.

Kennedy was a healthy, 18-year-old woman with aspirations of becoming a member of the fashion world; she even had an audition scheduled for America's Next Top Model. Kennedy died of a pulmonary thromboembolism

are 12 times more likely to have a stroke and 18 times more likely to have blood clots, in comparison to the pill.

ue to be injured.

Rossen and Powell reported that just last year another college freshman, Adrianna Duffy, died of a blood clot while on Ortho Evra.

matter, and Ortho Evra was officially contrived. In the next 17 months, 9,116 adverse reactions were reported to the FDA, which included everything from nausea to death, according to Edwards.

Rossen and Powell cite experts who attribute many of these prob-

# Net neutrality, dead for some, ripe for compromise

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#### **By DAN DAVIDSON** BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN U.)

In the wake of election day, Republicans eagerly pointed out the many specific policy proposals voters rejected with their ballots. As in years past, when it was the Democrats explaining which Republican ideas voters repudiated, few in the media are pointing out that these "analyses" are nothing more than spin-jobs applied to an election decided overwhelmingly by the economy and the fact that Democrats happened to hold most Congressional seats.

Emblematic of this post-election departure from logic was Scott Cleland's assertion that Democratic losses proved the American people are opposed to net neutrality. Net neutrality, according to the New York Times, is the idea that Internet providers "should treat all sources of data equally." In other words, data should be transmitted to your computer at the same rate, whether you are reading the New York Times or your friend's study-abroad blog. Some would like to see a different scenario emerge, in which the Times could pay an Internet provider to receive faster transmission.

Cleland, a telecom industry consultant who opposes net neutrality, noted that 95 candidates who signed onto a Progressive Change Campaign Committee pledge to support net neutrality all lost their races. For Cleland, this was more than enough evidence that Ameri-

cans don't want net neutrality. Never mind that not a single candidate was an incumbent, all were Democrats in a terrible year for the party, or the possibility that any issue other than net neutrality could have influenced voters. Such pathetic attempts at understanding the election aren't problematic on their own, but several major media outlets picked up on Cleland's faulty analysis, running with stories declaring net neutrality doomed.

It is probably true that this Congress will be less friendly to net neutrality than the last. Several key supporters will not return to Washington, such as North Dakota Senator Byron Dorgan — who sponsored a net neutrality bill in 2007 and Virginia Congressman Rick Boucher, who is known for bringing both parties, industry and consumer groups together on telecom issues. And recent events make it increasingly unlikely that Congress will be able to put off action on the issue for any longer than it already has.

In April, a federal ap- p e a l s court ruled that the Federal Communications

Commission doesn't have the regulatory authority to enforce net neutrality. Since then, the FCC, members of Congress and industry have all tried to get the ball rolling on revising telecommunications law, but to little effect.

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Current rules regulating the Internet stem from the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Think about what the Internet was like in 1996, and it's obvious that we need a new regulatory framework.

Fundamental concerns make it essential that some form of net neutrality be established as law in the United States. Without net neutrality, Internet providers are free to censor content on the Web, either subtly, by making certain websites take an exceptionally long time to load, or overtly, by simply blocking them. Access to this valuable public good should not be controlled by a handful of corporations, but should instead remain open to all.

Beyond this core element of the debate, however, lie many opportunilegitimate bipartisan comties for mise. Censorship cannot allowed, but perhaps a tiered Internet, as envisioned by many Internet providers, could be workable. Access to websites wouldn't be denied, but some users could opt to pay more and in return receive service that prioritizes the Web traffic they most use, like streaming video. In many other countries, greater competition amongst Internet providers gives the public options if they are unhappy with how their service is prioritizing the websites they use. Americans often find themselves with only one or two local providers, so encouraging more competition could be a useful counterweight to scaled-back net neutrality proposals.

The issues surrounding net neutrality are obviously more complex than what I lay out here. But my point is that new rules governing the Internet and prohibiting censorship are badly needed, and that the new Congress has a real opportunity to work together in a meaningful way for the good of the public.

Whether or not lawmakers choose to take on this challenge remains to be seen. Unfortunately, many conservative organizations take a reactionary stand against net neutrality, playing up the popular Tea Party meme of limited government. But it's hard to understand how one can value freedom and free markets, yet not believe the government should prevent Internet providers, who often hold regional monopolies, from censoring Web content.

New rules will have a huge impact on our Internet-dependent generation, and we can't afford to let our lawmakers be short-sighted. However the new regulations get hashed out, young people should take an active interest in the subject --- nothing less than the future of how we communicate is at stake.

As the days grow "YouTuber" then I'm sure you've found yourself reading the video comments section, maybe even posting a few words of praise or criticism.

ally, I've spent a long time avoiding entrance into heated YouTube comment wars. Lately however, I find myself tempted to respond — not so much to the video I just watched but to other user's comments.

As the days grow shorter during these approaching winter months, so does my patience for assholes. Yes, assholes. Last night I watched a really bad music video on YouTube (I'll refrain from inserting song and artist information as not to offend anybody's personal tastes) and was curious to see people's feedback on the video. I knew I hated it but it was critically acclaimed, and I hoped that a quick down scroll would provide me with some insight as to what I was missing. After all, this video had thousands of

Instead of discovering musical revelations, I found myself reading hundreds of comments endorsing and debating smoking weed and doing other drugs (quoted mentions include "shrooms," "da Xtacy" and "oxycotton"). I mean, this song did have drug references don't get me wrong. But

any able-bodied Google user could have easily done a lyrics

away from the shorter during these site. Clearly, drug use is a approaching winter sore subject for me. Sitting on months, so does my YouTube and allowing my patience for anxiety to esassholes. calate was not the best move.

once I started it seemed impossible to stop. I read and read and then read some more. There were moments where I felt my heart drop into the pit of my stomach - especially after reading something along the lines of, "your friend is fucking dumb and he didn't know how shoot up the right way, he deserved to die.'

I couldn't help but think, who the hell is the asshole and what propels him/her to take time out of their day to talk that kind of shit? It was moments like this, that went so beyond your "pothead vs. sober guy" debate and endorsements of experimentation in moderation, that it was clear that some people weren't interested in weighing in on the already offtopic issue — they just wanted to be dicks.

It's unfortunate that some people have decided to use the number one video site on the Internet to spread their hate and agenda. The beautiful thing about open forums is that they allow you to express your opinions and discuss issues.

Like many good things handed to us on a golden platter, people in our society have managed to take negative advantage of the forum - something that could have been, and may still be, a powerful and useful tool for us to honestly learn from one another.

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# Texas Rangers shouldn't Tech hoping to avoid Weber St. upset attempt to re-sign Lee

Cliff Lee shouldn't be a Texas Ranger next year.

The Rangers should remove themselves from the Cliff Lee sweepstakes and focus their resources elsewhere. It sounds absurd that the Rangers should let one of their best pitchers in recent memory walk, but they should let Lee sign elsewhere.

somewhere in the neighborhood of seven years and \$120 million. This is a contract Lee has been pitching toward for quite some time. He enters free-agency for the first time in his career.

The history of guys pitching for contracts hasn't been great. C.C. Sabathia is a success story, sure, but how about A.J. Burnett? Carl Pavano didn't work out for the Yankees. Johan Santana hasn't been as lights out as expected for the Mets. Tim Hudson has under-performed for what the Braves pay him.

The money is better spent elsewhere. The bullpen needs help. A bat needs to be acquired to replace Vladimir

Guerrero. Josh Hamilton's and Ian Kinsler's contracts are question marks moving forward. The younger players will be asking for raises in salary arbitration.

There are too many reasons for the Rangers, a team with a bad history of monetary investments, not to spend on Lee. Ranger fans

shouldn't forget Alex Rodriguez's contract

Yes, I know Cliff Lee is not coming on to a team in the same shape as A-Rod, but the Rangers were in first place without Lee last year.

Go look at his stats for the Rangers. He wasn't that stellar in the regular season. Superman was average - six losses and an almost four earned run average.

In the best case scenario, Cliff Lee affects the outcome of 40 games over the course of the year. That is the best case scenario. We haven't talked about injuries yet.

Cliff Lee isn't a power pitcher. He doesn't throw 100 mph. He doesn't slam his arm down on breaking pitches. I don't



Lee will be looking for a contract been terrible in San Francisco. He hasn't done anything to justify his contract, a contract very similar to what Lee would ask. Mark Mulder was bad, too, when he left Oakland.

Signing Lee would be going against everything that put the Rangers in the World Series. There weren't many big ticket free-agents on the Rangers this year. The Rangers were in the World Series because they stuck to the plan of drafting, developing and dealing.

If Lee walks, the Rangers will get compensated two draft picks. Doesn't seem like much, but draft picks drive baseball. If those guys turn into commodities, the GM's job gets significantly easier.

If the Rangers decide they must have a front If Lee walks, the line starter, they have the ability Rangers will get to go get Zach Greinke from compensated two Kansas City. He draft picks. Doesn't is two years away from free agency. seem like much, If he doesn't work out, it is only a but draft picks short-term commitment, not drive baseball. seven years. The risks don't outweigh

> the rewards. The money can be spent better. A three- to four-year commitment to someone like

> Jayson Werth would be better than seven to Lee. Jon Daniels had a great bargain pick-up in Vlad; he could do the same with a pitcher. Maybe one of the younger guys can impress in spring training.

> Signing Lee would be a step back for the Rangers and show a lack of faith in the current pitchers and coaching staff. The Rangers have to expect their young guys will take a stride forward. There is only one situation where the Rangers would have to sign Lee, and that is if the Angels entered negotiations.

Cliff Lee will pitch next year. He will win games. He just shouldn't do it in a Rangers **By MIKE GRAHAM** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football's Big 12 Conference days are behind them, and the Red Raiders must win at least one more game to have the opportunity to go to a bowl game.

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, Tech is taking a step down to play the Division I Football Championship Series' Weber State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Don't put it in the win column just yet, though. With a 6-4 record, the Wildcats won't be making the FCS' playoff series this season. It is a sure thing they will be fired up to take on the Red Raiders in the last game of their 2010 season coming off an emotional 27-26 win last week against Northern Arizona.

"They have had some big comefrom-behind wins," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said during his Monday news conference. "They had a four-overtime win earlier in the season. Defensively, they have had their struggles, like we have. They have made progress, so it will be a game where we've got to try to come out and play our game. We have to play much better than what we have played, play more consistent on both sides of the ball and hopefully good things happen to us."

The Red Raiders are at an unorthodox junction in their season. They still have two games left but will not have any more of an impact on the outcome of Big 12 play.

Tech's scheduling is the result of moving the Texas football game to week three of the college football season so ABC could televise the game nationally. Consequently, the move and other scheduling moves forced two non-conference games to be played after finishing the Big 12 schedule – Weber State this week and Houston the next week.

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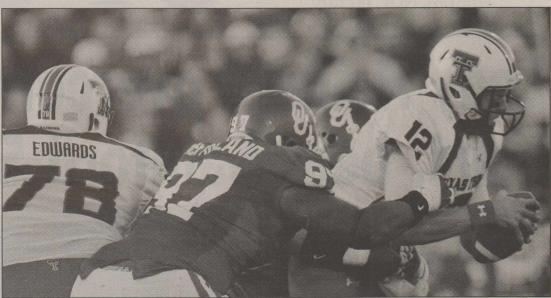


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts is sacked by Oklahoma defensive tackle Jamarkus McFarland during the Red Raiders' 45-7 loss to the Sooners Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

In theory, the move is going to help

While a sixth win is extremely likely against Weber State, Tech quarterback Taylor Potts remembers FCS Appalachian State's major upset at Michigan in 2007. The win actually made the Associated Press alter their policy of not allowing voters to rank FCS teams in the organization's weekly Top 25.

"I think they will definitely try to play their best game of the year," Potts said. "I think the schools like Appalachian (State), when they went into Michigan and beat them a couple of years ago, that was huge deal. I'm sure they want to come in and dominate this game and beat us at our place. We know we will need to come out and play really hard and really well and try to limit the mistakes we have been making in key situations."

Still, FCS wins against BCS teams are incredibly rare. Weber State itself lost to BCS opponent Boston College 38-20 to start its season.

Additionally, BCS programs often schedule FCS opponents in the early weeks of the college football season to help BCS players get the opportunity to get readjusted to a real game atmosphere after the offseason without being overly challenged.

By this point in the season, all teams have an identity and coaches have a good idea of what play calls work and what does not work.

An argument could be made that the Red Raiders will simply take Weber State for granted after defeating the likes of ranked Missouri and Baylor teams.

But Tech running back Baron Batch shot down the theory during Monday's news conference, especially with bowl eligibility hanging in the balance.

"No, not at all for me and for a lot of the guys, especially the seniors," Batch said. "It's a lot of guys' last time to play football, and there is no lack

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of excitement. It's football, it's a game that I love to play and a lot of these other guys love to play, and it's about to wind down for a lot of the guys. I'm excited about, potentially, these next three games (including a bowl game), and I'm real excited about it, and we are going to end strong."

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Tech-5-5 and a favorite against Weber State - make a bowl game. An NCAA Division I Bowl Cham-

pionship Series team, like Tech, needs to win at least six games to become eligible for a postseason bowl game, and a seventh win assures a team will make a bowl game.

see Cliff Lee having the same problems as Mark Prior and Kerry Wood. There are guys who lost their effectiveness, though.

Barry Zito wasn't a hard-throwing lefty when he left Oakland, but he has

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# Lady Raiders overcome slow start, beat Samford 58-42

#### By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

It took Mary Bokenkamp a little more than 27 minutes to come off the bench and enter the Lady Raiders' game against Samford on Monday, but not nearly as long to make a substantial impact.

After substituting in for Casey Morris at the 12:28 mark in the second half, Samford turned the ball over just a minute later, leading to a Texas Tech fast break.

Bokenkamp, pushing up the floor to her right side, received the ball on the perimeter and buried a three-pointer which ultimately swung momentum in favor of the Lady Raiders.

"To me, her three probably changed the game and gave our team a lot of confidence down the stretch," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "What I love about her is that she knows we have the confidence in her to go in there and wanted her to pull the trigger. Really happy for her because her minutes are just as important as starter minutes to us."

Tech (2-0) was off and running following Bokenkamp's first points of the evening, going on to win its regular season home opener in the United Spirit Arena by the score of 58-42.

However, Samford was in control of the contest up until that point.

The Bulldogs (0-1) opened the game riding the play of guard Emily London, who scored the game's first four points, followed by a three-point bucket from forward Hannah Dawson, giving Samford a 7-0 lead within the first two minutes of the game.

The Lady Raiders didn't get

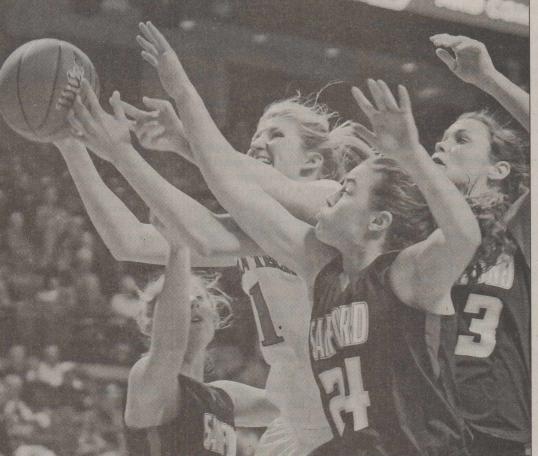


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle tries to score a basket while being blocked by Bulldog guards Ruth Ketcham and Jazmine Martin during the Lady Raiders' 58-42 victory against Samford on Monday in the United Spirit Arena.

But coming out of the timeout, the Bulldogs seized command of the game, going on an 8-2 run to expand their lead to 11 points, the largest lead of the game for either team in the first half.

Samford owned a 28-23 lead going into the locker room at halftime.

If there was anybody not surprised by the Bulldogs' first half outing, it was Curry.

"I think you just have to credit Samford," Curry said. "I tried to get the kids' attention, our staff did. (Samford) beat Ole Miss in the WNIT a year ago. They were 23-11, they're picked to win their league and they've got two outstanding seniors in London and (Savannah) Hill and they're going to make you play ugly, and it was extremely ugly in the first half." If Tech's first half was ugly,

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its second half was certainly a little bit of a closer to being pretty. Bokenkamp's game, think it was n

Prior to Bokenkamp's gamechanging basket, the Lady Raiders' defense had limited the Bulldogs to four points, spanning more than eight minutes. Kierra Mallard tied things up at 30 four minutes into the second period. Mallard finished the game with a game-high 17 points, joining Morris as the only Lady Raiders to surpass double-digit scoring marks.

But the defense's turnaround

a little bit of a flow offensively," Bokenkamp said. "Definitely, I think it was more defense than anything."

After ending the first half having made 11-of-24 attempts from the field, the Bulldogs were shutdown and finished shooting 14-of-42.

Curry said the victory, despite the fashion in which it was accomplished, is something that can only benefit her players going into Friday's date with Idaho State at home.

"Again, when you take care of the basketball and come out

# Red Raiders hope to begin road slate with win at UNT

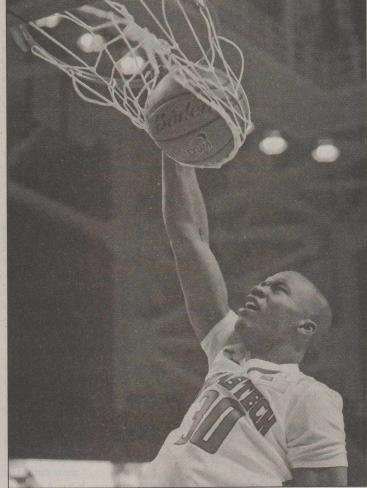


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jaye Crockett dunks the ball during Tech's 86-67 victory against Louisiana-Monroe on Friday in the United Spirit Arena.

#### By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Following a 86-67 win Friday night against Louisiana-Monroe, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said his team needs to be capable of winning on the road.

The Knight-led Red Raiders (1-0) get their first test away from the friendly confines of the United Spirit Arena at 7 p.m. today against North Texas in Denton.

"We've got to get ready for the Big 12 (Conference)," Knight said following Friday's game. "I can't just sit here at home and play all home games and then just get our butts beat in the Big 12. the new guys will be on the road in front of a hostile crowd. That's what being on the first road game is really all about; it's just about you've got to come out there and set the tone."

Singletary said the best way to set the tone tonight starts with their defense.

Against ULM, Tech allowed the Warhawks to stick around the first half as the Red Raiders led by one at halftime.

"We need to start off full throttle pretty much," Singletary said. "We were playing good D to start the game, but they were still hitting shots. When you play on the road, and when you play on the Big 12, you can't start off that way."

onto the scoreboard until the 17:50 mark, courtesy of a jumper from Morris.

From that moment on, a back-and-forth duel ensued, with both teams matching the other's production, 6-6, before a media timeout occurred with 15:19 remaining in the opening quarter.

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stood out in Bokenkamp's eyes, considering Tech turned in a second-half performance in which it held Samford to four second-half points in more than 12 minutes.

"I knew that we had been struggling, but in second half we definitely picked up our defense and started getting into

and defend the way we did the second half – we only gave up three field goals in the second half if I'm not mistaken, you're going to win some games," Curry said. "Ugly counts tonight and we'll take it, we'll grow from it.

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"We got off to such a good start in the preseason last year, and it still wasn't enough to prepare for the Big 12."

If the Red Raiders hope to reach their goal of the NCAA tournament, they will have to prove they belong there. The Mean Green (1-0) offers Tech its first measuring stick of the 2010 campaign.

North Texas won its first game of the season in convincing fashion against Division II school Henderson State, 92-66.

UNT reached the NCAA tournament last season after winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament — albeit as a No. 15 seed that was quickly bounced from the dance by then No. 2-seeded Kansas State.

Last season the Red Raiders finished 3-3 in nonconference road games, 4-10 overall away from Lubbock, excluding neutral sites.

"First road game is always usually one of the toughest ones," Tech forward Mike Singletary said. "First time a lot of Tech still needs to find its defensive voice, but the offense clicked against the Warhawks, although it was from some unexpected contributors.

Singletary, last season's leading scorer, scored 10 first-half points but was held scoreless the final 20 minutes. A large part of the Red Raiders' success was because of the play of the second team, Singletary said. Tech's bench scored 40 points, including nine from true freshman Jamel Outler and eight from redshirt freshman Jaye Crockett.

But as hot as some of the Tech newcomers played Singletary knows playing on the road can be overwhelming to younger players, and he has some advice.

"Take a deep breath, man," he said. "Just realize it's basketball; it's fun, it's supposed to be fun. You can't come out tense; you can't come just being so uptight. The thing I'm probably going to tell them is just to relax." >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu



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