Committee continues search for next

Bailey, seven members expect to see progress in coming weeks

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech President Guy Bailey appointed seven members to form a search committee for the school's next athletic director on Dec. 21, with current AD Gerald Myers set to step down in May.

Since a little more than four

Bailey and the committee expect to make significant strides toward finding Myers' successor within the next few weeks.

"I'm sure that there are probably candidates who have already submitted (applications)," Bailey said. "We haven't put out an advertisement yet, and so I don't expect

day as athletic director, May 31, but I'd say in the next couple of weeks we'll have an ad out."

> The committee is represented by members of different areas from both within and outside the university.

The seven members will carry the responsibility of reviewing and recommending certain candidates to replace Myers, and were selected months remain before Myers' final much to happen until the ad is out, for particular reasons by Bailey, who members Mickey Long, who will

received input from Tech Chancellor Kent Hance.

"These are people who are Board of Regents members, there's a rep-

resentative from the athletics department and our faculty athletics representative; that's pretty much it, and then there's one person who represents the donors," Bailey said.

Making up the group are board

committee, John Scovell, and Rick Francis.

Tech School of Law professor and NCAA faculty athletic rep-

resentative Brian Shannon also was appointed to the committee. Shannon led the internal investigation that resulted in Tech's self-imposed sanctions, which were recently accepted by the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions.

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Senior associate director of athletics Judi Henry, vice chancellor for institutional development Kelley Overley and Linda Fuller, representing the Alumni Association National Board of Directors. round out the members that will power the process of searching for Myers' replacement.

However, once all reviews of candidates are complete, it will be Bailey who has the final say.

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Experts warn of eye damage during season



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EXPERTS AT TEXAS Tech Health Sciences Center are urging students to use precautions to protect their eyes from damge during the winter season. Lubbock is among the top three cities with the driest climates during the winter months, according to an advisory from HSC, which can lead to serious eye damage.

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is recommending that students take the necessary steps to protect their eyes from drying out during the winter season to avoid any serious problems requiring treatment.

According to an advisory sent out by HSC, Lubbock is among the top three cities in the country, ranking second in between Scottsdale, Ariz., and Las Vegas, with an extremely dry winter climate that can induce complications with eye dryness and soreness.

Dr. Jay Bradley, cornea and external disease specialist at HSC, said Lubbock's climate, especially during the winter, can be harsh on the eyes.

"During the winter there is less to block UV rays, especially in West Texas," he said. "Lubbock's climate is pretty dry, has little humidity and less cloud coverage during the winter, making the eyes more susceptible to UV rays."

There are certain warning signs of possible eye problems students should watch out for, Bradley said.

"Dryness, irritation, blurred vision, foreign body sensation, decrease in vision, discomfort or pain in the eyes, and pink or red eyes can all be warning signs of eye problems," he said.

Lubbock's consistently high winds can lead to eye problems as well, Bradley said, especially for those who wear contacts.

"In an area with extreme wind like Lubbock, you may find you need to keep contact re-wetting drops on you at all times," he said. "If it is an extreme issue, you can wear wraparound glasses that keeps tears from getting evaporated."

While Lubbock hasn't seen much snow this winter, Bradley said it is important to understand snow's effect on UV light.

"If there is snow on the ground, much more light is reflected from the earth's surface," he said, "and this can lead to snow-blindness, a condition in which the eyes get over-irritated due to overexposure from reflected light."

Spending a lot of time reading or in front of the computer can further dry out the eyes, said Dr. Charles Stockwell, optometrist at HSC.

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EYE DAMAGE

Warning Signs

- Dryness
- Irritation
- ·Blurred vision
- Foreign body sensation
- Decrease in vision
- Discomfort or pain in
 - eyes Pink or red eyes

Causes

- Extreme wind
- Excessive reading or time spent in front of a computer
- •UV rays (amplified
- during the winter) Air conditioners, heaters

Remedies

- Rewetting drops
- Wrap-around glasses Ample hydration

Source: TTUHSC

Transfer students adjust with aid of transition programs

University sees increase of about 100 transfer students from 2010

> By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Walking around campus with a map might not be so fun in the freezing temperatures, but for students who have just arrived for and simply want to make sure they their first semester at Tech, it's a get into their classes. necessity.

This semester's incoming class of transfer students is about 1,000, which is 100 more than last year, said Mary Willeford, the undergraduate transfer coordinator.

In order to help these students, most of whom come from community colleges, Willeford said Tech does all it can to give them a smooth transition.

The process begins with a daylong orientation that varies greatly from the one incoming freshmen attend. Willeford said it was simply a boiled-down, condensed version of the three-day orientation.

By the end of the day, the students have been introduced to the Tech campus, met with their advisers and registered for classes. Willeford said transfer students already understand the college atmosphere

Christa Sloan, a political science major from San Antonio, attended Schreiner University for a semester, then took a year off and has just begun her first semester at Tech.

She said although the orientation was effective, she thought it could have lasted longer.

Sloan chose to become a Red Raider because her father graduated from Tech and she thought Lubbock was ideal as a college town.

Sloan said so far she really likes the campus and the classes she has attended.

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Tech Ranks in Forbes' Top 10 list in STEM

Ranking places university among best in minority outreach realm

By CHOIS WOODMAN

STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech ranked No. 7 in a Dec. 15 Forbes.com survey of the top colleges for minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Jerry Dwyer, coordinator of STEM education and outreach at Tech, said STEM covers a broad

range of departments.

"The honor is a great endorsement of grass-root efforts that have been made over several years," Dwyer, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, said. "It is also a tribute to the programs that have enhanced the STEM outreach."

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TAB Fire and Ice Festival Time: 12 p.m. Where: SUB Courtyard and Ball-So, what is it?

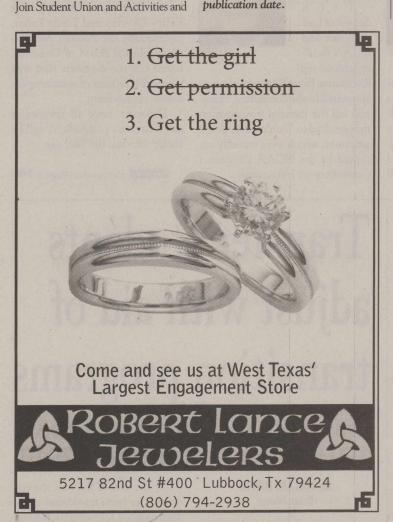
the Tech Activities Board for some great music, free food, and fun! Derek Teague Band will perform in the SUB Allen Theatre Courtyard. Also, be sure to participate in the Student Organization fair in the SUB Ballroom.

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Tech business professors appointed to finance journal editorial board

STAFF WRITER

Three Texas Tech business professors recently were appointed to the editorial team of The Journal of Financial Research, a journal devoted to the publication of scholarly research in finance.

Jeff Mercer, who was elected as part of the editorial team, said every three to five years a board of directors reviews the journal's editorial team to decide if they want to look for a new one.

The advisory board decided to seek another editorial team," Mercer said, "and my two colleagues and I decided to put in a proposal, and the advisory board accepted us."

Mercer said the journal is considered to be in the top 15 of financial academic journals and is aimed at a broader audience than most financial journals.

Mercer said the quality of the journal is one of the main areas the editors plan to improve upon while also attracting more readers.

scholars view it as a favorable place to send their quality work," he said.

Drew Winter, co-editor of the journal, said the team would like to get the

journal back to publishing work all

"Our goal is to get everybody in the profession interested and thinking about publishing in The Journal of Financial Research,' he said. Co-editor Scott Hein said broaden-

ing the top-

across the board.

ics will help increase the readership of the journal.

coverage of articles," he said; "it has been kind of narrowly focused recently."

Winters said he does three things in his job: re-

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JEFF MERCER

PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

search, teaching and service, and the journal will be a great way for the professors to give back to

the profession them recognition in the

field. Hein said their positions are a good fit considering their backgrounds in fi-

"Myself, Dr. Mercer and Dr. Hein have been active participants

nance.

throughout the years," he said. "Between us we have published 10 journal."

Hein acknowledges there will be challenges as they start a new-direction with the journal, and they

will have to cooperate with other

'It's a difficult process," he said. "The editorial board works with associate editors and reviewers and associations that sponsor the journal. There are many different groups that we have to be concerned about and work with."

Mercer said the journal will give the three professors recognition in their field, but their focus is more on the journal itself. He also realizes the new position entails more responsibilities.

"More work," Mercer said while laughing. "It does give individuals, like myself, some recognition in the field, but I would assume my colleagues and I all agree that's not really why we do this.

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"Students typically spend a lot of time at the computer or reading," he said. "The eyes get severely dried during these activities, due to a significant decrease in blinking rate; instead of blinking 18 times per minute, you are only blinking about nine times per minute."

Inside air conditioners and heating units also have caused eye problems, Stockwell said.

"Generally during the winter most buildings use forced heating, which dries out the eyes' tear ducts," he said.

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Stockwell said staying hydrated is not only good for the body, but for the eyes as well.

"We would like to increase the

"Staying hydrated is vital to the eyes' natural tear production," he said. "Also, caffeine and alcohol tend to dry the body out, so it's a good idea to avoid them."

Stockwell said students should be aware of eye specialists and eye treatments available on campus.

"You'd be surprised how many students don't know eve care is available at the Health Sciences Center," he said. "You can find us on the second floor of HSC."

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Obama says polarized nation needs healing

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Summoning the soul of a nation, President Barack Obama on Wednesday implored Americans to honor those slain and injured in the Arizona shootings by becoming better people, telling a polarized citizenry that it is time to talk with each other "in a way that heals, not in a way wounds." Following a hospital bedside visit with Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the target throughout the arena.

of the assassination, he said: "She knows we're here, and she knows we

In a memorably dramatic moment, the president said that Giffords, who on Saturday was shot point-blank in the head, had opened her eyes for the first time shortly after his hospital visit. First lady Michelle Obama held hands with Giffords' husband, Mark Kelly, as the news brought soaring cheers

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Haitian-Americans mark | Perry mum on how Texas can end 'sanctuary cities' 1st year since earthquake

pride are painted into a colorful new mural, unveiled for Wednesday's anniversary of Haiti's massive stitching together the red and blue earthquake, wrapping a prominent corner in this city's Little Haiti neighborhood.

The presidential palace and hillside homes of Haiti's capital stand firm and uncracked, but the images are from the past. The mural's artists painted tears running down the solemn faces

MIAMI (AP) — Grief and of Haiti's revolutionary heroes, a presidential-appearing hip hop star Wyclef Jean and a young girl fields of Haiti's flag.

> "Even the sky is very sad today," said Dr. Suzie Armas, emerging from a morning Mass at nearby Notre Dame d'Haiti to damp, gray clouds. "This is the same way the Haitian community has been feeling. Unfortunately, there has not been that much progress.'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Reimmigration status during traffic stops. realize the city has some "policies in meaning Republicans in that chamber "I don't know yet," Perry said. "We'll place that are inappropriate." He didn't

publican Gov. Rick Perry offered no clues Wednesday on how Texas might abolish "sanctuary cities" that he says provide haven to illegal immigrants, after ordering the new GOP-dominated state legislature make the issue a top priority.

Perry didn't get into details on how Texas should correct a "number of cities" he said are in conflict with state and federal immigration laws. He said writing a bill on the second day of a new session was premature, and didn't give an answer when asked whether he wants local police officers to question people about their

sity of Minnesota ranks first.

According to Forbes.com,

from Forbes' annual ranking

of the top 400 colleges in

America. The study compared

African Americans, Hispanics

and American Indians to white

and Asian students regarding

graduation rates and ratio of

students in STEM programs.

write the legislation over the next 140

Katherine Cesinger, a spokeswoman for the governor, later sought to clarify that comment, saying Perry wants to stop cities from taking away the discretion officers have to enforce certain laws. Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, has long been assailed by conservatives as a place that protects illegal immigrants because the city's police officers generally don't ask about citizenship during patrols or investigations.

Perry, when pressed about Houston on Wednesday, said residents there

name other sanctuary cities in Texas when asked.

Houston has bristled at the "sanctuary city" label. Mayor Annise Parker, speaking to reporters in Houston after Perry's comments, said her city's policies for police are the same ones followed by state troopers. She said she wasn't aware of a sanctuary city anywhere in Texas.

"We are going to continue doing what we do, and we believe common sense will prevail in Austin," Parker said.

Texas opened a new legislative session Tuesday with a historic GOP 101-49 supermajority in the House, can pass legislation with no Democratic support. Perry got thing started by designating sanctuary cities one of two emergency items for lawmakers. That puts the issue on the legislative fast track, whereas dozens of anti-illegal immigration bills in previous sessions withered quickly.

"There are cities in this state that have made decisions that they're going to be havens for those that are in conflict with federal immigration laws or state laws, and we're going to prohibit that," Perry said. "We'll have a good and open discussion about what we're going to prohibit."

Transfer ←

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"I'm really excited about the positive decision I've made," she said. On the other hand, she said

she knows she will soon face some challenges. Schreiner is a much smaller school, and she said it was easier

to make friends there. Though she is confident she will be more social here, she said she knows it will take longer to find that just-right group

Willeford said many students find transitioning to a larger school tough, and that is why the Transfer Student Ambassadors program was launched in October.

The program enlists Tech students who transferred from other colleges as ambassadors who can relate to new students and help them with anything they have trouble with.

Tech also offers a learning community in Murray, as well as the Transfer Connection, a student organization to help transfer students meet up and get involved, Willeford

She noted that joining any organization would help because immersing oneself in campus is the best way to get over any issues a transfer

"(The students should) really get involved," she said. "Even though they transferred, as soon as they get here they are immediately Red Raiders." >>> hdavis@dailytoreador.com

ranking shows the results from the hard work the university has put in.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 He said minorities are "very Tech is one of two Texas under-represented in STEM," schools represented on the list, which makes the ranking more the other being Texas A&M at No. 14. Saint Mary's Univer-

We've been emphasizing how to get more of both women and minorities into these areas the list was narrowed down of STEM for a number of years,"

The recognition of faculty working in STEM and the importance of the work is growing at Tech, he said.

"This allows us to integrate all of these programs together," Dwyer said. "This is changing Dwyer said the top-10 the atmosphere of the colleges here on the Texas Tech campus." Lawrence Schovanec, dean

of the College of Arts and Sciences, said Tech faculty deserves the bulk of the credit for the STEM growth at Tech. "The STEM initiatives have

grown as a result of Texas Tech faculty who have been willing to act on their personal convictions that we need to address the recruitment of students,"

The recruitment of minorities into STEM programs provides numerous benefits, Scho-

"A diverse educational environment creates opportunities for people from different backgrounds with different life experiences to come to know one another in more than a superficial way, while developing tolerance and mutual respect, critical to our society," he said.

Schovanec said the national recognition addresses an important state and national need.

Dom Casadonte, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, said STEM impacts everyday lives.

"STEM provides the backbone for most of the development that occurs in industry, manufacturing, new materials development, genetics and molecular biology," Casadonte said.

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Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is! Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

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Palin's exit would benefit everyone, including herself

ormally I try to write a catchy first paragraph to draw in the reader, but for this column it's not needed. Why not? Because this column is about Sarah Palin.

Yes, Mrs. Palin has become one of the hottest topics around, a true celebrity. Every little tweet she sends or comment she makes goes through the highest of scrutiny.

That doesn't always work in her favor, as evidenced plenty of times, most recently by her use of the term "blood libel" to describe the backlash she faced after many tried to link her comments and an ill-advised map she posted on her website to the gunman who shot a U.S. representative and 19 others in Arizona.

Palin should do everyone a favor and go back to a life of relative anonymity (or as close to that as she can get now).

First, I should take a step back and remind readers that po-

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litically I'm pretty moderate. It's almost en vogue to trash on Palin these days, and I don't want to be

lumped in with the others. Some may be surprised to learn I had great enthusiasm for Palin when she was announced as John McCain's running mate in the run up to the 2008 Presidential Election. She was a fresh face who seemingly wasn't going to just be in the rank and file like so many other politicians. While I didn't always agree with her views, I did think that she had a bright future and the ability to make positive

changes in the Republican Party. Fast-forward a few years, though, and Palin has made more

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she said or did, and while there is some truth to her complaints of being victimized by some in the 'lamestream media' (Worst. Nickname. Ever.), she brings much of

Palin has become the most polarizing figure in

it on herself.

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> Palin should do everyone a favor and go back to a life of relative anonymity (or as close to that as she can get now)

absolute disgust with the former Alaska gover-

The fact

is she's too polarizing to get back into politics as an elected official. Palin is pondering an attempt to get into the White House, but were she to

be a nominee for either the

than her fair share of gaffes. Hard- dations of all she does. Yet, those swing the odds greatly in favor of too. There will be far less scrutiny, the Democrats.

> So, Palin could continue in her role as the Great Agitator or she could fade back into normal life. It would be good for a figure so polarizing to be out of the public's

> It would be a dark day for her supporters, yes, but there are plenty of other candidates with the same general values and principles she has that don't provoke the same reaction among moderate Republicans (and everybody else, too).

> Her detractors would dance around for a while but eventually would have to find something else to do with their lives rather than simply slamming Palin.

Palin herself would benefit,

and we know she's made enough money to live comfortably for quite a while. Hopefully it would mean no more stories about what her daughter posted on Facebook. I have no idea what her personal life is like, but I do know it would be tough to live in the climate

Sarah Palin is not an evil person. She's not the best person ever to get into politics. Like most, she's somewhere in between. It will be far easier for everyone to recognize that if Palin sits the next few plays out and gets out of the public eye.

that they do.

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'Huck Finn' changes ridiculous

By RAUL QUINTANA HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW (HARVARD U.)

A recent article in Publisher's Weekly controversially announced that a new version of the Mark Twain's classic

"Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" will censor the "n" word and replace it with the word "slave." The "n" word, of course, is detest-

able and, as the article points out, has caused many school-boards (i.e. worried parents) to ban the book completely. Yet, I agree with The Washington Post's Alexandra Petri '10, who had this dramatically awesome response:

"It would be like renaming "1984" "2084," because the current title does not reflect how pleasant life was under the Reagan administration. This is like changing War and Peace to Peace, because war is unpleasant to remember, or removing World War I from All Quiet on the Western Front."

There's more I would post, but it's really just worth reading the whole thing.

Besides my general opposition to book censorship (it's an insult to the author, where does it stop, it deprives people of access to the actual work, etc.), my main issue with this particular word, as Petri mentions, is its importance to the greater work.

The word is essential to the meaning of the book. The removal of "n" word from the text severely impacts both Twain's critique of racism and his representation of American life in the

last half of the nineteenth century. It essentially ruins the traits that make the work a masterpiece.

Granted, Huckleberry Finn constantly comes under attack for its material, partly from its prominence in the literary canon as a cornerstone of American literature. Yet, this change is unprecedented in its extent. This is not just removing the book from reading lists (still wrong, but easily avoided with a trip to the library or Amazon), this is outright changing the original text.

This is what makes it so wrong. At the very least, it denies people the ability to enjoy and study the actual classic text.

School boards and parents are not helping their children by sheltering them from the realities of the world and our past. To move forward from the injustices of the past, we first have to understand it.

And we cannot ignore the past for fear of offending anyone or sheltering their innocence. Granted, we need to make sure that children who read this are mature enough for the material, but this censorship essentially impedes the school's ability to educate and cultivate that maturity, which in turn affects our children's ability to become knowledgeable adults.

I just wish Twain were alive to hear about this. His biting, witty, and uncensored response would probably be enough to settle the issue of censorship permanently.





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Conan popular with young viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — After two the desirable 18-to-49 demographic. months on the air, Conan O'Brien's late-night talk show is the favorite of younger viewers — that is, when DVR usage is factored in, according to basiccable network TBS.

Most ratings figures count TV viewership only within the 24-hour period after a show is aired. By this standard, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" is the champ in total viewers, as well as in

But "Conan" ranks No. 1 in the key 18-to-49 and 18-to-34 audience segments when "time-shifted" data is included, which adds viewers of the show up to a full week after its airing.

By this measure, "Conan" has topped all cable and broadcast latenight talk shows since its premiere Nov. 8 through the end of the year, TBS announced late Tuesday.

Tech displays Georgia State student art

By BRITTANY HOOVER LA VIDA EDITOR

The Texas Tech School of Art is displaying an exhibition of pieces from artists whose works the campus has not experienced before.

The pieces on display are part of a student art swap between 25 Tech MFA students and 22 MFA students from Georgia State University's Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. The exhibition displayed at Tech features 26 works.

Zach Nader, a studio art graduate student from Dallas, serves as the student coordinator of the exchange on both campuses. He said the exhibition gave him and his peers a unique opportunity they would seldom have otherwise.

"This exchange gave the MFA students the opportunity to exhibit their artwork in downtown Atlanta, at a prominent university," he said in an e-mail response.

Nader said he contributed a video piece titled "Television Programming/Advertisement," a two-channel video, displayed on televisions.

Director of Landmark Arts Joe Arredondo A constant said the art school has parcirculation of ideas ticipated in various exchange is good for the programs, including ones students and the in Indianapolis and south Texprogram. as. He said the exchange offers **ZACH NADER** the students in-STUDENT COORDINATOR volved a valu-ART EXCHANGE able experience to carry over

after college. "It becomes a line on their resumes," he said. "In the case of our

into their lives



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/THE DAILY TOREADOR STUDENT WORKS FROM Georgia State are displayed in the Art building. The pieces are on display as part

of an exchange between Georgia State and Texas Tech. the exchange because they organized it. Zach Nader, especially, he

> in the country until he found someone willing to do the exchange." David

> Mondt, assistant curator for Landmark the students involved has been positive.

"Our Texas were very excited to send

their work and have it displayed in Atlanta," he said. "And in Atlanta, they are excited to show here. The students, they benefit most from idea of the art swap is fantastic."

Through the exchange, interested undergraduates at Tech have reached out to various universities the opportunity to see the type of work being done at the graduate level at a school they may be interested in applying to, Nader said. Likewise, the program serves as a recruitment effort for Tech's MFA program by showcas-

> Four of the Tech students involved will travel to Atlanta to talk about their works, Arredondo said. Arts, said the Those students will get the experiresponse from ence of recruiting for the Texas Tech School of Art while in Atlanta and speaking publicly about pieces they

ing its work in Atlanta.

The exhibition is Lubbock citi-Tech students zens' chance to experience new work by up-and-coming artists, Mondt said.

"You get to experience it firsthand. You get to see what is the future of art, and what does it look

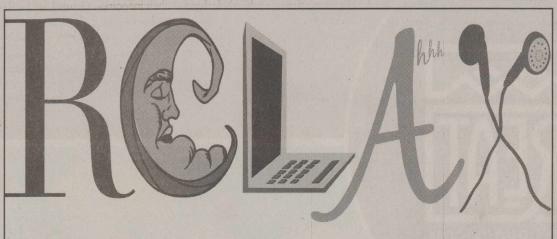
for folks to see cutting edge."

The program is not only a good opportunity for the artists to make the public aware of what they are working on, Nader said, but it also gives others in the Lubbock and Atlanta areas the chance to critically engage in the displayed works.

"The Tech community benefits from having exciting new artwork on campus, and our students have the opportunity to display their work," he said. "These are the types of connections and dialogues that are important in an arts education — so, yes, I would like to see this continue in the future with a variety of schools.

"A constant circulation of ideas is good for the students and the program."

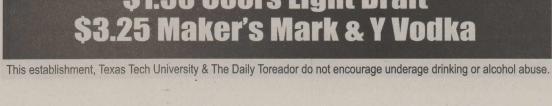
The exhibit is on display through Feb. 20 in the Studio Gallery located in the hallway of the art building.

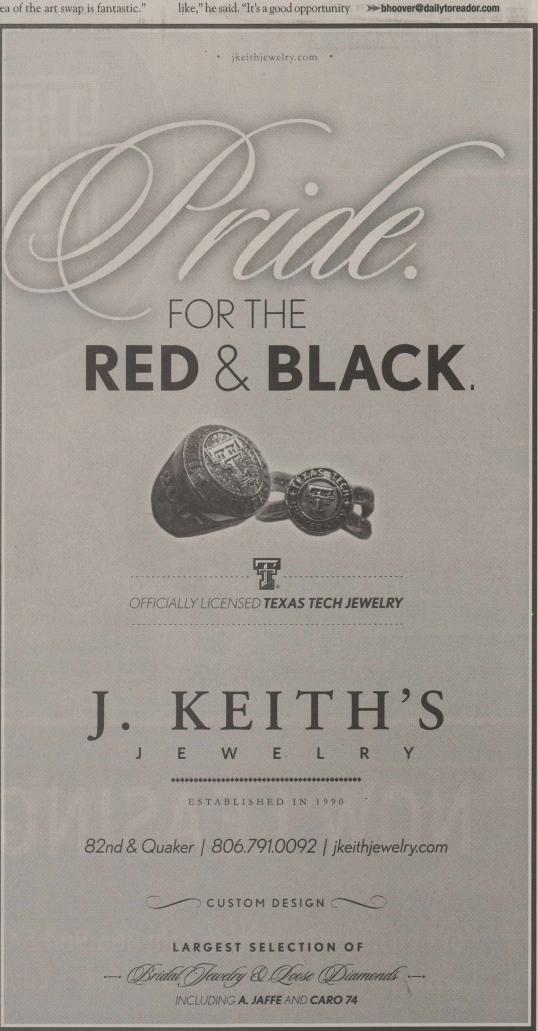


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SPORTS

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Brown's career night powers Lady Raiders to 63-56 win

STAFF WRITER

With 13:07 left in the game, Texas Tech's leading scorer Kierra Mallard had only scored three points and had just committed her fourth

The Lady Raiders needed somewas Chynna Brown, guiding Tech to a 63-56 win against Missouri.

"Chynna was unbelievable," Tech head coach Kristy Curry said. "I mean it looked like there for a while she was the only one that wanted the ball, wanted to make a play. Again Chynna just lets the game come to her."

Brown finished with a careerhigh 22 points and eight rebounds, which tied her career high total.

This 15-1 start for the Lady Raiders is the best start for the team since the 2003-04 season when Tech started 17-1.

This is the second consecutive game the Lady Raiders have recovered from a double-digit deficit to win — Tech was down 15 at Kansas, and came back to win 61-57

"I thought they really came and got a lot more aggressive," Missouri head coach Robin Pingeton said. "Again long, lengthy, athletic kids out there and so absolutely give Texas Tech credit for turning up the heat, applying a little bit more pressure, and I don't think we handled it very well."

The game started slow for both squads until Missouri's Jasmyn Otote brought Tech the closest it had been drained back-to-back shots from all game, 47-50. behind the arc, giving the Tigers a

to show life by pulling back within lead with 3:14 to go. four with 14:23 left in the half.

came out on a tear with a Jordan Barncastle 3-pointer, and then Brown pulled up from outside the arc to drain a three off a steal to tie the game at 13.

Missouri would eventually pull one else to step up, and Wednesday it out to a 10-point lead with 2:51 to go in the half. With less than 10 seconds left on the clock and already down by 10, 36-26, Brown turned over the ball and Shakara Jones took

> Jones drove the court, weaving between Tech players, and made a layup at the buzzer to give the Tigers a 38-26 advantage going into the half.

Tech shot a poor 32.1 percent from the floor in the first half while the Tigers hit 51.7 percent of their

For the first 2:53 of the second half Tech went scoreless until Monique Smalls drained a jumper followed by a Morris layup to pull within 10 with 16:48 to go.

Foul trouble become troublesome in the second half, so Mallard contributed in different ways to help the team out when not on the court.

"Just get my team energy off the bench," she said. "Just talk to them on defense, and try to screen and make my teammates open."

With less than 10 minutes to go in the game it looked as though the Tigers were going to maintain their commanding lead, but the Lady Raiders began to slowly chip away.

With 5:13 left, a Smalls layup

Mallard, who had no room for error with four fouls, sparked the Tech After four consecutive turnovers offense, and with a pull-up jumper by Missouri, the Lady Raiders began she gave the Lady Raiders the 51-50

Tech would never let the lead slip Following a media timeout, Tech away as Smalls, Wickett and Brown all made key free throws toward the end of the game.

> Brown went six-for-six from the line in the last minute, and finished a perfect nine-for-nine on the night. The Lady Raiders finished the game on a 21-6 run.

"I was really proud for how we finished, but we've got to stop doing this," Curry said with a laugh. "Maybe we're going to be labeled 'The Comeback Kids.' But again I think that we just want to make sure that we do a better of job of not putting ourselves in such a position with our backs against the wall.

"It says a lot about these kids." » jkoch@dailytoreador.com



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TEXAS TECH GUARD Christine Hyde goes up for a layup during the Lady Raiders' 63-56 win against Missouri on Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

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More games means more injuries for NFL players

(AP) —As college football underclassmen from Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck — staying in school — to LSU cornerback Patrick Peterson leaving for the pros — weigh whether to head to the NFL, it's clear they're aware of the league's impending labor

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Still, that does not appear to be influencing many decisions ahead of Saturday's deadline to declare for the draft.

"I don't think the looming potential of the lockout is affecting decisions," agent Peter Schaffer said

and their labor dispute with the

NFL comes down to something no

rational union in a thriving industry

would accept: Work longer and get

in a telephone interview. "I really underclassman can put his name up don't believe the uncertainty of the labor situation is skewing decisions one way or another in any significant proportion. It's pretty much been business as usual.

Indeed, the NFL expects the number of underclassmen eligible for the draft to fall within the range established over the past decade. An average of 46 players was granted what the NFL calls "special eligibility" each draft since 2001, with a low of 35 that year and a high of 53 in both 2008 and 2010.

While Saturday is the last day an

for the draft, he then has 72 hours to change his mind. The NFL will announce the early entry candidates next

The current NFL labor deal expires in early March, and the players' union is convinced the owners are planning to lock them out. Even if that happens, April's draft will go on as scheduled, although rookies wouldn't be able to sign contracts until a new collective bargaining agreement is in place.

Among the factors underclassmen might consider:

—It's possible there won't be a 2011 NFL season at all, so players leaving college could wind up sitting out an entire year.

—Even if an agreement is reached in time for next season to be played, the timing of a deal might result in shortened training camps or no minicamps, so "your development might be stunted a little versus years past," Schaffer said. A rookie would have less time to learn his new team's system and prove he deserves to start — or, in some cases, even make

Phillips right choice for Houston Texans defense

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Wade Phillips is going to save the Houston Texans, but it isn't

The Houston Texans hired the former Cowboys head coach with hopes he can improve one of the worst defenses in NFL history. People thought Barak Obama had a tough job.

There are some negatives about the Phillips hire.

The Texans didn't interview any other candidates after firing former defensive coordinator Frank Bush. This is disturbing because it lends to the

'good ole boy' theory about the Texans' hiring practices.

The Texans, since hiring Gary Kubiak, have yet to go outside of Kubiak's comfort zone in hiring personnel. The Texans hired one of the better defensive coordinators, but it was still a hire that Gary Kubiak was comfortable

with. With the Phillips hire, the Texans will change from the 4-3 defense to the 3-4 defense. The 4-3

traditionally uses four defensive for Wade Phillips to use, that isn't linemen and three linebackers with pressure on the quarterback coming from the defensive ends.

The 3-4 defense employs three D-linemen and four linebackers. The pressure here usually comes from the outside linebackers rushing the passer. The 3-4 also employs a larger defensive tackle. The Texans will have to change the roles players on the roster have, and add players to fit the system.

The Texans will need a big tackle for the defense. Amobi Okove doesn't fit the mold and has been pretty underwhelming since he was drafted. Earl Mitchell and Shaun Cody don't fit either. The Texans need to look at Pat Williams who will likely leave the Vikings.

The Mario Williams decision will be tough to make. When he walks on the field, Mario Williams is the best physical specimen in football. He is unreal in his strength, quickness, and speed.

Mario needs to play defensive

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end. It allows him to not be the main focal point in the defense. The media, coaches and opposing teams will not focus strictly on Mario anymore.

It's more complicated than that, of course, though there is some truth to the union claims. The NFL wants to change the way it does business with players, and the league seems willing to risk a lockout over a longer season and a rookie salary cap once the current collective bargaining agreement expires in March.

Still, it's not likely to garner much sympathy among fans, many of whom have had to do the very same thing in difficult economic times — work longer and get paid less. So the players' union went down a different path this week in

(AP) — Listen to the players objecting to the push for an 18-game regular season.

> It said it was worried about injuries. And on this, the most vital issue of all for a professional athlete, the union is right.

More games mean more wear and tear in a sport that already is bruising. And that means the average NFL career of less than four years could be cut even shorter.

"Any time there's more exposure there's more risk for injury," said Wayne Sebastianelli, director of athletic medicine at Penn State University. "I worry about it even for the non-paid athlete in the sense of what they're exposed to."

The NFL wants to trade two meaningless preseason games for two extra regular-season games as a way to bring in more cash and resolve

fan complaints about the exhibitions. Commissioner Roger Goodell called it "a significant change" in an e-mail sent last week to some 5 million fans.

Players call it other things. "To me, right now, as things

stand, 18 games, the way it's being proposed, is completely unacceptable. ... I see more and more players get injured every season," Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said.

Both sides are vying for the sympathies of fans who can't bear even the suggestion that their favorite league might not open for business on time next season. Unfortunately, there's not nearly as much talking going on behind closed doors, with no formal talks between the league and the union in weeks.

In his e-mail, Goodell said an

agreement can be reached on a new deal "if both sides give a little." But he also made it clear the NFL isn't terribly interested in giving a little on its plan to expand

And, in a league that days ago created a safety advisory panel headed by John Madden and Ronnie Lott to look at ways to keep players healthy, that means more injuries.

"You will have more injuries numerically, there's no doubt," said David Geier, an orthopedic surgeon and director of the Medical University of South Carolina sports medicine program. "Cumulatively, the effects on the team will be great. There will more holes to fill so you won't have the depth on your roster."

Cody **Stoots**

The Texans would need to add a

true edge rusher through the draft or free agency, but Mario at end position would be tough for opponents.

The secondary was horrible for the Texans. The pass rush needs to pressure opposing quarterbacks to assist the weak secondary. There is no chance the Texans will explore a big name defensive back in

free agency. There will be no Nnamdi Asomugha or Champ Bailey

the way the Texans operate. There should be new names, but there won't be splashes.

But Phillips does have some talent to play with. He has a top 15 draft pick to use on a defensive player. DeMeco Ryans will be a good inside linebacker when he returns from injury. In college, Brain Cushing played some outside linebacker, but would also fit nicely on the inside.

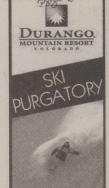
Phillips may have been a failure as a head coach, but he has had success nearly everywhere he goes as defensive coordinator. The Texans have a long grocery list to re-make their terrible defense, but Phillips

has a proven track record. Phillips has to know it is do or die for his defense. The coaching staff knows they need to make huge improvements in the upcoming year, or it might be a clean sweep. The urgency and current players should allow Wade Phillips to save

the defense. Either Wade Phillips is going to save the Houston Texans' defense, or we will talk about a new defensive coordinator this time next year.

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Baylor football bolsters defensive coaching staff

WACO (AP) — Baylor has shaken up its defensive coaching staff after its first winning season

Coach Art Briles announced Wednesday the hirings of defensive assistants Jim Gush and Carlton Buckels. They will work under Phil Bennett, the defensive coordinator hired Friday.

"Both of these coaches have a wealth of experience and knowledge," Briles said. "They both have extensive experience with coach Bennett, and we're excited about what they can bring to the table on the defensive side of the ball to help us continue our climb."

While the Bears (7-6) had their first winning season since 1995, and first bowl appearance since 1994, they ranked 104th out of 120 FBS teams in total defense, allowing 436 total yards a game. They were 89th in scoring defense (30.5 points a game).

No longer on the Baylor staff are linebackers coach Larry Hoefer, secondary coach Kim Mc-Cloud and defensive ends coach Theo Young. Hoefer, who just completed his eighth season, was the longest-tenured Bears coach.

Gush, a 30-year coaching veteran who will coach linebackers at Baylor, spent the last two seasons as defensive coordinator at Stony Brook. He previously worked with Bennett at SMU, Kansas State and Iowa State.

Buckles will work with the secondary after spending the last two seasons at North Texas. He was a graduate assistant at LSU before working at Delta State, Southeastern Louisiana, New

Mexico State and UNT. Brian Norwood, previously Baylor's defensive coordinator, will be an associate head coach and work with the secondary. Defensive line Chris Achuff also was retained.

Hamilton still hospitalized, but improving

ARLINGTON (AP) — AL MVP Josh Hamilton remains hospitalized while showing signs of getting better in a bout with pneumonia.

In a statement Wednesday, the Texas Rangers said Hamilton "is showing significant improvement" but remained at the hospital for treatment

"in order to accelerate his full recovery." The team said Hamilton is expected

to be released by the weekend and should be able to resume his conditioning and baseball activities within a few days after his release.

Hamilton was diagnosed Monday with an early case of pneumonia. The Rangers disclosed his condition Tuesday.

Hamilton hit a majors-leading .359 with 32 homers and 100 RBIs last season for the AL champion Rangers.

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"I'll make the final appointment," Bailey said. "In other words, I'll make the hire. (The search committee) will recommend candidates to me and then from those candidates I'll make a hire."

But Myers, on the other hand, will have no input in the process of finding his successor.

"No, I'm not involved with that at all," Myers said.

A timeline for hiring the next athletic director at Tech has not been set, due in part to the convenience Bailey and the search committee have at their feet. Myers, when he announced his resignation in August, agreed to retain his position as athletic director until May 31 in order to give Bailey time to find the right replacement.

Considering the amount of time remaining, Bailey said the goal is to have an athletic director in place before May in order to provide that individual with some time to work and endure the transition with Myers on board.

'We have some flexibility because Gerald has agreed to stay through May if we needed him to," Bailey said. "We want the best candidate possible. That means we have some flexibility — if we can get a person hired in March or in April so that person can overlap a little with Gerald, that'd be great."

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Board of Regents grants longtime Red Raider Myers emeritus status

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers was granted emeritus status during a general session with the Tech Board of Regents on

Myers refers to the status as just a label, and said he'll simply be able to continue to do most of the things he does right now.

"It's an honorary title," Myers said. "There's certain things I'll be able to do as emeritus, as far as athletics is concerned. More of an honorary thing than anything else."

Myers has totaled 55 years of service to the university in roles that consist of studentathlete, assistant coach, head coach, assistant athletic director and athletic director.

Myers' began his association with Tech in 1955 as a member of the basketball team, where he earned three varsity letters.

Myers was named the head coach of the men's basketball team in 1971 and took over as athletic director in 1996.

The length of his tenure, and his overall affiliation with Tech, is one of the reasons Myers was granted emeritus status, Tech President Guy Bailey said.

More importantly, however, factoring into the announcement is

the impact Myers made in those 55 years as a part of the university.

"Emeritus is a title used a lot of times for people who have, over the years, really helped your institution out, given long services," Bailey said. "We have emeritus faculty members and emeritus deans and things like that. So the emeritus title is an honorary title. It's just a recognition for a lifetime of service to the institution.'

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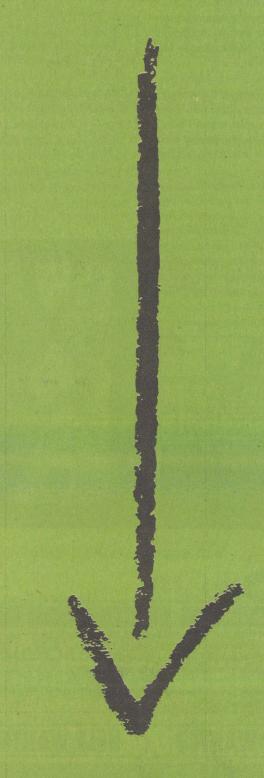
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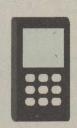
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