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Committee continues search for next AD

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 months remain before Myers' final

day as athletic director, May 31, 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 much to happen until the ad is out,

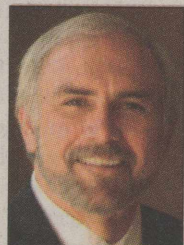
but I'd say in the next couple of weeks we'll have an ad out."

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 for particular reasons by Bailey, who

received input from Tech Chancellor Kent Hance.

"These are people who are Board of Regents members, there's a representative 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 members Mickey Long, who will



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chair the committee, John Scovell, and Rick Francis.

Tech School of Law professor and NCAA faculty athletic representative 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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Keeping an eye on Winter

Experts warn of eye damage during season



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador

EXPERTS AT TEXAS Tech Health Sciences Center are urging students to use precautions to protect their eyes from damage 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 wrap-around 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 their first semester at Tech, it's a 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 day-long 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 and simply want to make sure they get into their classes.

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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Where: Rec Center, Court 7
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TAB Comedy Night

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: SUB Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Join Tech Activities Board for a night full of laughter featuring Rip Michaels.

FRIDAY

TAB Fire and Ice Festival

Time: 12 p.m.
Where: SUB Courtyard and Ballroom
So, what is it?
Join Student Union and Activities and

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.

Big 12 Trombone Conference Opening Concert: Trombone Choir

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmler Recital Hall
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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.

Tech business professors appointed to finance journal editorial board

By TRAVIS BURKETT
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.

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

Drew Winters, co-editor of the journal, said the team would like to get the journal back to publishing work all across the board.

"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 broadening the topics will help increase the readership of the journal.

"We would like to increase the

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

Winters said he does three things in his job: research, teaching and service, and the journal will be a great way for the professors to give back to the profession while giving them recognition in the field.

Hein said their positions are a good fit considering their backgrounds in finance.

"Myself, Dr. Mercer and Dr. Hein have been active participants throughout the years," he said.

"Between us we have published 10

papers in this journal."

Hein acknowledges there will be challenges as they start a new direction with the journal, and they will have to cooperate with other branches.

"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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Eye

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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.

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

"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 eye 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

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

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

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 throughout the arena.

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Haitian-Americans mark 1st year since earthquake

MIAMI (AP) — Grief and pride are painted into a colorful new mural, unveiled for Wednesday's anniversary of Haiti's massive 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

of Haiti's revolutionary heroes, a presidential-appearing hip hop star Wyclef Jean and a young girl stitching together the red and blue 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."

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 of friends.

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 said.

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

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

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Perry mum on how Texas can end 'sanctuary cities'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican 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

immigration status during traffic stops. "I don't know yet," Perry said. "We'll write the legislation over the next 140 days."

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

realize the city has some "policies in place that are inappropriate." He didn't 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,

meaning Republicans in that chamber 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."

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Tech is one of two Texas schools represented on the list, the other being Texas A&M at No. 14. Saint Mary's University of Minnesota ranks first.

According to Forbes.com, the list was narrowed down 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.

Dwyer said the top-10

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

He said minorities are "very under-represented in STEM," which makes the ranking more significant.

"We've been emphasizing how to get more of both women and minorities into these areas of STEM for a number of years," he said.

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 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," he said.

The recruitment of minorities into STEM programs provides numerous benefits, Schovanec said.

"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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Hazed & Confused?

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Forced physical activity

Required alcohol purchase and/or consumption

Calisthenics

Introductions

Sleep deprivation

Forced labor

Errands for active members

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- In Fall 2010, one men's social fraternity was suspended from Texas Tech.
- In the last five years, 13 organizations have been referred to Student Judicial Programs for hazing allegations.
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
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- The activity does not need to include alcohol to be considered a hazing incident.

- Hazing is not limited to physical activity, but includes activities that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student.
- Failing to report hazing to Student Judicial Programs violates the *Code of Student Conduct*.
- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the *Student Handbook*, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

According to the *Code of Student Conduct* and the Texas Education Code, hazing is defined as follows:

Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act, directed against a student by one person acting alone or by more than one person occurring on or off university premises that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging or associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organization whose membership consists of students. For complete hazing definitions please refer to the Texas Education Code website at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm#37.151> and Part IX of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

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Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Chapter 37, Section 151) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the last three years (Chapter 51, Section 937).

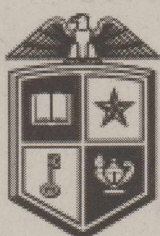
The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

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RAM HADDAS, A doctoral student in clinical biomechanics, donates blood to United Blood Services on Wednesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Conan popular with young viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — After two 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 basic-cable 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

the desirable 18-to-49 demographic. 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 late-night 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 said the art school has participated in various exchange programs, including ones in Indianapolis and south Texas. He said the exchange offers the students involved a valuable experience to carry over into their lives after college.

"It becomes a line on their resumes," he said. "In the case of our students, they benefit most from



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 reached out to various universities in the country until he found someone willing to do the exchange."

David Mondt, assistant curator for Landmark Arts, said the response from the students involved has been positive.

"Our Texas Tech students 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 idea of the art swap is fantastic."

Through the exchange, interested undergraduates at Tech have 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 showcasing its work in Atlanta.

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

The exhibition is Lubbock citizens' 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 like," he said. "It's a good opportunity

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.

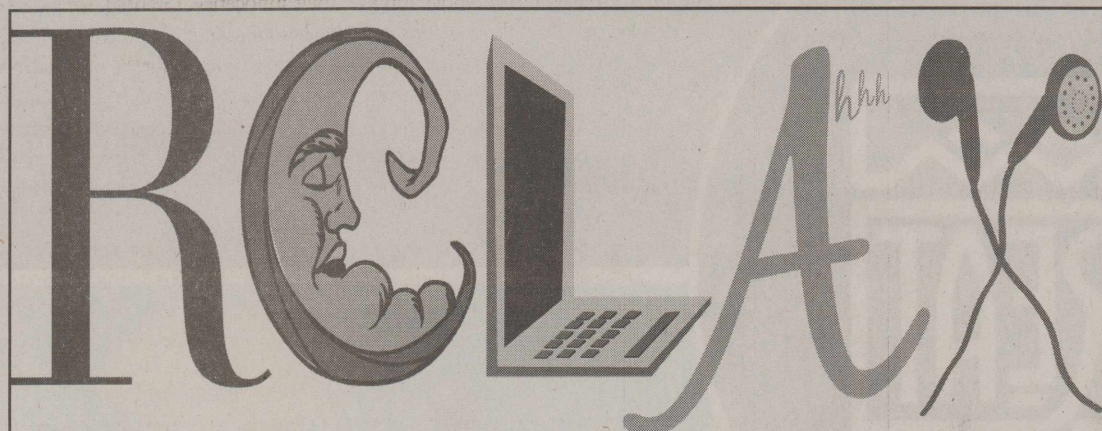
"The Tech community benefits from having exciting new artwork on campus, and our students have the opportunity to display their work," he said. "These are the types of connections and dialogues that are important in an arts education — so, yes, I would like to see this continue in the future with a variety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

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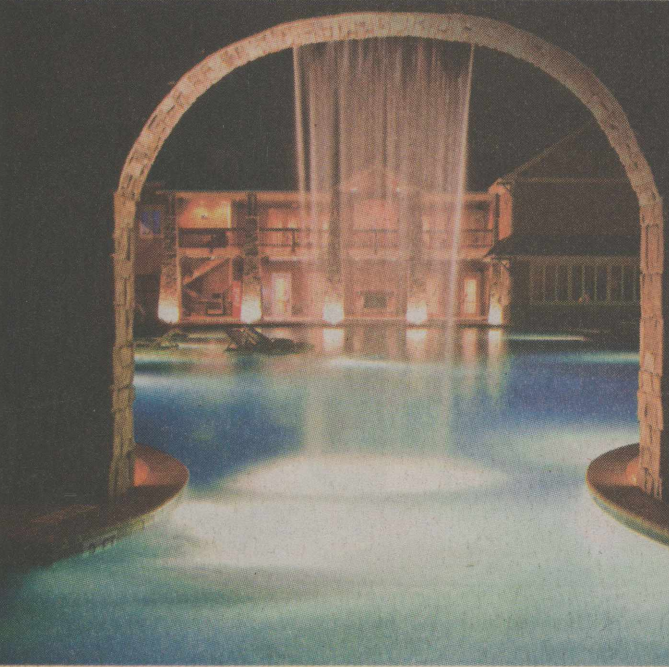
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Brown's career night powers Lady Raiders to 63-56 win

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
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 foul.

The Lady Raiders needed someone else to step up, and Wednesday it was 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 career-high 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 on Jan. 8.

"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 Jasmyne Orote drained back-to-back shots from behind the arc, giving the Tigers a 9-2 lead.

After four consecutive turnovers by Missouri, the Lady Raiders began

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

Following a media timeout, Tech 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 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 advantage.

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 shots.

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 became trouble-some 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 brought Tech the closest it had been all game, 47-50.

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

lead with 3:14 to go.

Tech would never let the lead slip 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 job of not putting ourselves in such a position with our backs against the wall."

"It says a lot about these kids."

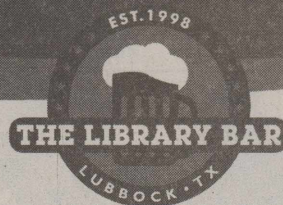
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TEXAS TECH GUARD Christine Hyde goes up for a layup during the Lady Raiders' 63-56 win against Missouri on Wednesday night in the United Spirit Arena.

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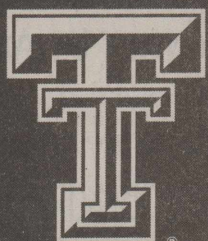
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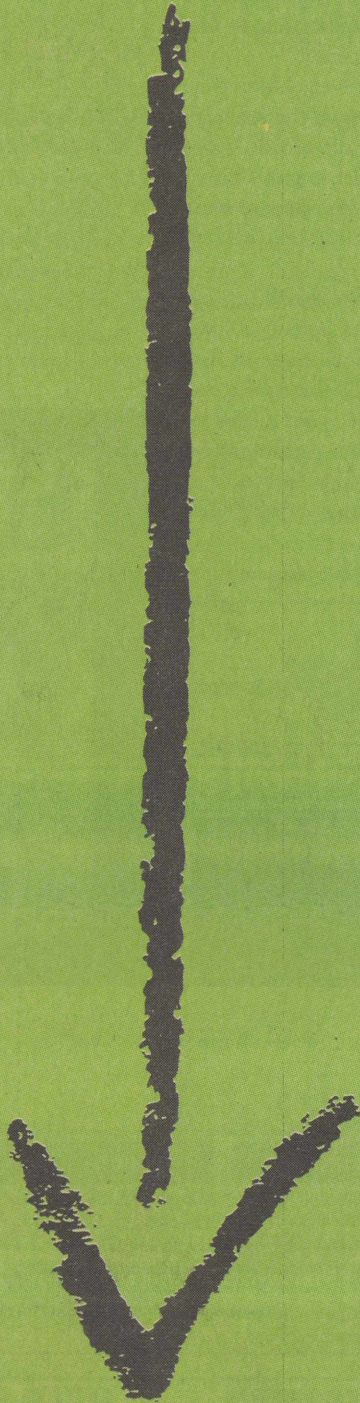
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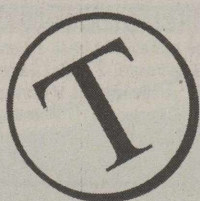
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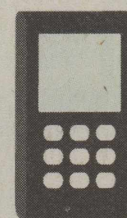
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