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## Students' bus catches fire on skiing trip

### None injured in blaze that strands group; police suspect electrical fail

By BRITTANY HOOVER  
LA VIDA EDITOR

More than 100 Texas Tech students were stranded in Ouray, Colo., late Monday after one of their buses caught on fire on the way back to Lubbock from a ski trip.

There were no injuries and only minor damage to luggage and personal belongings, according to Ouray County authorities. The students had not left Ouray as of press time Monday.

Jackson Burns, a junior energy commerce major from Midland, said he was on the bus dozing off when another student toward the back of the bus noticed smoke and the passengers began moving forward.

"Within about 30 seconds, flames arrived and everyone ran out as fast as they could," he said. "We ran about 100 yards. Flames engulfed the bus. It got worse from there; we could hear explosions."

"About five minutes in, it was like a flamethrower was coming out of the side of the bus."

Taylor Weeks, a freshman energy

commerce major from Houston, was also on the way back to Tech from the "Mixer on the Mountain" trip, a getaway organized for sorority and fraternity members and their friends in Telluride, Colo., and was aboard the other bus on the trip.

"We tried to turn around to come help them and our bus got stuck in the snow for an hour," she said. "Some people on the road had shovels and we got out, but it took hours. The other bus was completely charred."



PHOTO BY LAUREN FERGUSON/The Daily Toreador  
ONE OF THE buses transporting a group of more than 100 Texas Tech students is engulfed in flames about 6 miles south of Ouray, Colo. The students, none of whom were injured, were returning to Lubbock from a skiing trip.

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# D Celebrating a Dream



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

CHOIR MEMBER BARBARA McCoy reacts to the sermon during a church service honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday at New Hope Baptist Church.

## City honors Martin Luther King Jr. at annual event

By CARRIE THORNTON  
STAFF WRITER

Forty-three years after the death of America's most famous dreamer, Lubbock residents came together to honor his life and death.

The 40th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration hosted by the M.L.K. Commemorative Council of Lubbock began Friday with a Youth

Night Program and continued Sunday night with the Citywide Celebration at New Hope Baptist Church. This year's theme revolved around a passage in the Bible, Job 42:6, "Rising from the ashes."

"(We celebrate) because even though we've come a long way, we aren't there yet and need to reach out more to everyone around us,"

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JONATHAN QUIGLEY, A South Plains student and member of Mimes with a Testimony, performs in a gospel music celebration in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. at Lyon's Chapel Baptist Church on Saturday.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

## Student government launches website to improve student input

### Graham: Pulse.ttu.edu will give students bigger voice

By CHOIS WOODMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association recently released a new website that allows students to share their opinions on bills.

SGA President Drew Graham said the new website should allow the Tech students to have a bigger voice in the governmental process.

"The students will be able to go on the website and view what the senate will be voting on," Graham said. "The students will also voice their own opinion by voting on the same issue as the senate."

He said the student body will not go unheard.

"We will show the student voting results at each meeting, so the senators will see what the students think about a certain bill," he said.

Graham said while the student voting

allows students to make their opinion heard, it doesn't give the students all of the power.

"The senators will still voice their own opinion, but at least they will know what other students think before they decide to pass legislation," he said.

Every student's opinion is important to the SGA, he said.

"Our constitution is written in a way that says every student is a member of the Student Government Association," Graham said. "This really lets the students voice their opinion without having to call a senator."



GRAHAM

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## International Affairs to host MLK Day celebration today

### Event begins at noon in HSC

By TRAVIS BURKETT  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Office of International Affairs will host a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration today at noon in the Health Sciences Center, Room ACB 120.

Michelle Ensminger, manager of international affairs at Tech, said there will be a guest speaker, a video and a singing performance. At least one of the songs will be an original composition written to honor Dr. King for the celebration.

Ensminger said attending the fourth annual celebration will be a

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good experience for Tech students. "I think it's a good opportunity to remember the history of our country. How far we've come, but also how far we still have to go," she said.

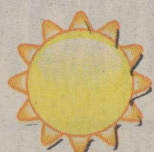
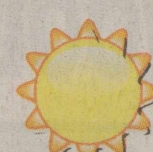
The event serves to honor King and the impact he had. Ralph Ferguson, associate dean of the graduate school and guest speaker for the celebration, said Dr. King was a man who had great influence on the nation.

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Time: 12 p.m.

Where: HSC- Academic Classroom Building 120

So, what is it?

The celebration will include a video clip of Dr. King, brief remarks delivered by Ralph Ferguson, associate dean of TTU Graduate School, and special music by Marion Williams.

#### Irish Set-Dancing

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: School of Music, Room M259

So, what is it?

Learn and participate in the Irish social dances called set-dances with students learning and teaching from Ireland. The Tech Set-Dancers invite students, staff, faculty and community members who are interested in learning, teaching, and sharing the traditional participatory set-dances of Ireland.

#### John Sprott

Time: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Where: Crickets Grill and Draft House

So, what is it?

Acoustical guitar and vocals, R&B, 70s and 80s rock and more.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Equilibrium: Body as Site

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art

So, what is it?

Organized by the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts at the University of Texas at El Paso, this exhibition will show through Feb. 27. The genesis of this exhibition comes from Metalsmith's Exhibition in Print 2008, published by the Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG).

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"We are celebrating someone who cultivated our feelings and values through civil disobedience to address issues that were originally not within our national community," Ferguson said.

Kathleen McPherson, a dermatologist at the Health Sciences Center and a coordinator for the celebration, believes this is a great time for the Tech community and the nation in general to come together.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great man and was great at looking at racial justice and equality for all, McPherson said.

"He was colorblind and wanted all of us to be colorblind," she said.

McPherson remembered a time not long ago when equal rights were not given to everyone, and leaders like

King took a stand for those rights.

"I remember going down south and visiting family members, where coming from the north I wasn't hit with a lot of racial prejudice," she said. "I'd go downtown and there'd be a whole different thing. Just knowing that him and so many others during that movement time helped us so that we could all rise above, do whatever we needed to do.

"We can move up if we allow ourselves to; we don't have to stay down anymore. And every time there's a celebration, I think about that."

This celebration, and Martin Luther King Day in general, is a moving reminder of sacrifice for McPherson and many others all across the world.

"When I think of Dr. King and all that he did to get us where we are now, and the sacrifice that he made of his life helped me to get where I'm at today," she said.

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## SGA

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Graham said the website should help bond the relationship between the students and the SGA senators.

"Our hope is that the students start and continue to use this website," he said. "It is an extremely good tool to connect the senators and the students of Tech."

Internal Vice President Jenny Mayants said this is the first year students have access to voting prior to legislation meeting.

"SGA meetings are on Thursdays, so every Monday before a meeting I load the new legislation onto the website," Mayants said.

She said the website should be user-friendly for anyone who has used Raiderlink before.

"As long as you know your eRaider username and password, you should be able to access the voting process easily," she said.

Mayants said no bill will be left off of the website.

"All of the different pieces of legislation that come through, the student can say whether they like it or not," she said.

Mayants said the senate will be informed of the student voting results at each SGA meeting.

"We will give out the percentages of students who agree or disagree with a bill before it is presented," she said. "Hopefully it will hold the senate accountable to vote the way the student body votes."

She said the normal SGA website will remain the same.

"The students will have access to see all three branches, including senators and what college they represent," Mayants said. "We will add a link for the voting on the SGA website."

The website can be found at pulse.ttu.edu.

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## STRUMMIN' SINGER



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
THE DEREK TEAGUE Band performs during the Annual Fire and Ice event on Friday in the Student Union Building.

## Fire

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Burns said the students from the bus that caught on fire walked about a mile until they reached the other bus and then school buses were sent to pick them up and take them to the Ouray Community Center.

Around 1 p.m., Weeks said, the students were told it would be six to eight hours until buses from Albuquerque, N.M., could get the students back on their way to Lubbock.

The students were able to retrieve their cell phone chargers off the bus and get in contact with their parents and airlines, Weeks said. But not everyone's luggage was in good condition.

"About half of the luggage is completely gone and the other half is OK," she said. "It's really charred; it reeks of smoke."

She said some students on the trip had driven on their own and missed the accident. Others found flights out of a nearby town, Montrose, and took a shuttle to the airport. Weeks, however, was not so lucky.

"I'm not too happy because I

needed to go to class tomorrow and it's looking like I'm not going to be able to," she said Monday. "It's hectic. We're all really nervous and stressed. Some people have papers they need to get turned in."

Burns agreed that the accident was not part of the fun-filled three-day weekend he had in mind.

"It's kind of a huge...it's really inconvenient," he said. "You're going to have to go to all your teachers and meet them, go to their office hours and explain what happened. It's getting the semester off to a bad start."

Tech student Camden Steele confirmed that he organized the trip, booked the hotel and purchased lift tickets for others, but declined to comment on the accident and any other details of the trip.

Ouray County Sheriff Dominique Mattivi said the police department was called out around 11:40 a.m. to about 5 to 6 miles south of Ouray on Red Mountain Pass for a vehicle fire. He said when they arrived, the bus was engulfed in flames and the passengers were off safely.

He said the fire department arrived on the scene and put the fire out. As far as the firefighters could tell, there were no suspicious

causes of the fire.

"We're leaning toward an electrical problem," he said. "We don't know for sure until we get an investigator to look at it."

Corporal James Saunders from the Colorado State Patrol took a report on the scene and said since no one was injured, no one was at fault at the time.

He said the bus was being towed to Montrose, and it is up to the insurance company whether or not to do an investigation and find out what caused the fire.

Charlene Burch, the general manager of Alliance Bus Charters, based out of Fort Worth, declined comment until their investigation is complete.

Burns said he thinks the driver knew something was wrong with the bus before they left Telluride.

"They were going to switch out buses in Albuquerque; our bus driver said something about that," Burns said. "There's definitely a problem with the bus and they knew about it. It could have been disastrous."

Weeks said she is also suspicious of the situation. She said someone she knew on the bus that caught fire told her the driver said, "The transmission is not doing so well, but we'll try it anyway."

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## Refreshing fashion takes full-force at Golden Globes

When I tuned into NBC for the Golden Globe Awards, within the first 10 minutes I noticed two distinct trends for the red carpet this year. The first was completely refreshing: the long-sleeve sleek gown. After seeing several years of poufy princess dresses (still worn by some, like newly brunette Olivia Wilde) and the last few award shows full of one-shoulder gowns, I was relieved to see something different. Several actresses rocked this new style, no doubt inspired by the long-sleeved cocktail dresses of the 1980s, including Anne Hathaway in a gold backless gown with slightly poufy shoulders. "The Kids Are All Right" star Julianne Moore heated up the red carpet in a hot pink asymmetric Lanvin gown with one long sleeve, while Angelina Jolie shined in a long-sleeved green Versace gown with a draped neck and gathered waist. Other Golden Globe stars green with envy included Catherine Zeta Jones and Mila Kunis.

Leighton Meester graced the red carpet in a nude, patterned long-sleeve Burberry dress with a high neckline and Jimmy Choos—which leads me to the second trend.

I counted about a dozen starlets donning flesh-colored gowns, something I also noticed was popular at the Miss America pageant on Saturday. Scarlett Johansson wore an embellished, flowy nude gown with a deep-V neckline and butterfly sleeves. Carrie Underwood sparkled in a sequined, strapless Badgley Mischka, also flesh-toned. Tele-

### Brittany Hoover



vision stars Dianna Agron from "Glee" and Kaley Cuoco from "The Big Bang Theory" also looked picture-perfect in strapless, colorless gowns. Other celebs in buff-colored attire were Nicole Kidman and Heather Morris.

Overall, I was excited to see so many new looks with the reinvented blast-from-the-past long-sleeved gowns and the colorless dresses worn by many. However, two of my best-dressed picks were women in more sophisticated versions of the standard one-shouldered frock. I was pleased to see more of the young stars looking classy rather than tacky, like "True Grit" star Hailee Steinfeld, making the red carpet shine brighter than usual.

My picks for worst-dressed men: Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Justin Bieber, Seal

My picks for worst-dressed women: Helena Bonham Carter, Tilda Swinton, Emma Stone

My picks for best-dressed men: Joseph Gordon Levitt, Marc Anthony, Ryan Kwanten

My picks for best-dressed women: Lea Michelle, Mila Kunis, Eva Longoria

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## PUTTING IT ON ICE

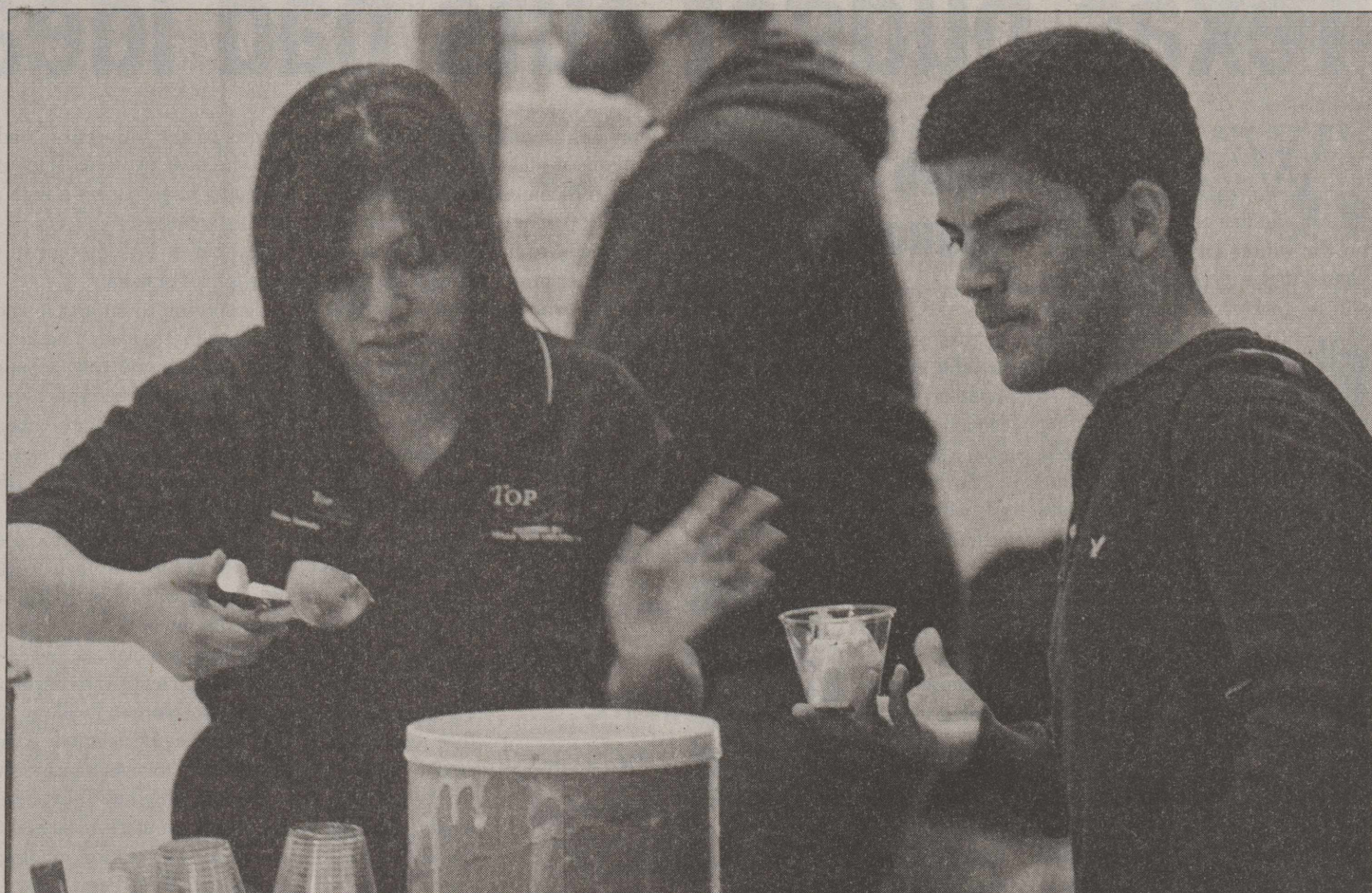


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TEENA SAMUDI, A Supervisor with Top Teir Catering, serves ice cream to Ever Macias, a senior sociology criminology major from Dallas, during the annual Fire and Ice event Friday in the Student Union Building.

## Next Bond novel has Gulf setting

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — British superspy James Bond is heading to Dubai on his next mission.

The author of the upcoming Bond novel, "Carte Blanche," says the Gulf city-state will be the backdrop for 007's new adventures.

Jeffery Deaver told reporters Monday he was attracted by Dubai's "exotic" mix of gleaming towers and desert. But Deaver did not divulge any story lines in the

novel, scheduled to be released in May.

Deaver, who has published more than two dozen novels, was commissioned to write the book by the estate of Bond creator Ian Fleming.

It's the first time Dubai has been featured in a Bond plot.

But the debonaire secret agent has company. The next "Mission Impossible" film, due out in December, has scenes filmed in Dubai.

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## Texas budget cuts bad idea

Jakob Reynolds



What an eventful winter break America had this year. We experienced the first total lunar eclipse on the winter solstice since 1638, almost the entire country was (and still is) covered in snow and there was an attempted assassination of a Democratic Arizona congresswoman in Tucson, Ariz.

But one of the most interesting things that happened over the break was the announcement Texas state comptroller Susan Combs made concerning Texas' budget for the next two years.

Mrs. Combs announced that the state legislature, which is now convened, will have \$72.2 billion at their disposal for discretionary items in the 2012-13 budget. The problem, however, is that it leaves a deficit of \$26.8 billion.

Now, for the past couple of years it has been widely believed that Texas is the state the recession passed by. Gov. Rick Perry himself has said in many speeches that we have a surplus, unemployment is down and the economy is sound. However, these claims are not quite as true as they've been made out to be.

In reality, as Princeton University economics professor Paul Krugman points out, we could say Texas had a surplus because our legislature enacts a budget biennially and the last budget was passed before we knew how bad the recession really was. Moreover, Dr. Krugman explains, the legislature has frequently used what

he calls "smoke and mirrors" financing to create the illusion of a sound economy when it is actually suffering from a serious budget deficit.

So how, you ask, will the government fill in the gaping hole in the budget? It's safe to say that with the reigning conservative ideology in this state, it won't be through raising taxes. Gov. Perry stated in his inaugural address that "when the economy is uncertain, it is precisely the wrong time to raise taxes."

So instead, in keeping with conservative economics, the government is supposed to cut spending. And it's been made quite clear by the state comptroller that we will not be tapping into our rainy day fund.

Overextending the budget and contributing to the deficit wouldn't lead most people to believe that the government is cutting spending, but

they are actually doing what they said they would. According to an article in Bloomberg Businessweek on Jan. 13, part of the proposed budget is expected to cut 8,000 government jobs. They're also asking state agencies to cut an additional 10 percent out of their budgets.

But the most interesting program that is going to be receiving the fiscal shears is higher education. It appears that educational institutions, namely higher education

institutions, will be receiving the same additional 10 percent cut in their budget, on top of the 7.5 percent cut they received in 2010.

However, what really irks me about all of this is that Gov. Perry has on many occasions emphasized the

importance of education for students in Texas.

In his most recent inaugural address Governor Perry said, "... we will continue to invest in the greatest economic development tool in the history of this state: the education of our children" and "... [Texas] school finance system must be reformed."

The administration of Texas Tech expressed their optimism in

"... what really irks me about all of this is that Gov. Perry has on many occasions emphasized the importance of education for students in Texas."

regards to the university's budget over the next two years. However, I'm going to go out on a limb and say this is cause for concern. A net budget cut of 17.5 percent in two years is a lot of money.

According to an article earlier this week in *The Daily Toreador*, the Tech provost said that a budget-working group has been put together to find ways to alleviate expected budget problems such as "revenue enhancement, policy and procedural changes, and cost reduction."

I'm not going to delve too deeply into what problems Tech students and faculty will have to deal with because many of them, such as cuts in student financial aid, have been mentioned in several articles in print and on the Internet. I will say, however, that they are definitely going to be expensive for everyone involved.

So, not only has Texas become one of only two states to be excluded from federal education funding on account of Rick Perry's arrogant "Nobody-tells-Texas-what-to-do" decision making, we are also going to cut "wasteful" spending on what Gov. Perry himself calls a "priority."

Is this what you call reform, Mr. Perry? I ask because all I'm seeing is yet another perfect example of hypocrisy and incompetence in the conservative leadership of this great, albeit misguided, state.

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## Teen pregnancy on unfortunate rise

By ANITA BABBITT  
THE LAWRENTHAN (LAWRENCE U.)

While watching the show "Teen Mom" on MTV, my friends and I cringe as we see young girls, even younger than we are, faced with the challenges of coping with unplanned and generally unwanted pregnancies. Watching them juggle school and deal with emotional detachment from their friends and family makes me wonder why anyone is against teaching teens about safe sex and how to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

According to the Center for Disease Control, one third of young women in the United States become pregnant before the age of 20, and eight in 10 of these pregnancies are unwanted.

Being a teen mom is stressful. The *New York Times* reports that 80 percent of the time pregnancy drives these young women to drop out of school. Without a high school diploma, it is much harder to get a job that pays decent wages. The drop-out rate alone illustrates the profound effect that teenage pregnancy has and demonstrates why something needs to be done to lower the teen pregnancy rate.

We need to educate teenagers about ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies. They need to be told that while abstinence is the only sure way to not get pregnant, there are options to substantially reduce the risk if they choose to have sex, including condoms and birth control pills.

Unfortunately, many adults do not want to face the fact that young adults will have sex no matter what their parents may say. The idea of providing a broad range of information in addition to "abstinence only" has become a highly political issue.

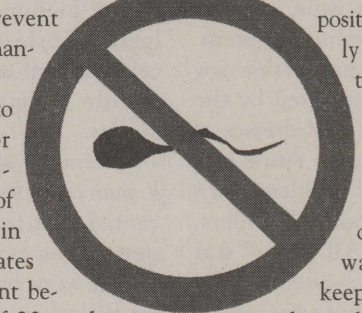
Interestingly, the pregnancy rate is much higher in the "red states" - majority Republican - than in the "blue states" - majority Democrat. The CDC reports that the red states have higher teen pregnancy rates; the majority of them have rates between 39 and 65 percent, while the majority of blue states have a rate below 38 percent.

One reason why red states have a higher pregnancy rate is that an increasing number of red state school districts are adopting abstinence-only sex education and some local churches are encourag-

ing young adults to take virginity pledges. This lack of education about safe sex seems to be contributing to high teen pregnancy rates.

In today's world, though, it is unrealistic to believe that teenagers will wait for marriage. Popular culture - through books, TV, magazines - reinforces every day that it is accepted to have sex before marriage. Some of these sources even glorify pregnant teens.

Sarah Palin is a strong believer in teaching abstinence before marriage and advocates a "pro-life" position. It was extremely surprising to find



that her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, was pregnant yet not married. Instead of being hidden away, Bristol was applauded for keeping the baby, and the media and her mother's conservative supporters made her out to be a brave girl.

Similarly, Britney Spears's sister, Jamie Lynn, became pregnant at the age of 16 and was also not married. She got a *People Magazine* cover story and was also portrayed as a strong girl for taking on the challenge of having a child at that age. When young adults like these two are made out to be heroes for having their children in their teen years, young girls might think they could be seen as a hero too.

In reality, though, it is much harder to raise a child, especially as a teenager. These two young girls are celebrities and have well-off families who can support them through school and help raise the child; most teenagers who become pregnant do not have this luxury.

The series "Teen Mom" shows its audience what it is really like to have a child at a young age and what it does to your life. These girls suffer rejection by their peers and family. They also have to take on the stress of caring for their children while going to school. This is what media should be projecting to the public to show that it is extremely difficult to take care of a child when you are so young.

I am not advocating having sex before marriage or that all young adults who get pregnant lead horrible lives. What I am saying is that many young people are choosing to have sex in their teen years and I believe all teenagers should be aware of what they are getting themselves into and should know that there are options out there if they do not want the responsibility of a child.

Popular culture needs to take responsibility and show the harsh truth about being a teen mom.

## Southern pride mistaken, misguided

By HUDSON TODD  
VANDERBILT HUSTLER (VANDERBILT U.)

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the onset of the Civil War. Ideally, this meaningful anniversary could serve as a time of reflection about the current state of the South.

In many quarters the South's role in this war is viewed as heroic. Large segments of the population view the South's secession from a federal government as completely justified because they believe that government violated their states' rights. As the Sons of Confederate Veterans put it this year, "All we wanted was to be left alone to govern ourselves."

It is wrong for Southerners to glorify our past, though, because there is absolutely nothing glorious about it. The reality is that the most significant state's right being usurped from the South was the right to own slaves. The first line of the Declaration of Secession by Mississippi states, "Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery - the greatest material interest of the world."

Its labor supplies the product which constitutes by far the largest and most important portions of commerce of the earth."

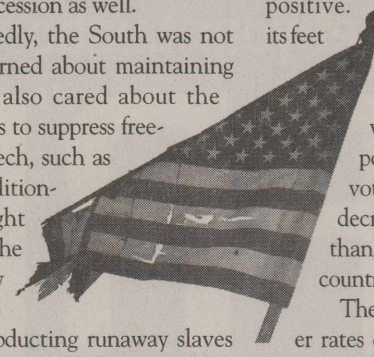
All other Southern states that wrote declarations of secession identified slavery as the principle inducement for secession as well.

Admittedly, the South was not only concerned about maintaining slavery. It also cared about the states' rights to suppress freedom of speech, such as that of abolitionists, the right to violate the sovereignty of non-slave states by abducting runaway slaves with the use of lethal force, and the right to secede after elections they found unfavorable.

Many southerners to this day still believe in secession after elections they disagree with. Shortly after Obama took office, an anti-tax rally was held in Texas, during which protestors chanted, "Secede!" Afterwards, Governor of Texas Rick Perry

suggested that, while he does not endorse the idea of secession, Texas could secede if it wanted to.

Why, then, do millions of Americans still treat the Confederate flag with such reverence? Whatever their reasons are, it is unlikely they are positive. The South has dragged



on every single civil rights issue this country has faced. Its citizens were (and are) more opposed to women's right to vote, desegregation and the decriminalization of sodomy than any other region of the country.

The South currently has higher rates of violent crime (despite its use of the death penalty with its purported deterrence effect), higher rates of obesity and lower educational attainment on average than other states. It also has the highest rates of teenage pregnancy, divorce (despite its religiosity), and wealth inequality.

In fact, the term "culture of honor" is regularly used to describe how southerners respond to slights with

more physical aggression than other Americans.

What is there to be proud of? What, in all of American history, has the South ever done that has separated it from the rest of the country in a positive light? Even if the South had positively distinguished itself from the rest of the U.S., which it hasn't, why would that reflect well on the people who just happen to be born there? There is absolutely no reason to honor the South on the anniversary of a war it fought in order to maintain the right to own human beings.

Even the more thoughtful individuals I encounter still honor confederate soldiers' bravery as they do all soldiers who died in the Civil War, but what is bravery for the cause of injustice?

We Southerners should be embarrassed by, not proud of, our ancestors who volunteered to fight and die for the Confederacy. There is nothing intrinsically praiseworthy about sacrificing your life, and there is nothing laudable about taking a position that was indefensible 150 years ago and attempting to defend it now.

## Don't play 'hot potato' with syphilis; know how to tell others you have an STD

By HOLLY HOUSTON  
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My biggest fear in life, other than vomit and small clowns, is getting herpes. Getting any STD, for that matter, but mainly herpes. Just look at the statistics - it's everywhere.

They manage to warn you about the dangers of date-rape drugs and smoking cigarettes in middle school, but one thing that was severely overlooked in my youthful days of health and sex ed was the horror that is herpes and all of its friends in the STD gang.

Although 80 percent of Americans have the commonly found oral form of this incurable love disease, the only person I've known to have it is Mr. Rosso, the balding, long-haired, hippie guidance counselor from the television show "Freaks and Geeks." He says to his students, "I met this girl;

she seemed really nice. We danced a bit, I kissed her, one thing led to another, and now I get sores on my lip once a month. I. Have. Herpes."

If Mr. Rosso can have it, anyone can.

Though we could barely hear them over the giggles induced by the words "penis" and "vagina," (I always found the word 'coital' to be much more laugh-worthy) our middle-school sex educators actually enlightened us about every variety of STD out there. But back in seventh grade, our biggest sexual concern was getting to second base in the back row at the movies, and all this chatter of crabs and the clap seemed like crazy talk that would never apply to us.

Little did we know that one day our lives would be littered with one-night stands, walks of shame and those unfortunate moments when we're too drunk to notice that our

special friend has some red dots on his junk or suspicious sores on her mouth.

Instead of boring us with the monotony of the classical sex positions (which I had discovered by third grade, thanks to a curiosity beyond my years and the flexibility of Ken and Barbie dolls) what they should have focused on was what to do when you get an STD - particularly how to tell the sucker who infected you.

Lucky for you, I have a little

anecdote to catch you up on what you missed.

Last year, I was seeing this douchebag. And for one reason or another, I was fond of him. But, unsurprisingly, he pulled the classic "I'm too scared to get tied down" and left me high and dry at the Mark II Lounge with a pizza covered in face and running mascara. Equally unsurprisingly, we reunited one drunken night a few weeks later and fornicated. A few days later, I received a very

"... what (sex-ed teachers) should have focused on was what to do when you get an STD - particularly how to tell the sucker who infected you."

memorable phone call. It went something like this:

Douche: You may want to sit down for this.

Me: Are you pregnant? Congrats!

Douche: Close, but you actually gave me chlamydia.

Me: What? That's impossible. Have you been tested?

Douche: Well, no. It hurts when I pee. And since I'm a guy, it's mostly likely not a UTI. So you gave me chlamydia. I'm positive. You should get yourself checked out. And, uh, don't tell anyone about this.

Me: Oh, I was actually planning on making my Facebook status "Just got chlamydia! Come 'n' get me!"

A few days later, I received a voicemail from the very same douchebag:

"So, um, just got the test results back. It's a UTI. Weird, huh?! (Long pause). Oh, and ... it still hurts when I pee."

The douchebag was one of about 5 people per 10,000 to get a male UTI. I had never seen the power of karma work so strongly in my favor. I still have the voicemail saved, and replay it when in need of a good chuckle.

A word of advice for all you guys (and gals) who will be the bearer of such wonderful news in the future: Stop procrastinating and get tested. Don't go pointing your smelly fingers at the last person you boned - unless she is a lady of the night, in which case she most likely did give you something.

If it turns out that you are indeed a new member of the clap crew, don't be selfish. We're college kids trying to get our nut once in a while, not a bunch of idiots playing hot potato with syphilis. So take some meds, brush your sperm-encrusted teeth and get back on that horse. Just make sure Jim and the twins are wearing a helmet.

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# Parent Ambassadors encourage prospective Red Raider parents

By **HALLIE DAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

When college acceptance letters start coming in the mail, the students in question aren't the only ones feeling stressed about the decision that will shape the rest of their lives.

To support and encourage the parents of prospective students, the Houston chapter of the Texas Tech Parents Association has begun a new program called Parent Ambassadors.

These ambassadors call the parents of students who have been accepted, but have not committed to Tech, in order to share their experiences and their own love for the university, said Ken Gassiot.

Gassiot, the associate director of parent relations, said the program began with the training of 16 parent volunteers.

"(They have) a lot of enthusiasm to not only promote the Parents Association, but to promote Texas Tech," Gassiot said. "They love Tech as much as their students (do)."

The volunteers have a script to read, but Gassiot said they can follow it as closely or as loosely as they would like, personalizing the call to the parent.

"During that call, it's really just time for both parents to share stories," Gassiot said.

The calls answer questions about everything from the distance from Houston to Tech to the caller's own children. Mona Stevens, one of the 16 parent ambassadors, says many want to know about her experience with two children at Tech.

Stevens' children, one who graduated in 2000 and another who is currently a junior, have had remarkable experiences in Lubbock, something she said she hopes other students will recognize is possible at Tech.

"As a parent, I don't think you could ask for more ... (Tech is) West Texas's best kept secret," Stevens said. "We just need to be a little more vocal."

Stevens said all the calls she has made so far have gone well, and parents seem to be genuinely pleased with the conversations.

"It's valuable to have that personal contact," she said. "Don't be surprised by warmth on the other end of the line."

Joyce Zackman, President of the Tech Parents Association, said personalized contact is the best way to show what Tech is all about.

Zackman said these parent ambassadors are the frontline for building meaningful relationships with the families of future students, helping them through the admissions process and into the year.

"(We're providing) resources they need, information they can use and support they can count on," Zackman said.

Both Gassiot and Stevens agreed one of the main purposes of the program is the personal aspect of receiving a call at home from a university as big as Tech.

"To make a call locally brings West Texas hospitality to the city," Stevens said.

While Houston is currently the only city with this program, Zackman said she hoped it would spread to others.

The program is fairly unique, though; Gassiot said it was the only one of its kind he had heard of on any campus nationwide.

He said many colleges and universities have students who contact prospective students, but no school had parents involved in the process.

"If any university has the enthusiasm and resources for this," he said, "it's Texas Tech."

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## Dream

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said Todd Klein, member of the Lubbock City Council. "We've made huge advances, but we're not there yet."

Continuing to honor King's legacy remains important in today's society because many people don't know the country's history, Klein said, and it's important to keep it alive by carrying out his legacy.

"Each and every day we can be knowing our history and celebrating it, and reaching out to everyone around us," he said. "It's not only a historic moment, but an ongoing opportunity for us to help those around us, which is as simple as helping that person down the street."

The celebration included scripture readings, prayer and songs from the church's mass choir.

"It was a beautiful ceremony," said Ryan Allen, a junior advertising major from Houston. "My only one criticism would be there wasn't a presentation."

Allen said in the past the celebration has been hosted at the Civic Center, but the council changed the venue to a smaller environment, which lacked a projector for any presentation.

The weekend's celebration seemed very different to her than the big parades and festivities she has experienced in Houston, Allen said. Although, the city of Lubbock doesn't technically celebrate Martin Luther King Day, the events were organized by a different council.

"Martin Luther (King's) dream wasn't just for African Americans," she said. "It was for the entire nation. So I feel it's something Lubbock and other cities need to work on because he dreamed of a nation united, not just for one group."

Students and young adults from generations who did not grow up around segregation and violent oppression may not have a real sense of King's challenges, and Allen said it's important to never forget.

"We've grown up in a time not like the 1960s or 1970s. We don't experience segregation, and some people don't get

why we should pay homage to something we don't even see anymore," Allen said. "But for me, it's all about respect."

"As a generation progresses, the younger people tend to forget what it took to get here. Sometimes we're blind to it, but others are very aware. They know the history like the back of their hand. It's important for us to know our history, both the good and the bad."

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In the future, Allen said, she'd like to see a big event on campus organized by Texas Tech.

"Texas Tech is the center of Lubbock, and we have the opportunity to do something big and really show how diverse we are," she said.

Until then, Allen said she plans to continue honoring King through whatever celebration the city offers.

L. V. Andrews, president of the M.L.K. Commemorative Council,

## THOUGHTS ON MLK DAY

"It's important to appreciate our history and how far we've come as a country. I think it's important for a lot of students to want to celebrate and honor it, so maybe (an event) on campus would be good. As a younger generation, I think we could be more aware of (the past)."

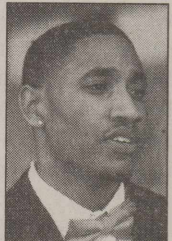


Abby Janssen - Senior exercise sports science major from Dallas -

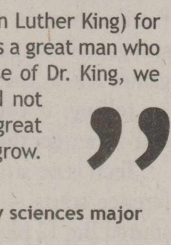


"(The holiday) gives us one day of the year for reflection of what we have overcome. To continue his legacy, we can promote unity more around campus and acknowledge everyone. As a young generation, at times we may take what we have for granted, but I don't think we are completely oblivious."

Camille Johnson - Senior human development and family sciences major from Forney -



Robert Ryan Collins - Junior human development and family sciences major from Kennedale



said these celebrations are necessary to continue to remind society of the long road still ahead.

"We've come a long way, but we're still too separated," he said. "We need to unite and come closer together."

Andrews attributes King's accomplishments to God, and recognizes King's mission to create a peaceful world for all nations.

"Dr. King was a legend in his own time, and I thank God for sending him to represent not only blacks, but whites,

Hispanics, Asians and others."

The ceremony's message revolved around peace and love, acknowledging that a society can never fully function and thrive until all parties unite.

Frances Bell, assistant secretary for the commemorative council, said King's dream remains true today, and there are three simple things society can do to continue to live out his legacy.

"Living right, doing right and acting right," she said.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Lin or Angelou
- 5 Terrier type
- 9 Performed on stage
- 14 Contest with seconds
- 15 Gillette's \_\_\_ II
- 16 Do-re-mi
- 17 Catch, as one's sleeve
- 18 "Mazes and Monsters" author Jaffe
- 19 Ventilated, with "out"
- 20 Group with the #1 hit "ABC"
- 23 Emeritus, e.g.:
- 24 Some garden plants need it
- 25 Official count
- 28 Control tower devices
- 32 Group with the #1 hit "One Bad Apple"
- 35 Western-style "Scram!"
- 36 Lena who played Glinda in the movie version of "The Wizard of Oz"
- 37 Epi center?
- 38 Ne-z. Native Americans who breed their own horses
- 40 Faulkner's "\_\_\_ Lay Dying"
- 41 Group with the #1 hit "Jive Talkin'"
- 43 Garden tool
- 46 Snorkel et al.
- 47 Put in a seat
- 50 MIT or UCLA
- 51 2001 Spielberg WWII miniseries, and what 20, 32- or 41-Across is
- 57 Believed without question
- 58 Coscant's reciprocal
- 59 Really long time
- 61 Present moment
- 62 Ski resort lift
- 63 Arp's movement
- 64 Exceed the limit
- 65 Eponymous logical diagram creator

**DOWN**

- 1 Docs
- 2 Godmother, often
- 3 Slangy okay
- 4 "Flowers for" story from which the film "Chariot" was adapted
- 5 Layer
- 6 Big cheese associated with Big Macs?
- 7 Americans, to Brits
- 8 PayPal funds
- 9 Actress Peet or Plummer
- 10 Styled in the salon
- 11 Doughnut shapes
- 12 Min. road sign stat
- 13 Miami-County
- 21 Wrestler Ventura
- 22 Rowing crew
- 25 Selected
- 26 Spine-tingling
- 27 Next year's junior
- 29 What double-checked totals should do
- 30 Runs through a sieve
- 31 Jeanne d'Arc et al.: Abbr.
- 32 Defrost
- 33 Michelle Obama Robinson
- 34 Ball girls
- 38 Birdcage feature
- 39 Highbrows
- 41 Not kosher
- 42 New York's time zone
- 44 Figure out
- 45 Married it
- 46 Network with an eye logo
- 49 "Survivor" faction
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# WAKE-UP CALL Tech loses by 34 points at K-State, falls to 0-3 in Big 12 Conference play

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN  
NEWS EDITOR

MANHATTAN, Kan.—Different opponent, same result.

Texas Tech basketball followed up its worst home loss in 13 years with a 34-point shellacking, courtesy of No. 21 Kansas State on Saturday in Manhattan, Kan., 94-60.

The Red Raiders (8-10, 0-3 in Big 12 Conference play) looked all too similar to the team that lost by 31 points at home to Texas on Tuesday, shooting 40.8 percent from the floor, trailing by double digits at the half and, most importantly, getting blown out by another Big 12 foe.

"It just means we got off to a bad start in the Big 12," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "But overall we've still got a lot of games left. Thirteen games left in the season, so there's no telling, it could be a wake-up call — they get their stuff together."

Tech is no stranger to slow conference starts — the Red Raiders started Big 12 play on a three-game dive last season, too. The scarlet and black will try to reverse their losing streak at 7 p.m. today in Norman, Okla., against the Sooners.

In order for Tech to put itself in a position to win, it must shoot the ball better and not come out of the gates flat. Knight said he believed the Red Raiders didn't compete in the first half in Saturday's loss, although he was pleased with the effort in the second half.

Plagued by poor shooting and unable to keep up with Kansas State's tempo, the game was well over by the end of the half. The Red Raiders shot 34.6 percent to open the game, turning the ball over nine times.

It's the second consecutive game Tech shot less than 40 percent for the first half and the third consecutive sub-30-point first half.

Knight said he believed some of his players played scared against the relentless Wildcat defensive pressure.

"I still think we're cold (shooting), but it affected us in the first half because our guys quit, I thought, moving. I think it kind of spooked them," he said.

The Wildcats were paced early on by forward Jamar Samuels, who scored 18 in the opening period. Guard Jacob Pullen hit two 3-pointers early in the game, setting the tone, as he finished the half with 16 points.

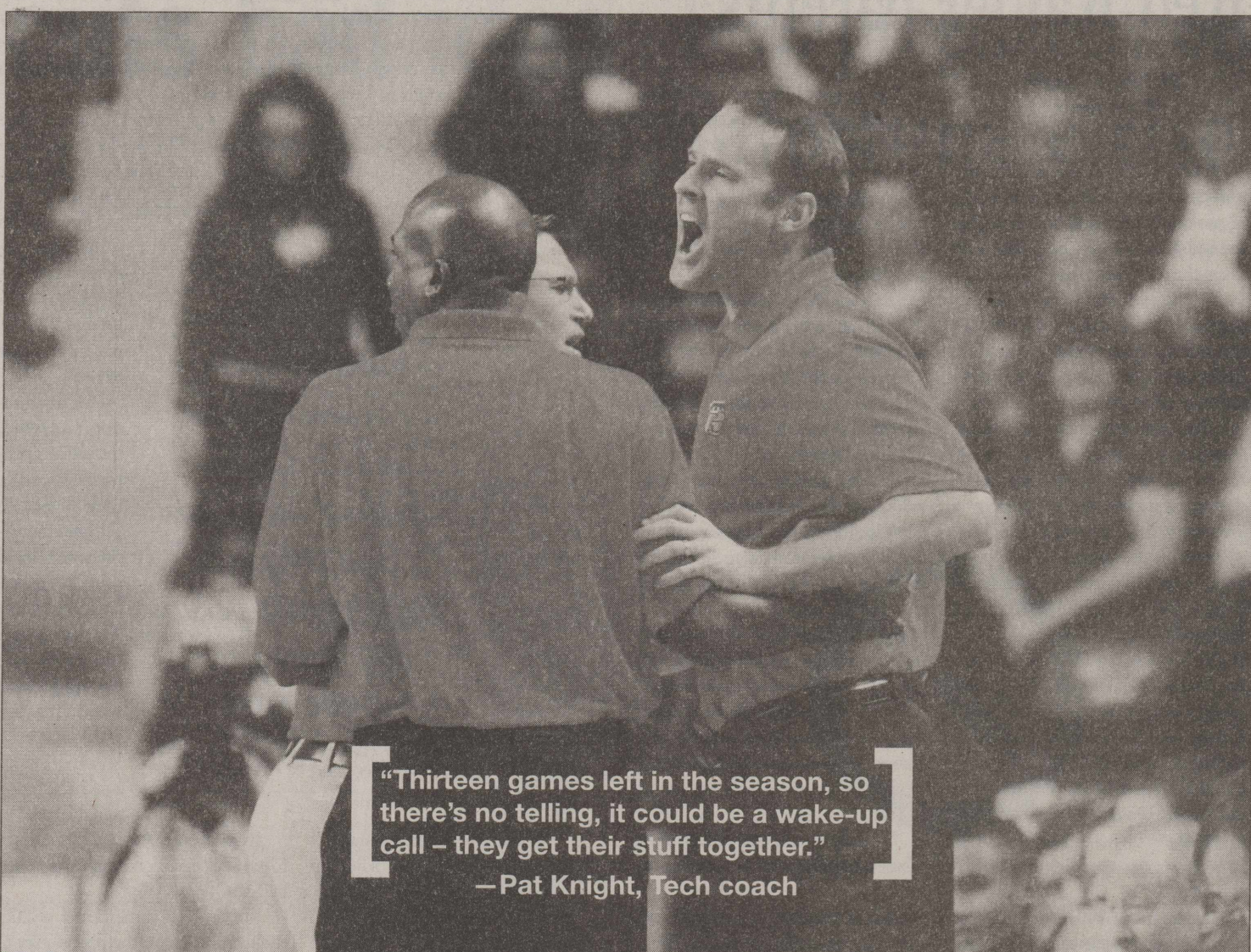
The duo quieted its scoring efforts in the second half, but four Kansas State players ended up in double digits. Pullen finished with 21 points, and Samuels led all scorers with 22, picking up nine boards along the way.

The Wildcats finished with 13 triples on the night, easily outmaneuvering the defensive looks Tech threw at them.

"We actually wanted to play zone because we were so worried about them hammering us inside," Knight said.

On the game, the Wildcats outrebounded Tech 44-18. Kansas State also pulled down 17 offensive boards, resulting in 25 second-chance points. The Red Raiders had only four second-chance points.

"We're not a very good rebounding team to begin with, so that doesn't help, but they just had three or four guys all the time on it, and then with us, we haven't been shooting the ball very well, so there's more opportunity



"Thirteen games left in the season, so there's no telling, it could be a wake-up call — they get their stuff together."

—Pat Knight, Tech coach

PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH COACH Pat Knight yells at a referee, drawing a technical foul during the Red Raiders' 94-60 loss to the Wildcats on Saturday at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan.

for rebounds," Knight said.

Guard John Roberson led the Red Raider offense with 19 points and five assists. Brad Reese added 11 points, but no other Tech player

scored more than eight.

Red Raider center Robert Lewandowski said the team has to come out faster and with the mentality that Tech can win. If that isn't done, he said,

then the Red Raiders are going to be "screwed."

"It just comes down to toughness," Lewandowski said. "We've got to start the game knowing we can win."

I think we have to come out knowing we can win, believing we can win, and if we don't do that, we've got no chance from the get go."

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## AP Poll: Ohio State is new No. 1 after Duke loses

(AP) — The last time Thad Matta's Ohio State Buckeyes topped The Associated Press Top 25, they reached the national championship game.

Could the same karma take place in 2010-11?

"It did happen that way before and it would be great for it to happen again," Matta said Monday, hours after the Buckeyes replaced Duke at No. 1. "I'd trade it right now for

better defense. But it's great for our program."

The Buckeyes (18-0) moved up one spot to replace Duke, which was No. 1 in the preseason Top 25 and the first nine polls of the regular season, including six weeks as the unanimous pick of the 65-member national media panel.

The Blue Devils' loss at Florida State on Wednesday opened the

way for the Buckeyes, who are No. 1 for the third time in school history. Ohio State was No. 1 for all of 1960-61 and 1961-62, a run of 27 straight polls, and for three weeks at the end of 2006-07.

"This is big for our program and The Ohio State University," Matta said. "At Ohio State we're trying to be the best program we can be and this is part of that. I don't know if the players will wear it as a target. I think we know how tough it will be to keep it."

Ohio State, led by John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas, won the national championship in 1960 and lost the title game to Cincinnati in 1961 and 1962. The Buckeyes, this time led by Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr., reached the Final Four in 2007, losing to Florida in the championship game.

The Buckeyes got as high as No. 5 last season with Evan Turner, the national player of the year, leading the way. He left early for the NBA draft and is now with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I'm glad to see it," he said of the No. 1 ranking. "They're doing well and just playing terrific. I knew they were going to be really good, especially with the returning players they

had and the incoming players they have now. They paid their dues over the last three years. This is perfect."

With West Virginia moving into the poll for the first time this season, the Big East ties its own record with nine teams in the Top 25. There were nine Big East teams ranked for one week in January 2009.

The Buckeyes received 49 first-place votes Monday. Kansas, which was No. 1 on six ballots, and Syracuse, which got eight first-place votes, each moved up one spot to second and third.

Duke, which still received one first-place vote, dropped to fourth. Pittsburgh, which was also No. 1 on one ballot, San Diego State and Villanova remained fifth through seventh. Connecticut, BYU and Texas rounded out the top 10.

Fourteen ranked schools lost last week, including Purdue, Notre Dame and Illinois, which each lost twice.

The other schools moving into the poll this week are Minnesota and Michigan State, both of which were ranked earlier this season, and Saint Mary's, Calif.

Kansas State, which was No. 3 in the preseason poll, Temple, Georgia and UCF dropped out this week.

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# Track wins nine titles at Texas Tech Open

By THORN COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 18 Lady Raiders and No. 7 Red Raiders started the season off strong, winning nine events outright in the Texas Tech Open on Friday and Saturday.

The meet was the first indoor challenge for the team this year, and head coach Wes Kitley said he was proud of how his teams competed considering the low implications of the meet.

"I think the first meet has gone good," Kitley said at the meet on Saturday. "It was really a glorified workout, but I think they handled their first test of the season well."

The winning began on Friday, where members of the women's team won the weight toss, long jump and 4x800 events.

Junior Kelly Crosse set a new Athletic Training Center record with her 20.17M (66'-2.25") weight toss, while the women's 4x800 team consisting of Caroline Karunde, Winrose Karunde, Caroline Jepling and Purity Biwott nearly edged out the Athletic Training Center record with a time of 9:01.69.

Senior Kelsey Lloyd was a standout both days, winning the long jump on Friday and earning second to teammate Katie Grimes in the 55M hurdles on Saturday.

Lloyd is a heptathlon athlete, so she said she has to strive to be better at all of her seven sports, instead of focusing on one.

"What I really need to focus on this year are the individual sports in my event," Lloyd said. "My favorite by far is hurdles, and what we all need to work on is endurance."

Lloyd said she thinks this is the best group Tech has had in a long time. This being her senior year, she said it's nice to see the team competing well and she is excited about being ranked.

"We can do better," Lloyd said of being ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation. "I honestly think this is the best team we have ever had."



**TECH SOPHOMORE KATIE** Grimes leaps over a hurdle during Saturday's women's 55M hurdles event. Tech won nine events during the Texas Tech Open in the Athletic Training Center this past weekend.

Crosse also had a great second day of competing, finishing in second in the shot put, in front of teammate Okafor, who finished third.

Both the men's and the women's pole vault teams took home first place, as Shade Weygant continued her winning ways from last season for the women and Kyal Meyers started his freshman year off right for the men.

Gil Roberts returned from an injury-ridden 2010 season well, finishing first in the men's 400M with

a time of 47.81 seconds. Terra Evans and Tara Thomas finished first and second in the 55M respectively, with Evans barely nudging out Thomas by .15 seconds.

Both the Red Raider and the Lady Raider 4x400 teams finished second to South Plains. The men's time of 3:10.37 put them in the top 10 nationally.

When asked what performance stood out to him during the meet, head coach Kitley said there were many events that came to mind.

"Kelly's throws were great; I always like to see records broken," Kitley said. "But our hurdlers did really well, and Shade did great in the vault, and Gil's time in the 400 was awesome. Overall, we had a great first outing."

Kitley said both teams need to continue to work hard throughout the year, because they can only get better throughout the season.

Next up for the Red Raiders and Lady Raiders is the Texas Tech Invitational, held at the Athletic Training Center starting on Friday, Jan. 21.

"You know it's an honor to be ranked," Kitley said of his team's national rankings. "Honestly I'd rather not be first right now; it creates a target on our backs. Our team knows we can climb and be higher; hopefully we will earn that No. 1 title."

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# Federer, Djokovic off to fast starts in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Roger Federer was sublime at times in his opening win. Novak Djokovic was businesslike and to the point.

Their messages to Rafael Nadal on Monday were no doubt the same: The Spaniard will have to be at his very best to complete his "Rafa Slam" at the Australian Open.

Defending champion Federer dismantled Lukas Lacko 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, mixing some classic touch and angled shots with aggressive groundstrokes in the third match at Rod Laver Arena. Lacko's only break came in the second set, when he successfully challenged two baseline calls in one game that had been given to Federer as winners.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion must have mesmerized the line judges with his earlier precision.

Federer is aiming to become only the second man to win the Australian Open five times; Roy Emerson won six Retaining the title at Melbourne Park would stall the prospect of knowing what it's like to hold any of the major trophies. He's won at least one of the four each year since 2003.

At the moment, Nadal owns three — winning the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open crowns last year to get himself into position to be the first man to win four consecutive majors since Laver completed the calendar Grand Slam in 1969.

He starts Tuesday against Marcos Daniel of Brazil. Also on his half of the draw are last year's finalist, Andy Murray, and No. 4-ranked Robin Soderling.

Soderling had trouble in Melbourne last year, exiting in the first round in an upset loss to Marcel Granollers.

With that in mind, Djokovic took no chances against Granollers on Monday night, soundly beating the 24-year-old Spaniard 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. He thinks it's premature for anyone to be talking about winning the title.

"I try to think about myself and my matches, the opponents that I have to face,

not about the other guys," he said. "Of course, all the credit to Rafa and Roger. They are deservedly the two biggest favorites to win this tournament. They're the two best players of the world."

"(But) definitely this performance gives me more confidence and gives me enough reason to think that I can beat anyone."

Caroline Wozniacki started her first major tournament as the No. 1-ranked woman with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Argentina's Gisela Dulko, while fourth-seeded Venus Williams advanced 6-3, 6-2 over Sara Errani of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

She's the only Williams sister in the draw after defending champion Serena withdrew with an injured foot.

Justine Henin had her struggles against Indian qualifier Sania Mirza before winning 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 in what she called her "first official match in six months."

Henin was only weeks into a comeback from retirement when she reached the final here last year in a brilliant return to the tour. Injuries curtailed the end of her season.

"I think physically I'm probably better than a year ago. And I'm getting there," she said. "I know I came through difficult moments in the last few months. But now I'm here ... the passion is back."

Maria Sharapova won here in 2008 but was unable to defend her title because of injury. She was ousted in the first round last year, so it was a big relief to finally win at Melbourne Park on Monday, beating Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-1, 6-3.

"I was definitely a little bit nervous in the beginning. Last year, I played first match on center and I lost," she said. "Kind of was like, 'I don't want this to happen again this year.'"

She advanced along with French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, 2010 semifinalist Li Na of China and No. 15 Marion Bartoli, who shut out Italy's Tathiana Garbin 6-0, 6-0.

On the men's side, eighth-seeded American Andy Roddick started strongly

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## The end? Favre again files for NFL retirement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Don't believe Brett Favre is finally done?  
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Favre has made another move toward leaving the game for good by filing retirement papers with the league, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello confirmed Monday.

This is merely a procedural matter, to start the clock on a player's pension and Hall of Fame eligibility. It's worth noting, too, that Favre has done this before, only to change his mind. Retired players can request to be reinstated at any time.

But the news, first reported by Fox Sports on its website, was another sign that Favre's thrill-filled 20-year career has come to an end, as he repeatedly insisted throughout a painfully disappointing 2010 season for the Minnesota Vikings.

The 41-year-old threw for only 11 touchdowns in 13 games and was intercepted 19 times, finishing with a career-low 69.9 passer rating that ranked third-worst in the NFL among qualifying quarterbacks.

His body took quite a beating, getting knocked out of three different games while dealing with injuries to his elbow, foot, chin, neck, back, ribs and calf — plus the sprained throwing shoulder that ended his all-time record streak of 297 straight regular-season games started. Then he suffered a concussion in what wound up being his last game,

on Dec. 20 against the Chicago Bears.

"I know it's time, and that's OK. It is," Favre said after the season finale. "Again, I hold no regrets, and I can't think of too many players offhand that can walk away and say that. Individually and from a team standpoint, it was way more than I ever dreamed of."

After years of waffling, Favre cried as he announced his retirement from the Green Bay Packers in March 2008. With the Vikings interested but the Packers unwilling to let him join their rival, he was traded to the New York Jets.

Following one season there, he declared he was done again in February 2009. The Vikings wooed him back to the field that summer, though, and they rode his renaissance performance — 33 touchdowns and a mere seven interceptions — to the NFC championship game. After needing another summer of persuasion to return in 2010, however, Favre wasn't the same and the Vikings slumped badly to 6-10 while going through all kinds of drama.

So now Favre has headed home to Mississippi, presumably for good as his two-year contract with the Vikings is expiring. Favre's official website even sent out a marketing e-mail blast over the weekend, advertising a "Thanks for the Memories" poster for sale. A portion of the proceeds go to the Favre 4 Hope Foundation, which helps disadvantaged and disabled children and breast cancer patients.

## Brown, Lady Raiders defeat Wildcats in double OT, 68-66, earn 3rd Big 12 win

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

For the Lady Raiders this season, it has not been how they have started their games, but rather how they are finishing that has started to gain attention of those around the Big 12 Conference.

Dramatic wins have been Texas Tech's style thus far in the Big 12, having started league play with consecutive comeback wins, and a 68-66 double-overtime thriller on Saturday to begin the season 3-0 in conference.

"It's really exciting; I don't know if I've ever seen a team who's done this three times in a row," Tech guard Mary Bokenkamp said. "Being able to come back down more than six or eight points, and pull it out in less than three minutes, a lot of teams would just fold and say, 'Forget it.'"

In all three conference matchups this season Tech, at one point in the game, trailed by a substantial margin. The Lady Raiders trailed by 15 to Kansas, 14 to Missouri, and had to fight back twice against Kansas State to send the game to overtime and eventually win in double overtime.

Many different players have contributed to Tech's success this season, starters and bench players alike.

Chynna Brown has played a key role in both home conference games, scoring 22 points against Missouri when leading scorer Kierra Mallard was struggling from the field, and then hitting the game-winning shot against Kansas State on Saturday with 0.1 seconds left on the clock.

"It feels good, it feels real great," Brown said about the recognition she has earned recently. "The fans are always supportive; every time I hear them calling my name or just chanting, it just makes me wanna make something happen on the court."

Mallard has experienced success as well, recording double-doubles in two of the three conference games, while Bokenkamp scored three crucial three-pointers against Kansas State.

The Kansas State game, however, was a little different than games against Kansas and Missouri because Tech went into the locker room at halftime with a lead.

Tech maintained a solid lead

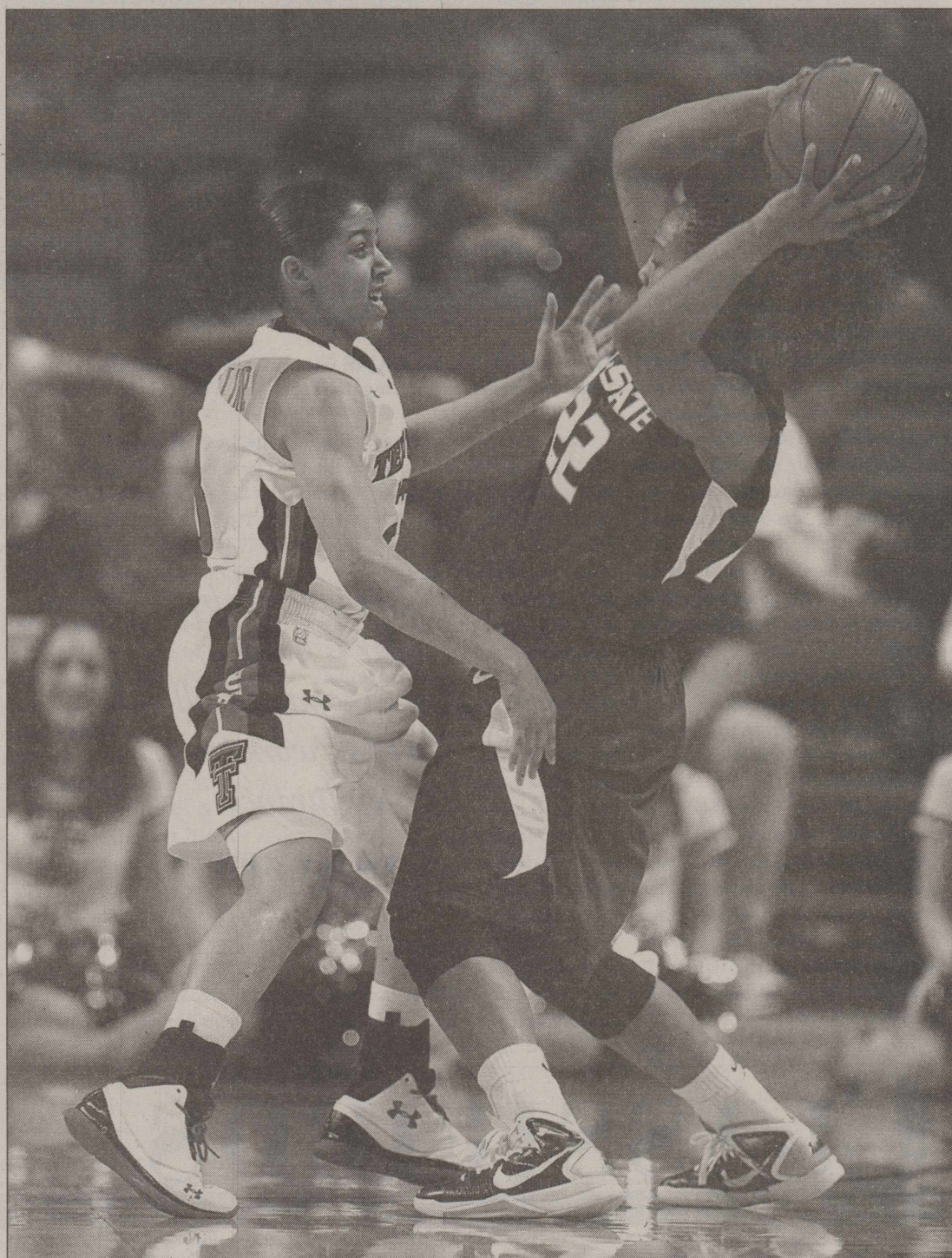


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MONIQUE SMALLS GUARDS Mariah White during Texas Tech's 68-66 victory against Kansas State Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

coming out of the half until Kansas State went on a 13-0 run to regain the lead with 11:34 left in regulation. With 3:21 left in the game, Brown hit a jumper to give Tech a 49-44 advantage — the Lady Raiders would not hit another field goal the rest of the second half.

With three seconds left in regulation, Kansas State's Brittany Chambers made a layup to send the game into overtime, both teams tied at 50. In the first extra period, the Wildcats looked as though they were going to dominate and walk away with the victory, but back-to-back three-pointers by Jordan Barncastle and Bokenkamp sent the game into

a second overtime. Both teams then combined to score just 10 points in the second overtime, but in the end it was Tech that had the advantage.

With time running out, Brown brought the ball down the court, drove the lane and nonchalantly made a layup with 0.1 left on the clock, sealing the double-overtime win for the Lady Raiders.

"You got to put together a complete game on the road," Kansas State head coach Deb Patterson said after Saturday's loss. "You got to defend and board in the Big 12 to have a chance at success. Those were elements of the game we just

didn't get done."

The Lady Raiders (16-1, 3-0 in Big 12 play) now take their show on the road as they travel to No. 15 Oklahoma and No. 1 Baylor this week.

Tech head coach Kristy Curry, though, said this season is about things more important than standings or potential rankings.

"There's two things I think about every minute of every day," she said. "It's these kids, and to see them celebrate in those kinds of moments because you know it's coming. We've worked too hard, done things too much the right way, but the second thing is to see these fans enjoy this."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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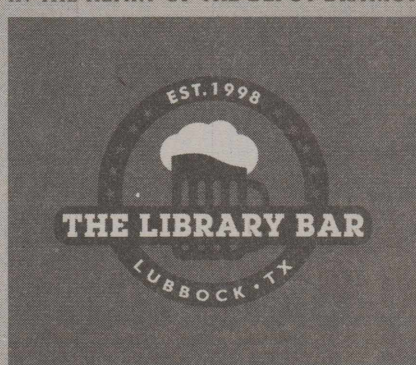
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