



Weiner Nationals Page 2



Last-second win Page 8

THE DAILY TREADOR

Serving the Texas Tech University community since 1925

SOUTHWEST COLLECTION
Texas Tech University
79799-0001
LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79409

MONDAY, JAN. 31, 2011
VOLUME 85 ■ ISSUE 82

TTUHSC hosts inaugural ring ceremony at ICC

HSC President: Tradition has 'meaning to us all'



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANY CAMPBELL
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SHOW off their rings Friday at the International Culture Center at the inaugural HSC ring ceremony.

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center hosted its inaugural ring ceremony on Friday in the International Culture Center to honor distinguished alumni along with the tradition and values symbolized in the class ring.

Geoffrey Lowe, president of the HSC Student Government Association and master of ceremonies at the event, opened up the ceremony by introducing Dr. Tedd Mitchell, HSC president.

Mitchell joined Tech in May and has contributed to the uni-

versity in many ways since then, Lowe said.

After speaking about Mitchell's past and previous accomplishments, Lowe invited him up to the stand for the ceremony welcome.

"This tradition is not just important for the individuals receiving their rings tonight," Mitchell said, "but it is a tradition that has meaning to us all collectively."

What makes Tech's Health Sciences Center stand out among others, he said, is the HSC has so many people from so many backgrounds making contributions.

RING continued on Page 2

Peaceful duo responds to 'Watchmen of Christ'

Students wear labels willingly

By CAITLAN OSBORN
STAFF WRITER

One Texas Tech student and one Tech graduate responded to Tuesday's "Watchmen of Christ" group by taking a unique approach Friday in the Free Speech Area.

Akin to "The Scarlet Letter" heroine Hester Prynne, who was ostracized for the red "A" of adultery she was required to wear, Josh Hurst and Kurtis Vanderpool donned their titles willingly — as a way to embrace Christ.

On Tuesday, the Watchmen of Christ yelled at a protesting mob of Tech students the religious group viewed as undeserving sinners damned to hell.

The Watchmen demonstration prompted Vanderpool and Hurst to show people a more peaceful way to share their opinions on Christianity.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Treador
KURTIS VANDERPOOL, RIGHT, a senior global affairs major from Wolfforth, talks Friday outside the Student Union Building to Hunter McDonald, a junior energy commerce major from San Antonio, about personal sins. Vanderpool said he believes Christians are not perfect, and the love and grace of God is for everyone.

RESPONSE continued on Page 2

Altitude Test



PHOTOS BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador
PHILIP BURKE, A business graduate student from Pearland, flies a Cessna 172 Friday near Town and Country Airport.

Organization takes students to the skies

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

The Raider Pilots Association takes hands-on experience seriously.

Catching a bird's-eye view of Texas Tech or Ransom

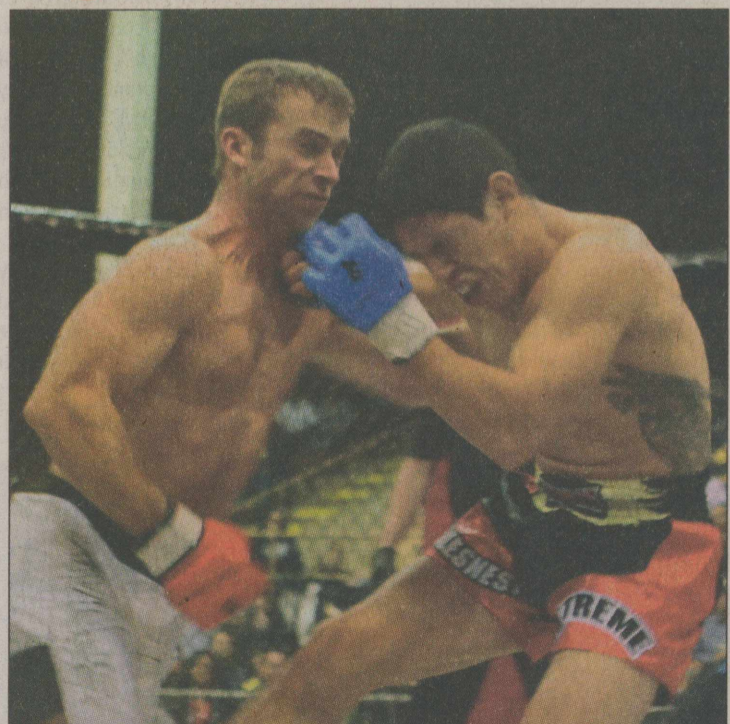
Canyon while soaring under a West Texas denim-blue sky is not a rarity for these members. In fact, they can take to the skies every weekend if they want to.

SKIES continued on Page 6



TYLER FRANCIS, A business graduate student from El Paso and member of Raider Pilot Association, gives the "Guns Up" as he flies his Beechcraft Musketeer Friday near Town and Country Airport.

Fight Night, Page 3



South Plains Mixed Martial Arts hosted eight amateur fights Saturday in the Fair Park Coliseum. The event was dubbed "In the Beginning" and featured fighters from across the South Plains. LA VIDA, Page 3

INDEX

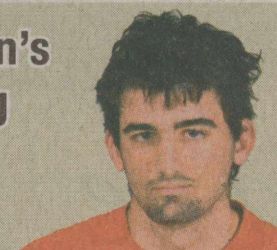
- Classifieds.....7
- Crossword.....3
- Opinions.....4
- La Vida.....3
- Sports.....8
- Sudoku.....5

WEATHER

Today Mostly Cloudy
65 / 15

Tuesday Snow showers
26 / 3

Cardone: Olbermann's departure is a big loss for balance
OPINIONS, Pg. 4



DT PHOTOS
Buy online at
dailytreador.com

EDITORIAL: 806-742-3393

ADVERTISING: 806-742-3384

BUSINESS: 806-742-3388

FAX: 806-742-2434

CIRCULATION: 806-742-3388

E-MAIL: dailytreador@ttu.edu

RESUME BUILDER

1. Visit www.dailytreador.com.
2. Click on Work for The DT.
3. Apply online.
4. It's that easy!

THE DAILY TREADOR

Community Calendar

TODAY

Texas Tech's Birthday Card Signing

Time: All day event
Where: SUB, 1st floor across from the Information Center
So, what is it?
Come and sign a banner celebrating the 88th birthday of Texas Tech. This banner will be placed on display during the official birthday celebration. Students, faculty and staff can sign through Friday.

Wrapping of Will Rogers

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Will Rogers Statue
So, what is it?
Join the Saddle Tramps and experience one of the oldest and dearest Texas Tech traditions.

Carnegie Hall Finalist Showcase

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: The Legacy
So, what is it?
This performance competition will feature eight student musicians who were selected as finalists from approximately 500 other music students from Texas Tech.

DJ Kosta and DJ Bones

Time: 9 p.m.
Where: Bash Riprock's
So, what is it?
Listen to live music and bring your friends for foosball and pool at Lubbock's oldest college bar.

Andrew Why

Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Skooner's Grill and Bar
So, what is it?
This musician's specialty is playing piano and keyboard adaptations of popular songs from Elton John to OutKast.

TUESDAY

Men's Basketball

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Cheer on the Red Raiders as they battle the Kansas Jayhawks for Tech's fourth consecutive Big 12 Conference win.

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.

Bill Douglas

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Bill Douglas, guest pianist and composer from Boulder, Colo., conducts two days of concerts and workshops. Performances showcase Douglas music and piano artistry, one being more about bassoons and marimba and the other featuring his woodwind chamber music with faculty members.

John Spratt

Time: 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Where: Crickets
So, what is it?
Enjoy acoustic guitar and vocals, R&B, Rock and your requests with this local favorite.

To make a calendar submission e-mail features@dailytoreador.com

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.

CANINE CONTEST



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

WIENER DOGS COMPETE in the Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals at Texas Tech on Saturday outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Rec Center.

HSC

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"It is important to know your traditions and where they come from so that you can pass them off to others," Mitchell said.

After his welcoming address, Mitchell stepped aside to allow Nancy Neal, Texas Tech regent, to give her presentation titled "A Walk around Your Ring."

"I am a very proud graduate of the School of Nursing, and

I believe I am the first nurse to ever be on the board of regents," Neal said. "This is very, very special and is a real delight."

The class rings are a significant investment, she said, especially with the way the price of gold has soared recently, and it comes with it a great deal of pride.

"The ring is a public symbol of academic achievement," Neal said. "It tells who you are and where you come from."

Regent Neal then went on to speak about HSC's accomplishments since its original

establishment.

"HSC has trained more than 13,000 individuals collectively," she said. "In just the last four years, HSC has built a SimLife center, gained recognition for its FMAT medical degree, established the Laura W. Bush for women's health in Amarillo, and we currently have the only MD/JD degree program in the entire nation."

Neal then explained the class ring's engravings and emblems.

"The left side features the TTUHSC official seal, and on the right side of the ring there is

the East Administration Tower and Masked Rider," she said. "On the inside of the ring you can see engraved the words 'Strive for Honor,' which is a mantra we should all live by."

After Neal stepped down from the podium, Lowe and Mitchell presented the rings to their recipients.

"The tradition dictates that the Double T on the front of the ring always faces you," Lowe said. "You may put your rings on now. Thank you for contributing to this outstanding tradition."

» bhoward@dailytoreador.com

Response

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Vanderpool, a senior global affairs major from Wolfforth, said the Watchmen of Christ used shock and angry tactics to get people's attention, which is not the way Jesus' love should be spread.

"They don't preach that message as much as they like to yell at people," Vanderpool said. "When you yell at people, they don't hear Jesus, they don't see Jesus. They see

angry hypocrites."

Hurst, who now works for a ministry called the Wesley Foundation, said he wanted to show people that no one is perfect and, despite a person's struggle with sin, faith can conquer any obstacle.

"In the life that I've lived, I've seen how God can overcome the things that I've been, and He can overcome that sin in me," he said. "For those of us who are struggling in the midst of sin, I believe that there is a power greater than the darkness within, and that power is Jesus Christ."

Hurst said while a part of their actions were in response to the other demonstrators, it was not the only motivation. He said the true reason was because God's love had overwhelmed him so much he had to share it with other people.

One way they chose to get students' attention is by sharing their vices. Hurst wore a T-shirt with the words: sex addict, performer, fake, hypocrite and anger. Vanderpool held up a sign that said "Pornography," in all capitals, to share with others how God has helped him overcome a 10-year struggle with the addiction. They said despite their past actions, they were given a new identity when they accepted Christ as their savior.

"Christians are not perfect, and the goal is not to be or act perfect," Vanderpool said. "The whole point of the gospel is that we may have screwed up, but Jesus' grace and love washes over us and helps us heal."

Both Hurst and Vanderpool agree that while much of what the Watchmen of Christ said about sin was true, they took the wrong approach when sharing their opinions with others. The gospel is effective not because

of great arguments, Hurst said. It is effective because of relationships it builds with other people.

Vanderpool said he supported the Watchmen's idea that 'hell awaits every sinner, but what they chose not to mention was the fact that Jesus' sacrifice saves people from eternal suffering.

"When they say that we are a generation who is bound for hell, I will agree with that because I believe every man is born into a sinful nature," he said. "In the way we live our lives, we deserve hell, but where I conflict with them is that they didn't tell the other half of the story. The whole reason why the gospel means 'good news' is because Jesus got in the way of that."

Hurst said one of the benefits of their approach was that it prompted meaningful conversations with Christians and non-Christians alike. Because he shared with others the ways he had been "broken," Hurst said it opened the door for students on campus to share their own beliefs on religion and God.

"One thing that I've seen is there are great conversations to be had away from where the argument is taking place," he said. "I think it's important for us to share the gospel, but I think it's of an even greater importance for us to demonstrate the

love of Christ that we know so well by loving other people in return."

Vanderpool said instead of embracing the students in the crowd, the Watchmen chose to judge them and condemn them. He said, according to Jesus' teachings, you separate the sin from the sinner, choosing to hate the sin but loving the individual.

"I'm not going to tell someone that they're going to hell because I don't know their heart," Vanderpool said. "My job is to love you and to show you God, not to be God."

Hurst said he will continue to be a testimony of how God has helped him through his vices. He said he hopes other Christians will use his example of peace and love to spread God's word instead of using hate and judgment.

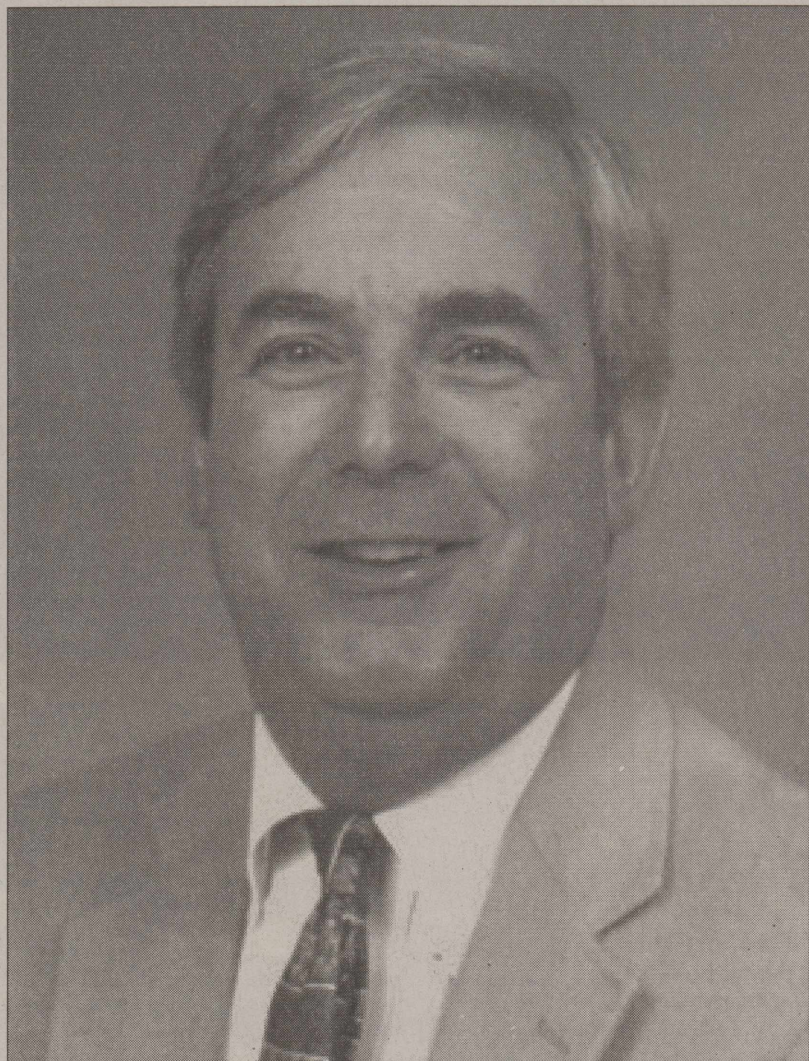
"It's something that I would like to continue to do

and continue to be a witness of how God has overcome sin in my life," Hurst said. "I would encourage Christians to take up a similar posture of humbleness and humility to both believers and non-believers alike on the campus of Texas Tech."

Hurst and Vanderpool said they plan to return to campus Monday, and possibly later in the week, to continue to share their peaceful views with other students.

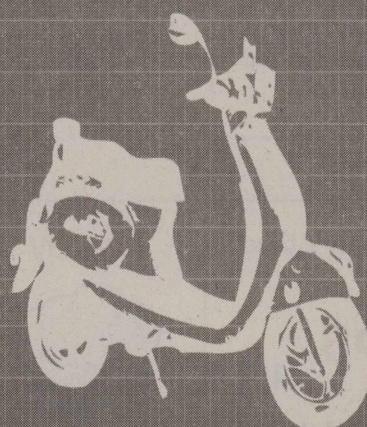
» cosborn@dailytoreador.com

In honor of his retirement,



University Career Services
Congratulates
Dave Kraus
on his 29 years of service to
Texas Tech University.

live close to campus.
scoot to class.

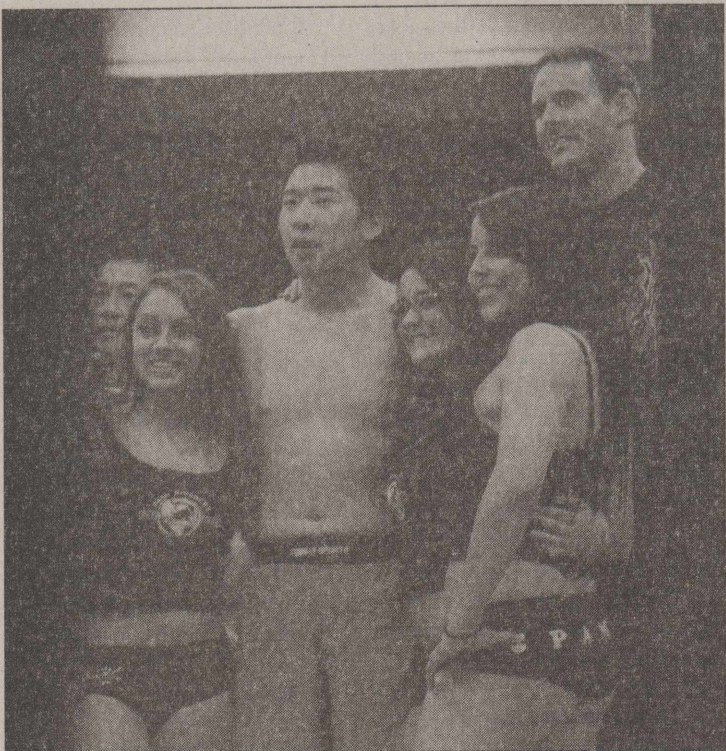


great location to campus. resort-style amenities. private bedrooms.

806.749.2200 | 2210 MAIN STREET



MMA fight draws crowd, Tech coach Knight



PHOTOS BY SAM GRENADE/The Daily Toreador

BRUCE WANG POSES with some ring girls and members of his corner, including Texas Tech basketball coach Pat Knight, after winning a South Plains MMA fight Saturday in the Fair Park Coliseum.

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

To clearly understand the intricacies and raw emotion of mixed martial arts, you simply have to be there.

More than 1,400 MMA fans and enthusiasts were given that opportunity Saturday night.

Lubbock's South Plains Amateur Mixed Martial Arts organization hosted eight amateur fights at the Fairpark Coliseum in the event dubbed "In the Beginning."

Joel Narbaez Jr., a freshman philosophy major at Texas Tech and a Lubbock native, emceed the events, presiding as ring announcer. The affable Narbaez Jr. also humored those in attendance with his stand-up comedy during the two 15-minute intermissions, along with three other comedians.

There's no question that MMA runs through Narbaez Jr.'s blood. His father, Joel Narbaez Sr., is a co-founder of SPAMMA and a boxing coach at the local gym, Katsujin Budoki, owned by Walt Bushey.

In high school, Narbaez Jr. was intrinsically involved in MMA and trained. After being injured, he stopped training, but that didn't quell his passion for the craft.

Narbaez Jr. also is in the Navy Reserve, which has required him to travel to Amarillo for monthly drills. He said he noticed how MMA was popular there and realized the possibilities of furthering

the sport in Lubbock where there is an abundance of amateur fighters.

"In Amarillo, MMA is so huge," Narbaez Jr. said. "In other places, it's starting to get really big. I think it would be good for Lubbock. Especially because of how many amateurs there are."

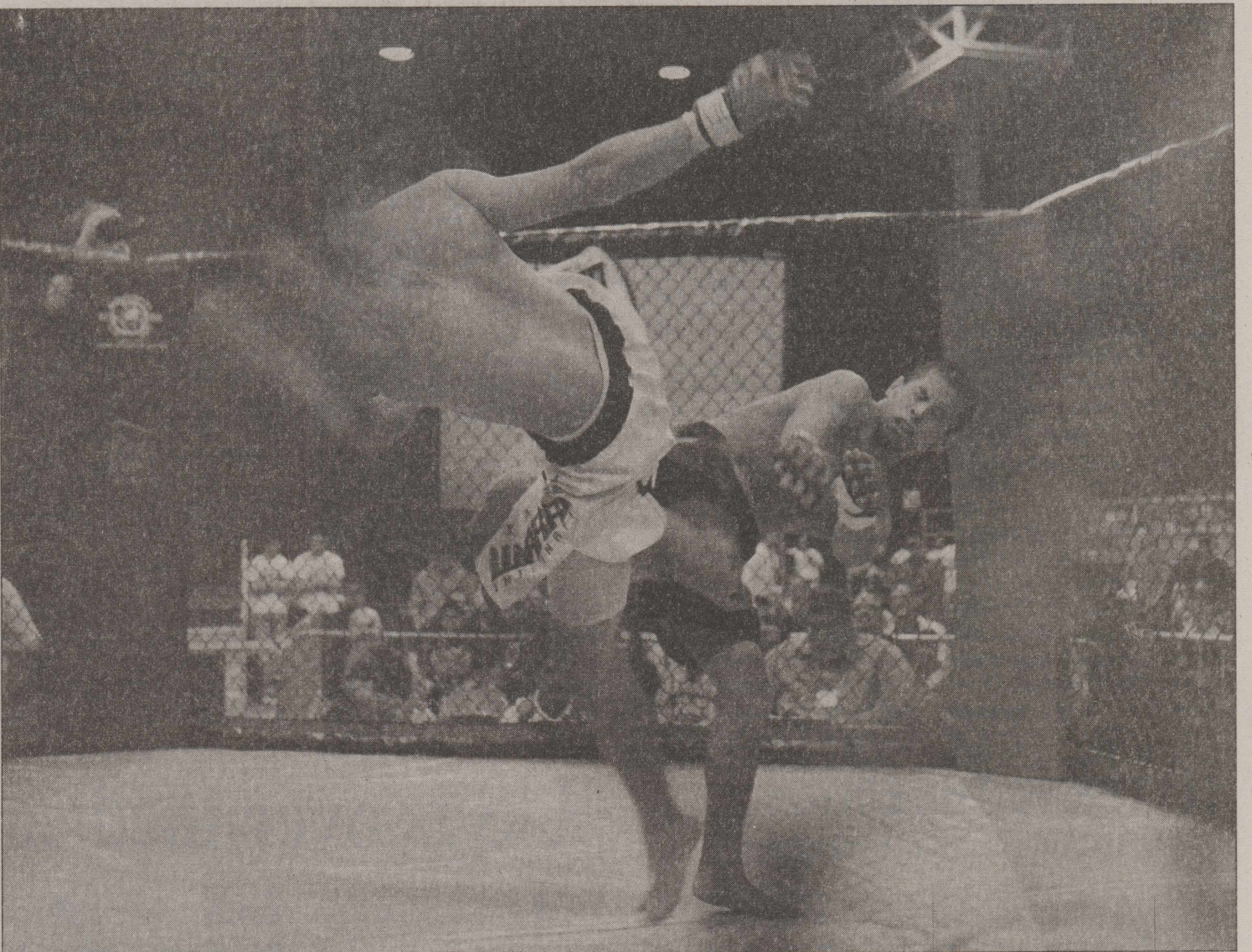
Along with Narbaez Sr., SPAMMA co-founders George Trujillo and Manny Gonzalez are trying to give the local amateurs more opportunities to fight close to home. Considering that amateurs are unpaid, eliminating travel expenses is beneficial for fighters.

Trujillo said having an event like "In the Beginning," in Lubbock also helps establish a stronger foundation for MMA and help promote the local gyms that train the athletes.

"It's going to build the base in Lubbock," Trujillo said. "You have a lot of gyms in Lubbock, and no one is getting notoriety. There are a couple gyms that people know who the main person is, but other fighters aren't getting the notoriety they deserve. They're fighting, they're just not fighting on home turf."

Trujillo, Gonzalez and Narbaez Sr. are involved in teaching the sport as members of Team House of One, which trains at Katsujin Budoki. Two of their fighters competed Saturday, and Narbaez Sr. said the event would help boost awareness for people who may want to participate in MMA in the future.

"The interest is there," Narbaez Sr. said. "It's just that nobody knows where



JONATHAN LOPEZ AND Albert Tapia kick each other during a 125-pound fight at the South Plains MMA match Saturday in the Fair Park Coliseum.

to train. There are other small schools to train at — not just ours. This is going to showcase their schools."

One of those other schools in Lubbock, United Martial Arts Training Center, showcased one of its premier fighters, Bruce Wang. In his fight, Wang won by submission with his coach Yi-Yuan Lee and a familiar Tech face in his corner.

Men's basketball coach Pat Knight was in attendance to support the 16-year-old. Knight said he trains with both Lee and Wang. Lee is a nationally renowned teacher, having coached Team USA in the World Wushu Championships in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

Knight's interest in MMA stemmed from being a boxing fan initially and also from his respect for Lee.

"I was a boxing fan first, and then I started watching UFC," Knight said. "I've become pretty good friends with (professional fighter) Forrest Griffin, and I just fell in love with it. When Coach (Lee) opened up his gym, I didn't want any of that Hollywood stuff. I wanted

the real deal."

The value of training under Lee and alongside Wang has been unbelievable, Knight said.

"I just turned 40, and I'm probably in better shape than when I was playing from working out with him," Knight said. "I just like discipline and just the workout."

Knight said Wang has the potential to eventually make it to the UFC level,

but that may still be a few fights away. Lee agreed and said it just depends on how Wang likes fighting.

"We have already started the amateur phase," Lee said. "In one or two years, if (Wang) still likes it, we will let him fight." The possibility of having Tech students fight locally is also being discussed, Narbaez Jr. said.

"We've talked about having a fra-

ternity-only section," Narbaez Jr. said. "I know a lot of students that train. If we have 10 fights, we may have a fraternity fight during intermission."

Trujillo said that SPAMMA is planning their first of four future events for May, and judging by the attendance and success of the event, MMA could become a mainstay in Lubbock.

»»ejansa@dailytoreador.com

Sundance goes crazy for 'Like Crazy'

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — A film about young lovers in a long-distance relationship called "Like Crazy" was awarded the grand jury prize for a U.S. drama at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival. Its star, Felicity Jones, also received a special jury prize for acting in the movie.

America Ferrera presented the acting award to Jones, who was not in attendance at the Saturday night ceremony, saying "the 2011 Sundance Film Festival will go down as the year of the actress."

Peter D. Richardson's film "How to Die in Oregon" won the grand jury U.S. documentary prize. It follows terminally ill patients living in Oregon, the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

Also recognized were Mike Cahill and Brit Marling's sci-fi film "Another Earth," which won a dramatic special jury prize and the Alfred P. Sloan award.

Cahill, who directed and co-wrote the movie, said "this is the greatest week of our lives." The film is about two strangers brought together the night before the discovery of a duplicate planet Earth.

The Festival's Awards Ceremony was hosted by actor Tim Blake Nelson, who appears in the comedic bank heist film "Flypaper," which premiered at Sundance. Nelson told the audience, "If you win a prize today, that's fantastic. Congratulations. But if you don't, persevere because if you have made it this far, trust me, your film will find a home."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
1 Dissolves into a puddle
6 Firing range rounds
10 Dog buggler
14 Audibly astonished
15 Pastry served au rhum
16 Bee, to Andy
17 Exotic park
19 Adriatic resort
20 Sixth sense letters
21 Tableland
22 Conestoga, e.g.
23 Tempts fate, in a way
27 God of manly beauty
29 Actor Diggs
30 "Saturday Night Fever" dance genre
31 Bogus pian
33 Actress Cheryl
37 Acolyte's suffix
38 One in an extra-large baby carriage, perhaps
41 Angus's greeting
42 Space Shuttle
44 Feb. 14
45 Colorado resort
47 "Of ___ I Sing"
49 Mideast fleet
50 Second in a Sue Grafton series
55 One more time
56 "Trick" or "treat"
57 Horn for a Muppet named Zoot
60 Defame
61 Fairly spicy, as chili (and like this puzzle, literally, based on the ends of 17-, 23- and 50-Across)

DOWN
1 Nutmeg spice
2 Boardroom clashers

Friday's Puzzle Solved

JANE AFLAC BRAD
OPUS MIATA OILY
SOTSHELTER ICCEL
EOS ALEC FULCRA
FRATWITHTENSION
BREA AROD
SHOED BARR OVAL
AQUA DOBOY WIDE
ESTD AOUT ENDOW
SERT TATE
CATWITHTHEGOODS
UTHANT ROTE TIP
POET ENOALREADY
INRE AMORE APSO
DEER MINDY PEON

35 Perpetrator
36 Crime bosses
39 Winnebago owner, briefly
40 NFL ball carrier, often
43 In the beginning
46 Gp. that abducted Patty Hearst
48 Sweetie
49 Meanie
50 Rudimentary

51 Inuit ho
52 Sweat box?
53 Sun danger
54 Witherspoon of "Walk the Line"
58 Jason's vessel
59 Dec. holiday
61 "Very funny" TV station
62 In vogue
63 '70s TV boss of Mary, Ted and Murray

By Donna S. Levin 1/31/11

Ombuds Office

www.ombuds.ttu.edu

A safe place to bring concerns and find solutions.

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

Arthur C. Clarke

SUB Suite 024 East Basement 806•742•SAFE

Want to have some FUN this SUMMER, but need a JOB, too?

COME CHECK OUT THE
SUMMER CAMP JOB FAIR

Wed. FEB 2, 2011
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SUB Ballroom

Sponsored by University Career Services 742-8210

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
University Career Services
Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

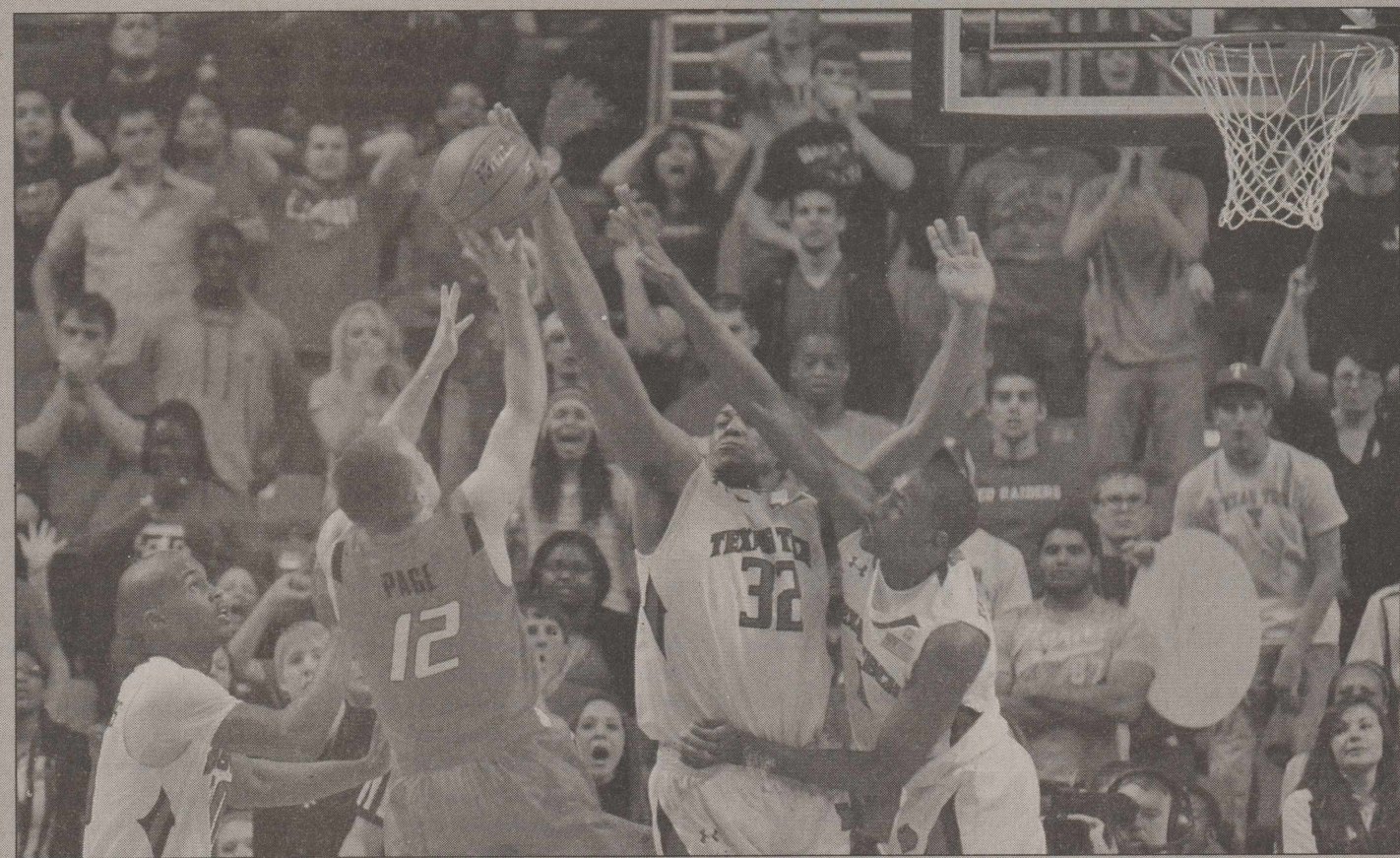
SPORTS

PAGE 8
MONDAY, JAN. 31, 2011

Third straight win | Tech basketball

A Single Hand

Singletary's last-second block seals win



TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary blocks Keiton Page's last-second shot during the Red Raiders' 75-74 overtime victory against the Cowboys on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
NEWS EDITOR

With time running out in overtime and the Red Raiders clinging to a slim 75-74 lead Saturday against Oklahoma State, Cowboy guard Keiton Page took the feed from teammate Darrell Williams and drove down the court before pulling up in the lane to attempt the game-winning shot.

Enter Mike Singletary.

"He just kept getting closer and closer to the bucket, and I didn't know if he was going to dish it off? Is he going to shoot it?" Singletary said. "But he got into his shot, and my first instinct is, 'Hey, he's 5'9", so I've got to go block this."

A trio of Red Raider defenders put their hands in Page's face, with Singletary ultimately earning the game-saving block as he swatted the ball more than 20 feet in the air and back toward midcourt. Time expired before the ball hit the ground, giving Texas Tech (11-11, 3-4 in Big 12 Conference play) its third consecutive conference victory.

The Red Raiders haven't won three straight Big 12 games since they

rattled off four in a row from Feb. 24, 2007, to March 8, 2007.

The win puts the resurgent Red Raiders in ninth place in the conference table but just one game back of fourth-place Baylor.

"Before the Nebraska game, we were talking about, 'We need to get on a little roll,' and we accomplished this task," Singletary said, "and we won the three games in a row. And now we're just trying to pick up some momentum, and that puts us right in the middle of the pack in the Big 12, and there's nothing better you can ask for."

The Red Raiders set the tone of the game early, forcing a turnover on OSU's first possession and hitting a 3-pointer on their first shot attempt. The Cowboys finished with 16 turnovers, resulting in 24 Red Raider points, while Tech's 14 turnovers led to only 10 points for OSU.

"Whenever you can capitalize on another team's mistakes — turnovers and getting out and getting on the breaks — that's what we thrive on, that's what we like to do," Singletary said. "We like to pressure teams and make them speed up a little bit so that way we can run the floor with our athletes."

BLOCK continued on Page 7

Red Raiders have chance to prove worth this week

Pat Knight has to be doing some thinking these days. He must be thinking back to around this time last year. Did he say something crass at a party? Did he forget to reply to an e-mail? Perhaps he called someone by the wrong name?

He must have made somebody angry because this stretch of the schedule is going to be brutal.

His Red Raider basketball team has responded incredibly well, rattling off three-straight conference wins (a first since his current crop of seniors has been in school) after starting off four in the hole.

But what did Pat Knight do to deserve this?

The best two teams in the Big 12 are up this week, with Kansas coming to the United Spirit Arena on Tuesday and a trip to Austin to face the Texas Longhorns just four days later.

First, the Kansas team that pummeled K-State a few days ago. The same K-State team Tech lost to by 33 points. The Jayhawks are likely to jump back into the top five, which they were knocked out of last week after losing to Texas.

Yes, the Longhorns, who walked all over the Red Raiders during an 83-52 victory in Lubbock on Jan. 11. That

Jon Arnold



dailytoreador.com
Keyword: Red Raiders
Check out a video recap of the Red Raiders' late win against OSU on Saturday.

victory was the first of a six-game tear they've been on, which has many credible college basketball analysts calling them the hottest team in the nation. In fact, during one of ESPN's College GameDay segments during the weekend, all three of the panelists selected Texas as the best team in the nation at the moment — and that was before they took apart No. 13 Missouri, 71-58.

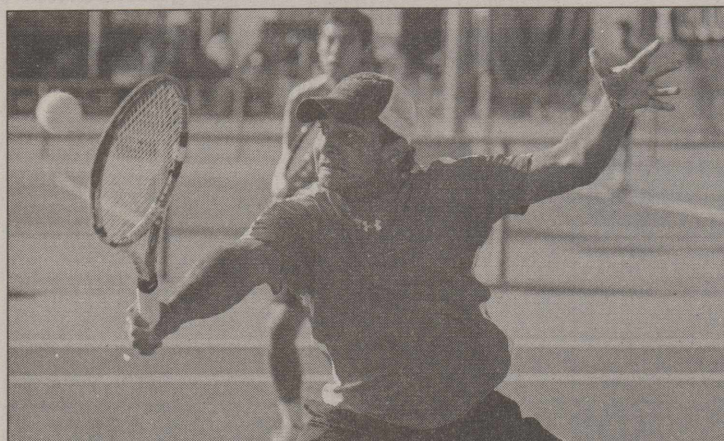
Speaking of Missouri, the Tigers will be the next road trip the Red Raiders have to deal with after Texas, traveling to Columbia, Mo., for a Feb. 15 date. Not before Texas A&M comes to town on Feb. 12.

WORTH continued on Page 7

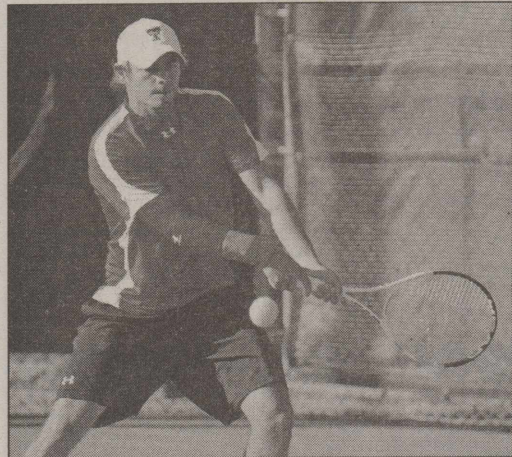
BIG 12 STANDINGS

Teams	Big 12	Overall
1. Texas	6-0	18-3
2. Kansas	5-1	20-1
3. Texas A&M	4-2	17-3
4. Baylor	4-3	14-6
5. Missouri	3-3	17-4
6. Nebraska	3-3	15-5
7. Oklahoma	3-3	11-9
8. Colorado	3-4	14-8
9. Texas Tech	3-4	11-11
10. Oklahoma State	2-5	14-7
11. Kansas State	2-5	14-8
12. Iowa State	1-6	14-8

ITA Kickoff, Online



PHOTOS BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador



Find out how the Red Raiders fared in the ITA Kickoff Weekend tournament by checking out The DT online.

dailytoreador.com
Keyword: Tennis
Check out the recap from tennis beat writer Evan Jansa online.

Tech starts spring practice

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Scott LeJeune remembers watching the 2010 NCAA selection show last season, knowing the Texas Tech baseball team was not going to hear its name called for a spot in the NCAA Division I Baseball Tournament.

But as LeJeune, a junior outfielder put it: "You need to see a low before you get a high."

"I still remember the feeling we had during the selection show knowing that we weren't going to go, and this is just a year that we've been planning for," LeJeune said Friday. "We're on a mission; we're going to do this."

Friday was merely the beginning of a journey LeJeune, along with the rest of Tech baseball, hopes can end with a postseason bid.

Tech begins its regular season against Western Michigan at 6

p.m. Feb. 18 at Dan Law Field as a part of the Red Raider Classic. Participating teams consist of Tech, Western Michigan, Northwestern and Utah Valley.

The Red Raiders have not made an appearance in the NCAA tournament since the 2004 season, when former head coach Larry Hays led the Red Raiders to 40 wins and an at-large bid in the tournament.

Tech coach Dan Spencer, now in his third season at the helm, said pitching could be the key to making a run at a tournament bid, and it remains one of the grayer areas on the team.

Spencer said he and the assistant coaches currently have six pitchers they plan on rotating and implementing in the starting rotation throughout the season.

"We have six guys that we've kind of listed as starters," Spencer said. "(John) Neely and (Daniel) Coulombe, (Ben) Flora, (Robbie)

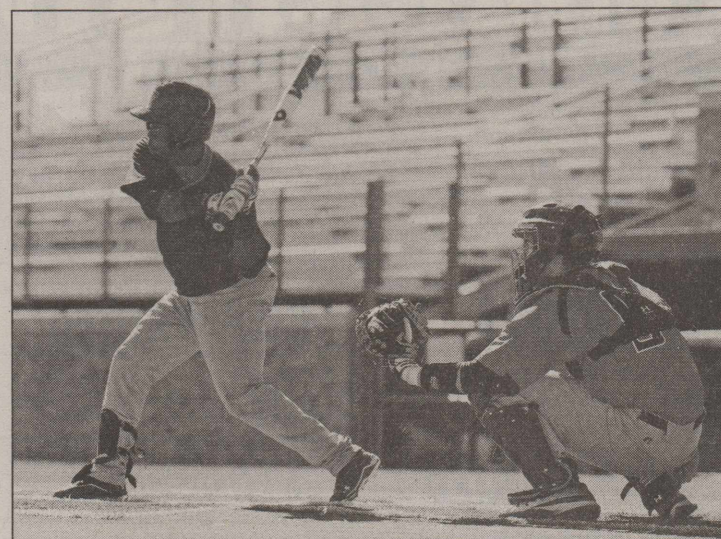


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
BARRETT BARNES BATS during practice Saturday at Dan Law Field.

Kilcrease, (Jamen) Parten, (David) Paiz, with Paiz obviously being a two-way guy, being a guy who's going to be playing for us when he's not pitching.

"He'd be more of a candidate for

a midweek (starter)." Pitching may be the grayest area due to the losses Tech's pitching staff endured during the offseason.

PRACTICE continued on Page 7

THIS WEEK IN RED RAIDER SPORTS

Red Raider Basketball
vs
Kansas
Tuesday, 02/01
8:00 pm
United Spirit Arena

Texas Tech Track Invitational
Saturday, 02/05
All Day event
Athletic Training Center

Lady Raider Basketball
vs
Texas A&M
Saturday, 02/05
2:00 pm
United Spirit Arena

FACEBOOK.COM/TTUATHLETICS

TWITTER.COM/TECHATHLETICS

YOUTUBE.COM/TECHATHLETICS

FOURSQUARE.COM/TEXASTECH