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## Tech museum names executive director

### Johnson is 39-year tenured faculty member, has served 1 year as interim

By KASSIDY KETRON  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials named a 39-year tenured faculty member the newest director of the Museum of Texas Tech University on Thursday.

Eileen Johnson, a Horn professor in museum science and senior curator, was named the executive director after serving as the interim director for the past year.

Provost Bob Smith said the committee to determine the new

executive director was composed of staff from the museum, faculty members from the university and members of the museum association. Out of the dozen applications and the final three candidates, Smith and President Guy Bailey agreed on Johnson.

Smith said what set Johnson apart from the other candidates was not only her time working with the museum and the Lubbock Lake Landmark, but also her ability to keep the museum integrated with the mission of the university and encouraging input from the community.

"She's a Horn professor, so she's one of the most distinguished

professors we have at Texas Tech. She's an outstanding scholar, she's a very fine manager and she's a very, very good person in terms of her ability to interact with a wide array of constituents," Smith said.

Johnson said she has worked in the museum since she came to Tech in 1972.

Johnson said she believes her long-term experience in the museum, her administrative experience in directing Lubbock Lake Landmark and her strong research background may have all been factors in being chosen for the job.

"I greatly appreciate all the support that I have received from the staff and the museum throughout campus and the



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community," Johnson said. "It has been really great working with all these people, and I also really appreciate the community's support."

Instead of halting any ongoing research because of her new position, Johnson said as a Horn professor her research is not anything she has put on hold and it has increased within the last year.

Johnson said her current research pertains to the quaternary period, the last geologic era. Her research spans from as recently as the 1880s to as old as 2.6 million years ago.

"I work with a team, and I work here and on the Southern Plains, but I also work in Mexico and Argentina," Johnson said.

Johnson said her hopes for the accredited museum are to continue to set standards and push boundaries because it is a teaching institution.

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## Body, soul week deals with eating disorders at Tech

### Student Counseling Center to sponsor events next week

By TRAVIS BURKETT  
STAFF WRITER

Eating disorders may not be as rare as Tech students might think.

A recent study conducted by Tech graduate student Kristin Goodheart shows approximately one in seven women and one in 20 men at Texas Tech have an eating disorder.

So to combat eating disorders and help correct inaccurate body perceptions, the Student Counseling Center is sponsoring Feed Your Body and Soul Week, which takes place Monday through Feb. 25.

Lynda Silva, a psychology intern at the counseling center who is helping with the weeklong event coinciding with National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, said the week features many

activities to promote a healthy body image.

"Appreciating a wide range of body types and living a healthy, active lifestyle because it feels good instead of a way to reach a certain body size are ways to work towards a realistic body image," Silva said.

"There are a lot of social pressures for both men and women. A big part of being a woman is being attractive, and being attractive in our culture is being thin.

Kathryn Brown  
Staff Psychologist,  
Counseling Center

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## Univ. releases third volume of web-based Tech journal

### 1st issue of 'All Things Tech' published

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials recently released the first issue of the third volume of the journal of higher education at Texas Tech, or "All Things Tech," a web-based, multimedia communication vehicle found on the Tech website.

The journal serves as a communication tool for the Tech community, allowing students, teachers and whomever else it may concern to read about what actions are being taken to promote higher education

specifically at Tech, according to the website.

"President Bailey and I have conceived of ATTT, which offers a vehicle for reasoned and well-developed essays and article, along with multimedia contribution, all with the intent of illuminating the higher education and Texas Tech worlds we live in and serve," he said.

The first issue addresses areas of higher education, including undergraduate student learning and research.

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# SURFING

## On Lubbock-area couch-surfing community helps West Texas travelers

By CARRIE THORNTON  
STAFF WRITER

When Alex Ewers sat down for dinner, he didn't expect to find shards of glass in his hamburger helper.

It turns out there was a very good chance he was consuming road kill. Ewers, a sophomore civil engineering major from Tomball, was traveling in Colorado and staying with a family he met through CouchSurfing.com, a site that aims to build connections between cultures and continents.

It allows a medium for travelers to open their homes, or more specifically couches, to others on the road for free. In Ewers' case, he and his friend were looking for a couch during a ski trip in Wolf Creek.

"We stayed for two nights, and it was really fun getting to know them," he said. "Goat was like the local mountain man, and whenever the sheriff would find a deer hit on the side of the road, he would call Goat first to see if he wanted it."

Goat and his wife, Liz, whose last name Ewers preferred to withhold, provided dinner for the two skiers every night as well as insight into local entertainment.

"They (also) have this horse sleigh-riding business on the side and offered to take us on a ride," Ewers said. "They ended up being really nice people."

CouchSurfing.org, founded in 2003 according to the website, currently has more than one million users with 99 registered Lubbockites ranging from middle-aged couples to Texas Tech students.

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## Tech softball starts 25-game home stand



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador  
RAVEN RICHARDSON FIELDS a ball during practice Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

By THORN COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 21 Red Raider Softball team starts its school-record 25-game home stretch today at 1 p.m. at Rocky Johnson Field.

Coming off their best start in program history, the Red Raiders are confident they will continue their winning ways in front of their home fans this weekend.

Outfielder Mikey Kenney said she is excited to play at home, especially in front of friendly fans.

"I am excited to start playing at home," Kenney said. "We are ready to start playing other teams on our field, not just against ourselves."

The Texas Tech invitational this weekend features Bryant and Utah Valley, Kenney said it is fun to bring in other teams outside of their conference, and it helps the team in the long run.

Pitching coach Aly Sartini said the team has a good chance at being successful this weekend. She said one of the big differences between this team and last year's NCAA tournament squad is the depth in their pitching.

"We don't have a big stud to throw out there and intimidate people," Sartini said. "We are definitely going to have to win as a staff, but I also think that will help us later on and into the post season."

Sartini said one of the early surprises of this season is the production the team has gotten out of their two new freshman pitchers. Brittany Talley, in particular, has had a great start to the season, leading Tech to two wins against top 20 teams last week as the starting pitcher.

Sartini said Talley's best quality is her love for the game, and she has worked extremely hard since joining the team in the fall.

"That's a girl who just loves to play," Sartini said with a smile. "When I gave her the ball before the BYU game, she was just ecstatic."

Talley said she also is looking forward to playing at home, though she does not want to underestimate their competition this week.

She said if the Appalachian State game Sunday, a game the Red Raiders won off of a walk-off two-run home run by Emily Bledsoe, taught the team anything it's anyone can play well on any given night.

"We just have to come out and be

## Tech basketball looks to avoid another Big 12 losing season

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN  
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech basketball is only guaranteed six more games this season. Barring a complete 180 turnaround to end Big 12 Conference play and a deep run in the conference tournament, guard John Roberson may be playing in his last six games for the Scarlet and Black.

"Every game I'm trying to play like it's my last and I want to hopefully get some more wins before it's all said and done with — so that's what I'm fighting for right now."

After a rocky start to the nonconference schedule, the Red Raiders opened Big 12 play against Baylor with hopes of turning the season around.

Unfortunately for Tech, the Bears made sure to spoil the Red Raiders' conference opener by upending them 71-59. Tech then dropped its next three games, starting conference play in a 0-4 hole.

Although the Red Raiders battled back to 3-4, showing signs of progress and maturity for the senior-laden team, they now are on the tail end of another four-game skid following a 92-84 loss at Missouri.

With hopes of advancing to the NCAA tournament as an at-large selection quickly fading, Tech will try to reinvigorate its season against the same Bears that made sure Tech would not start 2011 with a winning-record in Big 12 play.

The Red Raiders (11-15, 3-8 in Big 12 play) take on Baylor (17-8, 6-5) at 7 p.m. Saturday in Waco.

Despite the four-game losing streak, the Red Raiders have shown flashes of the way many expected them to play all season — Tech was picked to finish seventh in the Big 12 but currently rests in 11th.



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Treador  
TECH COACH PAT Knight talks with Jaye Crockett during Tech's 70-67 loss against the Aggies last Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

"We're playing better, but at the same time we're not into moral victories," Tech assistant coach Chris Beard said. "The name of the game is to try to get the win, and we're looking forward to another opportunity Saturday."

Tech's single-digit losses to Texas A&M and Missouri in the last two games came without having leading scorer Mike Singletary at 100 percent. Against the Aggies, Singletary played only four minutes and notched zero points. Against the Tigers, he logged four points in nine

minutes. Beard said he believes the senior forward will play Saturday, but it depends on how Singletary feels running up and down the court on game day.

Despite the loss of Singletary, some younger faces started to emerge as the future leaders of Tech basketball once seven seniors depart in May.

"It's good for those younger guys to get minutes in this type of competition," Beard said. "Not only are they playing well in games, they're playing better

in practice — that's why they've been able to get the opportunity to get more minutes as of late."

Freshman forward Jaye Crockett was on the court for the most time Tuesday against Mizzou since the Jan. 8 loss to Baylor, scoring his second-highest point total this season, 11.

"I feel I've got a lot better," Crockett said. "I feel I learn every game, I learn something going in and watching film after the game with coach and just learning from my mistakes."

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ready to play," Talley said, "we can't underestimate a team just because they have a worse record than us."

Earlier this week, the Red Raiders were honored to be ranked in the top 25 in both the Associated Press and ESPN.com softball polls after a 5-0 start last weekend. The ESPN.com ranking of 21<sup>st</sup> is the highest in program history and it is the first time the team has been ranked nationally since the 1999 campaign.

Pitching coach Sartini said the ranking is well deserved and, people are starting to pay more attention to the program.

"I think we kind of turned a lot of heads last year," Sartini said of last year's NCAA tournament run. "We just need to stay where we are, and hopefully move up into the top 20 sometime this season."

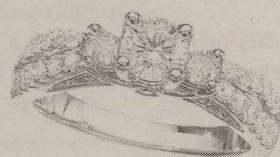
Talley said the team is deserving of the ranking because of the hard work they have put in. She said that their line-up is great, and their pitching staff is solid enough to earn the ranking.

The Red Raiders kickoff their home stand at 1 p.m. today against Utah Valley, followed with a 3 p.m. game against Bryant.

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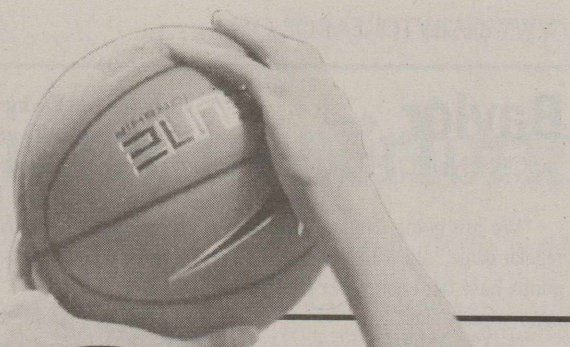
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# SPORTS



## Tech begins 2011 season against Western Michigan



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH CENTERFIELDER Barret Barnes makes a catch during the Texas Tech Alumni Game last Saturday at Dan Law Field.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two outs, bottom of the seventh inning — the game is tied, 3-3.

Missouri's Eric Garcia hits what seems like a routine groundball when Texas Tech's Jamodrick McGruder, then a freshman, commits an error on the throw, resulting in the Tigers' go-ahead run to score

from second base. That sequence began a series of events culminating in a 7-3 win for Mizou, effectively ending Tech's 2010 campaign.

Today, McGruder and the Red Raiders begin their 2011 season in hopes of taking the next step toward earning an NCAA Tournament bid.

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# Round 2

## Griner, No. 1 Baylor head to Lubbock for showdown in USA

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

Notching its first win against a ranked opponent could not have come at a better time for Texas Tech considering its next challenge.

The Lady Raiders (18-7, 5-6 in Big 12 Conference play) can improve their tournament hopes in a big way if they can knock off No. 1 Baylor at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

"(We're) just proud of the kids, we've got some momentum, there's no question that that (a win) would be a huge resume builder for us," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "I know we're gonna have a great crowd here. These kids, I really can tell ya that they believe they can win Saturday."

The Lady Bears (24-1, 11-0) have steamrolled the competition this season behind their All-American sophomore Brittney Griner.

The post player leads the team with 22.6 points per game. Wednesday, she was one of 30 players named to the Naismith Midseason list, as a player of the year candidate.

Griner and the Lady Bears defeated the Lady Raiders, 64-51, in the teams' first meeting of the season, but Griner had help.

Baylor senior guard Melissa Jones, who averages less than 10 points a contest was key in the dismantling the Lady Raiders on Jan. 22. Jones scored 13 against Tech, including a momentum shifting 3-pointer, which brought an end to a Lady Raider comeback attempt.

Another player to watch from Baylor is freshman Odyssey Sims, who is having a stellar season, but she did not cause too many problems for Tech last time out despite being the squad's leading scorer behind Griner.

Even though the Lady Bears have so many weapons, the Lady Raiders are looking at this game in the same way as they would any other; though with a national television audience on FSN and the top team in a country in town, some fans might expect differently.

Tech junior forward Kierra Mallard said Baylor is just another opponent on the schedule they have to beat.

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BRITTNEY GRINER—FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

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## Tall order ahead for Tech men's tennis in form of No. 4 Ohio St.

By EVAN JANSÁ  
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders should be able to accurately gauge their progress this season after today.

The No. 14 Texas Tech men's tennis team begins play at 5:30 p.m. in the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Seattle.

Coming into the contest, the Red Raiders bring a 6-1 record

in dual match play. Tech will, however, be tested in the opening round of the 16-team tournament against No. 4 Ohio State.

In their only other match against a top 10 team this season, the Red Raiders were defeated, 5-2, by then-No. 8 Stanford. Since the loss, Tech has rebounded, rattling off two consecutive victories against San Diego State and Fresno State.

With 15 of the 16 teams in the draw being ranked in the top 20, this tournament will serve as a litmus test for the Red Raiders on a national scale. Luckily for Tech, it has some experience with Ohio State's top three players.

"We know them pretty well," No. 116 Rafael Garcia said. "They're solid players. Honestly, I don't see any of those guys being better than Ra (Carvalho) or Gonzalo (Escobar)."

Last fall cemented Garcia's notion.

At the USTA/ITA National Intercollegiate Championships, No. 18 Escobar defeated No. 21 Chase Buchanan, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 22 Carvalho said the victory proves even though Ohio State is talented, the Red Raiders can still match up.

"That just shows us that it doesn't matter if they are in the top five and we are No. 14," Carvalho said. "They have good players from No. 1 to No. 6, but we also have good players in our whole lineup — we are at the same level."

Coach Tim Siegel said other than the Escobar match, the two teams have not played each other recently.

"We've beaten a couple of their guys in doubles three years ago," Siegel said. "I have a lot of respect for their coach, and they have a great program."

Ohio State was ranked in the top five in each of the past five seasons. In 2009, the Buckeyes reached the NCAA Championship match but were defeated by USC.

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