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## Hispanic literature professor continues to excel in field

### Pérez writes 11th book

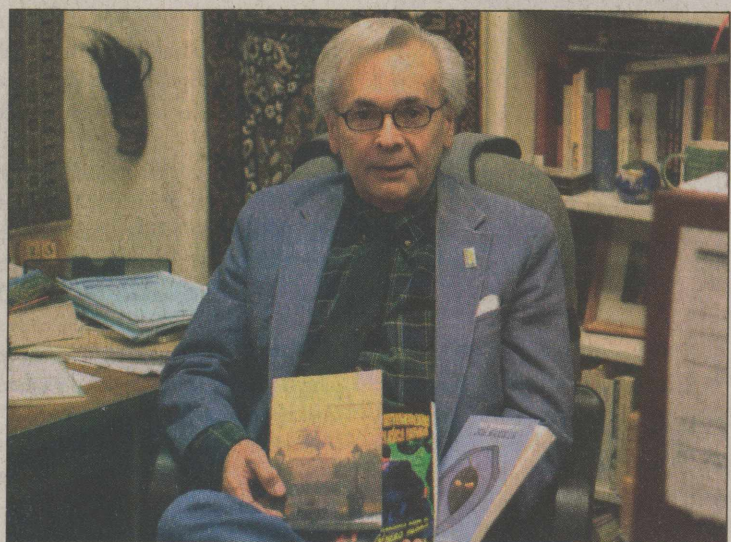


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Genaro Pérez, a Hispanic literature professor, recently published his 11th book.

By PRESTON REDDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Genaro Pérez, a Hispanic literature professor, recently published his 11th book, "Rabelais, Formalismo y Baitin en la narrativa de Sergio Pitól." The book is a literary criticism of Sergio Pitól.

The book will be available for purchase in September. Pérez has written six books of literary criticism, three books of poetry and one book of fiction.

This seventh literary criticism book will be his 11th book published.

"My favorite book that I have written is my fiction book," Pérez said. "The book is titled 'Memoirs of John Conde' and is based upon a manuscript found on the Internet. The book is 200 pages long, and I pretend that I only have decoded the first 200 pages and there are still 800 pages left to decode."

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# KNOCK

## Tech dismantles No. 1 Baylor



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Casey Morris celebrates the Lady Raiders' 56-45 upset of the Lady Bears on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

After a victory, the game ball usually goes to the player who made the biggest difference on the court, but after upsetting No. 1 Baylor, 56-45, Saturday, Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry tossed the ball to an unlikely candidate. Tech junior forward Jordan Barncastle, who played only three minutes and scored zero points against Baylor, was the player on the receiving end of that toss.

"She deserved that," Curry said with emotion. "I mean, she may have only played three minutes today, but she's been such a big part of what we're doing, and our rotation's a little different now, and athletically how we matched up today and some things we need to do on the glass."

"But the bottom line, Jordan's an incredible young lady; she deserved that ball today."

The Lady Raiders (19-7, 6-6 in Big 12 Conference play) accomplished

something only one other team, reigning national champion Connecticut, has this season — beat Baylor.

This is the first time Tech has beaten Baylor (24-2, 11-1) since Curry took over in 2006. The last time the Lady Raiders handed Kim Mulkey and the Lady Bears a loss was Jan. 15, 2006, in Lubbock, 64-62.

The leading scorer from that game, former Lady Raider Alesha Robertson, was in attendance for another Baylor upset as it was alumni day for Tech.

Robertson looked on as Tech sophomore guard Casey Morris led the way for the Lady Raiders as she scored a game-high 13 points. On the defensive end, sophomore guard Christine Hyde and junior forward Kierra Mallard crashed the boards, grabbing a combined 17 defensive rebounds.

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Check out a video recap of the Lady Raiders' big win against No. 1 Baylor at The DT Online.

## Soul food day celebrates Black History Month



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JESSIE WASHINGTON, LEFT, a senior marketing major from Houston, and Simion Griffith, a junior early childhood education major from Arlington, play billiards during Soul Food Saturday.

## Black Student Association hosts third annual event

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

The Black Student Association hosted its third annual Soul Food Saturday last weekend in the Suites apartment complex.

The event was a way for stu-

dents to relax, unwind and eat. "People get stressed with school and stuff," said Ayo Akindumila, a senior university studies major from Dallas. "It's nice to get together with friends; it's important."

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

#### Donate Your Skinny Clothes

Time: All-day event  
Where: TTU Campus

#### So, what is it?

Donate clothes that no longer fit. All donations will be given to Women's Protective Services. Donations will be collected through Feb. 21 at the Student Counseling Center, the Rec Center, the North entrance of the SUB and the Horn Knapp lobby.

#### StrengthsQuest Week Kickoff Event

Time: Noon  
Where: Library, TLTC Room 153

#### So, what is it?

Enjoy pizza during a discussion on what StrengthsQuest is all about and why Tech is a strengths-based campus. Put your new knowledge to the test in a game of StrengthsQuest Jeopardy. Prizes will be awarded.

#### StrengthsQuest Small Group Discussions

Time: 3 p.m.  
Where: SUB, Playa Room

#### So, what is it?

Each small group discussion will focus on eight to nine of the 34 strengths and how to use them to achieve success in personal, professional and classroom environments. Discussions continue at 3 p.m. through Thursday.

#### Singer/Songwriter Open Jam

Time: 10 p.m.  
Where: The Blue Light

#### So, what is it?

Bring your original work to showcase or enjoy some local talent.

#### Sprott and Ballew

Time: 10 p.m.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Where: Lone Star Oyster Bar, 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Flint Avenue

#### So, what is it?

Enjoy oysters, shrimp or fish tacos as John Sprott and Jesse Ballew play classic favorites all night.

### TUESDAY

#### StrengthsQuest in the Classroom Seminar

Time: Noon  
Where: SUB, Lubbock Room

#### So, what is it?

Faculty and staff can bring a lunch and explore ways to use StrengthsQuest in the classroom to help students thrive.

#### Let the Music Move You: Try Zumba

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: SUB, Matador Room

#### So, what is it?

Participate in a free introductory class in Zumba, a Latin-inspired dance fitness program that combines Latin and international music to provide a workout for every major muscle group in the body. The class is part of the annual Feed Your Body and Soul Week.

#### Good Hair

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Human Sciences, Room 169

#### So, what is it?

In this Sundance Film Festival winning movie, Chris Rock visits beauty salons and hairstyling battles, scientific laboratories and Indian temples to explore the way hairstyles impact the activities, pocketbooks, relationships and self-esteem of the black community. A panel discussion will follow the film.

## FREE THROW FRACAS



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

STUDENTS TRY TO distract the Bears while they shoot a free throw during the 56-45 win against Baylor on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

## Yemen president struggles to quell protests Sunday

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's embattled president on Sunday sought a way out of the political crisis gripping his impoverished Arab nation, offering to oversee a dialogue between the ruling party and the opposition to defuse the standoff with protesters demanding his ouster.

The offer by the U.S.-backed Ali Abdullah Saleh — which opposition groups swiftly rejected — came as protests calling for his ouster continued in at least four cities around the country for the 11th straight day.

A 17-year-old demonstrator was killed Sunday evening in the port city of Aden when the army opened fire to disperse a march there, bringing the death toll to nine since the protests began.

Much is at stake in Yemen — a deeply troubled nation strategically located at the mouth of the Red Sea and next door to the world's largest oil reserves. Saleh's weak government is already under pressure from a southern separatist movement and disaffected tribesmen around the country.

The U.S., however, is most worried about an al-Qaida offshoot that has taken root in Yemen's mountains to plot attacks beyond the country's borders, including the failed attempt

to blow up a U.S.-bound airliner in December 2009.

Saleh — in power for three decades — is quietly cooperating with the U.S. in efforts to battle the al-Qaida franchise, but his government exercises limited control in the tribal areas beyond the capital. The U.S. gives Yemen military aid and training.

Saleh's rule continues to show signs of resilience in the face of the sustained protests that have seen security forces and regime supporters battling demonstrators, mostly university students.

Yemen is a tribal society where almost every adult male has a firearm. A decision by the country's major tribes to take sides in the standoff between Saleh and his critics could decide the president's fate.

Protests continued Sunday, with 3,000 university students marching in Sanaa, the Yemeni capital. Demonstrations were also held in a number of districts near Aden, the town of Taiz and the province of al-Hadida.

The protests pose the most serious challenge to Saleh's rule to date.

He has already made a series of concessions, pledging that his son would not succeed him and that he would not seek another term in office. On Sunday, he repeated his offer for negotiations.

## Book

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Pérez said he chooses the authors for his literary criticism books based on authors he believes have not received adequate recognition. Pérez said Pitol has barely been recognized by the Mexican government since he began writing.

"I enjoy writing about authors who have not been praised yet," Pérez said. "The funny thing is, after I write about them, they are often awarded prizes and given recognition."

Jorge Zamora, an associate Spanish professor, said he likes working with Pérez and enjoys reading the books Pérez publishes. Zamora said Pérez is highly influential in the Hispanic literature world.

"When Genaro Pérez publishes an article, the academic world is interested," Zamora said. "The academic world is often alerted to the authors Pérez writes about and is alerted to some aspects of the authors' novels that have not been explored."

George Cole, an assistant Spanish professor, said he has been interested in Pérez's work as well. Cole said he enjoys Pérez's poetry.

"I enjoyed Pérez's book 'French Quarter Cantos,'" Cole said. "It is a poetry book about New Orleans. I am interested in poetry, but it is really the subject matter of the book that I liked."

Pérez also co-edits an academic

journal with his wife, Janet Pérez, a Horn professor of Spanish at Tech. The journal is titled "Monographic Review." Zamora said he appreciates how Pérez presents the journal.

"The interesting thing about 'Monographic Review' is how each volume has a different theme," Zamora said. "Pérez selects which topic he wants the volume to be over, and he contacts authors and asks if they can write an article about this certain topic for the journal. Topics have ranged from food in Hispanic literature to secret societies in Hispanic literature."

Pérez already has plans for a 12th book. The book will be literary criticism and will be about the author Rosa Montero, he said.

"I have already requested a free semester," Pérez said. "I hope to write a book about Rosa Montero and possibly a second fiction book."

Pérez has not collaborated yet with either Zamora or Cole. However, Cole said he would love to collaborate with Pérez one day.

"We teach very different areas of Hispanic literature," Cole said. "I concentrate more on the Caribbean Latin countries. However, I would love to collaborate with Pérez on a science fiction book."

Pérez said he enjoys writing and would be a full-time author if he could. Pérez said he feels good about himself when he writes.

"I work on campus over the weekend when it is quiet so I can get a lot of work done," Pérez said. "I feel so virtuous when I finish a book."

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## Food

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As a member of BSA, Akindumila said the events are always fun and centered around getting together to create a sense of community.

Vice president of BSA Jessie Washington said this feeling is an important part of the organization. He said for black students to be able to connect with one another helps them feel more comfortable at Texas Tech and even helps the school's retention rates.

"(The BSA) lets everyone know we are a family, and that we are out here," said Jessica Crawford, referring to the low number of black students at the university. Though she graduated from Tech in

August 2009, Crawford said she has always loved Soul Food Saturday and was glad to be back.

The idea of soul food may be foreign to some, she said. It was started long ago and was made of ingredients people already had in their pantries.

"It comes from the soul," Crawford said. "What you put into it is what you get out of it."

Many guests brought dishes to share. Crawford's contribution was homemade macaroni and cheese, which she said was one of the classic kinds of soul food along with collard greens, fried pork chops, chicken and even spaghetti.

One of the goals of the event was to get members to cook for the food-centered event.

Soul Food Saturday was also

hosted as a celebration of Black History Month, an important time for the BSA. Washington said it was necessary to be reminded of the struggle for civil rights.

"We don't have to face that as much today; we are privileged," he said. "We look back, and we have to appreciate (the past)."

Racism is still prevalent, especially in the South, Crawford said, but she believes it is on the decline, and Black History Month is about recognizing that as well.

"It's important as a time when people can focus not just on the struggles, but also on the successes," she said.

These successes are things like Martin Luther King Jr., one of the heroes of Black History Month, as well as President Obama, who Crawford said made a big step for African Americans.

"We are doing better," Crawford said, "but we do need to work at it."

The celebration of the month is a way to recognize black culture, she said, something others may not understand but is not as different as some may think.

"We are just like you," she said, "with just a little different culture."

The BSA will host Apollo Night, a talent show and an art show later in the semester. Washington said to check the group's Facebook page for more information and updates.

The BSA planned to host Apollo Night during the weekend as well, but it was canceled because of problems with the facilities. Washington said the organization was given no multimedia equipment, and it would have been difficult to have a talent show with no music or microphones.

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## Grammy-nominated group provides cultural experience

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Each piece had a story. One centered on a slave who bought her children's freedom, another was a series in which each section represented a certain part of one's life.

Imani Winds performed these and others in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre on Friday night as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

The Grammy-nominated quintet started its day in Lubbock with a master class in the School of Music.

"It was really exciting and very musical," said doctorate of musical arts student Meg Griffith from Dallas. "It got us out of our box; it's not a typical class." Though she participated in other master classes in the past, she said this one was different and by far the most fun.

Seeing the group onstage completed the experience for Griffith, who said the performance was incredibly entertaining.

"They're fabulous and so fun to watch," she said. "It's enjoyable to see a group that is so connected."

Oboe professor Amy Anderson said she remembers hearing about the group coming to Texas Tech when it was first mentioned years ago. She said she had heard the group before and was excited to be a part of the plan for them to perform on campus.

"It's great; they're great," she said. "They're really personable, and wonderful players."



PHOTO BY BRENT SORELLE/The Daily Toreador  
THE GRAMMY-NOMINATED Imani Winds perform on Friday night in the Allen Theatre.

Imani Winds' fame preceded them. The group has played with such musicians as Yo-Yo Ma and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and PRI's "The World." Lubbock resident Joyce Knaff said she had heard Imani Winds on NPR.

"They're wonderful; that's why we rushed and made such an effort to get here," she said.

The level and type of fame the group has achieved brings respect to Tech, said Babatunde Onwukeme, a junior petroleum engineering major from Nigeria.

"It's culture," he said. "The whole school gets to see something different."

The Lecture and Performance

Series is great for expanding the culture of students, Knaff said. She said the variety of events and the way the series makes them affordable for students is wonderful, and that she and her husband, David, a chemistry professor, come to as many events as they can to encourage the series to continue.

Skeptical at first, Onwukeme said the music was great, soothing, relaxing and definitely different. Tech students could get free tickets, and anyone else could purchase tickets in advance or at the door.

D'Ann Ayers, a freshman business major at Texas A&M, was in town visiting when she heard about the concert. She said she jumped at the chance to see a

group that was so well known, though she had no idea what to expect.

"It's a really interesting group of people," she said. "The way they mix sounds could appeal to anyone."

Ayers said she was also interested in how the event brought together so much of Tech and the community.

Though Knaff said she would like to see the events moved to a later time in the evening, she said she was just glad Imani Winds was brought in despite budget cuts.

The Presidential Lecture and Performance Series will continue March 4 with "The Second City."

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## Organization flips pancakes for cause

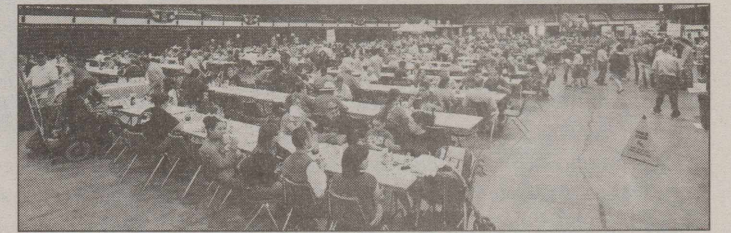


PHOTO BY BRENT SORELLE/The Daily Toreador  
THE 59TH ANNUAL Lubbock Lions Club Pancake Festival took place Saturday at the Memorial Civic Center where thousands came to help raise money for the Lubbock community.

By BAILEY EILAND  
STAFF WRITER

One thing brought locals and students alike indoors on a summer-like Saturday in February — the Lubbock Lions Club hosted its 59th annual Pancake Festival at the Memorial Civic Center.

With a Guinness World Records title to back them up, the Lubbock Lions are experts at making pancakes by the tons. They also can boast of raising \$800 to \$100,000 per year for charities within the community, including the American Cancer Society, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lubbock, and the Salvation Army.

Many of the festival's proceeds also sponsor the Texas Lions Camp in Ker-ville. According to the camp's website, the primary purpose is to provide a camp, without charge, for physically disabled, hearing- or vision-impaired, and diabetic children from Texas.

For the Hoodenpyle family, the festival represented a chance for their 11-year-old daughter, Skyler, to attend the summer camp a second time. Her 10-year-old brother, Chase, on the other hand, said he was more excited about the pancakes than anything.

Deryl Hoodenpyle, their father and a local realtor, enjoyed the festival because of the impact it had on the community.

"It gives everybody a spirit of unity, which is really great," Hoodenpyle said.

David Sanderson, the master of ceremonies, was grateful for the Texas Tech's involvement at the event. The alumnus from Tech said he "bleeds red and black," and the university's volunteerism at the event boosted his perception of students all the more.

"Without the fraternities and sororities from Texas Tech, we could not do this event," Sanderson said. "They are vital to us."

Lion member of six years Evelyn Winn also believed the students helped

contribute to the smooth organization and success of the event.

"Tech's involvement in volunteering at this event is awesome," she said. "Everybody is so energetic, polite and hardworking with great attitudes."

Dressed head to toe in a brightly colored ostrich costume while selling balloons, Winn also was full of energy and enthusiasm.

"I've always sold balloons here, and every year I dress up to do it," Winn said. "Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, but this year's costume is working."

True to the Lions member's description, the Tech students were hard at work serving pancakes, cleaning tables and working booths.

Moses Balbuena, a sophomore psychology major from Kingston, N.Y., volunteered at the festival for the Hispanic Students Society and Omega Delta Phi for his first time.

"I've always heard this event is like the 'Fourth of July of Lubbock,' so I had to come," Balbuena said.

Like the Lions members, the sophomore also noticed the theme of unity throughout the Civic Center.

"I like how the atmosphere of everybody helping out creates a sense of unity," Balbuena said.

Susan Sneed, a junior speech, language and health sciences major from Winters, was busy volunteering at the balloon station with the Health Sciences Center.

"I didn't expect it to be so big or there to be so many different organizations here," Sneed said. "Everybody volunteering together is really cool."

An interior design major from Herford, Kailey Meiwees, enjoyed volunteering at the event for Gamma Beta Phi.

"The community gives so much to Texas Tech, so this event is a way we can give back to the community," the senior said.

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## Jazz concert reflects black influence

By SYDNEY HOLMES  
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With February celebrated as Black History Month, many different Texas Tech departments are paying homage to the African Americans who have contributed to American culture. For the music school, those individuals include Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Thad Jones and Charles Mingus — four musicians who, combined, have lent a significant hand to the world of jazz.

Stephen Jones, the director of jazz studies within the music school, conducted the jazz ensemble during a concert paying homage to these leaders Saturday night in Hemmle Recital Hall. He explained how black society has affected music, specifically jazz.

"As far as jazz music goes, I think it was the primary influence," he said. "Jazz is not a music that was invented, it is a music that developed. It was African-American

rhythms and elements of the Creole culture in New Orleans that combined with Western classical music and formed what we hear as jazz today."

Since jazz music is Jones' sole focus, his passion for it is apparent. He explained the great appreciation for those who have set the bar so high within his field.

"Most of the pioneers in this music, most of the trendsetters, most of the people who have set the standard, the great artists throughout history have been African Americans," he said. "Most of my heroes and early influences as well have been African-American saxophonists. I think it's important to pay tribute to that."

Jones said the reasoning behind the performance was the idea that Tech students would gain a larger appreciation for this type of music and the legacy it has left on society as a whole.

"It's not something that has just happened in the past, though," he said. "It's an ongoing thing."

Jones explained his logic behind choosing only four band leaders to feature in the show.

"Partially personal preference, and partially because of the fact that everyone has opinions about this music," Jones said. "In my opinion, they each had something special to contribute to the American big band tradition."

Alwyn Robinson, a music performance major from Marshall, played percussion in the jazz ensemble. He also explained how growing up as an African American affected his lifestyle.

"I guess it depends on your mindset. Growing up in East Texas, it was a little bit different," he said. "I didn't have many Black-American friends who went to college. A lot of my friends were high school dropouts."

While Robinson showed pride in his black culture and his roots, he also expressed his tolerant and open-minded attitude when it came to his race.

"As a whole, I think (being black) didn't make much of a bigger difference (growing up)," he said. "You just have to stay motivated because it's very easy to get distracted."

Sesha Wallace, a senior music performance major from Nacogdoches, said she enjoyed the performance and believes black history has made an impact on American traditions that are upheld today.

"I think it had a huge effect. A lot of our influence comes from that culture," she said. "I think it's awesome that we have students here who can portray the music nowadays so that we can all appreciate it."

Not only does Black History Month give students an opportunity to observe and pay homage to the black ethnicity, but it also gives students a feeling of unity, Robinson said.

"In the end, we're all just people," he said.

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Grew older  
5 American...  
10 Employee...  
14 Chore list...  
15 Old Geo model  
16 Carrot or turnip  
17 Legendary spring...  
20 Garment border  
21 "It's treat!"  
22 Thrice, in Turin  
23 College...  
26 Pungent salad  
27 Mighty long time  
28 Stat for Mariano...  
29 CEO's degree  
31 Ford classics  
33 Carvey of...  
35 Karaoke singer...  
38 Grammy revoked...  
42 Polite "Ready to...  
43 Finger in the tub  
45 Start to melt  
48 Bordeaux brush-off  
50 Paranormal...  
52 Rear end  
55 Political...  
57 Absorbed, as a...  
58 Circular cookie  
59 Stable tidbit  
60 Portland Trail...  
66 Good fortune  
67 Cursor controller  
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69 Fawn's father  
70 Campfire remains  
71 Name that can...  
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1 DOJ division  
2 Bit of baby...  
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24 Part of U.A.E.  
25 Dick's storybook...  
26 Caravan creature  
30 Girl group with...  
32 Spring blossom  
34 Admin. aide  
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## Talent is everywhere at Tech

Last Tuesday I attended an open mic at the Barnes & Noble in the Student Union Building called "After Hours." This Tech Activities Board event allows students to play their music, read their poetry and even try their hand at stand-up comedy.

I was impressed for several reasons while I was listening to these acts, particularly the ones who were trying something that depends upon audience reaction to a certain extent, like comedy.

The first thing that struck me was the sheer amount of guts it took for the performer to get up there and perform something they had created themselves. It is one thing to sing a cover of an already written song; it is another thing entirely to sing a song or try out a comedy routine that came from your own creative mind and be

able to perform it for an unbiased audience.

These performances are something to be proud of, and I would encourage everyone to find some medium through which to create something entirely new. I was impressed especially because I could see the nerves and the perseverance it took to express such personal creativity through them anyway.

The second thing that made

**Zach Morrison**



me smile about the performances I saw was that these are people I see every day on campus who have such rich messages to send. Whether it is funny, happy or sad, it's always inspiring for me to get new trains of thought from the lyrics or jokes I hear.

Everything one hears is potentially the beginning of a train of thought that can lead to additional creation in the listener. It's an awe-

some cycle I think we should take more time in our lives to expand upon, both privately and publicly, for the

benefit of ourselves. There are also those who would perhaps be able to exercise their own creative muscles by taking something new away from our work.

I have been writing poetry for pleasure for several years now, and as such, poets and songwriters who take the time to write something that is simultaneously entertaining

and personal particularly impress me.

I am also a somewhat failed musician who never took the time to practice enough for my piano lessons when I was younger. Thus, it especially impressed me that so many students are putting words to music and creating new songs, even in a world where the cliché is becoming larger and larger and the areas of thought that have not been put to music are getting smaller and smaller.

A few of the acts that did this very well and stood out to me were at the open mic. The first I would like to mention is a three-piece acoustic group that calls itself The Three Broomsticks. They carry a set of "Harry Potter"-themed songs, which are entertaining and certainly nostalgic for us, the generation who grew up with Harry. These songs are not only entertaining and funny, but also applicable to real life in their relatable emotion and memorable nature.

The other musical acts that really stood out to me were Jake and Corbin, an acoustic guitar and singing pair who were unique both in lyrics and in musical style, and a country singer and guitarist whose songs sounded, to me, good enough to be recorded, with very heartfelt lyrics and messages.

I would also like to mention the

two students who had comedic acts. They were very funny, and we laughed because we wanted to, not because we had to. From personal experience, it takes a lot of courage and skill to develop a laughable comedy routine and test it in front of people.

While I was at this week's "After Hours" open mic, I thought about the wealth of talent that floods our college campus and hasn't been heard yet. I thought about how great it would be to try to expand the opportunities for Tech students to express themselves through their various talents and provoke thought and creativity in their fellow students.

I would like to see more open mic nights from multiple student organizations. Who's to say the members of the Student Government Association wouldn't get along better if they got together and showed off those talents of theirs that are unrelated to government?

I think this sort of practice can go a long way to not only entertain, but also to bring people closer together on a productive level.

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## Teacher's comments against students not without provocation

Last week, the Associated Press did a story on Natalie Munroe, a high school English teacher from Philadelphia who has been suspended without pay for complaining about her students on her personal blog.

Well, OK, maybe "complaining" is putting it lightly. While the original blog is gone, many of the entries have been cached online (what happens on the Internet stays on the Internet). In some of the entries, she calls certain, anonymous students things like "rat-like." On her student evaluations, she says she wishes she could write things such as, "I hear the trash company is hiring."

Harsh? A little. Immature things for an adult in a position of authority to say? Absolutely.

But at the same time, I feel like she's saying things that need to be said.

In one oft-quoted entry, Munroe wrote, "My students are out of control. They are rude, disengaged, lazy whiners. They curse, discuss drugs, talk back, argue for grades, complain about everything, fancy themselves entitled to whatever they desire, and are just generally annoying."

Forget about her high school students. That description fits a lot of students I've seen here at Texas Tech.

That, in my opinion, is a big problem.

It's no secret that the American education system is struggling, and a lot of blame is being thrown around as to the cause. Obviously there's no one explanation. The education budget sucks, classrooms are too crowded, et cetera et cetera. But it's hard to help children learn when they're so unwilling.

Munroe has a new blog online, at NatalieMunroe.com no less, where she writes, "the fact remains that every year, more and more students are coming in less willing to work, to think, to cooperate."

As I said, this is something I've seen on our own college campus, where one would like to assume students would be more willing to learn. Obviously that isn't the case. Students still complain about having "too much work" (when in actuality they are working very little) or having tests that are too hard. Often they complain about having to go to class at all.

Who or what is at fault for this obnoxiously lazy, entitled attitude? I honestly don't know. I don't know if it's a parenting issue (and I'm not a parent, so I wouldn't feel qualified to talk about that anyway), an issue with

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our society in general or what.

Maybe the method of learning is to blame. Maybe our culture has changed so much that we need to go back to square one in order to find out how best to teach the students of tomorrow.

In any case, I'm not sure Munroe deserves much more than a slap on the wrist. As she and her lawyer are quick to tell people, the original blog was written anonymously (though, to be fair, a picture of her was allegedly on it). She never mentioned what school she worked for or what students she was blowing off steam about. She was found out anyway, of course, but I assume it wasn't a simple matter.

Honestly, she was doing what millions of other people worldwide, both young and old, are doing on the Internet. Just look at fmylife.com, NotAlwaysRight.com or sites like them and you'll find hundreds of stories from people complaining about other people. Sometimes it's students complaining about teachers. Sometimes it's employees complaining about bosses or customers. Sometimes it's customers complaining about employees.

It's human nature to vent. It's natural to come home from school or work and rant about how horrible your day was to anybody that will listen. Trust me, my fiancée does it all the time.

Do we need to be careful about ranting in a public space, such as the Internet? Absolutely. That should go without saying, and Munroe should have been more careful than she was. But I feel as if she was just exercising her First Amendment right to free speech in this case.

Furthermore, I worry the school board Munroe works for will try to bury her as part of an effort to hide a greater problem. Munroe's comments, while not as mature as they could have been, highlight a very big problem in our schools today. I hope the people in charge don't merely shoot the messenger.

But there's one lesson everybody should learn from Munroe: Be very careful what you say online.

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## Political comments require information

STAFF EDITORIAL  
THE DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS U.)

The U.S. health care system is evil — or so teen pop sensation Justin Bieber would have you believe, according to a recent interview with Rolling Stone.

On a semi-related note, Gov. Chris Christie has made it known that he — unlike a large portion of University students — is not a big fan of MTV's "Jersey Shore." In fact, Christie plans on telling his "good friend" New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to "take [the cast] back" to New York because New Jersey does not care for them.

How are these not-quite-news items related? It's simple — on one hand, we have a pop culture figure making claims about politics, and on the other, a political figure making claims about pop culture. But the big difference is that Christie is qualified to make his claims publicly. Bieber is not.

This is a time in which pop culture and the government have been coming closer together. In

fact, they have merged to the extent that people perceive of President Barack Obama as a sort of celebrity president.

Is this conflation a good thing? In some ways, it is absolutely harmless. For example, it is kind of fun to find out what songs elected officials have on their iPods. At the same time, people have to remember the crucial difference between pop culture and politics. Namely, that pop culture is a matter of taste, while politics are a far more complicated beast.

As a human being, Christie is automatically a member of mass culture. As such, he has every

right to espouse his opinions on something like "Jersey Shore" in a public forum.

Everyone has that right — pop culture is something everyone is a part of. It informs our everyday lives, no matter how much we try to remove ourselves from it. One need not be an expert on something like trashy reality television to express their feelings about it.

But not every human being is a political expert — especially when it comes to something as complex as health care. Of course, Bieber is entitled to his opinion — everyone is allowed to have an opinion on pretty

much everything. But when media outlets like *Rolling Stone* and *The Huffington Post* print someone like Bieber's comments on health care, all they are doing is wasting space.

Bieber's opinions on health care do not constitute news. Does anyone really care what a 16-year-old pop singer thinks about American health care? If they do, they shouldn't.

If Bieber wants to express his opinions on health care — something he is not intimately acquainted with — let him do it. Just don't waste time and paper letting the world know what he said.

In short, it comes down to this: When politicians talk pop culture, it humanizes them, and citizens like to feel closer to their elected officials. When pop culture icons talk politics, it makes them sound simple. Of course, this is a sweeping generalization, but it certainly applies in the case of Justin Bieber.

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## US should treat substance addicts as treatable patients, not criminals

By CHRIS FREYDER  
THE DAILY REVELLE (LOUISIANA STATE U.)

I remember when I first learned about drugs. At the mere age of 9, I was under the influence — of D.A.R.E.

The world of illicit drugs seemed mysterious and dangerous but never particularly luring. Since then, my ill dispositions toward the recreational use of substances, like alcohol and marijuana, have mostly dissipated.

On the other hand, I have always conceded that the use of cocaine and other illicit drugs often transcend recreation and enter territory of physical and social disruption.

For this very reason, I saw Dr. Nicholas Goeders' cocaine dependency research as substantially beneficial to society. However, I find it disconcerting that everyone wouldn't agree.

Goeders heads the Department

of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Neuroscience at the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

His research centers on EMB-001, a drug in the clinical trial phase that has the potential to end dependency to cocaine and possibly other substances.

People like to trumpet the idea of drug abuse prevention as if it means anything. Preventative measures and preemptive strikes have been the main tactics of America's 40-year \$1 trillion War on Drugs and haven't generated any exceptional results.

Since the 1970s, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) has annually compiled statistics on citizens who have abused drugs within one month of taking the survey.

This statistic, which follows those aged 12 and older, has been as high as 14.1 percent of the population in 1979 and as low as 5.9

in 1993. The most recent figures of 1999-2009 show a steady rise from 6.3 percent to 8.7 percent.

While some would use this as evidence to pump more money and human resources into the collective drug war giant, I can only interpret these oscillating results as affirmation that the war on drugs is wasteful.

The solution to drug dependency does not require violence. European countries, like Portugal and Switzerland, are

now instituting alternative drug policies focusing on treatment, rather than criminalization and incarceration.

By decriminalizing illicit drugs in 2000 and treating their

abuse as a public health problem, rather than a crime problem, Portugal has transformed communities from horrific drug slums to blue-collar towns. According

to the Associated Press, one such community is Casal Ven-

toso, a place where thousands of heroin users used to assemble.

Rather than incarceration, the country's first response is to instate addicts in rehabilitation centers, with a fine for those who don't comply.

In Switzerland, no one has died from heroine overdose since 1994 because of pro-treatment policies — an incredibly foreign idea here in the U.S.

But the U.S. is starting to take notice. John Roman, a researcher at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center, found that handling addicts as treatable patients would cost the United States \$13 billion but would save \$40 billion in the process.

With a population substantially larger than that of Portugal, it's not advisable to decriminalize all drug use like that country has. Despite this, we should eliminate our prejudice toward drug users as lost

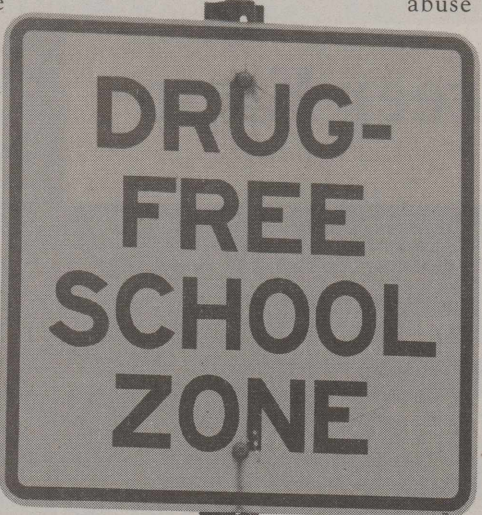
souls to society who need to be locked away. These people need assistance.

Although the NSDUH reported in 2009 that 23 million Americans have tried cocaine, only 1.1 million people were considered dependent on the substance. Even if we implement a policy that prevents 90 percent of all cocaine dependence, we'd still be left with 110,000 addicts who need treatment.

Whether it's illegal, drug abuse will always exist in our society, and these people can't be abandoned.

This is precisely why Goeders' work is important. Breakthroughs like his will become the foundation for a shift in the way political policy handles addiction.

Allowing addicts to overcome their drug dependencies isn't an unwarranted reward. It's a humane right that needs to gain recognition.



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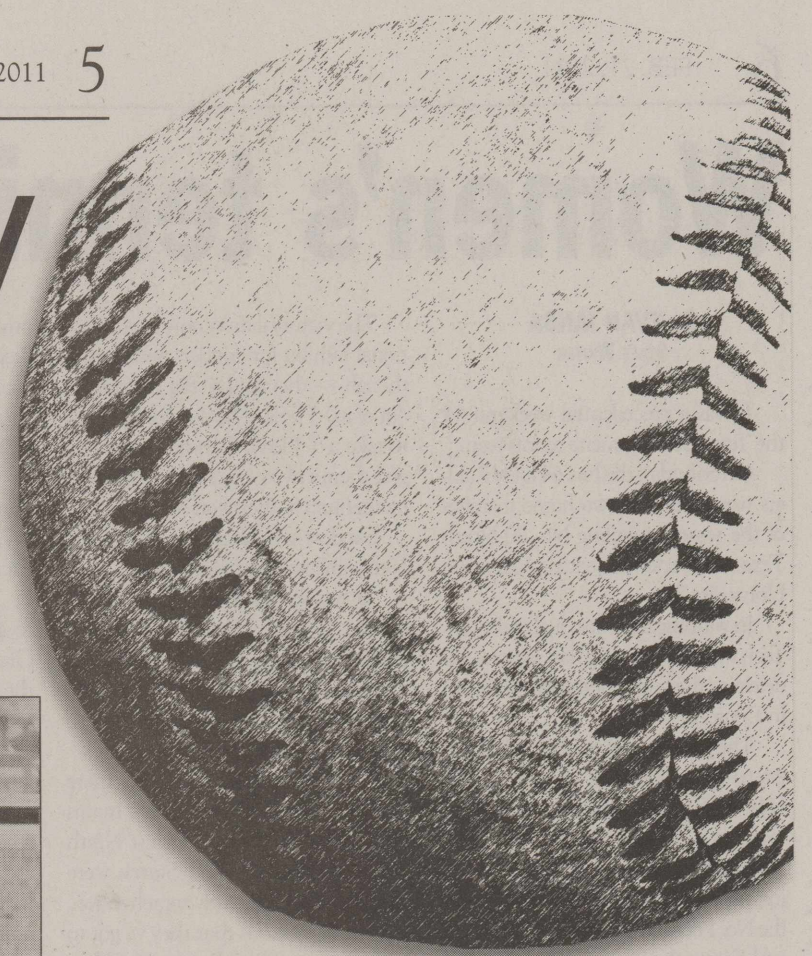
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# Opening day Domination

Red Raiders go 4-0 in first weekend of season



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By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Four innings pitched, no hits allowed, six strikeouts and the win.

Texas Tech starting pitcher Ben Flora cannot not lay claim to that stat line from Tech's 8-6 win on Sunday — those are designated hitter David Paiz's numbers.

"We knew we wanted to pitch him, so we DH'd him today so we had him available," Tech coach Dan Spencer said. "He is just what you saw. He's got a good arm, and he's got a good breaking ball. He competes, he throws a lot of strikes and he's a very good addition."

Paiz, a utility player for the Red Raiders, was called upon to relieve Aaron Corwin in the fourth inning after Corwin gave up five runs.

Corwin had just entered the game in place of Flora, the starter, but failed to retire a single batter in his brief stint.

Entering the inning, Tech built a 4-1 lead on Northwestern before the Wildcats racked up those five runs to take a 6-5 lead in the fourth.

Paiz, who Spencer said would be used at pitcher mainly for midweek games, entered the game and struck out two batters, while forcing another to groundout.

Spencer said he never intended on using Paiz as a pitcher when he recruited him, until he saw him throw during the summer.

"We recruited him as a hitter," Spencer said. "The only time I saw him (pitch) was long after he signed, and I saw him in the summer and he pitched...he threw an inning and I went 'Holy smokes,



PHOTOS BY BRENT SORELLE/*The Daily Toreador*  
**KELBY TOMLINSON SLIDES** into home plate to help Tech's 6-1 victory against Northwestern on Saturday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

shoot we'll be able to use him on the mound too."

Paiz would go on to throw 66 pitches, walking two batters in addition to the aforementioned stats, and notching his first collegiate win as the Red Raiders nabbed an 8-6 victory against the Wildcats in the final game of the Red Raider Classic at Dan Law Field.

Tech defeated Western Michigan 8-0 on Friday, Northwestern and Utah Valley on Saturday by scores of 6-1 and 6-2, respectively.

Tech's two-run deficit in the fourth

inning Sunday was the first time the Red Raiders had to play from behind, putting more pressure on the offense to produce.

A big portion of the production came from Kelby Tomlinson's bat.

Tomlinson, the Red Raiders' junior shortstop, went 4-for-5 at the plate, earning Tech's first four-hit individual performance since last April.

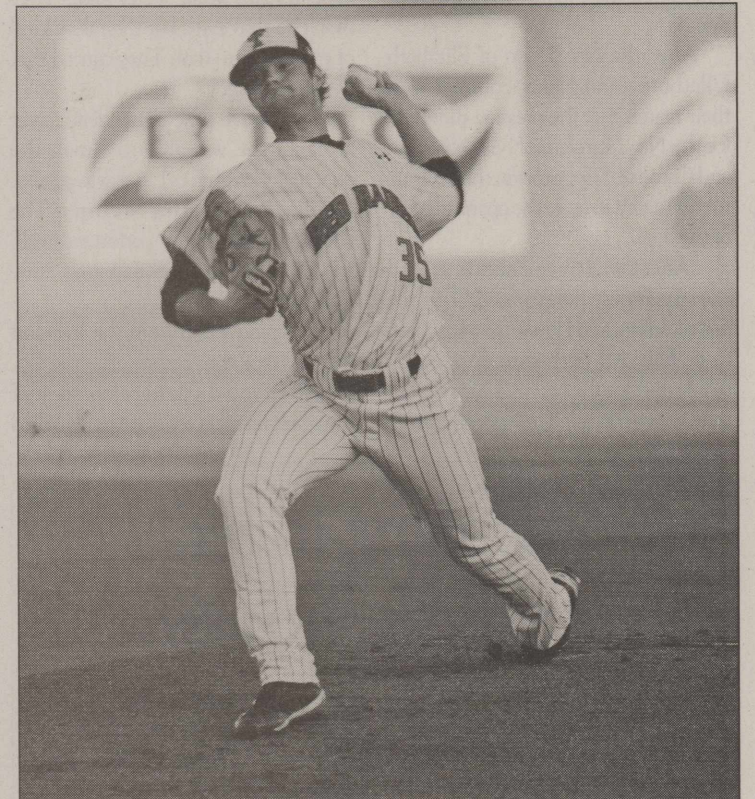
More importantly, Tomlinson produced when the Red Raiders most needed it. In the bottom of the fifth inning—the game tied 6-6—Tomlinson's bat found a pitch from Northwestern's Matt Gailey,

bringing Tech third baseman Reid Redman home from third for the go-ahead run. The junior had a game-high three RBIs.

Tomlinson said he and his teammates expected a hard-fought game Sunday, considering the amount of innings they played in the previous two days.

"Today was a little bit tougher of a day but we knew that coming in after playing our fourth game in three days is going to be a little bit tougher," Tomlinson said, "but I felt like we've played really good."

Tech sophomore Barrett Barnes was shut down for the majority of the game



**TEXAS TECH PITCHER Daniel Coulombe** led the Red Raiders to an 8-0 win against Western Michigan on Friday.

before breaking through in the eighth inning with a triple. The hit extends Barnes' hitting streak to eight games.

Every batter in Tech's starting lineup produced a hit except Paiz and right fielder Nick Hanslik. So Paiz said the multiple contributions within the batting

order was the key to getting the team's first come-from-behind win of the year.

"The whole lineup produced," Paiz said. "We got 15 hits and everyone fought back, got the win. That's what we needed."

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# Women's tennis gets off three-game skid

By EVAN JANSA  
STAFF WRITER

It was a precedential weekend for the Texas Tech women's tennis team.

On Saturday, the No. 64 Lady Raiders won their first two home matches of the season, topping No. 70 North Texas 6-1, then defeating Cameron University 7-0.

In winning their first dual of the day, Tech was able to avenge last season's 5-2 defeat at the hands of the Mean Green in Denton.

The pressure was on the Lady Raiders (6-3) in their first competition in Lubbock having lost their previous three matches — all by a narrow 4-3 margin.

In the doubles portion of the opening match against North Texas (1-5), the No. 1 doubles team of Kelsy Garland and Samantha Adams were defeated 8-1.

After the No. 3 duo of Elizabeth Ullathorne and Haley Fournier won their match 8-2, the pressure mounted for the No. 2 tandem of Nikki Sanders and Caroline Starck to win the decisive rubber match to score the opening point of the dual.

"After losing three games in a row, I was so nervous," Sanders said. "I got my first return in, and I knew we were going to be fine. All we had to do was stay steady and get the ball in. Once we did that, we got on a roll and got the win."

The victory didn't come in conventional fashion for Sanders and Starck, though — they had to dig themselves out of a 0-3 hole. The duo battled back to take a 5-4 lead, then broke serve to give them a two-game lead and all of the momentum as they won 8-4.

Sanders said breaking serve in the 10th game was crucial for them.

"It was so important for us," Sanders said. "I knew once it started getting closer that it was going to be more nerve-racking and tense. It was good to have that two-game lead where it wasn't so nerve-racking."

Tech coach Todd Petty said there was no question his doubles teams played nervous doubles against North Texas, but Sanders and Starck were able to shake off the early apprehension.

"Their motto is that they've got to make a team work," Petty said. "They didn't do that early, but then they kind of got back into that. They carried that over into singles."

For the first time in Sanders' career at Tech, she was able to clinch the dual match with a 6-1, 6-1 win against Caroline Barboza at the No. 6 spot. The bottom of the lineup performed well, with Sandra Dynka dominating Amy Joubert 6-0, 6-1.

The production from the five and six spots took the pressure off of the top.

"To have a 3-0 lead before most of the other first sets are done really killed

any kind of momentum that North Texas could have," Petty said. "Sandra is coming off a two-match losing streak. To get off that in that fashion is a credit to her."

Garland was also able to put her stamp on the match, winning her match 6-7, 6-2, 13-11 over Nadia Lee in an excruciatingly close tiebreaker.

The fact that she was the last match to get off the court against the Mean Green, and to win the way she did, gave the Lady Raiders momentum heading into the Cameron contest.

"A win is always good to have," Garland said. "It's good energy for yourself and the team. Coming out here (for the second dual), we didn't know Cameron at all. We just came out blindsided, and I think everyone pretty much played tough."

Tough is right.

Garland and Adams were able to rebound from their doubles loss to North Texas, winning 8-1 over Amanda Moberg and Juila Puckhaber.

"That was a good team at No. 1, but they played extremely well," Petty said. "That's as good as they've played in a couple weeks. They handled themselves really well today."

Ullathorne was also able to redeem herself after she lost her first singles match of the day against North Texas. The sophomore beat Moberg 6-1, 6-4, and after being slightly anxious in her

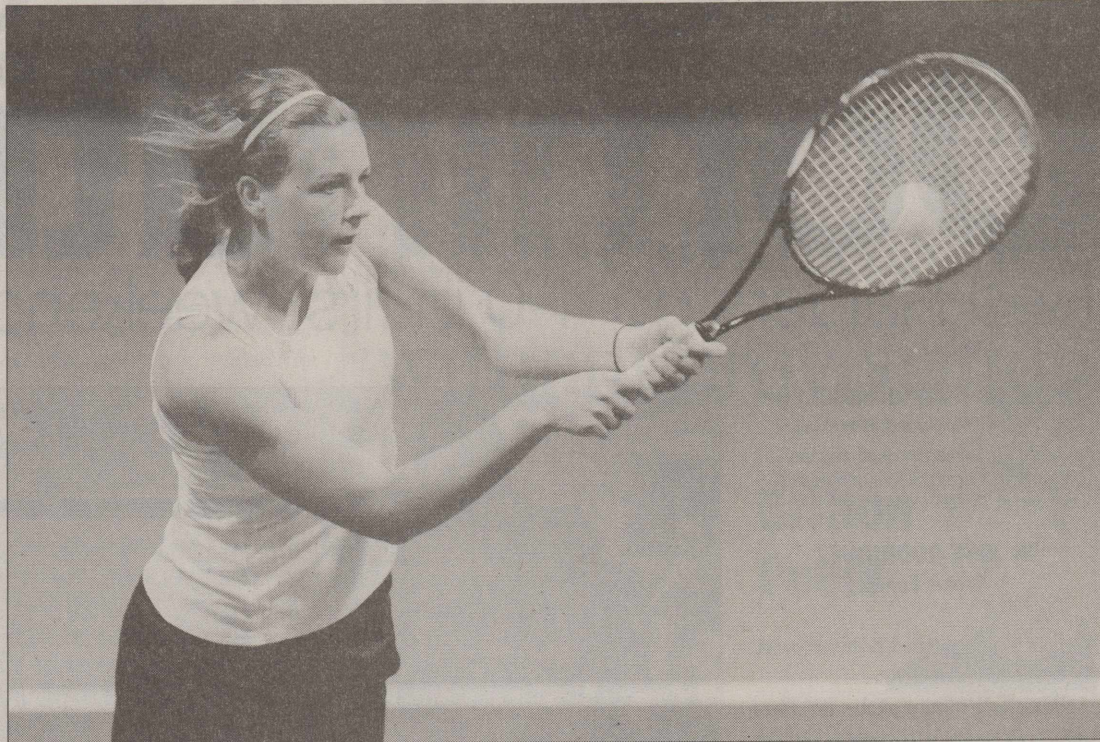


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
SAMANTHA ADAMS RETURNS a volley during the Lady Raiders' sweep of Cameron on Saturday at the McLeod Tennis Center.

first match. "I was a bit more nervous today coming in," Ullathorne said. "We haven't played outside much this year, and it was the first match at home. I think that showed a little bit."

Petty said that Ullathorne has been banded up of late but that he was im-

pressed with her second match.

"She's been battling some injuries, and we thought about maybe sitting her out tonight," Petty said. "But she really wanted to go in and get that bad taste out of her mouth."

Ullathorne and the rest of the Lady Raiders got that collective taste out their

mouths Saturday after losing those three consecutive matches 4-3.

"It's nice to win comfortably," Petty said. "The girls aren't afraid of anybody. We've played so many teams inside the top 30 that they feel like they can play with anybody."

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## Astros looking to build on 2010 youth movement

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — If the 2010 season had started on June 1, the Houston Astros might have been a wild-card factor throughout the summer.

It didn't and they weren't. But the Astros, who reassembled Sunday for their first full-squad workout of spring training, finished

well enough to feel good all winter.

While using 11 rookies, often with three or more in the starting lineup, the Astros posted the second-best record in the NL Central after June 1. They've come back almost intact, having added only veteran infielders Cliff Barnes and Bill Hall.

## Tech softball wins six games, remains undefeated

By THORN COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raider softball team stayed perfect throughout the Texas Tech Invitational this weekend at Rocky Johnson Field, beating both Utah Valley and Bryant in all six games to move to 11-0 on the season.

Coach Shanon Hays said the team performed great all weekend, and the

performance of his pitching staff carried them through the tournament.

"I'm always surprised when a team starts this hot," Hays said after Sunday's win against Utah Valley. "I'm very proud of the way the girls have played so far, and really it's the pitching staff that has been better than I expected."

The standout from that staff this weekend was sophomore Ashley Broke-shoulder.

She did not allow a hit in her first eight innings pitched and only allowed two runs in 10 innings pitched.

Hays said Broke-shoulder's performance this weekend helped the team to the position they are in now.

Broke-shoulder said though she enjoyed the wins this weekend, the Red Raiders have to keep looking ahead at their next game.

"We have to focus on one game at a time," Broke-shoulder said; "that's really the best way to win."

The closest of the games was a 13-5 win against Utah Valley at noon Sunday. Thanks to a grand slam by Utah Valley, the Red Raiders went into the sixth inning only leading 8-5.

The Red Raiders ended the game in the sixth inning thanks to the 10-run rule, scoring six runs in the bottom of the



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Kelsey Dennis throws a pitch during the Red Raiders' win against Bryant on Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field.

frame, with the game ending on a Mikey Kenney walk off three-run home run.

Kenney said she was just trying for a base hit to score the two runners at first and third.

"I was just running to first," Kenney said. "I kind of felt it when the ball hit off my bat, but I didn't know it was a home run until I rounded first."

The Red Raiders also beat Utah Valley 8-3 on Friday and 8-2 Saturday. They beat Bryant 10-0 Friday, 10-2 Saturday and 8-0 Sunday.

Kenney said the team played well throughout the tournament, and they have a lot of confidence going into the tougher part of their season.

When asked if there was any specific team she was looking forward to playing, Kenney said she is looking forward to most of their Big 12 Conference games because the conference is so competitive. Hays realizes with the conference his team plays in, an undefeated season is highly unlikely. But he is also confident in his team's ability to not let that affect them.

"In the conference we play in, our girls realize we are going to lose some," Hays said, "but I think they are mature enough to rebound from losses and learn from them."

Hays said though they have had a lot of early season success, his team needs to keep looking at the next game. He acknowledged that though it is a cliché statement, it also holds a lot of wisdom.

"We don't worry too much about what is going on outside of our team," Hays said. "We just have to be confident in our ability to play and go out and play like we practice."

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Taking center stage during Tech's 2011 spring sessions may once again be the quarterback competition, but offensive coordinator Neal Brown said Doege has a comfortable lead on his top opposition — Jacob Karam, Scotty Young and Michael Brewer.

Brant Costilla and Kiefer Hansen also are listed quarterbacks on the spring roster.

"(Doege is) probably not just a little bit ahead; he's probably a decent margin ahead," Brown said. "It's open, we're not going to name a starter (Saturday), probably won't name one during the spring."

Doege catapulted into the first-team spot last year after Potts injured his throwing hand and Sheffield suffered an injury to the foot he broke during a game at Nebraska on Oct. 17, 2009.

Because of that experience, Doege said his current situation has been easier to adjust to.

"Any experience is good experience and just coming out here knowing what to expect," Doege said. "We wanted to play fast ... especially since this is the second year, coming out here it felt a whole lot more comfortable, and I was a lot more confident in what I was doing."

Quarterback competition is nothing out of the ordinary to Tuberville, but new defensive coordinator Chad Glasgow brings the bit of change Tuberville and the Red Raiders will have to get used to.

The change? A new defensive

system incorporating more use of defensive backs, something that could be effective against the Big 12's spread offenses.

"We're going more to a four-man front and playing with five (defensive backs) all the time with it," Glasgow said of his scheme. "There's some similarities, but there's a lot of differences with it, too."

Glasgow brings his 4-2-5 scheme with him from TCU, where he spent 10 seasons as the program's safeties coach on a defense that ranked No. 1 in the country five times.

TCU had the nation's top-rated defense each of the past three seasons.

The defense may have the most to work on this spring, considering the combination of Glasgow's new scheme and the inexperience at key positions in the defensive unit.

Among those holes are defensive tackle and linebacker, positions the likes of Colby Whitlock, Bront Bird, Brian Duncan and Julian Howard occupied last year.

However, Tech returns nearly its entire secondary from last season, a group Glasgow may lean on during the transition phase of spring practices.

But for now, Tuberville said every player on defense, regardless of experience, has a little adjusting to do.

"I think the defense found out pretty quick that they got a lot to learn with a new coach out here directing traffic and getting them lined up," Tuberville said.

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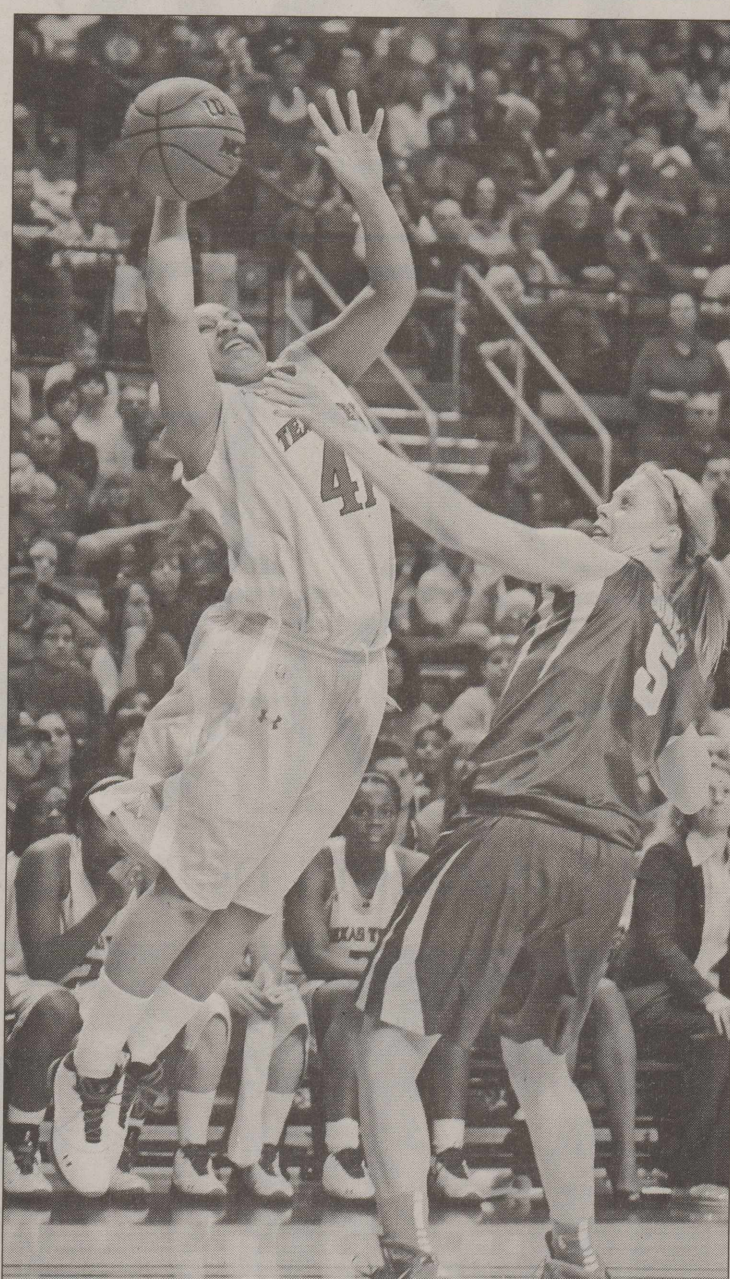


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kelsi Baker shoots the ball while being fouled by Lady Bears' guard Melissa Jones during the Lady Raiders' 56-45 win against Baylor Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

**Win** ←

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Even with beating Baylor in almost every offensive and defensive category, the biggest accomplishment for Tech was probably the handling of sophomore post player Brittney Griner. The All-American was held to 15 points and six rebounds. After the game, Mallard explained how the team slowed down the 6-foot-8 phenom.

"In practice, Coach Kelly (Curry) just told us to always move our feet around," she said. "Every time the ball go to her, we're going to be doubling. So I think that was a big factor. All my teammates helped me, and I helped Teena (Wickett) when she was guarding her. So it was everybody contributing with Brittney."

Griner showed frustration throughout the game, and with the history of this series in mind, this game could not go without emotions running high.

With three minutes and 19 seconds left in the first half, Griner and Mallard got tagged with technicals. The whistles blew when they got tangled up underneath the hoop fighting for a rebound, and the pushing and shoving started.

Both Curry and Mulkey were called to midcourt by the referee to have a chat about the previous play after both coaches appeared to disagree with the call.

After the scuffle cleared up, the half finished with Tech leading 28-21, the Lady Raiders held Griner to seven points, but there was still 20 minutes of basketball to be played.

Tech did not let up in the second half; the closest Baylor would ever get was 36-31 with 14:35 left in the game after sophomore guard Jordan Madden buried a 3-pointer.

Baylor kept trying to claw back into

the game, but Tech had an answer for every run.

The clinching shot was a Mallard jumper with 5:23 left in regulation, giving the Lady Raiders a 15-point lead, 52-37. For the rest of the game Baylor was held to just eight points.

Freshman guard Odyssey Sims, Baylor's second leading scorer just behind Griner, and senior guard Melissa Jones were held in check as they both scored only three points apiece.

The Lady Bears were held to 45 points and shot 25.9 percent from the field — both season lows.

After the final buzzer sounded, the celebration began for the Lady Raiders, and the fans stormed the court. Curry said the game, the atmosphere, the festivities and everything that went with it was special.

"Well, I wish I could hug every one of them; the crowd was incredible," she said. "Between the crowd and these kids and for it to be our think pink game, everything that was represented today was a tradition-rich women's basketball program."

This is the second consecutive game the Lady Raiders dismantled a ranked team in United Spirit Arena.

To continue this winning streak, Tech will have to upset another ranked opponent and do it on their home court. The Lady Raiders travel to College Station on Tuesday for a showdown with No. 5 Texas A&M.

Smalls said with these two big wins under their belts, the team is going to keep it rolling all the way into Aggieland.

"We feel pretty good," she said. "It boosted our confidence up, so right now we're not about to let down, we're about to hit A&M hard, and that's all it's about."

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## Tech wins 78-69 at Baylor to end 4-game losing skid

WACO (AP) — Despite being short-handed on the road, Texas Tech just kept holding on against Baylor.

Brad Reese scored 12 of his 17 points after halftime, and the Red Raiders snapped a four-game losing streak with a 78-69 victory Saturday night. Tech led the final 26 minutes of the game, responding each time Baylor got within a basket after halftime.

"The record doesn't show it, but the kids have kept playing hard and they deserve this," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "They've got to learn that even though you deserve it, you've got to take it. No one's going to give it to you."

The Red Raiders (12-15, 4-8 Big 12) were coming off consecutive close calls against Top 25 teams, losing by three against Texas A&M and by eight at Missouri.

They already were playing with-

out Mike Singletary, their top rebounder and No. 2 scorer who was out with a calf injury. Then two of Tech's post players fouled out — Jaye Crockett with 15 minutes left, and D'wain Roberts with 10 minutes.

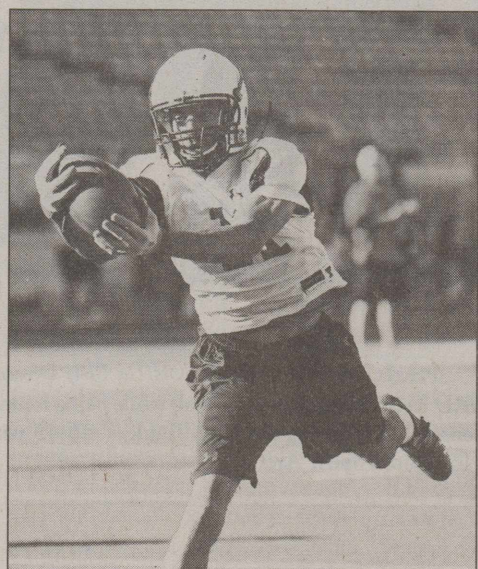
Baylor (17-9, 5-7) was within 64-62 and with the ball after a turnover by Reese with 3:51 left. But the Bears had three consecutive turnovers, by three different players. Robert Lewandowski and Reese then scored for the Red Raiders.

"Dejected, disappointed, upset as much as you can be after a game," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "But want to give Texas Tech the credit. They got every big play, every loose ball, everything they needed to have."

Baylor, whose only other home loss this season was to No. 1 Kansas, is 5-6 its last 11 games.

# SPRING FORWARD

## Red Raiders begin spring football practices



PHOTOS BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH INSIDE receiver Tramain Swindall catches the ball during practice Friday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

Seth Doege, a redshirt sophomore, received first-team snaps during spring workouts last year in the wake of injuries to Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield.

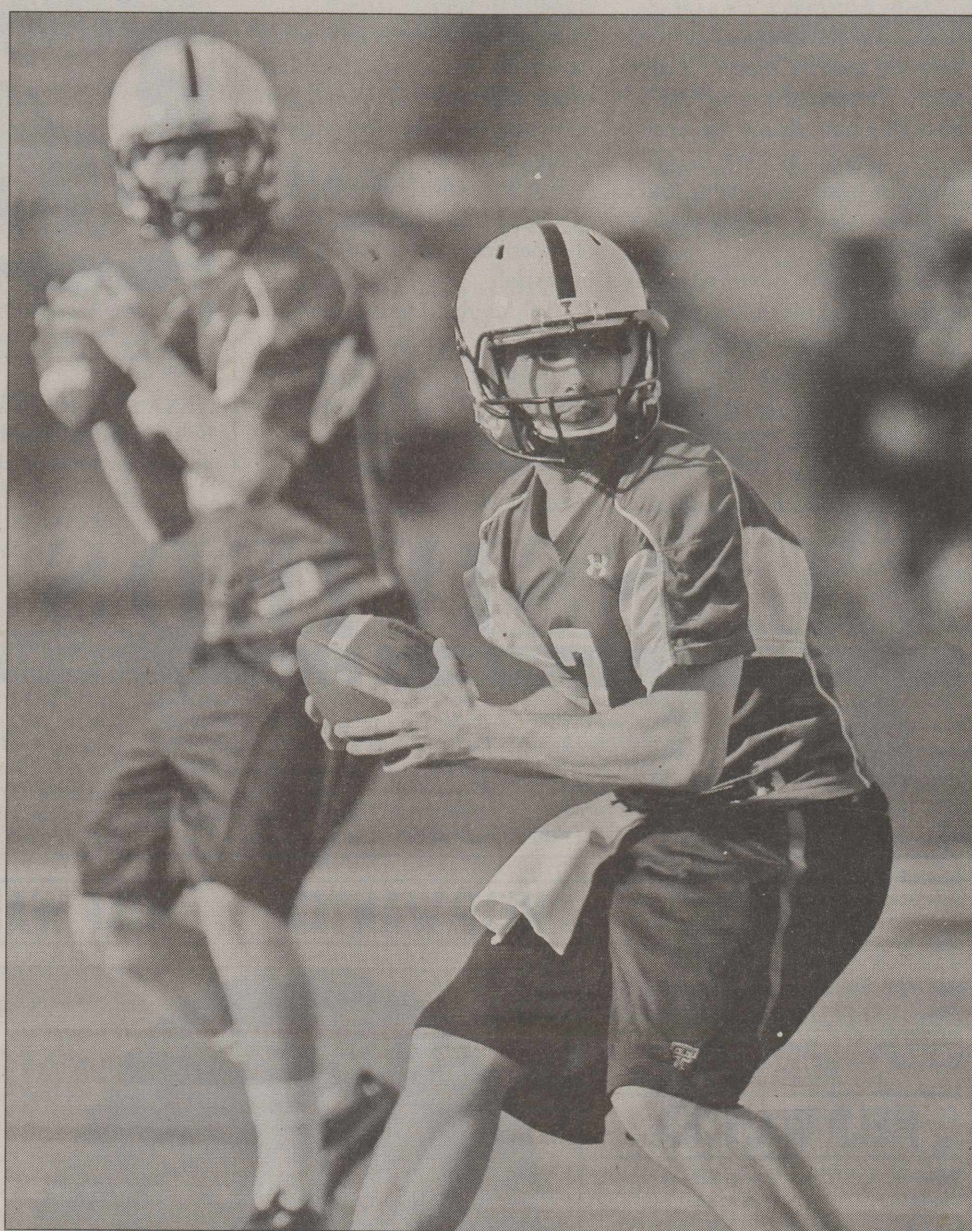
Fast forward a year later, and Doege is still taking those snaps.

He is, after all, the frontrunner for the Texas Tech quarterback job entering 2011 spring practices.

"(Doege) had a good spring last year, and he was obviously our (third-string) quarterback this fall," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Friday. "But, you know, we're going to give everybody a shot ... but right now it's obvious that Seth has the leadership qualities. He's got a little more experience than the other guys, but that can change quickly."

Friday marked the beginning of spring practices for the Red Raiders, the first of 15 practices colleges are permitted to have by the NCAA. Tech's spring game is set for 1 p.m. March 26.

The Red Raiders are the first members of the Big 12 Conference to conduct a practice this spring.



TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACKS Seth Doege, right, and Scotty Young drop back to pass during the first day of spring practice Friday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Friday and Saturday practices saw players working out in shorts, with full-pad practices taking place Sunday.

Tuberville said the first two practices would be more of a showcase for quarterbacks and skill-

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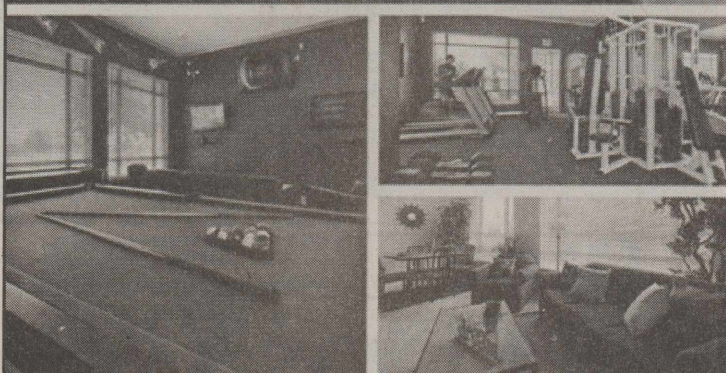
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## Young says he won't be a distraction

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Michael Young had a message for his teammates before the AL champion Texas Rangers held their first full-squad workout.

Manager Ron Washington says Young told the team Sunday morning that "he wasn't going to be a distraction."

Young, expected to be the team's primary designated hitter and utility infielder, had requested a trade last month. With no deal done, Young reported to camp on time Saturday and said he was focused on getting ready for the season.

The longest-tenured Rangers going into his 11th season, Young says he is "first and foremost" a baseball player and that nothing will hamper his preparations for the season.

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