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Islamic community upbeat in arrest aftermath

Few problems reported by Muslims after Aldawsari arrest last week

By JON ARNOLD
MANAGING EDITOR

Many Islamic students were on edge last week after former Texas Tech student Khalid Aldawsari was charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction.

Some students skipped their Friday classes, fearing persecution after the 20-year-old Saudi Arabian national's arrest made international headlines, said Cherif Amor, a leader in the local Islamic community and interim chair of the Department of Design at Tech. Luckily, he said, instead of finding

the Islamic Center vandalized (as it has been several times in the past) or receiving threats and jeers, most students found a community eager to reach out and help.

"The community has been so nice," Amor said. "Many of the churches sent e-mails and calls. It's

a very supportive community."

Amor said he was thankful for the efforts of the FBI and Lubbock police for their swift investigation and said law enforcement was very clear they understood this was an individual case rather than an indictment of the local Muslim community.

Mohannad Ali, president of Tech's Saudi Student Association, said a few students in



AMOR

the association felt they were victims of a bit of profiling, but he attributed it to fear from both parties.

"Some (Saudi students) have called me up," Ali said Wednesday. "They say, 'We're getting strange looks.' I told them, 'Did you get harassed?' and they said 'No, but we can feel it in the air.' And I told them, 'That's normal. These things might happen,' I understand why these things are happening, but at the same time I would ask the general public to come approach us, and we'll try to do the same."

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Rerun

SGA executive elections too close to call, runoff forced

By STEPHEN GIPSON
STAFF WRITER

In an unprecedented result, all three executive positions for Texas Tech's Student Government Association will be decided in a runoff election.

It is the first time in SGA election history all three positions will require a runoff.

The candidates said the runoff elections take place on sga.ttu.edu Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tyler Patton and Jenny Mayants move on to the presidential runoff. Brian Roberts and Mike Uryasz will be in the external vice president runoff election. Alex Moore, along with Hannah Walker, will advance to the internal vice president runoffs.

Patton said he is proud of both of his running mates, Moore and Uryasz, for advancing to the runoff elections.

"It was a big team effort," Patton said. "I am so proud of them, and for us to be in a runoff. You know, this is a tight race, and that just shows that students are engaged, and students are honestly concerned with the future of higher education."

Mayants said she is honored to move on to the runoffs but is disappointed her running mate in the internal vice president

slot, Ethan Jordan, was not elected. She said the votes of students are more important than ever because of how close the elections are.

"We're going to continue to do everything we've been doing," she said. "We're probably even going to put more energy into our campaign than we did before. We have what it takes, and I think we're definitely going to show that."

Moore said she is excited to still be considered for the internal vice president position, but a lot more work is ahead of her. She and her running mates will continue to promote their candidacy to students until the runoff elections.

Walker said she is anxious to see what the next week has in store for her.

It is going to be a tough runoff election, she said, but she encourages students to take another look at all the candidates and continue to vote.

Walker's path is made even tougher by the fact both her running mates were eliminated.

Uryasz said he feels incredibly blessed to still be in the running for external vice president. Student participation has been incredible, he said.

He believes voting is the best

It was a big team effort. I'm proud of them, and for us to be in a runoff. You know, this is a tight race, and that just shows that students are engaged..."

Tyler Patton
SGA Presidential Candidate



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

STUDENTS CROWD AROUND the results and statistics posted for SGA senator elections Thursday outside the SGA offices in the Student Union Building. All three of the executive elections were too close to declare a winner, so there will be runoff elections next week.

way for students to voice their concerns, and the amount of feedback he has received shows how much interest students have in this election.

Roberts also said it is an honor to make it this far toward being external vice president. He said every vote counts, especially now. It's extremely crucial every student votes in the runoff, Roberts said.

While the executive seats hang in the balance for another week, some issues on the ballot

were resolved.

Drew Graham, current SGA president, said students were asked to vote on replacing the graduate school vice president with a graduate and professional student association.

Students voted overwhelmingly — 87 percent — for the measure to pass.

The unofficial results of senator elections can be seen on dailytoreador.com.

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Students changing spring break plans

Uptick in gas prices making many reconsider their trips

By KASSIDY KETRON
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As spring break approaches, some students have made plans to take time to vacation, but others plan to use their week off to work and earn more money.

Cade Arnett, a junior business management major from Jackson, Tenn., said he mostly plans to stay in Lubbock during the break to work.

Two days out of the holiday, Arnett said, he will make a two-day trip to attend a basketball game in Dallas. He plans to stay at a relative's house and use most of his money for gas and purchases while at the game.

"I don't want to go somewhere and spend \$1,000 because I don't

have \$1,000 to spend," Arnett said. "I could probably afford to go somewhere, but I wouldn't want to come back and be broke."

Tom Harrington, a senior geophysics major from Tyler, said he will stay in Lubbock during the break to work, as well.

He said he plans to stay not only because of his work schedule, but also because of a trip to Costa Rica in the summer. He does plan to keep a budget on the trip, but money for the trip is not what has kept him from making plans for spring break.

"I'm not postponing my spring break trip because of this; it's more just I get to work during that time, so I choose that over doing other alternatives," Harrington said.

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Coming off a big win on senior night the Texas Tech Red Raider basketball team closes out the regular season this weekend. SPORTS, Page 5

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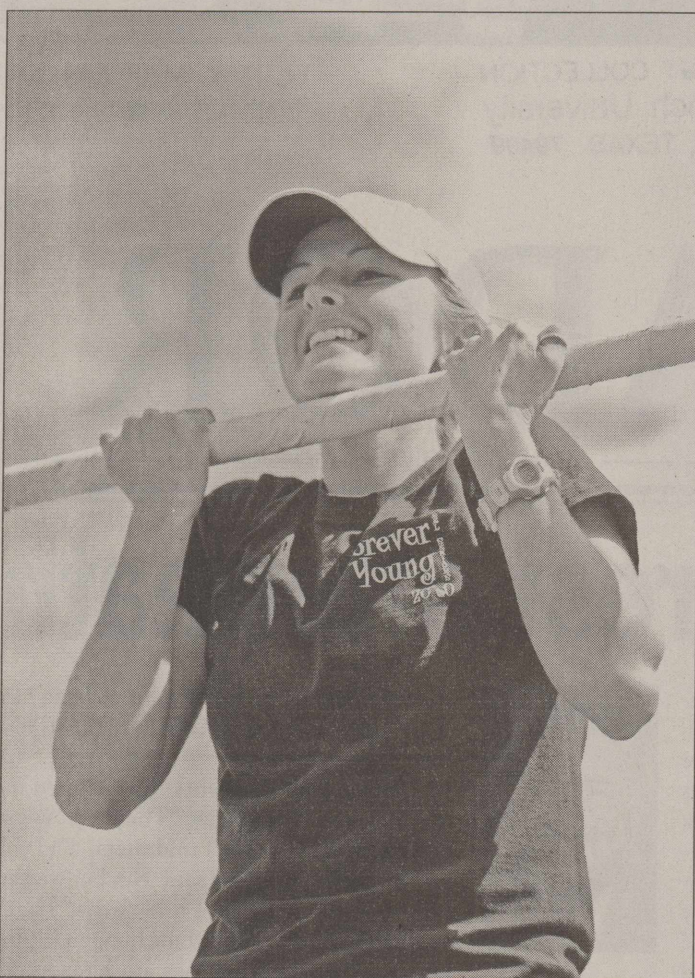


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KIRSTIN HAZELIP, A sophomore restaurant and hotel management major from Tyler, does pull-ups for the Marines outside the Student Union Building on Thursday.

Break

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All four years of college, Harrington said, he has had a job because he pays for everything himself, including school.

Harrington said owing thousands of dollars in loans makes it hard to save up money for a trip.

"Owing a lot in student loans basically forces me to work," Harrington said. "It's one of those things, but I guess that's all part of life."

Lacey Davis, a freshman international business major from Corpus Christi, said she also will go home for the break.

Because she is going home, Davis said she will not have to spend any extra money, because her parents will pay for the gas to get her home.

Davis said she had made plans to go to Panama City, Fla., but decided against it because of expenses she could not afford on her own.

"Panama City was obviously too much," Davis said. "I guess I wouldn't want my budget to be over, like, \$600, and since Panama was over that, I decided not to go."

John Gilliam, assistant professor of personal financial planning, said he believes students are choosing to work or make alternative, less-expensive plans for the break because of the general cost of living

going up and the expenses for tuition and fees.

Students are either not working as much, Gilliam said, or they are choosing to devote their time to focusing on school, which means they are working less and making less money.

"It does, often times, take a little of time, experience and living in managing your money before you really realize that I'm better off waiting and being able to pay for this than I am putting it on a charge card and ultimately having to pay much more because of high interest rates," he said.

For students who did make plans to vacation during the break, Gilliam said he would advise them to make a budget before they leave and plan out their expenses.

Gilliam said he expects most students who vacation during the break to spend more than they had intended because of the use of credit cards to pay for their trips.

"I know a student of ours who has waited several years to really go on spring break," he said. "So in the meantime, they saved their money, and I think that says a lot for people who are willing to defer their gratification and good times until they can afford it."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Art School Open House
Time: Noon to 5 p.m.
Where: Art building, Architecture building, 3-D Art Annex
So, what is it?

Texas Tech's School of Art will open its doors to the public during its fourth annual Community Open House. Attendees can peek behind the scenes at the school's teaching facilities and participate in activities including studio and facility tours, art club sales, exhibits, demonstrations and workshops.

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?
Cheer on the Red Raiders as they take on the Howard Bison at 1 p.m. and the Dayton Flyers at 3 p.m.

Texas Tech Baseball

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Root for the Red Raiders as they play the TCU Horned Frogs.

Lasers Michael Jackson

Time: 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Where: Museum of TTU
So, what is it?
This laser show features the late

King of Pop's music.

"The Vagina Monologues"

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Scottish Rite Learning Center
So, what is it?

"The Vagina Monologues" is a play based on interviews with real women talking about real problems they have with society and the way it portrays them. All proceeds go directly to Women's Protective Services and Victim's Violence.

First Friday Art Trail

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Downtown Lubbock, TTU Art building, TTU Museum
So, what is it?
Explore local art around Lubbock at no charge. For a complete list of venues and trolley stops, visit www.ffat.org.

Second City: Fair and Unbalanced

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: SUB, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Texas Tech Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presents The Second City, Chicago's legendary comedy theater. The group will perform "Fair and Unbalanced," a show featuring sketches, songs and improvisations.

"The Rimers of Eldritch"

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Maedgen Theatre
So, what is it?
Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Landford Wilson's first masterpiece, "The Rimers of Eldritch," uses the events surrounding a murder to expose the sinister truths hiding in the shadows of small-town America. Shows continue at 8 p.m. through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Lubbock Symphony Orchestra

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Civic Center Theater
So, what is it?
Lubbock Symphony Orchestra performs "Darkness & Light Classical Series Masterworks #4, Out of Darkness." Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Student Union Information Booth, located across from Barnes & Noble the Friday before every event, starting at 9 a.m. until tickets run out.

SATURDAY

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. and noon Sunday
Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?
Root for the Red Raiders as they

take on the Dayton Flyers at 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 p.m. Sunday and as they play the Howard Bison at 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

Women's Basketball

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Cheer on the Lady Raiders as they play the Oklahoma Sooners.

Texas Tech Baseball

Time: 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday
Where: Dan Law Field
So, what is it?
Root for the Red Raiders as they play the TCU Horned Frogs.

SUNDAY

Gypsies, Tinkers and Travelers: Songs of the Wandering Tribes

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Legacy Events Center, Ballroom
So, what is it?

A performance of song, tunes and dances from the world's wandering peoples, including music from Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Egypt, Rajasthan, Ireland and England.

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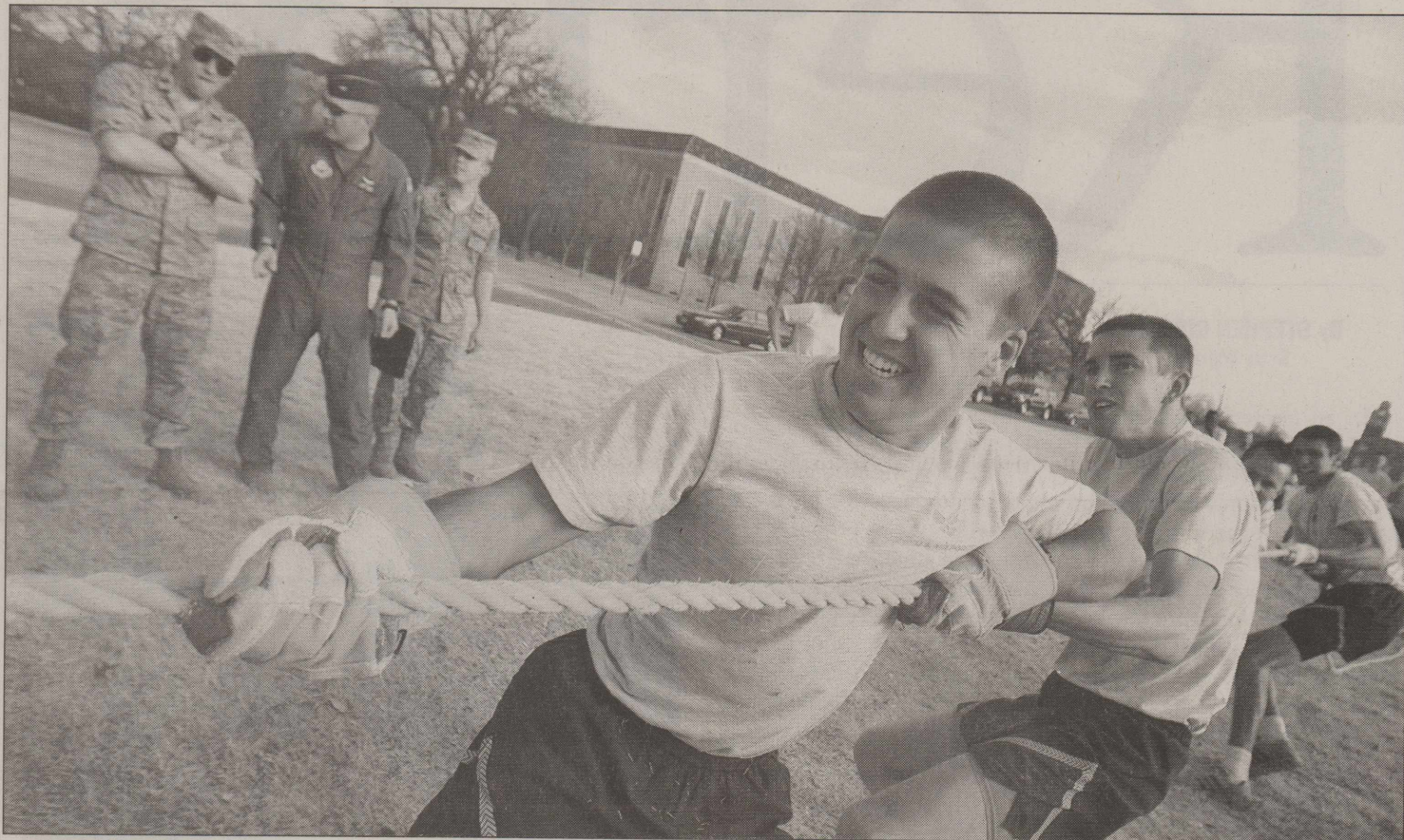


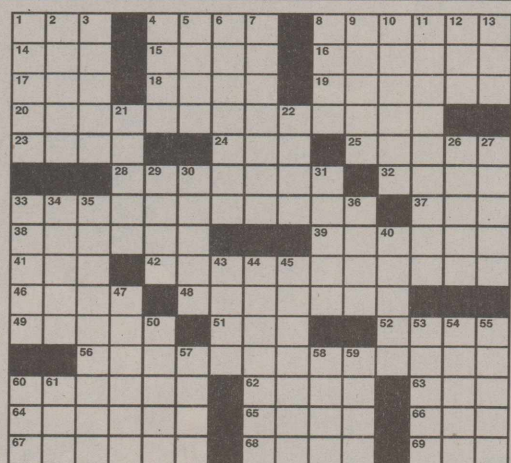
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SPENCER JORDAN, A sophomore mathematics major from Lewisville, participates in a tug-of-war match during the Air Force ROTC warrior spirit leadership laboratory Thursday in the Engineering Key.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- The word?
 - You might need to watch yours
 - Like some Disneyland passes
 - Downed
 - bene
 - It may involve an exaggerated age
 - With 19-Across, serious warnings
 - Not much
 - See 17-Across
 - Halloween breakfast pastry?
 - 1938 "The War of the Worlds" broadcast, for one
 - Keystone enforcer
 - Blazing
 - Go-aheads
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 - Lone breakfast pastry?
 - Garden product word
 - Attacks
 - 39 Igloos and yurts
 - 41 Sch. attendance notation
 - Cherished breakfast pastry?
 - End of a boast
 - Get for nothing
 - Make official
 - Newspaper supply
 - Islamic leader
 - Ones hooked on breakfast pastry?
 - Type of sauce served with falafel
 - Gauche's weapon
 - Homework amount?
 - Puck's king
 - Dulce et Decorum est" poet Wilfred
 - Flow out
 - Henry VIII et al.
 - Hitch
 - Wall St. monitor



By Matt Madera

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43 Broad
44 Endangered great apes
45 x, at times
47 Baseball star who reportedly said, "I think there's a sexiness in infield hits"
- 50 Caruso, for one
53 A couple
54 Acrobat developer
55 Rachel Maddow's station
57 Serious lapses
58 Zero's home
59 Dangle
60 Tater
61 Simbel, site of Ramesses II temples

Aftermath

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There are about 18 Saudi students involved with the group at Tech and fewer than 35 Saudi nationals living in Lubbock by Ali's estimates.

Ali, a freshman petroleum engineering major who has been in the United States since August, said not only did Aldawsari not reach out to the Saudi community in Lubbock, but Aldawsari tried to avoid Ali.

The first and only time Ali met Aldawsari was when the Saudi Student Association was in the planning stages for the International Talent Show, which took place in February. The group met at The Centre apartment complex where Aldawsari lived, and Ali noticed a man he recognized as a fellow Saudi standing on the outskirts of the study room where

the group was meeting.

"I just noticed someone looking at us. I'm sure he does some familiar faces and knew we were Saudis. So I approached him and took a chance he was Saudi and started speaking in Arabic," Ali said.

Ali said he invited Aldawsari to join their group, but Aldawsari was standoffish and stayed for no more than 10 minutes before leaving abruptly. On another visit to The Centre to see a friend, Ali observed Aldawsari running on a treadmill at the exercise facility in the complex.

Ali made eye contact with Aldawsari, but said Aldawsari quickly averted his gaze. Ali assumed Aldawsari simply did not like him for some reason.

"I was sure he saw me, and at the same time I was sure he was trying to not let me see him. I saw he was trying to avoid me, so I just let him be," Ali said. "A week later, I saw him in the news, and that's it."

He emphasized Aldawsari was a

"black sheep" and does not represent the general views of Saudis or Muslims.

"We are the most peaceful people you can ever meet," Ali said. "Most of us just care about providing for our family and having fun. We are really simple, conservative people."

So far, Ali said, he was not surprised at the minimal backlash. There are lots of similarities between the United States and Saudi Arabia, he said, especially in a city like Lubbock. Both cultures share conservative values and are full of nice, humorous and educated people.

"I'm really happy, especially because we are in an open-minded and highly intelligent environment," he said.

He said the Saudi Student Association has been involved with several community service projects as of late, and he plans to make the organization more visible after spring break to combat some of the negative attention Saudi citizens may receive.

Ali, who said he learned about American culture by watching late show hosts like Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien while he was growing up in Saudi Arabia, said he hopes the incident will lead to more civil dialogue between people of

different faiths and backgrounds.

Amani Zaier, the department head for Arabic at Tech, said she also hopes to turn a negative situation into a positive one.

She plans to offer a course in the fall on Arabic civilization, which will discuss topics such as culture and geography as well as history and Islam.

"I can see it being a positive thing in the way it can increase our enrollment. I expect more Americans and internationals will be more interested in knowing more about the Arabic culture, about Islam and about the culture in general," she said. "So, that will be a positive thing because we want to educate more."

She did, however, express sadness because the Aldawsari arrest reinforced false stereotypes, and in the past week she has found herself having to defend her Islamic faith rather than discussing it.

Despite this, she said she expects positives to come out of a negative situation.

"I personally try to be more optimistic and think this will be a chance or occasion for people to be more tolerant about the culture and the religion and have the chance to comment and get it from an educational perspective," she said.

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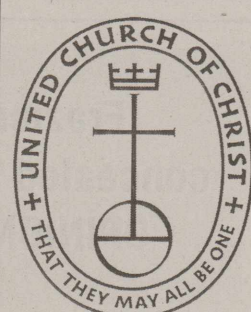
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Cowboys Cheerleader recruiter promotes Tech pride in lecture

By SYDNEY HOLMES
STAFF WRITER

Women love to hate them; men fantasize about them. They've been around since 1960, and the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders are often thought of as all looks and no brains.

Shelley Roper-McCaslin, head recruiter for the DCC, came to Texas Tech to dispel this myth as well as team up with Tech's Spirit Squads to promote school pride and enthusiasm.

Roper-McCaslin said she is impressed by the administration within the Spirit Squads at Tech and has had her eye on the pom and cheer squads for a while.

"Each year I will choose a couple of campuses that I would like to visit. The pom and the cheer squad (at Tech) are very established," she said. "It's worth it to us to reach out to those established groups because we find that they make excellent additions to our squad."

Roper-McCaslin said she is aware of the high standards placed upon students at Tech, and she appreciates that students are being challenged.

"Their standards are high, as are ours," she said. "(Well-established groups) understand about high expectations, and the performance quality, of course, is better."

As far as the stereotype all cheerleaders are no more than a pretty face, Roper-McCaslin said she does not expect to see the perception change any time soon, though she would like it

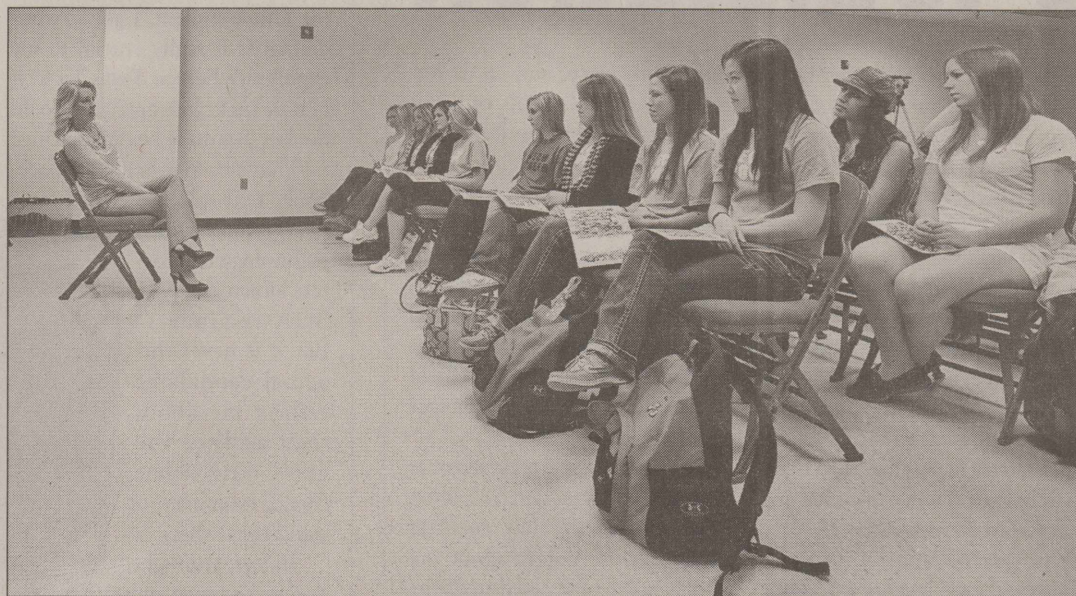


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SHELLEY ROPER-MCCASLIN, far left, head recruiter for the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, talks to the Texas Tech Spirit Squads and others Thursday in United Spirit Arena about increasing school spirit.

to. However, she is confident in the sophisticated nature of the girls on her squad.

"Our young women are very well-rounded," she said. "They are bright and beautiful and know how to represent the Dallas Cowboys football team very well."

Mia Mendez, a sophomore nutrition dietetics major from Mount Vernon, is not a member of a Tech Spirit Squad, but she was not shy about her aspirations to represent the Dallas Cowboys.

"DCC is definitely something I plan to try out for, so this is a great opportunity that Tech has provided for all the girls, pom or not, to get a heads up on some information," Mendez explained. "You don't usually get that when it comes to something

as prestigious as DCC."

Mendez, who recently auditioned for a dance minor, said even though she's not majoring in dance, the art is an important part of her life.

"(Dancing) is something for me," she said. "I'm going to school for a different degree, but I dance for me. It makes me happy, and I really enjoy it."

Kathleen Busch, a pom squad member, shares Mendez's sentiment when it comes to dance. The junior dance major and Plano native said oftentimes students confuse the pom and cheer squads.

"Everyone thinks that we're the cheerleaders because we do the same kind of thing," Busch said. "We don't really get that respect level (we deserve) of dancing and being more per-

formance-based than cheer."

Busch plans to try out for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders after graduation but said she is apprehensive.

"I've had tons of friends go through (the audition process), and a lot of them didn't make it," she said. "I just know it's a long process, and it's very stressful because they're looking for so many different things."

Roper-McCaslin said although she can't pinpoint one particular quality that is important in a DCC member, through the selection process she has noticed one common thread.

"Certainly confidence," she said.

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Well-known comedy group to visit campus

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Stephen Colbert, Martin Short and Joan Rivers all came from the same place. While each ended up in a different area of the entertainment industry, these three, along with many other now-famous comedians, got their start in the same improv comedy group — The Second City.

A touring ensemble from The Second City performs at 7 p.m. today in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre as part of Texas Tech's Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

The group's history goes back 50 years, said Jo Moore, the series administrator. It started in a tiny Chinese Laundry, and the members simply named the group after Chicago, called the "second city" to New York.

Since then, it has built up, with stages in Toronto and Chicago and touring ensembles like the one visiting Tech. In all, The Second City entertains about 1 million people per year, Moore said.

The group's biggest claim to fame, though, Moore said, is all of the comedians who go on to do great things after being in The Second City. Alumni include John Belushi, Dan Akroyd, Steve Carrell and Tina Fey.

"The stars you'll see (tonight) are the stars of tomorrow," Moore said.

Apart from the show, the group also will teach an improv class, which Moore said was especially exciting for members of Tech's improv troupe, Alternative Fuels.

The group is looking forward to learning as much as possible, said Paige Randle, a sophomore psychology major from Big Lake. Randle, who is in her fourth semester with Alternative Fuels, said as many members are able to go, will.

"They are the best," she said. "They're doing things I can only dream

of one day being funny enough or talented enough to do."

Randle said she has been ready for the show since she found out about it last summer on The Second City website, and she immediately began calling around to tell others about the performance.

After getting her start in improv almost by accident — she attended the Alternative Fuels auditions to provide moral support for a friend — Randle said she was ready to learn the tips and tricks The Second City has to offer.

"They'll have perspective and knowledge no one else has," she said.

This perspective and knowledge will really help students in Alternative Fuels who wanted to continue with improv, she said, some may even try out for The Second City one day.

"It's a great opportunity," Moore said. "This is what makes the series so fun; these great performers come and share their skills."

It's not just for students, though. Moore said often the faculty members learn a lot from the guests the series brings.

Tonight's show is titled "Fair and Unbalanced" and will touch on all elements of pop culture, Moore said, though maybe not in an entirely polite way.

"Anything your mother told you not to talk about at the dinner table," Moore said, "that's what they will be poking fun at."

The performance includes scripted elements like sketches and songs, according to the group's press release, and other elements will get the audience involved.

"It is going to be, at the very least, a lot of fun," Randle said. "It will be a great experience, one you'll enjoy."

Tickets can be purchased at the SUB for \$12, and students get one free ticket with a Tech ID.

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Students skate back to '70s

By BAILEY EILAND
STAFF WRITER

The disco lights are flashing, the skates are rolling and the music is blasting. Suddenly, it feels like 1970.

Texas Tech Activities Board hosted a disco night at the Southwest Sportsplex skating rink Wednesday night. Tech students were encouraged to attend this free event and to wear '70s-themed costumes for a contest.

Electronic media and communications major Ashlie Haas is the TAB special programs coordinator who headed the event. The senior from Deer Park said the theme was picked because skating, disco and the '70s all go hand-in-hand.

The event took a lot of planning and marketing so students would attend, Haas said.

"We're using students' money to bring programming," she said. "It's a great way for students to get to skate and have fun with their friends for free."

To get word out about the disco party, Haas said two TAB committee members dressed up in '70s costumes and passed out flyers in the Student Union Building. Tiffany Hua, a freshman biology major from Austin, was one of the helpers.

"I put on a wig and a giant, colorful, shiny shirt to hand out flyers," Hua said. "It was really embarrassing, but hopefully it worked because I am excited to see everyone in costume tonight."

Although she lacked the costume, early childhood edu-

cation major Yolanda Rendon was full of excitement about the activities.

"I'm really looking forward to the crazy '70s crowd that is going to come," the senior from Slaton said.

Desirae Dalton, a freshman environmental engineering major, also attended the event. Dalton said had she known the theme was disco, she would have gone all out with a costume.

"Honestly, I am probably going to fall on

my butt over and over again," she said, "but it's going to be really fun!"

Dalton may not be an avid skater, but she said she was still going to try to improve and have fun doing so.

"It's entertaining when you're bad at something, but you are not going to learn how to do things sitting around," the student from Louisville, Ky., said.

The Southwest Sportsplex closed the skating rink so TAB could rent it for Tech students only. The complex employers said they hoped the event would attract more Tech students to their skate rink in the future.

Guillermo Villagomez, an employee at the sports complex, said he was more than happy to host the Tech students.

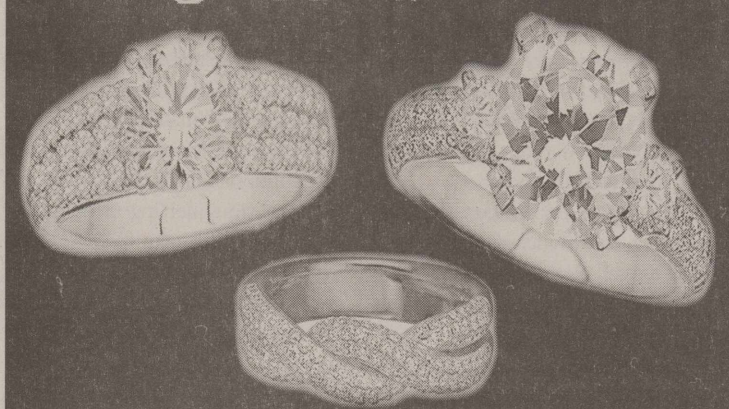
"I want to see a whole bunch of Tech students go crazy on the skate rink and dance to the disco," Villagomez said.

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To understand concealed carry, read the legislation

Modern political discourse follows a predictable pattern: An issue faces the nation, specific legislation is introduced in the legislature, the specifics of the legislation are completely ignored and the debate takes place based on the assumptions the pundits and misinformed public make about the general subject matter.

This leads to a widening of the gaps between the various sides, which, by making wild assumptions, assume that common ground has been abandoned, leaving only the extremes as options.

Few debates typify this pattern as well as the recent bill before the Texas Legislature (HB00750), which would allow those who already possess concealed handgun licenses to carry their concealed handguns into buildings on university campus buildings.

As with most debates that touch topics deeply personal to so many, the discourse has abandoned the constraints of the bill awaiting passage and concentrated on the wild assumptions made by those who have not taken the time to even read the proposed legislation nor studied the problem in question with sufficient depth to grasp even a basic understanding of its implications.

A core argument against the bill centers on the immaturity of college

Jeff Frazier



students and allowing people so young to carry a concealed weapon.

This demonstrates ignorance of the entire process of obtaining a concealed carry permit, which requires the applicant be at least 21 years old. This by itself eliminates most college students from obtaining the license necessary to bring the concealed weapon anywhere in the state, much less into university buildings.

Additionally, according to state statistics, concealed carry license holders are 14 times less likely than the general public to commit a crime of any sort, and even less likely than that to commit crimes involving their weapons. They have volunteered to undergo a rigorous process of training and legal red tape, including a thorough criminal background check in order to obtain the license, and generally have a healthy respect for the power that weapon holds and the inherent responsibilities that go along with that power.

Opponents of the bill also hold

that allowing concealed carry holders to keep their guns in the dorms presents a significant danger, as the Virginia Tech Massacre demonstrated, which would constitute a salient point if it were not for two stubborn facts.

First, the age requirement disallows most dorm-dwelling students from carrying a concealed weapon in the first place, and second, the bill specifically addresses the dormitory problem, allowing each university in the state to make their own decision as to the presence of concealed handguns in dormitories.

This type of political discourse demonstrates the level of ignorance that permeates the American public and contributes to the false sense of extreme partisanship that does not actually represent the positions of the opposition. Assuming the worst and neglecting research on the proposed legislation results in one side railing against the other for points they have already conceded and were not considering.

Thus, a reasonable action taken by one side is ignored, and they are slandered in the media as if they had never made such concessions. This process only reduces that incentive to compromise — why should one side compromise if they will still be treated like partisan extremists?

The fault does not lie entirely with the public. Legislation can be

difficult to parse, and an understanding of the details of a bill can perplex even the legislators voting on it.

Here the fault lies with the media, which have an appalling track record of reporting the actual components of the legislation in question, choosing instead to report on the controversy and let each side make broad ideological arguments on the general subject at hand.

While heated arguments over the merits of a general issue generate ratings, they do little to inform the public about the actual law to be voted upon by the legislature, which will affect the lives of the audience far more than the ideological debate.

In order to restore modern American political discourse to a place of reasonable discussion, it is imperative media outlets not neglect their duty to report the facts of the proposed legislation and not rely on wild speculation about the results of policies that are not on the table to begin with or based on assumptions not in line with the fact that legislation is based on.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Issues buried under names in SGA elections

After being contacted about how important voting in the Student Government Association elections is to the fellow student, I got to wondering: Is it really crucial to my experience here at Texas Tech? If I chose to decline my right, would my last year here be devastating?

I have been solicited by Facebook, text, phone, e-mail, etc. Every form of modern technology has gotten blown up with SGA reminders. But it is never the actual candidates telling me about their goals or values — it is a sibling, friend, roommate or significant other.

In fact, last night, one young man messaged me on Facebook, saying Candidate A and B are two of my best friends, so I should support them.

Well, I really like my neighbor, but that does not mean I want him working on my dog. I expect a well-qualified veterinarian to check it out. I believe those in office should be well-qualified. However, I cannot say whether any of those who are running are.

It seems to me the SGA elections have come down to nothing more than voting on a name. The only thing candidates are concerned about is getting their names out there.

"Oh, yeah! I heard of them,

so, sure, I'll check that box." Or, "My friend had class with her last semester." I do not feel this election is anything more than a popularity contest or resume builder.

Some tell me it is actually important. Then it should be treated like it is important. Students should know who they are voting for and what they stand for.

The only way I can be informed is by a small paragraph next to each person's name when I log in. And even then, three candidates had the same bio for three different positions. How does that tell me anything?

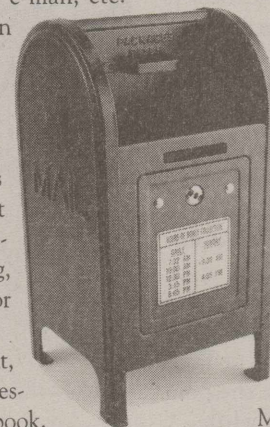
I have asked numerous people if they have voted.

Many said "Heck no!" Others said yes. When I asked them why they voted for that particular candidate, they responded, "Because that is who my club or friend endorsed."

The rest did not even vote themselves; their "girlfriend voted for them."

I am not putting any of the running candidates down, I am simply stating I feel the process by which the elections are held is nothing more than "monkey business."

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Chivalry shouldn't be allowed to die

Men, in general, don't seem to act as men anymore. From the lack of chivalry to certain mannerisms, the values men once held, almost as a requirement to enter manhood, seem to no longer be of any importance.

Who is to blame for this change in history?

Is the high divorce rate to blame? A recent conversation with my peers gave many of them a chance to voice their opinions. The general consensus was that a man living solely with his mother would have a hard time picking up subtle male mannerisms. For that matter, it is only the small details making men and women different from one another.

The way many small children learn is by seeing someone perform a behavior and then repeating it. If a young boy is mimicking his mother and other women, he is repeating what is typically thought of as female behaviors.

A woman can teach a young boy many things. One thing she can't teach him is something she has never experienced. Just as a father could never understand what it feels like to be a teenage girl with raging hormones and out-of-whack emotions, a mother could never understand the struggles of a young man. Mothers have never been men.

Is it the fault of the independent woman that men no longer open doors or pull out chairs? Many women have been taught to be able to stand on their own two feet. They have been taught they can do anything a man can do. And they have been taught the idea of depending on a man is as dangerous as skating on thin ice. It would be must safer to just not do it.

The new-age woman being able to take care of herself is no excuse to act like less of a man or to treat her like less of a woman. It's the small things that separate a boy from a man. Women should always be treated delicately.

Women should also allow men to treat them as women. There is fault found in both parties.

Is today's world becoming more androgynous and in the process leading

Jaira Keys



men to believe it is just divine to erase the line between masculine and feminine behaviors?

The world is changing so much. Individuals tend to be more accepting of different lifestyle choices. Perhaps at this time in our lives and at this moment, where the idea of change is so powerful, there is no longer a need to specify any behavior as male or female.

While there may not be a need to define an individual's behavior as masculine or feminine when he or she is single, there is, in fact, a need to define it if a relationship comes into play.

Being in a male-female relationship, most individuals would want that masculine-feminine dynamic. Everyone has to play his or her individual role. While in a relationship, we tend to not want to date people who are just like us. The same would go for dating someone who has feminine mannerisms if you are a woman and masculine behaviors if you are male.

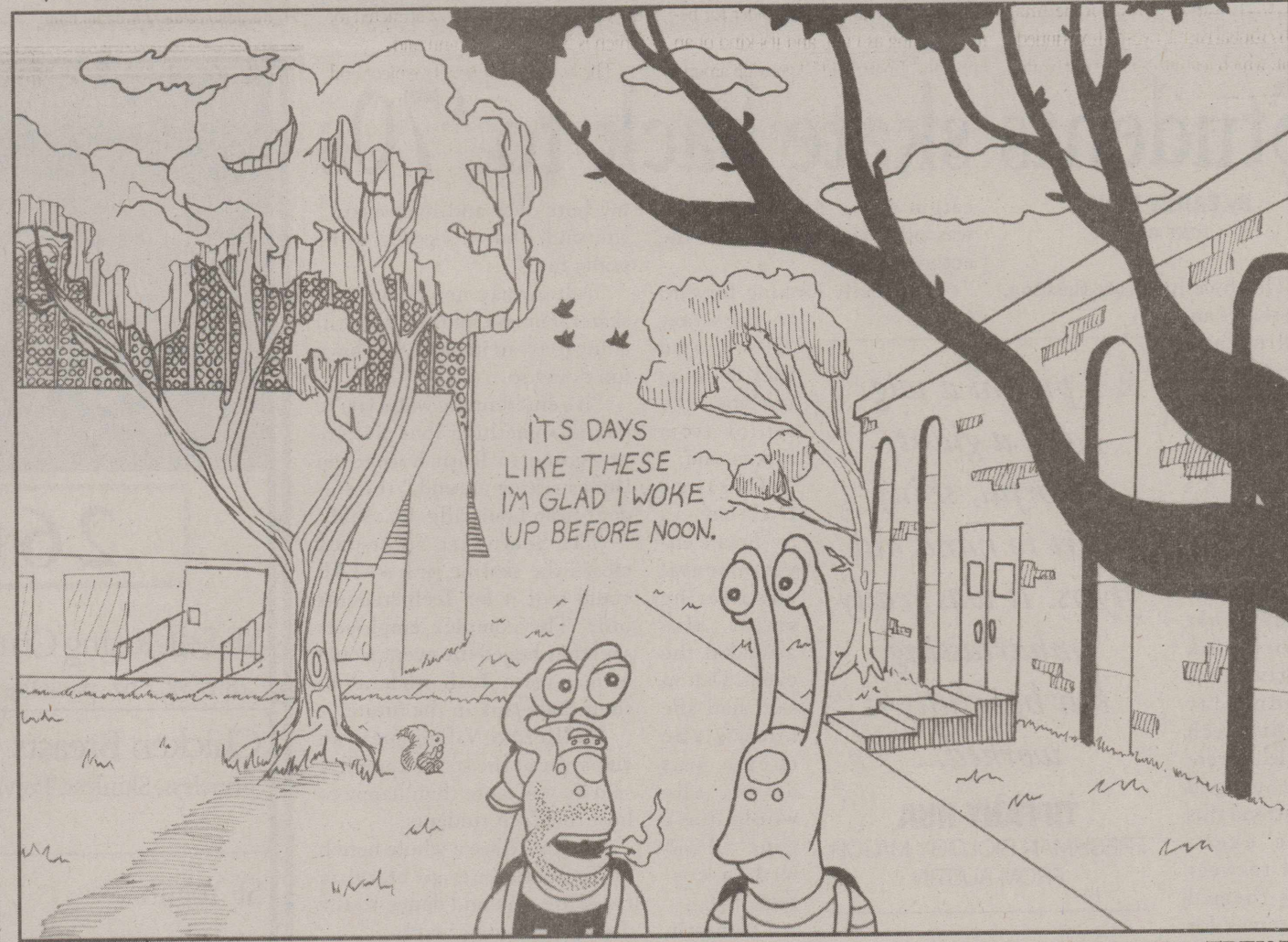
Most women want to feel safe and secure with their partner. Many men want to be able to protect their significant other. It is time for men to step up and act in that capacity and for women to give their men a chance to be that protector, provider and confidant.

Perhaps these ideas of manliness are age-old and we should look to the future. Even if those days are in the past, the future seems promising.

It is often said history repeats itself. Hopefully that particular time in history will roll around rather quickly and things can fundamentally go back to the way they once were.

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Facebook 'shares' too much personal user information

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Ten years ago, cell phones were a luxury used primarily for business calls.

Today, children have cell phones capable of navigating the Internet, holding gigabytes of music and reading full books.

We're happy to see technology advancing, but believe we should be able to choose if our personal information remains private.

Facebook recently decided to create an online phonebook that aggregates mobile phone numbers

of Facebook friends and those in your physical cell phone.

Without warning, personal cell phone numbers were made available to anyone with access to your page. There's a difference between friending 800 people and wanting 800 people to have your cell phone number.

Another cellular invasion of privacy was announced Monday by AT&T Inc. It will use cell phones' location-sensing technology to send customers ads and coupons based on location.

While this technology is can only pinpoint users to within a one-mile area and doesn't use a physical address, we

feel this treads too closely to physically tracking users.

Some users may find this a cool new feature, but we still have a problem with corporations handing out our personal information for financial gains.

We envision numerous unrequested interruptions during class, work and personal time alerting us about the best deals on Campus Corner. While everyone is interested in knowing about great deals, AT&T shouldn't be allowed to send us the information without consent.

To prevent unsolicited notices, customers should be able to opt out of

receiving information.

AT&T and Facebook should e-mail or send messages to all of its users whenever changes will be made.

We should be asked what information we want to provide and receive, not be forced to find where on our Facebook pages we need to go to remove our phone numbers or what number we need to call to stop receiving cell phone advertisements.

Facebook, and all entities that have our personal information, should ask us what information we wish to provide instead of assuming we would willingly share it.

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Texas Tech basketball travels to A&M for final regular season game

By **TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**
NEWS EDITOR

Pat Knight said one of Texas Tech basketball's big problems this season was the way it started games.

On Wednesday, the Red Raiders seemed to rectify their slow-start problem — at least for one game. The result: a 26-point win against Oklahoma.

Right from the start, forward Mike Singletary said, Tech was ready to put on a show for senior night. The Red Raiders opened the game on a 9-0 run and never looked back.

"When we all play like that, it's really fun to watch, and it's really fun to just sit back there and just watch us all just work together," he said after the game.

Tech brought a 20-point lead into the half against the Sooners, its biggest halftime advantage of the season.

With high expectations of the Red Raiders coming into the season, Tech has lost a handful of games in the final minute.

"We weren't really consistent throughout the year with everybody playing each game, and we know that," guard John Roberson said after the win, "but we have a lot of basketball to be played."

"So, I mean, this is a good game for us to just look at how we did this and watch the film, see what we did right and see what we did wrong, and, you know, just let this game help us going into the A&M

game and to the Big 12 (Conference) tournament."

Even though the Red Raiders (13-17, 5-10 in Big 12 play) will likely need to win the Big 12 tournament next weekend to earn an NCAA Tournament berth, Knight said Wednesday's blowout win was a good example of Tech's ability to win games.

But Knight still lamented the result of many of the close games the Red Raiders lost this season.

"People can say what they want about this team, but it's pretty obvious to play like they did (Wednesday) and the type of season we had, and so, yeah, I think they'll give a good run at it at A&M, and then we got the tournament to see what we can do," Knight said Wednesday.

Tech's final chance to earn momentum heading into the Big 12 tournament is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in College Station.

The No. 24 Aggies (22-7, 9-6) beat Tech 70-67 Feb. 5 in Lubbock. Knight said even close losses can give a team confidence considering the quality of the opponent.

All six seniors on Tech's roster played like a cohesive unit Wednesday, which is reason enough to be confident heading into Saturday's game, forward D'Walyn Roberts said after Wednesday's win.

"It just shows what we can do and just carry it on," Roberts said. "We have a kind of problem with being consistent, and so we just gotta stay focused and just try to win this last one."

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TEXAS TECH'S MIKE Singletary shoots over a Sooners defender Wednesday in Tech's 84-58 win in United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders face No. 24 Texas A&M at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in College Station.

Softball hosts classic

By **EVAN JANSA**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's unblemished record will be challenged again this weekend.

The No. 20 Red Raiders host Dayton (5-4) and Howard (3-3) in the Red Raider Classic this weekend. Tech (16-0) hits the field at 1 p.m. Friday against the Bison.

The Red Raiders look to build on the success they had last weekend in the Jeannine McHaney Memorial Classic — during the course of the three-day event, Tech notched five wins and scored 48 runs.

Stellar offense has been a staple for the Red Raiders this season, with junior infielder Logan Hall leading the way.

Hall was named Big 12 Player of the Week Tuesday for her performance last weekend. She totaled three home runs, 16 RBIs and batted .583 to earn the prestigious honor.

She said that she was excited about the award and that the prodigious amounts of runs were a result of the team taking what the opposing pitcher gave them.

"We just focus on getting our runs in," Hall said. "We're really good at executing and being able to hit the ball where it's pitched. We just think about hitting the ball hard somewhere."

Coach Shannon Hays said Hall had a good week, but the whole lineup contributed.

That kind of team effort sparked Tech's 16-game winning streak. Emily Bledsoe said it's all coming together for the Red Raiders

at the plate, and rallies have been a key part of that.

"One person starts it and the whole team just jumps on the bandwagon," Bledsoe said. "That's always helpful. It's just a matter of the first person doing it."

The bats may need to be hot against Dayton and Howard this weekend — the Flyers are riding a four-game winning streak, while Howard enters the tournament as winners of their previous three games.

Hays said offense and pitching will be crucial for his team.

"The top part of (Dayton's) lineup has really been swinging the bat well," Hays said. "We're going to have to pitch well. Both of these teams can score runs."

If Brittany Talley is in the circle for the Red Raiders, they shouldn't be too concerned. Last weekend the freshman was named Top Pitcher in the tournament. She's 5-0 this season and has tacked on 22 strikeouts.

"We weren't expecting her to throw this well this early," Hays said. "She moves the ball around well. When you've got good movement and you can change speeds and stay in the strike zone, you give yourself a chance to win."

Hall said Talley's contributions and those of the other new players are a main reason Tech still is riding the longest win streak in school history.

"We've come a long way, especially from last year," Hall said. "We have newcomers that came in this year that have done amazing for us. We're a really good team, and things are just going to get better for us."

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Red Raiders featured in Texas exhibit

By **LAUREN FERGUSON**
STAFF WRITER

Usually when walking through an art exhibit, students glide through, glancing at or slowing in front of certain pieces hanging flat on the wall. This is not the case in the Rockport Center for the Arts Fourth Annual Rising Eyes of Texas juried exhibit, which features a variety of work.

Forty students from 16 different art schools across the state of Texas, seven of whom are from the Texas Tech School of Art and specialize in various avenues, are exhibiting their work in the competition.

Seeking college-level students who have found their place in the art world, the center does not discriminate against any type of media.

"We look primarily for artists that are starting to find their own voice, and a lot of time we will look for artists who have a cohesive body of work instead of just experimenting with different types of approaches," John Aäsp, visual arts director and curator for Rockport Center for the Arts, said. "Those are the

stronger students."

Carl Spartz, a senior studio art major from Odessa, submitted two pieces and had one selected for the show. The piece, "Old Timer," combines different papers, inks and charcoals to convey an overall theme of generational gaps.

"My dad's fairly old or older for being as young as I am, and it's kind of an anomaly," Spartz said. "I grew up around a lot of older men, and I grew up in a large generational gap. So this is kind of a tribute piece to the objects and places and people that remind me of this gap."

He believes entering competitions is a good way to build your resume for future endeavors.

"The more shows you are in, the more you learn about shows, how to submit, hang and everything," Spartz said. "Experience is very, very important."

Robin Germany, associate professor of art in photography, also emphasized the importance of experience but made a point that Tech students are fully competitive with students from art schools across the state of Texas.

After advice from Germany, Caitlin Grann, an interdisciplinary studies master's student from Arlington, submitted "Melva Burns - Nara Visa, N.M."

"(The piece is) a book that mixes photography and cartography to map the relationship between Melva Burns and the environment she's most attracted to, which is Nara Visa," Grann said.

The book is an interactive piece and is just one of the many interesting pieces on display, Grann said after getting the chance to travel to Rockport and drop her piece off in person.

The competition is juried by Risa Pulco, curator of contemporary art at the Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas in Austin. Rockport Center for the Arts looks for jurors who have experience in contemporary art as well as experience in many different fields, Aäsp said.

Aäsp applauded Tech for the number of submissions in the competition and the quality of work coming from the school.

Other students featured in the exhibit are Annie DeLaRosa, Bruce Alves III, Ryu-Hee Kim, John-Thomas Richard

and Josh Mixaydy.

"I'm always really impressed with what we get from Tech every year," Aäsp said. "The general impression that you get when you leave (the exhibit) is that you have seen some of the best work coming out of Texas art programs."

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Red Raiders begin three-game series against TCU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Barrett Barnes is not all that excited about playing No. 10 TCU at 5:30 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Not that the Texas Tech center fielder is not looking forward to playing the Horned Frogs — he just wants to have his emotions in check for what will be the Red Raiders' (8-2) toughest challenge to date.

And he hopes his teammates do the same.

"Usually when you get pumped up like that and everyone's jumping around, that's when you start making mistakes, start overplaying, overtrying," Barnes said Wednesday, "and that's when things start going downhill. So hopefully everybody stays calm and we just come out and play a normal baseball game and not try to play TCU but just play the game of baseball itself."

Typically, having to rebound from a loss against a ranked team is inconvenient, but the Horned Frogs (4-3) enter their three-game series against Tech on a three-game skid.

The losing streak consists of two losses to Cal State Fullerton and one to Dallas Baptist.

TCU began the season ranked No. 1 in the Collegiate Baseball Poll and No. 3 by Baseball America, coming off a 2010 season that ending a College World Series run.

A loss to UCLA ended the Horned Frogs' run, falling one win short of reaching the championship series.

Tech shortstop Kelby Tomlinson said he believes TCU, arguably, is the best opponent they will confront all season, not just in nonconference play.

"They'll be the best — supposedly the best team we face," Tomlinson said, "but they'll give us a good chance to see



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S REID Redman tags out UNLV's Brandon Bayardi on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

how we are."

The biggest key to a Tech victory may be the batting order — in the Red Raiders' losses to Northwestern and UNLV, the offense produced just three runs.

In Tech's eight wins, the lineup averages 9.1 runs.

Against Northwestern, the Tech offense produced its run total with three one-run innings, while opting to score three runs one innings against UNLV.

To make matters worse, the TCU pitching rotation is regarded as one of the best in the country, led by a former first-round pick of the Texas Rangers, sophomore Matt Purke.

Purke was drafted No. 14 overall by the Rangers coming out of high school and was honored as consensus National Freshman of the Year after earning a school-record 16

wins and recording 142 strikeouts.

Purke is scheduled to pitch Sunday. The Red Raiders' first obstacle is junior Kyle Winkler, who finished 2010 with a 12-3 record as a starter with a 3.39 ERA.

Saturday's TCU starter, Steven Maxwell, may be overlooked considering the hype surrounding Purke. Maxwell led the staff with a 2.70 ERA in 2010 and was named the 2010 Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Year.

But Tomlinson said when the Red Raider offense is on the top of its game, a vast amount of runs could be scored on any opposing staff.

"I feel like if we get on base, we can make it a high-scoring game," Tomlinson said. "That was what we struggled with (Wednesday), was getting the leadoff hitters on. If we can do that, against any team,

I feel like we can run and get it rolling and score a lot of runs against any team."

Whether or not TCU is Tech's toughest opponent remains to be seen, since the Red Raiders eventually face the like of No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 9 Texas A&M and No. 12 Texas.

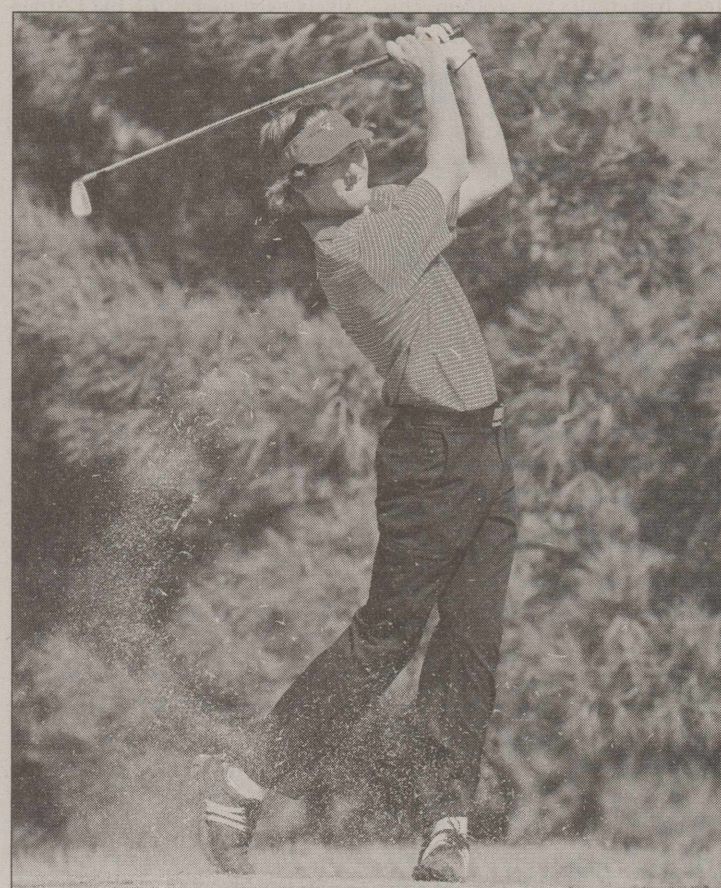
Barnes' focus, though, is squarely on this weekend's slate.

Barnes said the players in the batting order are not too caught up in the prowess of TCU's hurlers; they are just concentrated on carrying out their job.

"They still got to throw strikes; we still have to have a good approach for nine innings for the entire weekend," Barnes said. "It's going to be fun to have all the people here and play a ranked team, but it's just another ball game."

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Tyler Weworski awarded Big 12 Golfer of the Month



Texas Tech's Tyler Weworski was named Big 12 Golfer of the Month on Wednesday for his February performances.

Tech coach Greg Sands attributes Weworski's rash of good play to the junior's time spent during winter break with his "mental coach," focusing on the mental aspects of the game.

The junior said the key to his success has been his positive attitude.

"Just mental game, really keeping my head positive, staying really positive out there, having fun, not putting so much pressure on myself," Weworski said Tuesday. "Playing just for the team, not myself. I'm just having a good time out there."

Weworski has been a key to the team's success with his play this spring. He led the No. 13 Red Raiders to their first title of the season Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 in San Antonio.

In the tournament, Weworski finished tied for third after shooting back-to-back rounds of 67 and 76 on the final day.

The 65 he shot on day two of the tournament was the third-lowest single-round score in program history.

Weworski has stepped up this season, Sands said, and he helps the team more than just on the course.

"It hasn't been just a sporadic thing, it's been almost every time he's teed it up; he's led by his numbers," he said, "and I think he's kind of an emotional leader. He's a fiery guy, he likes to express his opinions, and that really helps the team."

Weworski's next opportunity to continue his streak is March 11 through March 13 when the team competes at the 2011 Southern Highlands Collegiate tournament in Las Vegas.

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Lady Raiders set to take on No. 18 Oklahoma in regular season finale

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

Saturday marks the final time

Texas Tech senior Teena Wickett will run through the smoke and out of the tunnel in United Spirit Arena.

Wickett, Tech's lone senior, is starting in the Lady Raiders' home season finale against No. 18 Oklahoma at 2 p.m.

The fans should come out to honor Wickett, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"It's senior day with Teena, and only having one senior, it's a special day," she said Monday. "We need everybody out here at 2, because you're bringing a team in that's so much fun to watch, and hopefully we're going to be fun to watch against them."

The Sooners (20-9, 10-5 in Big 12 Conference play) are coming in with momentum after beating in-state rival Oklahoma State, 81-66, on Wednesday.

OU's victory came after a heartbreaking 82-81 loss to No. 3 Baylor on Saturday, during

which senior guard Danielle Robinson had a chance to win the game at the buzzer.

A last-second layup would not go as the ball sat on the front of the rim and then rolled off as time expired.

Robinson did not let this get her down as she scored 14 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds against the Cowgirls in her final game in Lloyd Noble Center.

The senior leads the Sooners in scoring, averaging 18.8 points per game, and looks to have another big game against Tech (20-9, 7-8).

In their first meeting Jan. 19, Robinson went for 16 points, and freshman guard Aaryn Ellenberg scored a team-high 24 points in a 71-61 Sooner victory.

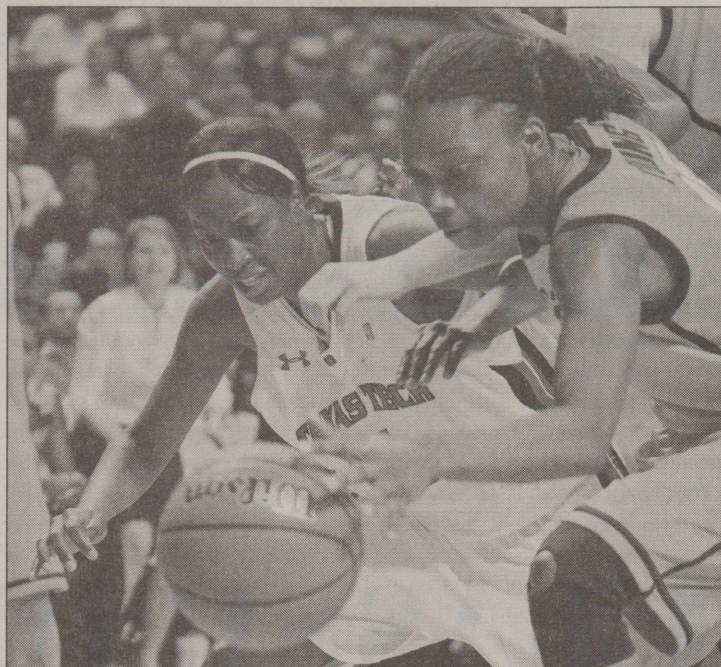


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEENA WICKETT GOES for the ball during a 57-48 win against OSU.

So as Robinson brings a close to her career, another clutch player in Ellenberg is there to take her place.

Having such a deep lineup is exactly what the Lady Raiders need to prepare for, Tech guard Chynna Brown said Monday,

especially Robinson.

"They'll come in ready to go; they have great shooters," the sophomore said. "Danielle Robinson is really the main part of their team, and she gets everyone going. I know it'll be a good challenge, and we all just look forward to it."

The Lady Raiders look to finish the season on a positive note after getting blown out by Texas, 83-59, on Wednesday night in Austin.

The loss marks the second time this season Tech got a key victory and then turned around to get beat by 24 points. The Lady Raiders lost to No. 5 Texas A&M, 84-60, Feb. 22 after upsetting No. 3 Baylor at home only three days earlier.

Saturday's game is one of Tech's final opportunities to bolster its tournament hopes and the possibility of a higher seeding in the Big 12 tournament next week.

It has been an up and down season for the Lady Raiders, but Tech guard Casey Morris said being positive has helped this team through all the highs and lows.

"The losses have been hard, but the wins have been exciting," she said Monday. "But we've been trying to aim towards to stay positive throughout the whole thing, and we have been."

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