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Tech eliminates 3 top admin jobs

Shonrock, Elkins, Childress let go; leadership flow restructured

By JON ARNOLD MANAGING EDITOR

Three administrative positions within the Department of Student Affairs have been eliminated, according to a memo to the President's Administrative Council signed by Tech president

The Daily Toreador acquired a copy of the memo, which states the positions of senior vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs along with two associate vice president

positions in the department are eliminated ef-

fective Monday. Bailey said the cuts were based solely on financial rea-

SHONROCK "We're doing this because what we're trying to do is to create savings through administra-

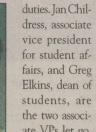
tive reductions rather than not teach-

ing courses and that kind of stuff," he

said via phone Monday night. "We're trying to make sure that our academic mission is sustained, and the best way to go

about doing this is by looking for cuts administratively rather than in

other areas.' Michael Shonrock, who filled the senior VP position, was relieved of his



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ate VPs let go, Chris Cook, Texas Tech direc-

tor of communications, confirmed. "Basically, right now the budget has been challenging, obviously, and the



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university's had to make some tough

calls and tough decisions," Cook said.

"And it's involved some good people,

but the one thing the university's tried

-Student Media

Departments now reporting to Kyle Clark (CFO):

-Student Union and Activities -University Student Housing

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to do is make sure it doesn't affect the students.'

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Graffiti found in Engineering Key



PHOTO BY BRENT SORELLE/The Daily Toreador POLICE WERE UNSURE Monday if graffiti found on the walls of several buildings in the Engineering Key following spring break were gang related.

Police unsure if gang related

By PRESTON REDDEN STAFF WRITER

Both Texas Tech Police and Tech students said they were shocked to find graffiti on the walls of a handful of engineering buildings when they returned to campus after spring break.

Capt. Mark Miller of the Texas Tech Police Department said graffiti was discovered in the engineering key

around 5 a.m. Friday.

Col. Kenny Evans, also with Tech Police, said he was surprised to discover the graffiti because Lubbock does not have a large graffiti problem. Evans said compared to Austin or Dallas, Lubbock has a "very small" graffiti problem. Evans said the graffiti included derogatory comments and stick figures.

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sales tax, new laws would have to be en-

acted to bypass the Supreme Court ruling

in 1992 that prohibits a state from forcing

businesses to collect sales tax unless the

Illinois governor Pat Quinn signed into action a law last week requiring online

retailers that partnered with businesses located within the state to charge a sales

tax and report the additional tax revenue

According to The Associated Press,

business has a physical presence.

Junior dedicates time, passion as SGA internal vice president-elect.

By BAILEY EILAND STAFF WRITER

After a long day of class, Alex Moore comes home to hang out with her roommate, catch an episode of "Law and Order" and try to get some shuteye before she begins meetings and homework in the morning.

For Student Government Association's newly elected internal vice president, it's a typical day. Between balancing school, SGA and her involvement in various organizations, the Texas Tech student still finds time to enjoy the everyday life of a college student.

"She is bubbly, energetic, is very social and makes friends with anyone she encounters,"

She is bubbly, energetic, is very social and makes friends with anyone she encounters. But she is also very driven in life and never loses sight of her goals."

Caitlin Hendricks Moore's roommate Caitlin Hendricks, Moore's roommate and a junior dance major from Katy, said. "But she is also very driven in life and never loses

Moore also described herself as loving to have fun.

sight of her goals."

"I'm a caring person who is hardworking and dedicated, but I also

don't take myself too seriously," the junior said in an email response. "I love to laugh and have fun with life."

True to her word, Moore displays both hard work and dedication at Tech. Aside from majoring in psychology, the student also is involved with a number of different organizations, including SGA and Alpha Phi. She said she has meetings almost every night.

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ALEX MOORE, A junior psychology major from Flower Mound, was elected as the 2011-2012 Student Government Association internal vice president.



States push for online sales tax For states to collect this additional

Collection would create revenue in wake of cuts

> By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to generate more revenue while facing large budget cuts, states are aiming to pass laws requiring a sales tax to be levied on purchases from online retailers such as Amazon.com and Overstock.com.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

24th Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: School of Art Galleries So, what is it?

This juried show for current undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Art is an exhibition of some of the best pieces produced within the academic year of 2010-11. The juror, Virginia Rutledge,

is an art historian and lawyer from New York who advises artists, authors, cultural organizations, collectors and dealers on intellec-

tual property, transactions and new enterprises. The show runs through April 3.

"Soul of Sand" Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Mass Communications, Room 101

So, what is it?

The Global Lens 2011 film series a showcase of 10 critically acclaimed narrative feature films from Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Argentina, Kyrgyzstan, India, Georgia, Brazil, Uruguay and Iran — will show throughout March, April and May.

Time: 10 p.m. Where: Bash Riprock's So, what is it? Come to Lubbock's oldest college bar and hear the sounds of this indie band from New York described as

electro/indie/trip hop

WEDNESDAY

Pottery Sale Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: SUB West Plaza, between SUB and Library So, what is it?

The Clay Club hosts its biannual pottery sale. Come early to pick out your favorite mug, bowl or teapot for Mother's Day, a present for graduation, or just something special for yourself. The sale will continue at 9 a.m. at the School of Art main entrance fover.

Seminar: I want a job in London, Brazil, etc. Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: University Career Services So, what is it?

Learn how to develop an effective international job search. Call 806-742-2210 for questions.

To make a calendar submission e-mail dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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 publica-

Correction

Ball: Tech hires Gillispie," Tech regrets the error.

In the fourth paragraph of athletic director Kirby Hocutt's Monday's article entitled "Billy name was misspelled. The DT

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"There has always been graffiti in downtown Lubbock," Evans said. "However, graffiti on the Tech campus is very rare."

Miller said he did not know whether or not the graffiti was gang related. He also could not say why Tech, especially the engineering department, was targeted. He said grounds maintenance would be the ones in charge of cleanup and would probably use a power washer on the graffiti.

Multiple engineering students said they were shocked and embarrassed by the graffiti. Justin Felderhoff, a junior mechanical engineering major from Montgomery, said he was upset by the graffiti.

"It is pretty terrible that someone would deface the campus like that," Felderhoff said. "There are plenty of other ways to express yourself that do not involve defacing property

Evans said the graffiti happened during spring break for multiple reasons. Evans said the campus is relatively empty during the weeklong break, and the culprit might have taken advantage of this opportunity. Evans also said since school was out last week, students had more time on their hands, and a student might have gotten bored and sprayed the

Jeff Sammons, senior editor at the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, said he noticed the graffiti on Friday. Sammons said he was surprised to see the graffiti because it is not something normally see on campus. Sammons also said there are security cameras where the key was defaced, and the culprit has a good chance of being caught.

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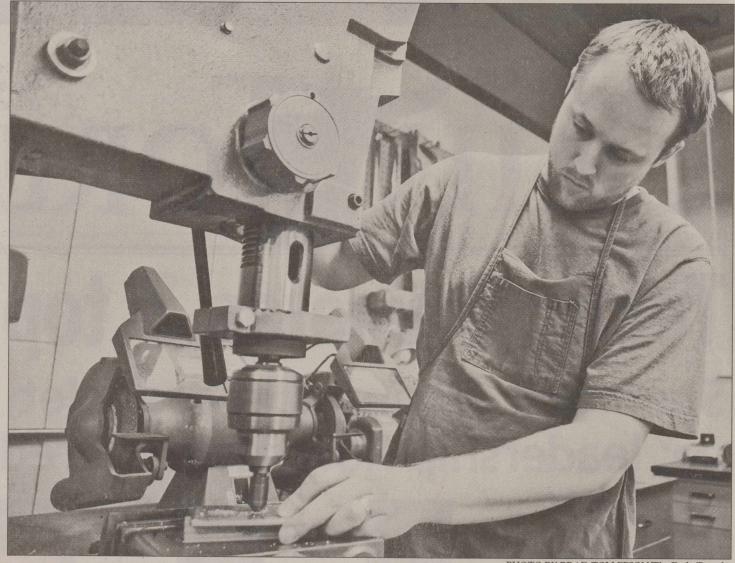


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreadon

DUSTIN WALLACE, A senior technician and Texas Tech alumnus from Lubbock, countersinks holes for an electronics box Monday in the Chemistry building.

BLOTTER

Footprints left on Mathematics building wall

March 7

3:07 p.m. – A Texas Tech officer investigated criminal mischief in the R-11 parking lot. A vehicle's front door was keyed.

March 8

11:24 a.m. - A Tech officer responded to a medical emergency at the Biology building. A student was feeling faint and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room.

March 9

8:31 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated the theft of a wallet, iPhone and other items at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Basketball Court No. 6.

10:41 p.m. - A Tech officer

toxication at Wall Residence Hall. The student also is under investigation for aggravated robbery and criminal mischief. He was issued a criminal trespass warning and was transported driver's license. to the Lubbock County Jail.

March 10

8:36 a.m. – A Tech officer investigated graffiti at Murdough Residence Hall. An unknown person wrote on the wall with a permanent marker.

March 12

12:18 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a non-student for an outstanding Lubbock County warrant and for possession of cocaine after a bicycle stop in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue.

March 13 4:21 a.m. – A Tech officer detained

was issued a citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and was released. The student also was cited for possession of more than one valid

March 14

2:30 a.m - A Tech officer documented and issued a criminal trespass warning to two non-students who were urinating on the wall outside Carpenter Wells Residence Hall.

10:30 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief at the Mathematics building. An unknown person scaled the wall, leaving footprints on it.

Wednesday

2:55 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief at the Texas Tech Research Farm on Quakarrested a student for public in- a student in Wall Hall. The student er Avenue. Two John Deere cotton

strippers had windows broken out. Sunday

1:40 a.m. - A Tech officer documented property damage at Gates Hall. Seven ceiling tiles and 20 nameplates were damaged.

12:30 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a burglary at Hulen Residence Hall. The dining hall door and a safe were pried open, and money was taken from the safe.

Monday

4 p.m. - A Tech officer detained five non-students following a traffic violation on University Avenue. The non-students were illegal immigrants from Mexico. The Department of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol arrived and took custody of them.

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When she is not busy, Moore likes to wind down by watching television and hanging out with friends in her free time.

'She loves reality TV," Hendricks said. "We love to watch the 'Real Housewives of Orange County' and 'The Bachelor."

Moore also likes being active and can often be found taking Zumba classes. Along with Zumba, some of her favorite things include "Law and Order;" "Center Stage" and the book "Pride and Prejudice." She said Italian food is her favorite, especially baked ziti and lasagna.

When she is not in school, Moore goes home to Flower Mound to spend quality time with her family. She has a sister who plays soccer at Louisiana Monroe, two stepsisters and a stepbrother. Her family also extends to include her three dogs: Shorty, Jazzy and Raider.

Amelia Martin, a Tech history alumna of 2010, served as both a mentor and friend to Moore during her time at Tech. Martin was not only Moore's pledge trainer and sorority sister for Alpha Phi, but also was a senator for SGA and showed Moore

'The beauty about Alex Moore is that she has mastered the art of being a well-rounded student at Texas Tech," Martin said. "She is able to balance her social and academic life very well."

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The alumna said while balancing her busy schedule, Moore has managed to give back to the university through SGA as well as the other organizations she is involved in.

In giving back to Tech through SGA, Moore said she has a number of goals.

"All in all, I want to make sure that the senate runs more smoothly this year and that students feel that the SGA is an avenue they can use to help enact change at our university," the internal vice president said.

Other ways the officer gives back to the university is through the advice she gives to fellow students, she said.

"Never give up," Moore said. "The most difficult goals to achieve are often times the most rewarding to obtain."

Following her own advice, Moore plans to go through law school and become a corporate lawyer in the future. That is, of course, if she does not follow her dream career of being a weather woman and moving to California where the weather is always perfect, she said.

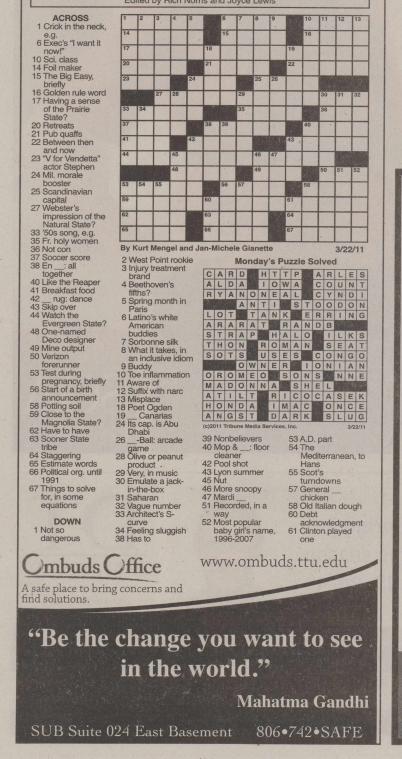
Moore gears up with this type of humor because she said embarrassing things happen to her on a daily basis. It is important not to take things too seriously, she said.

"I am incredibly clumsy, so I slip and fall all the time," she said. "I've learned to just shake it off and laugh about it."

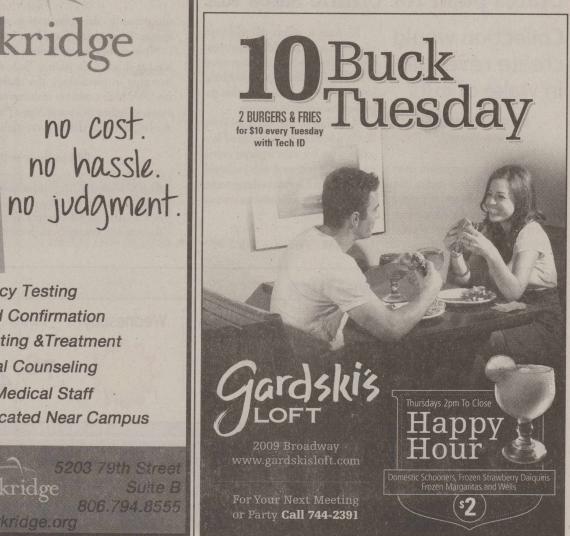
One thing Moore does take seriously, she said, is her role at Tech. She attributes the person she is today to the people and experiences she has had at the university.

"Her loyalty, love and dedication to the university are evident in her everyday life," Martin said. "What more could you ask for in a leader and role model?"

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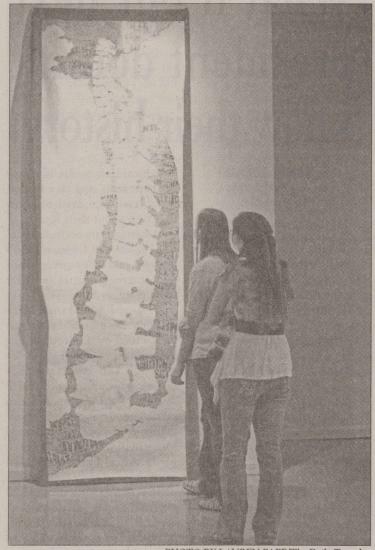


PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador CATIE POWE, A junior studio art major from Midland, and Allison Masaki, a senior studio art major from Sugar Land, look at other Tech students' artwork in the Landmark Gallery in the Art building on Monday.

online shopping, since it is so easy and

convenient," she said. "People might hate

it and complain, but we're just going to

change in people's buying behavior,

Cloninger said the additional sales tax

still seems very unfair given the current

cuts are being made all over the state, the

addition of a sales tax to online shopping

seems like the least of our worries right

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Although there may not be a large

"I don't think it's fair, but since budget

end up accepting it."

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now," she said.

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The Illinois Department of Revenue estimates the new law could help to bring in an additional \$170 million in previously uncollected sales tax revenue

during the fiscal year 2012.

The idea of collecting sales tax from online retailers isn't necessarily a new one. California lawmakers passed a bill in 2009 similar to the one Illinois just

enacted, but the governor vetoed it.

If Texas were to pass an online sales tax law, many Lubbock residents and Texas Tech students would be forced to shell out extra cash in order to shop at some of their foverite stores not offered.

shell out extra cash in order to shop at some of their favorite stores not offered locally in the city.

Abbey Vilardo, a junior public relations major from Orlando, Fla., said charging a sales tax on online purchases

will make it more costly than buying locally, especially when you factor in shipping.

The convenience of purchasing items

The convenience of purchasing items online, Vilardo said, will keep people from abandoning online shopping completely.

"I don't think there will be a decline in online shopping because the main reason we do it is because it's convenient," she said, "and for those of us in Lubbock and surrounding small towns, there are a lot of stores that aren't offered."

Kathleen Cloninger, an elementary school teacher with Frenship ISD, agreed there will not be a large change in the overall amount of online shopping since most people shop online for convenience.

"Even if a sales tax is added, I don't think that this will stop people from



Tent City expands after 1 week in new location

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

One week after Tent City's relocation, the village reached its largest population yet.

Lubbock's homeless, who caught the city's attention by sleeping in tents at Broadway and Avenue Q, recently moved to land donated by Link Ministries at Avenue A and 13th Street housing remnants of an old cotton gin.

Forty individuals now take refuge inside the chain link fence, and upcoming upgrades and renovations light up Tent City's future.

"As soon as we get the OK from the city permits, we will start," said Les Burrus, executive administrator for Link Ministries. "We'll have men and women's bathrooms with two showers and two toilets on both sides. We'll really bringing some needed amenities to the village as well as having some washer and dryers in the facilities to use.

"We'll have a place for them to come in and eat and for other ministry organizations to come in and bring food."

Existing structures on the property include a scale house with one usable bathroom without a shower that includes several rooms in need of updating, as well as the large cotton gin that will serve as a community hall once the floors are evened out.

"The scale house is the priority," Burrus said. "The next is then getting the old cotton gin cleaned out inside and smoothed down, so we'll put some picnic tables and different benches in there just for them to get out of the sun and have a place that's open air but provides protection from the weather."

As of now, Link Ministries picks up the utility bills, he said, and plans to continue to do so as long as it can afford to. The organization also plans to eventually divert all clothing donations to them first so the items

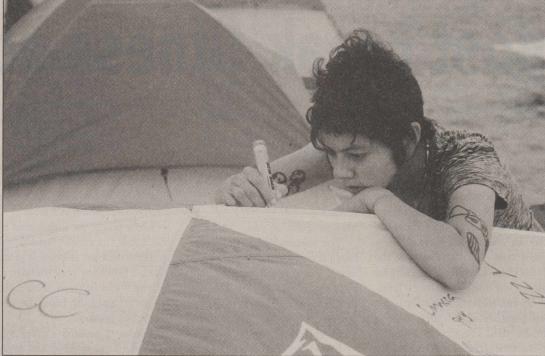


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JENNIFER, A TENT City resident decorates a tent Monday at the new location of Tent City at the intersection of 13th street and Avenue A.

Tent City residents to visit and claim what they want.

"(It's) so they don't have to store everything on site because it gets that it was a tree of the control of the con

everything on site because it gets chaotic when people just dump stuff there," Burrus said. "We want to bring some order to that."

With renovation projects starting

up within the next week, Tent City residents can't help but share their enthusiasm. Since the move on March 12, the population has increased and the flow of donations and visitors has remained steady.

"When we first moved here, it was a little quiet," said Cliff Van Loan, one of the village's managers, "but once they found us, people started coming in like they did at the park."

A nearby business owner donated bench kits for assembly, and one Lubbockite brought a gas grill. Food donations still pour in, Van Loan said, and for that they are very thankful,

can be sorted and placed in a store for and everyone seems pleased with the Tent City residents to visit and claim new spot.

"This is almost an ideal location, as far as I'm concerned," he said. "We are out of sight, next to downtown and not underneath anyone's feet."

One gate controls the traffic into the property, and Tent City managers lock it every night around 10 p.m. and open it around 5 a.m., Van Loan said. Individuals can come and go as they please, but the closure acts to protect from unwanted cars.

"It's not to lock the residents in but to keep unfamiliar cars out," he said. Residents still must abide by certain

Residents still must abide by certain rules and sign contracts like at the previous location, Van Loan said. The villagers do not tolerate unruly behavior.

"We feel the contract is a necessary

"We feel the contract is a necessary step," he said. "You have to agree to obey the rules to come into Tent City. It shows a willingness to work with others, because this is not a free ride.

"We are looking to encourage

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people to make improvements in their lives."

Four managers, including Van Loan, currently oversee the day-to-day operations of Tent City and meet with a board of advisers every Thursday.

The community has continued to work with its citizens to ensure a smooth relocation and continued growth. One example is a bus stop added at Broadway and Avenue A for easily accessible transportation.

"It's great because it shows city council really cares," Van Loan said.

Melissa Brown, a Tent City regular and a student at Kaplan College, said she appreciates the added bus route because it makes her commute to

Despite train noise and distance from the showers, Brown said she enjoys the new location.

"I like it because it's quiet and I feel safe here," she said.

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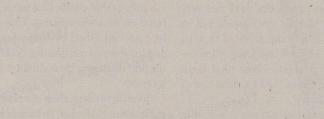
A faculty committee will judge the essays.

The winner will be announced by April 29, 2011.

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Tech, Lubbock boast useful post-break fitness activities

opring break is over. Some people just relaxed, some people drank too much, some got sunburned, but most are returning to their routine.

Spring is a great time to continue to improve your fitness; the trees have started blooming, the bluebonnets have come out in the hill country, the days are noticeably longer, and there are dozens of fitness events in the Lubbock area and all over the state for almost any interest and fitness level.

Events are coming up at Tech that will be fun and a good start for a spring fitness plan. The second session of group fitness classes started Monday. The boot camp class is going to be awesome, pushing all participants to make challenging goals and meet them before the semester ends. On April 2 at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, there is the Dash and Splash, a four-mile run with a 400-yard swim.

The following weekend, on April 10, Tech co-hosts a mountain bike race with beginner and challenging courses at the Martin Luther King mountain bike course.



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The remainder of April offers multiple races every weekend around Texas. There is a Scavenger Dash in Austin on April 3, the Bluebonnet Adventure Festival in Burnet on April 9 and the XTerra off-road triathlon April 17.

Easter weekend is not just for searching for painted eggs and chocolate bunnies. The Easter Hill Country Tour (ehct.com), founded in 1974 by the Lubbock Cycling Club, is April 22 through April 24. This is not a race, but rather multiple tours of varying distance through the hill country, based in Kerrville.

For more local events, the Caprock Multisport Club and the West Texas Cycling Club host and participate in several events throughout the spring. For those interested in particiLake hosts two triathlons, a sprint on distance. Use a watch with a repeat-May 15 and a half ironman on June ing timer for timed periods or physical 26, as well as a triathlon camp from May 12 through May 14. For travelers, that is a popular weekend for races throughout Texas, with the Muddy Buddy, the Oyster Urban Adventure Race and a triathlon in Austin.

Many people are intimidated by the words "race" and "triathlon," thinking these are impossible goals. These events are very friendly to beginners and amateurs, with many spectators cheering until the last participant finishes.

Joining a cause is a great way to form a support group and make friends who are interested in these types of activities. There are also companies that set up urban scavenger hunts, like the Great Race television series. Two of these are the Great Urban Race and Citysolve.

Basic plans for training for any of these events is to start small, writing down a goal, then breaking that one into even smaller goals. For any of the endurance events, interval training is an excellent preparation tool.

Start at an easy pace, then go all

objects, such as light posts or city blocks, for distance periods. Writing down training sessions is very effective for visualization and tracking of progress.

For those who aren't interested in races, the rec center has recently installed new pull-up and dip bars outside along the mile track near the tennis courts. Exercising outside is an excellent option for any fitness goal. Learning a new sport is another way to increase fitness options.

Any level of increased activity will help people improve their selfesteem, energy level and overall health. Remember sunscreen; having cancerous cells removed from your face is not a fun activity.

If your bicycle is less of a trusty and more like a rusty steed, get out the bike grease and take advantage of the spring before it all too soon becomes summer.

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What if our next president doesn't know their history?

By HUMZA BOKHARI HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW (HARVARD U.)

The gaffe has found its way on numerous websites: Michele Bachmann mistakenly confused New Hampshire's Concord with Massachusetts', botching history along the

She is not alone in her personal revisionism: Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi seems to have forgotten much of the injustices toward African Americans in the history of his state.

Mike Huckabee, in his own right, seems to have gone back in time and placed a young Obama in Kenya, where he supposedly learned about the Mau Mau Revolution from an anti-British perspective.

Did they simply misspeak? Or is there a serious lack of knowledge of historical facts in the Republicans' top crop? And if so, should we be worried? My answers would be "no," "yes" and "absolutely".

Maybe this isn't surprising given that many Americans actually don't have a solid grasp of much of our nation's past. But, then again, most Americans aren't running for President.

We can be forgiving if a passing pedestrian doesn't know about

New England's geography, Mississippi's racial conflict history, or basic

facts about our president's life.

But if you're the President of the United States, who needs to know how to avoid fighting the wrong wars, how to revitalize the economy, how to improve education and infrastructure, and how to get our nation on the right track, you need to understand America's past.

It is imperative that our president know what the presidents before them did. Conservatives may be furious with the fact that the "liberal elite media" is ecstatically plastering Bachmann's, Huckabee's and Barbour's gaffes all over the Internet; to note, Conservatives4Palin has compared Bachmann's fallacies with Obama accidentally calling Europe a country — but the analogy doesn't work.

While it is clear Obama misspoke, we cannot confidently state that Bachmann did the same.

The "lamestream media" is right to call her, and other contenders, out. As for Bachmann, she should have known the basic facts about the Revolution. She was clearly using her non-fact to pander to New Hampshire voters, so we know that she was trying to use the fiction to her advantage.

But it's essential to properly understand our nation's founding. How else can a president best understand a nation's fundamental principles?

This problem is especially pertinent because she was incorrectly educating voters.

Our president needs to know the basic facts, and New Hampshire's residents need to know the truth about their legacy.

America rests on its foundation — let's not forget what it's made of, and let's especially not misconstrue realities in order to win votes. The Tea Party movement itself is a reference to America's past. Should it not be founded on an accurate understanding of what happened?

When you look at Barbour, you see everything the GOP does not want in a mainstream candidate. Though he is an effective governor who has served Mississippi well over the years, his historical blurring of racial injustices is deeply concerning.

In a nation with a deep and troubled racial past, injustices are still alive and well. To airbrush history is to do injury to not just the truth, but also to our society. If people forget the mistakes and trials of the past, how can they possibly make amends?

A president should be more responsible, and should have the courage to acknowledge mistakes and be ready to further equality. The status quo is not enough.

Most unjust, however, may have been Huckabee's dishonest jab at Obama, claiming that Obama was influenced by a childhood in Kenya. We know that Obama did not grow up in Kenya and barely knew his own

To claim that the Mau Mau incident shaped Obama's

and affected his decision to swap a bust of Churchill with a bust of Lincoln is rather ridiculous. (The bust, by the way, went to another room, not back to Britain, according to Salon.com's Steve Kornacki.)

Salon.com's Joan Walsh correctly notes that "if he'd traded Lincoln for Churchill the same people would be attacking him as a snobby Europhile". Walsh is absolutely right: it is a strange hypocrisy that seeks to derail Obama's Presidency.

Republicans need to accept the facts that Obama was born in the US, and grew up in Hawaii and Indonesia. Of course, for Huckabee to then claim he was actually referring to Indonesia is ludicrous. Again, as Walsh notes, there was obviously no Mau Mau Revolution

in Indonesia. And if Huckabee thought there was, then there are serious issues with his grasp of history - a president needs to understand international history to successfully shape international diplomacy.

America's president faces an extremely difficult job. He or she needs to be someone who knows exactly what is going on today, what went on yesterday, and what went on ten, or even over a hundred years ago in order to best understand what needs to be done tomorrow.

He can't hesitate; he must have his facts right to begin with. Imagine if our 45thPresident started a war for the wrong reasons? Some feel that has already happened once. We can't afford to let it happen again.

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Don't let conflicts of interest mislead you

RED RAIDER ETHICS GENERATOR

cientists seek the truth to better understand the world around them. The practice of science has always been based on a foundation of honesty and objectivity. However, in recent years this foundation has been shaken to the core by an increasing number of scientists reporting inaccurate and misleading information.

There are undoubtedly a number of factors responsible for this perceived increase in scientific fraud, and one of the more important ones is conflict of interest.

A conflict of interest is a situation in which an individual, such as a scientist, has competing professional or personal interests, which may compromise impartiality in decision-making.

For example, a scientist holding a patent to a new blood pressure medication compares the efficacy of his or her product to a competitor's medication. Can the scientist be impartial when the results of the study will dramatically affect royalty income for the scientist?

Or what about a scientist employed by a pharmaceutical company asked to review and critique the research of another scientist work-





ing for a competing pharmaceutical

Several years ago, the pharmaceutical company Merck developed the drug Vioxx, used to treat the inflammation and pain of arthritis. Conflict of interest controversy surrounded this drug almost from the day it was introduced to the market.

A top U.S. cardiologist and vocal critic of Vioxx was forced to defend his stance when it was reported he had ties to a hedge fund that predicted Merck's stock would fall in value. It was also reported that 10 of the 32 Food and Drug Administration advisers, whose total votes favored Vioxx, had financial ties to

Conflict of interest is not only important in the scientific world but occurs throughout society. There are more than a dozen Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center operating

policies that describe conflicts of interest ranging from tutoring (faculty must avoid charging a fee for tutoring any student enrolled in the faculty member's classes) to the sale of textbooks and other educational material (using textbooks in classes taught by the authors).

Conflicts of interest are not, within themselves, wrong or unusual. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical or improper acts result. In fact, it is neither possible nor desirable to avoid all competing interests. However, a conflict of interest can create an appearance of impropriety and may compromise the integrity of an individual or institution.

Therefore, it is important to eliminate or minimize the deleterious impact that conflicts of interest have on decision-making. This is best accomplished by individuals and institutions recognizing, declaring and managing their conflicts of

Journals require authors of research publications to disclose any financial conflicts of interest related to the subject matter of their research. Many granting agencies have established conflict of interest guidelines that extend to spouses and minor children.

As competition for governmentsponsored research funds increase, universities and their faculty are entering into business relations with the private sector. There is growing concern that universities and faculty with financial interests in commercial ventures may lose objectivity in decision-making.

Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center require full disclosure of conflicts of interest on the part of all faculty and administration. Both institutions assume conflicts occur in the conduct of normal activities.

However, it is important that any significant potential for conflicts of interest be disclosed, reviewed and, where necessary, managed by the It is important to always be mind-

ful of your conflicts of interest and work to manage the intentional and unintentional biases these conflicts may have on your everyday decision-

■ Rolfe is the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and a professor in the department of microbiology and immunology.

Japan, just like Haiti, will need

a long-term recovery plan after the

initial relief. Just two weeks after the

Haitian earthquake, CNN reported

that donations had decreased over

50 percent, and recovery workers

noted that "after the initial response,

care from outside Haiti has markedly

time to rebuild infrastructure in

both Haiti and Japan, and thus our

community must make a long-term

with Habitat for Humanity and

other groups to help the Gulf Coast

years after Hurricane Katrina. We

hope that as the community looks

East and offers support to Japan and

its people, it will still remember that

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We, like the rest of the international community, are horrified

by the destruction in Japan. Search and rescue teams continue to work around the clock to find missing people while the country deals with emergencies at its nuclear power plants. Just yesterday, the chair of the

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission called radiation levels "extremely high." Meanwhile, Japan's citizens must try to pick up the pieces after losing their homes and

We know that, however painfully, Japan will rebuild from this horrible tragedy. But that such wreckage can happen in such a rich country is appalling and still somehow shocking. As the international commuattention to the people of Japan, we wanted to readdress the after-

math of a disaster in a country whose economy political institutions and infrastructure are far more vulnerable Haiti.

Over a year has gone by since an earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, and the nation

remains in shambles. While Japan lems in hygienic infrastructure and ranks third in the world in gross domestic product, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, exacerbating an already difficult

nity sends its prayers and turns its Haiti are still displaced and live under tents as their only means of shelter. While aid from the interna-

> tional community was vital in the initial relief period, Haiti has yet to make significant inroads in its long-term recovery.

Last October, the country experienced an outbreak of cholera, likely caused by prob-

Further, allegations of fraud and

vote-tampering marred December's presidential elections. Protests around the country against the elec-Over one million people in tions turned violent and produced

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Shonrock's salary was \$236,251 annually, according to a government

employee database maintained by The Texas Tribune. He also is an associate professor in educational psychology and leadership. Bailey said Shonrock will stay on faculty since he "has a great contribution to make as a faculty member."

Shonrock, who has worked in administration at Tech since 1990. according to a biography on Tech's website, declined comment when reached by phone Monday night.

Childress and Elkins each made \$142,350 a year, according to the database, totaling \$520,951 in salary between the three administrators. The database reports Childress was hired as a government employee in Novem-

ber 1979. She was formerly the department chair of Student Media. The database reports Elkins' hire date as the first day of 1996.

Childress was out of the office when her office was contacted Monday afternoon. Elkins' office directed commu-

nication through Cook.

The memo states departments under the auxiliary services branch of the division will now report to Kyle Clark, vice president for administration and finance and chief financial

Auxiliary Services includes Student Union and Activities, Recreational Sports, University Student Housing and Hospitality Services.

Departments under the student Muñoz, the vice president for institutional diversity, equity and community engagement and vice president for undergraduate education. Calls to Muñoz's office were not returned as of press time.

The group now under his direction encompasses 12 departments: Student Media, University Career Services, Student Health Services, Student

Disability Services, Student Counseling, Ombuds for Students, Center for Campus Life, Student Legal Services, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Student Judicial Programs, Student Government Association, and Parent and Family Relations.

Enrollment Management, which also previously reported to Shonrock, retained its associate VP, Jim Burkhalter, who will report directly to Bailey.

The president said he hopes these are the last cuts he has to make, but it is a time of uncertainty for the university

"We don't know fully what the extent of our budget cuts will be." he said. "We hope there won't be anything else that has to be done, but we'll try to handle as much as possible centrally, and then we'll try to do the rest of it through essentially not hiring vacant positions.'

Bailey said he also added the

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SGA president to his advisory committee to make sure students' voices are heard during this time.

SGA president-elect Tyler Patton attended the Monday morning meeting in which the changes were announced to department heads. He said the only

changes SGA will experience are the ones already underway with new executive officers taking their places.

"I'll be honest, as far as we're concerned with our new administration, we're going to keep going with things as normal because really this is more of an administrative reorganization," Patton said. "So our day-to-day operation inside student government isn't going to change, as far as I'm concerned."

Cook said while the cuts are affairs umbrella now report to Juan tough, ultimately the elimination of these positions will benefit the student body.

> "It's kind of, I guess, a more direct line," he said. "It kind of puts the two areas — the one area that affects the students and the other area that oversees — it puts them closer together.

"In the long run, this is going to be something that benefits our students.' » jarnold@dailytoreador.com

Big 12 retailers face off in challenge for fans

STAFF WRITER

Although Texas Tech and Texas A&M will not compete on the baseball field until April 8, rivalry is already heating up.

Red Raider Outfitter, a local retailer that sells Texas Tech clothing and merchandise, faces off against Aggieland Outfitters, a similar store in College Station. The two have begun a Facébook competition to determine which store can get the most "likes" on its page.

Currently, Aggieland Outfitters has about 16,800 "likes" to Red Raider Outfitter's 12,400, but the online specialist for Red Raider Outfitter said that number is quickly growing.

"Between the two of us, being able to raise so many fans is staggering," said Jason Hartline, a Tech alumnus.

The competition began when Aggieland Outfitters' social media and community director Martin Hooper called Red Raider Outfitter with the challenge. The store receiving the most "likes" by April 8 will have its flag flown at the opposing team's store for the Tech versus A&M baseball game.

'With baseball season ramping up, we were looking at how to get fans interested," Hooper said, "and looking to stir up the rivalry."

The aspect of rivalry is one thing that makes the competition perfect for the two companies. John Wirtz, an assistant professor in the College of Mass Communications, said competition draws in college students, who are the main demographic shopping at both stores.

While marketing is neither side's main objective, Wirtz said it will help with business.

"From a customer engagement standpoint, both Red Raider Outfitter and Aggieland Outfitters are getting talked about," he said.

This is a great way to get the stores on people's minds without forcing advertising on them, Wirtz said. Though marketing is often considered "adversarial," he said, when a customer opts in by "liking" the page, it creates a cooperative relationship.

It's also about school spirit more than anything else, Hartline said.

Hooper agreed, saying on the Aggie side, feelings are the same — it's not just about selling spirit

"We're seeing we're able to connect with more people, to have more conversations with the community," Hooper said. "We like being able to talk to the people Outfitter is owned by Aggies.

PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

RED RAIDER OUTFITTER has challenged Aggieland Outfitters to a Facebook Fan competition: whoever has the most "likes" by April 8 wins. The losing store has to fly the winner's flag above its store during the A&M vs. Texas Tech baseball series.

who shop at our stores."

In the spirit of trying not to be too marketing-focused, Hartline said Red Raider Outfitter is offering giveaways and deals on their page for the people who like them.

"Since it's just a friendly competition, we've got free stuff," he said. "It's not a marketing gim-

Hartline said he also wanted to clear up any rumors that the two companies were related — they are not; Red Raider Outfitter is owned by Tech alumni, and Aggieland

There are no business ties between the two, Hooper said: he just knew Red Raider Outfitter existed and decided to give them

Red Raider Outfitter agreed to the challenge, hoping to get fans more involved, Hartline said. This competition is one way social media is great for both business and school spirit.

"In the long run, it won't matter (for the businesses) whether Tech wins or loses," Wirtz said. "I certainly hope Texas. Tech gets the most fans.'

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'Dancing' costumes custom-made for contestants

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Randall Christensen and his wardrobe team at ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," the next 10 weeks are going to be a crystal-encrusted,

chiffon-wrapped blur. "Dancing" is known as much for its dazzling costumes as its disco-ball trophy. Every week, celebrity contestants and their professional partners step out in costumes ranging from glamorous to outrageous; from swingy dresses reminiscent of Ginger Rogers and old Hollywood elegance to

skimpy spangled hot pants.

Each outfit is one-of-a-kind, handmade and custom-designed with the dancer's personality, figure and ability in mind. They're couture pieces, cut and assembled by veteran costumers and seamstresses from fabrics selected specifically for each performance. Every feather wisp is glued on individually, each rhinestone and sequin carefully sewn on by hand. And the entire episode's attire is conceived of, styled and stitched into reality in about four days.

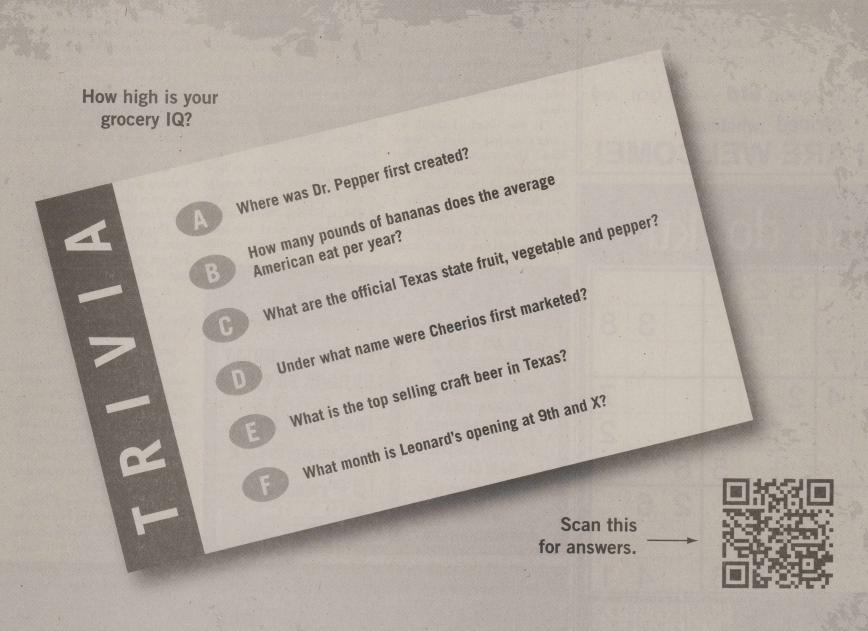
"People really don't realize that

there's no magic closet that we pull this from. It is a bolt of fabric every Wednesday," says Christensen, a dancer who's been making costumes professionally since 1978. "We never use a ready-made costume ... every single solitary thing is made from scratch."

Twenty-two custom-made costumes and 11 new stars will make their debut on Monday's season premiere (8 p.m. EDT). The cast includes actors Kirstie Alley, Ralph Macchio and Chelsea Kane; athletes Sugar Ray Leonard, Hines Ward and

Chris Jericho; singer Romeo; radio host Mike Catherwood; talk-show host Wendy Williams; reality star Kendra Wilkinson; and model Petra Nemcova. Each contestant is paired with a professional dancer who choreographs and teaches the week's routines and dreams up the costume

Christensen translates their visions into sketches on Tuesday and buys the fabrics on Wednesday. His team of two patternmakers and 10 seamstresses transform the raw materials into costumes by Friday.



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Seniors, hurdlers dominate Tech's 1st outdoor meet

STAFF WRITER

Quitting is never an option.

A simple, but meaningful, phrase to senior Omo Osaghae, as those are the words written on his headband.

The locally grown track star said he looks to this phrase in everything he does on and off the track.

"I get it from a lot of different places, mainly from my dad," Osaghae said. "It's something I try and run by, but more importantly something I try to live by just day to day. Never have that down-and-out mentality."

The Texas Tech track and field team had a lot of things to be smiling about during Monday's practice coming off an impressive outing in the first outdoor meet of the year.

The Red Raiders and Lady Raiders competed at the TCU Invitational on Friday in Fort Worth.

Osaghae had himself a historic day in the 110-meter hurdles. The senior ran the event in 13.49 seconds, setting a school record and recording the fastest mark in the NCAA this year.

He was not alone on the podium, as juniors Brandon Tucker and Shane Brathwaite took second and third

With so many historic hurdlers that have run for Tech, Osaghae said this is a special accomplishment.

"It was good; it meant a lot. There's a rich tradition of hurdlers here, and it's always good to be mentioned in

said. "Not only that, but to be able to have the best school record ever ran here at Tech."

The other school record recorded came from Lady Raider Kelsey Lloyd. The senior recorded a new personal best, 13.25 seconds, which also broke the school record in the 100-meter hurdles. Sophomore Katie Grimes came in second with a time of 13.51.

Hurdles were the specialty of both teams, as senior Bryce Brown and junior Jamele Mason came in first and second in the 400 hurdles.

Brown said he was just excited about finally getting to run outdoors after a long indoor season.

"It felt real good getting outdoors," Bryce Brown said with a chuckle. "I've been waiting for this all indoor season, just waiting to get outdoors. It felt real good."

There is no time to rest for the Red Raiders and Lady Raiders as they prepare for the UTEP Invitational.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said looking back on this weekend hesaw a completely different team and is excited about the future.

'What I was so pleased with is that's what it felt like; these kids were like, 'Oh man, we're outside now," Kittley said. "It was like they were rejuvenated, and everybody was focused, and it was just a really, really good track meet and a good start for us."

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Lady Raiders move forward following NCAA tourney loss

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

The practices, film sessions, workouts and the other components that go into preparing for the next game on the schedule are now over with as the final chapter of the Lady Raiders' 2010-2011 season is in the books.

The Texas Tech women's basketball team overcame challenges this year past squads have failed to do — making the NCAA tournament was one of

"Just really proud of our team," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "Learning how to fight through adversity, these kids just handled every day with the upmost effort and just every day how hard they worked getting better for the next day. Just proud of the kids."

The Lady Raiders finished 22-11 overall and 8-8 in Big 12 Conference play, marking the program's best finish since the 2004-2005 campaign.

Tech's final loss came in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday against No. 9 seed St. John's, 55-50, in Palo Alto, Calif.

Tech claimed an early lead and carried it into the half but could not overcome poor shooting in the final 20 minutes to advance.

The Lady Raiders owned a 30-28 advantage going into the locker room, but the Red Storm came out on an 8-0 run to start the second half.

Tech only hit four of 22 shots in the second half, scoring a season-low 20 second-half points.

Casey Morris was the lone Lady Raider to reach doubledigit points, 10, and junior forward Kierra Mallard was not far behind with nine.

The Lady Raiders experienced the same problems they have been trying to fix all year, Morris said, and just could not overcome

"It was tough; I think we said. "That was something that later. we needed to correct from the beginning of the season, and our shots just weren't falling. I think we played well on defense, and we were all playing hard, but the shots just weren't going

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The loss, however, meant the end of a career for just one Lady Raider — Teena Wickett.

The lone senior had one of her worst games of the season, scoring just two points and grabbing four rebounds against St. John's. Wickett, a Vallejo, Calif., native, finished her only season in a Tech uniform as the team's third-leading scorer.

The senior was forced to sit out two seasons due to transfer rules and academics but got the chance to play in her final year at Tech.

Wickett's career numbers at Tech include 9.6 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Morris said it was not easy after the loss to St. John's since they all knew Wickett's career had come to a close, but they know she is destined to do great

"It was hard to know that it's the last time I could play with Teena, but we're all happy for her because we know she's going to do big things after she leaves here," Morris said. "Whether that's basketball or something else, she's going to be successful in whatever because of her drive. So we're all excited for her."

The early exit from the NCAA tournament is not what the Lady Raiders had hoped for, but looking back on the season as a whole, there are a lot of positives they will take away.

Tech opened the season 16-1 and went 3-0 to begin conference play before losing 71-61 to Oklahoma on Jan. 19 in Norman, That loss turned into a six-

game losing streak, which was put to rest with a 72-44-blowout victory against Colorado.

The following week, then-No. 20 Iowa State and then-No. 1 Baylor were slated to come to Lubbock.

The Lady Raiders first opened some eyes with an 11-point victory against the Cyclones and turned things up with an upset

Tech, however, lost its final two road games of the regular season to then-No. 5 Texas A&M and Texas. With tournament hopes in mind, the Lady Raiders bolstered their resume

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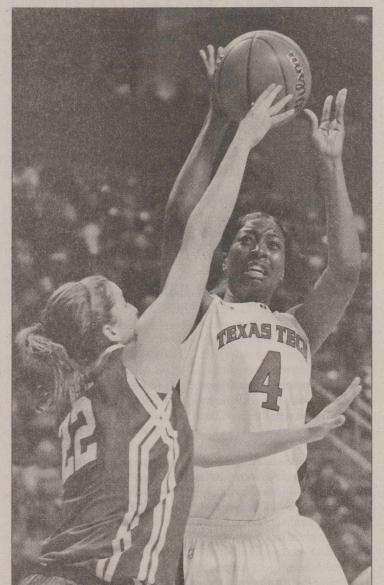
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THE TEXAS TECH Lady Raiders suffered a 55-50 loss to No. 9 seed St. John's in Palo Alto, Calif., during the opening round of the 2011 Women's NCAA Championships. Tech, a No. 8 seed, finished the season with 22 victories, the most since the 2004-05 season.

with home wins against Okla- up the majority of the roster. homa State and then-No. 18

"It was an exciting season," Morris said. "Of course, this season was just like a rollercoaster, but in the end we pulled it out, we showed we had a lot of heart."

The next step for the Lady Raiders was the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., where Tech had four players break into came out kind of slow," Morris of Baylor, 56-45, only a few days double digits in a 75-52 beating of the Cowgirls.

> With the victory, the Lady Raiders got matched up against the team they had defeated only four days earlier: Oklahoma.

This game went down to the wire, but the Lady Raiders could not get the final shot to fall, losing 71-69.

A waiting game ensued until March 13, when the Lady Raiders found out they were California-bound for their firstround matchup with St. John's.

"It was awesome. Obviously we're really proud of the progress we've made, and there's so so many positives," Curry said. "We just continue to build for the future; this is a huge step forward. We're not looking back, and just so much growth by our team this year in a good way."

Mallard and forward Jordan Barncastle will be the two seniors for next year, but Tech's current group of sophomores will make

Six sophomores round out the Oklahoma to close the regular middle of the Tech roster card, and four of them have starts under their belt. Morris, Monique Smalls, Chynna Brown and Christine Hyde are a few players that look to make an impact down the road.

Hyde, an Ontario, Canada, native, was never afraid to drive to the hoop and draw a foul. She traveled to the charity stripe 100 times — second most on the team.

Morris, Tech's second-leading scorer, was key from behind the arc this season and averaged 9.8 points per game. Smalls has started 66 consecutive games in a Lady Raiders jersey.

Brown was a clutch player all season, including a game-winning shot with 0.1 seconds left on the clock in a double-overtime victory against Kansas State. The sophomore's two starts came in Big 12 play, where she averaged 8.8 points per game.

"Continuing to lead the way for us, they've been thrust in a leadership role at a young age, and they just continue to every day work on their game to improve," Curry said of the sophomores. "They'll be the first ones in the gym and the last ones out. That sophomore class, their leadership, as youthful as they are, has been incredible."

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- Tennessee has fired Bruce Pearl after a season that saw the coach charged with unethical conduct for lying to NCAA investigators during a probe into recruiting, according to a person with knowledge of the decision.

The person spoke with The Associated Press Monday on condition of anonymity because the university has not announced the firing.

In six seasons, Pearl, 51, led the Volunteers to their first of another possible recruit-No. 1 ranking in 2008 and first NCAA tournament regional finals appearance, missing out on a trip to the 2010 Final Four by a single point.

Pearl acknowledged in a tearful press conference on Sept. 10 that he had given investigators false information when asked about a cookout at his home attended by high school juniors. The NCAA has since charged the Tennessee basketball and football programs with a dozen violations.

After a 75-45 loss to Michigan on Friday in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Pearl said that he planned to be accountable for the mistakes he had made but his "goal and desire is to be the basketball coach at Tennessee next year and for a long time."

Tennessee docked his salary by \$1.5 million over five years, banned him from off-campus recruiting for a year and termi-

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Failing to notify Tennessee ing violation that occurred just four days after his tearful press conference may have ultimately caused Pearl to lose the support of his bosses.

Tennessee officials learned from the NCAA in December that Pearl would be charged with a violation of the NCAA's "bump rule" after speaking with a high school junior on a recruiting trip to Georgia on Sept. 14.

Pearl, who had a 145-61 record, leaves the school as a popular coach. An unscientific online poll conducted by The Knoxville News Sentinel after Tennessee received its notice of allegations from the NCAA on Feb. 24 showed 70 percent of the 9,600 respondents still supported Pearl. Fans gathered Sunday in a rally to show support, and Knoxville businesses displayed messages supporting Pearl on Monday.

Tech fans must be patient with Gillispie as head coach

illy Clyde Gillispie sounds more like a country music singer than a basketball coach, but hearing he is the next men's basketball coach at Texas Tech is music to my ears.

The most capable coach of bringing Texas Tech out of the Big 12 Conference basketball cellar was Gillispie, and now BCG and TTU move forward in the quest to make Tech relevant in men's basketball.

One thing I will urge and plead Tech fans to realize: This will not be an overnight process. The great oil pipelines in in football recruiting? Texas were not built in a day, and no basketball program will be transformed from worst to first in just one year.

Gillispie is the right person for Tech now, and in the future. He is the best recruiter to get players to come play was able to make the Aggies relevant. Texas A&M was in far worse shape than Tech when Gillispie took over.



The problem with past TTU teams was there was a lack of overall talent. It seemed like past staffs had trouble recruiting players to Lubbock. We all know Lubbock is a hard to place to recruit an athlete to, but that is just a myth. See what Tuberville did for Tech

UTEP had the largest turnaround in history under Gillispie. A&M is now a relevant power in the Big 12 because of Gillispie and his lasting impact on the program.

Yes, I am aware Kentucky in Texas; there is no doubt in was a disaster while he was my mind about it. He was able there. That job was not a Gillispie-style job. Gillispie is basketball at UTEP. He then not a manager, he is a recruiter. He is best when he gets a kid to take a risk on him and a school the kid may not have thought about before.

Gillispie has no easy task in his way. He has been away from basketball. He has a negative reputation surrounding him. He has had issues with alcohol off the court. His loyalty is often questioned. Gillispie is not perfect, but his track record shows few negatives when it comes to on-court success.

The expectations for him should not be a national championship — not now. Tech has to first be relevant in the Big 12. After becoming relevant in the Big 12, Tech needs to challenge for the Big 12 title. Then the tournament is a goal.

The method will call for baby steps. Making the most of the returning players and getting what he can on the recruiting trail.

Gillispie has to make other schools fearful. Bill Self, current Kansas head basketball coach, has, in the past, called Gillispie the best recruiter in

Make no mistake, this will be a team effort when Gillispie recruits. The next Kevin Durant is not going to snub Texas for Tech, but look at the teams who are succeeding in the tournament now. Seems like quite a few of these play for the names on the front of the jersey, and not the back.

Gillispie will bring new life and appeal to the basketball team. It will be up to the fans to be patient and assist him in making his stay at Tech not just a job, but a home. The fans need to know Gillispie has a plan. His plan will take time to implement. Only then can results be judged.

Billy Clyde Gillispie's life sure seems to pattern a country

The personal problems followed by lackluster results in his performances parallels many of music's finest. Tech is Gillispie's first gig back after he has changed things up. I know he will be a headliner, and the old classics will get Gillispie and Tech to the big

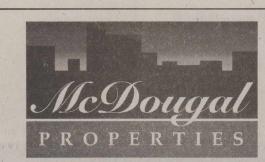
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AP Source: Tennessee fires coach Bruce Pearl

Tennessee has fired Bruce Pearl after dozen violations. a season that saw the coach charged with unethical conduct for lying to NCAA investigators during a probe with knowledge of the decision.

The person spoke with The Associated Press Monday on condition of anonymity because the university has not announced the firing.

Volunteers to their first No. 1 ranking in 2008 and first NCAA tournament regional finals appearance, missing out on a trip to the 2010 Final Four by a single point.

Pearl acknowledged in a tearful press conference on Sept. 10 that he had given investigators false information when asked about a cookout at his home attended by high school juniors. The NCAA has since charged the Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — basketball and football programs with a

After a 75-45 loss to Michigan on Friday in the second round of the NCAA tournament, Pearl said that into recruiting, according to a person he planned to be accountable for the mistakes he had made but his "goal and desire is to be the basketball coach at Tennessee next year and for a long

Tennessee docked his salary by \$1.5 In six seasons, Pearl, 51, led the million over five years, banned him from off-campus recruiting for a year and terminated his contract in September. Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive tacked on an eightgame suspension from conference play.

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Softball suffers first loss during break, prepares for Big 12 play

By THORN COMPTON STAFF WRITER

The No. 21 Texas Tech softball team, unlike most other Tech students, was hard at work during spring break.

Over the break the Red Raiders showcasing their shutdown pitching and powerful bats en route to finishing two tournaments: the Masked Rider Invitational at Rocky Johnson Field and the USF The Game Tournament in Clearwater, Fla.

Tech coach Shanon Hays said his team played well against good competition during the break. He said the

pitching this weekend was dominant and the lineup was just a powerful as it has been all season.

"There were lots of positives from the team this week," Hays said of his team's performance. "We had some real timely homers, like (Cydney Allen's) grand slam in the seventh against Jacksonville, and our pitching really did great this weekend."

In the first game of the Masked Rider Invitational, the Red Raiders had their first slip of the season - the team lost to Alcorn State, 4-2, but took the blow to their record in stride.

Hays said he has a very mature team this year, and it understands undefeated records usually do not last long in their sport.

"When you play a bunch of games in a row like we did these last couple of weekends," Hays said, "there are going to be slip ups. I am happy with how the girls approached the games in Florida this weekend."

They rebounded well, only allowing one run the rest of the tournament.

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> **SHANON HAYS** COACH

softball this year.

11-game winning streak

Not every game was a blow-

out, though;

the last game of

the USF - The

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the Raiders to

recover from

an early four-

run deficit

against Liberty.

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take the game

of a double-header against the Lobos on March 9 at Rocky Johnson Field. the Masked Rider Invitational. James hit .667 for the tournament, with six home runs and 20 RBIs, garnering the Red Raiders' thirdconsecutive weekly accolade. Logan Hall and Allen also earned the accolade this season.

TEXAS TECH INFIELDER Raven Richardson begins a double play

against New Mexico in the top of the fourth inning during the second game

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Hays said it is interesting being the ranked team other teams try to knock off, considering Tech was in that role last year.

"Every week people are giving us all they have," Hays said. "It's good because we have what might be the best conference for softball this year. Three of the pitchers we face in our first couple of games could be first team All-

