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Board approves cap for increases

Graham: Committee recommended no fee increase; regents were misled

By KEVIN CULLEN and TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents passed a 5.9 percent increase cap in tuition and fees Thursday evening via teleconference, including changes in housing, dining, student fee, library fee and tuition rates.

Tech president Guy Bailey said the cap is the maximum increase tuition and fees could rise next year, but the actual increase will not be determined until the Board of Regents' meeting in May.

According to the Tuition and Fee Assessment 2011-2012 Academic Year presentation documents, provided by Bailey, a 5.9 percent increase could generate \$8.6 million.

The documents state the proceeds will be used to accommodate utility increases, additional employee benefit costs, enrollment growth, advancement of undergraduate retention and graduation and strategic initiatives.

Drew Graham, Student Government Association president, said officials told the regents the Student Service Fee Advisory Committee recommended the approval of a \$7 student services fee increase. But the committee did not approve the increase, and the board was not made aware of this, Graham said.

Graham said he met with Kyle Clark, CFO and vice president for administration and finance, Wednesday afternoon. Graham said he normally meets with Clark with the SGA chief of staff, Laura Stout, before important regents meetings and also to talk about SGA. Wednesday was the first Graham had heard of the potential 5.9 percent in-

crease, he said.

However, Graham said, there was some miscommunication, and Clark may not have realized Graham's stance on the student fees.

In the recommendation document provided to the regents, the committee recommended no increase be made to student services



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fees for fiscal year 2012. Graham said the regents were not accurately made aware of the committee's recommendation.

The regents are within their right to approve the increase regardless of the committee's recommendation, Graham said. However, he said he would like the regents to have known of the committee's true recommendation.

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HSC warns against use of supplement

Potassium iodine not needed in response to nuclear crisis

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is advising that no one, especially pregnant and breast-feeding women, take potassium iodine supplements in response to the radiation scare resulting from the nuclear disaster in Japan.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potassium iodine can be taken to

prevent injury to the thyroid gland following a radioactive or nuclear event.

There is no reason for anyone in the United States to be worried about radioactive poisoning from Japan, said Tom Hale, professor of pediatrics and founding director of the Infant Risk Center at the TTUHSC School of Medicine in Amarillo.

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Curry intends to remain Lady Raiders' head coach

5-year coach is 'very happy in Lubbock,' 'deeply committed'

After completing the most successful season in Lady Raider history since the 2004-05 season, Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry has decided to remain at Tech.

Curry interviewed for the coaching vacancy at LSU earlier this week but is no longer a candidate for that job, according to a news release from Tech.

Late Thursday afternoon, Curry commented on her decision to remain at Tech in the release.

"My family and I are very happy in Lubbock, and we are deeply

committed to this team and the future of Lady Raider basketball," Curry said in the release.

Curry is 88-73 in five years as the coach of the Lady Raiders program and took the team to the NCAA tournament this season for the first time since 2005.

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CURRY



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Up in flames

A car fire was reported at around 3 p.m. Thursday in the commuter north parking lot.

Col. Kenny Evans of the Texas Tech Police Department said the fire likely started under the hood, in the motor compartment of the vehicle.

After the fire was reported, Evans said the Lubbock Fire Department and Tech Police were able to reach the scene in minutes.

Once they arrived, Evans said, the fire was put out, and Lubbock Wrecker towed the car off campus. The owner of the vehicle was present at the scene, and no one was injured.

Evans said he was not sure of the extent of the damage, but it was significant enough that the car had to be towed.

He said they are still not sure what caused the fire.

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A CAR IS loaded up onto a tow truck after it caught on fire unexpectedly Thursday afternoon in the commuter north parking lot.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Wall of Healing

Time: All-day event
Where: SUB, Ballroom

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The wall is to honor and remember survivors of sexual assault and for friends and family of those survivors to share their experiences and messages of hope. Messages can be poetry, prose, drawings, paintings or any other form of expression. Send submissions to ashlee.g.brown@ttu.edu or anonymously through campus mail to the Student Counseling Center at MS 5008.

First Friday Art Trail

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Downtown Lubbock

So, what is it?

Check out local art in the historic Depot District and other venues across Lubbock, including the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, the Buddy Holly Center, the Helen DeVitt Jones Clay Studio and the Legacy. Visit flat.org for more information.

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field

So, what is it?

Watch the Red Raiders take on the Oklahoma Sooners.

Legally Blonde: The Musical

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Civic Center Theater

So, what is it?

This blockbuster movie-turned-Broadway musical visits Hub City.

Jazz Festival Concert

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Allen Theatre

So, what is it?

A night of jazz featuring director of jazz studies Stephen Jones on saxophone

with the Texas Tech Jazz Combo and other special guests.

SATURDAY

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 11 a.m.
Where: Rocky Johnson Field

So, what is it?

Cheer on the Red Raiders as they take on the Oklahoma Sooners.

Jazz Festival Concert

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: SUB, Allen Theatre

So, what is it?

The concert features trumpet artist Wayne Bergeron backed by the Texas Tech Jazz Ensemble I. Bergeron, known as one of the most active players in the world for his studio dates, international tours, jazz concerts, guest solo appearances and clinics, has performed as a sideman with several contemporary jazz and pop performers such as Ray Charles, Beyoncé, Michael Buble, Josh Groban, Celine Dion, Seal, Diana Krall, Tito Puente, Barry Manilow and many more. Several motion pictures such as "Duplicity," "Rocky Balboa," "The Incredibles" and "Leather Heads" also feature trumpet solos by Bergeron.

Shelton R. at Trader's Market

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Trader's Market

So, what is it?

An acoustic show featuring Shelton Rohling playing classic rock, country and blues.

Moon Over Buffalo

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Community Theatre

So, what is it?

The story follows Charlotte and George Hay, an aging acting couple who are not exactly star material, as they tour Buffalo in 1953 with a repertory company.

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



STUDENTS GO UP and down the stairs in the English-Philosophy building Thursday.

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Experts say don't worry about radiation in US milk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — So now Japan's radioactive fallout is showing up in milk on the U.S. West Coast. Not to worry, though. It turns out that traces of radioactivity are in many foods we eat, the air we breathe and the water we swim in.

Based on current radiation levels leaking from the stricken Japanese nuclear plant, experts say it's very unlikely that health problems will develop in the United States and other places far from Japan.

"This amount of radiation is tiny, tiny, tiny compared to what you get from natural sources every day," said John Moulder, a professor of radiation oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee who studies the effects

of radiation exposure.

That radioactive fallout is turning up in food and water is hardly a surprise. Very low levels of radiation in the air connected to the Japanese plant have shown up coast to coast in the U.S., as well as in Iceland, Britain and Germany.

Most of the radioactive material disperses in the atmosphere, but some falls to the ground.

Radioactive iodine was found in the milk in California and Washington state, most likely after a cow ate tainted grass or drank puddles of rainwater containing it. Iodine-131, the type that was found, is short-lived and decays fairly quickly, becoming harmless.

Moulder said he wouldn't be surprised if leafy vegetables like spinach

are next to show contamination, the source being rainwater. Again, the health risk "is about as close to zero as you can get," he said.

Since this type of iodine is man-made, it isn't normally found in the environment. But we're exposed to natural sources of radiation every day — most of it from radon in the air and, to a lesser extent, from cosmic rays.

Foods we eat also contain low levels of naturally occurring radioactivity, including bananas, carrots and red meat. Even beer has it.

"Once you understand that we swim in this low-level sea of radiation, then it's just a numbers game," said Mike Payne of the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security at the University of California, Davis.

The Environmental Protection

Agency normally tests milk, rain-fall and drinking water every three months for radiation.

Since the March 11 tsunami that devastated parts of Japan and crippled the nuclear plant, the EPA began testing more frequently and screened samples from milk producers this week.

A small amount of radioactive iodine was found in a March 25 milk sample from Spokane, Wash. The amount detected was 5,000 times below the federal recommended limit for exposure.

In separate testing, the California Department of Public Health found a similar trace amount Monday at a dairy in San Luis Obispo County, where the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant is located.

Regents

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The recent firing of three Tech administrators within the student affairs branch may have led to some miscommunication, Bailey said.

When Bailey returned to his office after the meeting, he said he noticed Graham had sent him an email about "10 minutes" before the meeting, expressing the committee's true stance on the issue.

"We didn't realize that it hadn't been fully vetted with them, and unfortunately Drew's email didn't come in time," Bailey said.

Graham said he and the committee only had 26 hours to fully sort through the documents and proposals, which was not an adequate amount of time to review the proposal and submit a recommendation.

"While that may work for some who have full-time jobs, I doubt that most administrators are expected to get a turnaround time of 26 hours to oversee things that are changing for 30,000 students," Graham said.

He said he is going to recommend a two-day period to review documents and proposals in the future for the

committee.

But because nothing has been officially approved, besides the cap, Bailey said he is going to sit down with the committee and SGA next week to discuss their stance and concerns.

"We're not interested in cramming anything down students' throats, so we'll sit with them and talk to them and figure out if there's something we can do or not," Bailey said.

Graham also expressed displeasure with the number of graduate students who also work as teaching, research or graduate assistants and receive waivers or exemptions to fees. He said the amount of revenue lost by the university by not collecting these fees totaled about \$5.8 million in fiscal year 2010.

He said undergraduates bear the brunt of the fee increases, which are necessary in part because of waivers and exemptions given to about 1,100 students in fiscal year 2010.

In the March Student Government Report analyzing tuition, graduate student waivers and campus transportation, SGA reported \$500,000 of the \$5.8 million lost from waivers came from the student services fee.

"If costs were equalized in the student service fee alone, funding for registered student organizations could almost

double across Tech's two institutional Lubbock campuses," the report states.

Additionally, Graham said the SGA does not support any fee increases approved by the regents. He said of the \$9.1 million generated by increasing fiscal year 2011 tuition by 9.95 percent, none of the money was spent on undergraduate initiative and students.

"In a time of financial hardship for students not just in Texas, but across the country, we believe that our students simply cannot afford successive tuition and fee increases such as those recommended at today's meeting," he said in an email.

A 5.9 percent increase in tuition and fees would mean students would have to pay \$9,065 for 30 credit hours across the two semesters. Currently, 30 credit hours cost \$8,560, the document states.

There was no increase in tuition and fees from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008, but there was a 9.89 percent increase between Fall 2008 and Fall 2009 and a 9.97 percent increase between Fall 2009 and Fall 2010.

Bailey said universities across the board are facing budget cuts, and an increase in tuition and fees will help combat some of the deficit.

"We've already seen a \$16 million hit in state appropriations this year, and we could see another 20 million a year if the current housing budget passes," Bailey said.

The tuition and fees document, a 13-page printout of a slideshow presentation, compares Tech's tuition and fees to five other state universities: University of Texas, Texas A&M, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Houston and University of North Texas.

In six of the last seven years, Tech has had the second-lowest annual tuition and fee costs between the universities based on 30 credit hours, according to a line graph in the presentation.

There is a proposed decrease of \$10.50 in library fees, according to the 5.9 percent plan outlined in the presentation.

The 5.9 percent increase does not affect Tech's law school. The document states there is a 26.33 percent cap increase in tuition and fees for the law school.

A 26.33 percent cap would include a \$100 increase per semester credit hour, a new \$6 classroom and infrastructure technology fee per semester credit hour, and a new \$30 law school legal resource fee per semester credit hour, the document states.

Housing would increase an average of 4.66 percent and dining plans an average of 3.33 percent, the presentation states.

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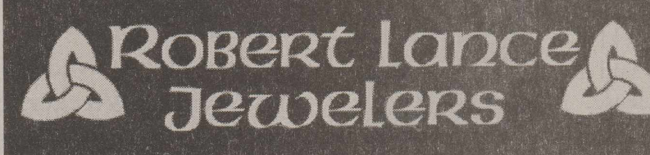
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Bangladeshi students celebrate independence

By SYDNEY HOLMES
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To most, Bangladesh is just a country somewhere in Asia. This small country, however, is represented on Texas Tech campus by the Association of Bangladeshi Students and Scholars, which hosted a celebration for International Mother Language Day and the 40th anniversary of Independence Day of Bangladesh on Thursday in the library.

Md Rakib Uddin, a graduate student from Bangladesh studying electrical engineering, said International Mother Language Day is a Bangladeshi holiday that celebrates the retention of the Bangladeshi language, Bengali, as the national language.

"The Bengali people — they're the only nation in the world that sacrificed their lives for keeping their original language as their mother language," he said. "For me, the mother language is Bengali, and we needed to fight against other nations that wanted to impose their language on us."

Uddin explained how the Bangladeshi culture is about respect. He thinks every nation deserves a certain amount of reverence for their culture alone.

"We want to let the Texas Tech community know about Bangladesh, their cultures and their struggles," he said. "We have our differences, but everyone is very interested to know each other."

The consensus among the Bangladeshi students was simple: the culture differences are vast. Saad Haider, an electrical engineering graduate student from Bangladesh, said the main difference in the two cultures is the overall joy in the country.

"We are happy. Over the years there have been some problems in Bangladesh, but we are happy

people," he said. "For that, we are proud. We have had wars, natural disasters, and despite all this we have stayed together."

Saad said the family bond between Bengalis versus Americans is completely opposite, as well.

"The family bond is way different. I think the western culture, here, is a fragile relationship within the families, but you can't imagine how close we actually are," he said.

Two of the wives of other Tech Bangladeshi students, Sadia Najnee and Tanzila Akhter, explained how ceremonies are different in Bangladesh, specifically weddings. They said everyone takes at least four days and has three parties when they are married.

"Since weddings are taken so seriously," Najnee said, "the divorce rate is very, very low."

Nafisa Islam Shaima, a junior early childhood development major, attributes the low divorce rate in Bangladesh to the belief that divorces are looked down upon in the country.

"They are very, very taboo. They aren't OK, unless there is a major problem," she said. "A lot of people are not open to it."

Uddin said love and happiness is a focus of the Bangladeshi culture.

"You're truly in love with person you marry," he said. "You have to live with the person for 50 or 60 years, so you have to have love and patience for this person. In five years, you're really excited about something, but what about when you're 60? You should really have love for this person."

These proud people claim their diversity happily and without shame, and, according to Uddin, there is always room for more people in the country.

"Bangladesh is a natural beauty, but so diverse. There are people who look like me there and people

Churchill's granddaughter speaks about leader

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A woman once told former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, "If you were my husband, I'd put poison in your tea" to which he responded, "And if you were my wife, I'd drink it."

Winston Churchill's granddaughter gave a presentation on the former prime minister on Wednesday as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

Celia Sandys, the daughter of Churchill's daughter Diana, spoke on Churchill's principles of leadership, communication abilities and sense of humor.

"We all know about Winston Churchill," said Mary Gilbert, a Lubbock resident, "but seeing him from his family's perspective, it's obvious she greatly admired him."

After being introduced by Provost Bob Smith, her presentation included personal stories about Churchill outside of the spotlight, where he was equally strong in character, and equally witty.

It was his wit that made him different from other politicians, said Chris Munger, a senior exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas. This wit kept Churchill from being more aggressive, he said.

"The politicians we have nowadays don't even begin to measure up to him," Munger said, "or his leadership."

Senior communications design major Elliot Salazar called the presentation inspirational for all the information it provided about Churchill as a person. He said though most college students were not as familiar with the leader as the older audience members, they could still get a lot out of the presentation.

"We're a different generation," he said. "His leadership was exceptional, and she stressed how important it still is."

After the presentation, Sandys took questions from the audience. Gilbert said Sandys answered the questions excellently, especially in responding to the question of who would be the great leaders of tomorrow. Sandys said she did not want to



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
CELIA SANDYS, GRANDDAUGHTER of Winston Churchill, talks about her experiences of her grandfather when she was a child during a lecture Tuesday in the Helen Devitt Jones Auditorium.

name names because often the best leaders step forward only when the time comes that they are needed.

Sandys also stayed afterward to sign books and interact with the audience, which included people of all ages.

The presentation involved clips of Churchill's speeches, photos and videos from the era. She spoke on the war as well as his background, all the way back to his school days, where she said he liked to learn but didn't always enjoy being taught.

Her research on Churchill goes beyond her personal experiences, and she has published five books on her grandfather. She presented and narrated a documentary on Churchill's life based on her book "Chasing Churchill."

Sandys said she has enjoyed Texas, especially how friendly everyone is.

Munger, who said he has been a World War II buff for a long time, said he jumped at the opportunity to hear Sandys speak and said he learned more than he expected.

"As far as highly influential people go," he said, "we don't get that opportunity a lot."

Gilbert agreed the event was special and a great opportunity to learn about an interesting leader.

"Any time we can get anyone on a national or international basis here, it makes us a great university, puts us on a higher level," she said.

The next event in the series is the Celtic band Solas performing April 8.

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"We have our differences, but everyone is very interested to know each other."

MD RAKIB UDDIN
GRADUATE STUDENT FROM
BANGLADESH

Iodine ←

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"The risk of getting it over from Japan is very low," he said. "When you hear on the news that they have found a blip of radioactive activity, the levels they are talking about are thousands times away from needing to seriously worry."

The important thing to get across is who actually is at risk and who can benefit from potassium iodine supplementation, Hale said.

"Only children, pregnant mothers and breast-feeding mothers who are in areas that have high radioactive readings may benefit from potassium iodine," he said. "Adults should not be taking this at all."

The babies or fetuses of pregnant women as well as young infants are at risk because their thyroid is underdeveloped, Hale said.

"Potassium iodine can be helpful to ward off the effects of radiation, including possible risk of cancer, in the fetus of pregnant women and young infants and children," he said. "It's important to remember you cannot do this for too long and that the thyroid of a fetus is completely separate from that of its mother."

The dose duration is of upmost importance when supplemented with potassium iodine, Hale said.

"The way potassium iodine works to counteract the effects of radiation is to load up the thyroid with too much iodine so that it cannot absorb anymore, blocking any absorption of radioactive iodine in the thyroid," he said. "It's all about the dose; however, too much can cause a fetus to become hypothyroid, and there have been reports of breast-feeding mothers that took too much iodine and ended up killing their child by passing along excess iodine in their breast milk."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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9	5	6	2	1	7	3	8	4
3	1	2	8	4	9	5	7	6
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'Sucker Punch' lives up to its title

"Sucker Punch" is a joyless mash-up of different action elements all forced into an illogical plot that fails to stimulate any creativity or emotion from the viewing audience.

Directed by Zack Snyder, the film tells the story of a girl referred to as Baby Doll (Emily Browning). She is institutionalized by her abusive stepfather and then contends with reality by escaping into another world inside her head.

The majority of the film takes place outside of the asylum, in a brothel Baby Doll imagines. In the brothel, controlled by an evil and sexist pimp (Oscar Isaac), she is accompanied by her fellow cellmates, including Rocket (Jena Malone), Sweat Pea (Abbie Cornish), Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens) and Amber (Jamie Chung).

When Baby Doll begins to dance inside the brothel, she is transported into another imaginary world filled with her escapist fantasies to explain the shockingly simple reality of what is going on two levels back in the "real world."

Tyler Ware



"Sucker Punch" tries to parallel each level of Baby Doll's world with the deeper levels. For example, when the females try to copy their pimp's map, Snyder parallels this in the third level to be trench warfare, robots and Nazi zombies.

There is no proper paralleling in the film, making the audience feel detached and spend more time pondering the rationality of the film than appreciating the visuals.

"Sucker Punch" does not have any coherent plot, and it is clear through the illogical parallels that Snyder had four intense action scenes he wanted to put into a movie, rather than a plot that needed four action scenes.

The problem with dreamscapes

or escapist fantasies is the audience knows these have no bearing on the real world. We know nothing that happens in them is even remotely real, and since they exist solely in the mind of a single individual, we know no one is any sort of danger.

While the visuals in the film are stunning, the lack of emotional substance does not create an intriguing drama. Since the audience is aware this all takes place inside Baby Doll's head, even if a character does die, they are only dying in a fantasy.

The female actors in the film do nothing outside of pout, strut, glare and look fierce. The dialogue is delivered as smoothly as nails on a chalkboard, and these elements combined make the movie painful to watch.

"Sucker Punch" becomes an embarrassment when it tries to become an esoteric metaphor that is ideologically nonsensical. The film tries to be deep and philosophical but is just a mash up of pop culture references displayed in a pseudo-intellectual manner.

The film becomes borderline

offensive when it tries to provide a message about female empowerment by parading women around in erotic clothing fighting zombies. It, in turn, progresses female stereotypes and does a better job showing women as carnal desires than empowering them. After these elements exist throughout the length of the film, it then has the audacity to imply the film gives women independence.

"Sucker Punch" is merely a copy of different crazy action references all warped together in a scene. There are various plot holes that are never addressed, and the movie's dialogue is laughable. "Sucker Punch" doesn't accomplish anything beyond being a complete embarrassment and black eye on the Hollywood film industry.



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An American experiences cricket's fiercest rivalry, India-Pakistan, at home in Lubbock

Though Major League Baseball started Thursday, there was a far larger spectacle occurring in the sporting world Wednesday morning. Millions tuned in to watch on television. Fans of the world over skipped out on work, school and any other obligations to track the action.

India and Pakistan, heated rivals on the sports ground, but sometimes even more heated off it, were set to do battle in the semifinals of the ICC Cricket World Cup.

It would be like Texas Tech ending up playing Texas A&M in the Final Four if Tech and A&M had been fighting wars against each other for six decades, or if the Cowboys somehow ended up playing the Eagles in the Super Bowl if the two clubs both claimed to own Missouri.

This was no Super Bowl for the cricket fans, though. No, it was far more meaningful than that.

Cricket isn't exactly at the forefront of the American sports scene. Most Americans couldn't tell you much about cricket beyond the perception of long matches and similarities to baseball.

I was the same way. Even when I went to England for a few weeks to work on the sports desk at a newspaper, I didn't learn much about the game. A fellow student, though, taught me about the rules and scoring of the game.

Much like most other sports, it sounds extremely complicated when explained and is much easier learned by watching a few matches. When boredom set in over Christmas break, I found streams of a series of matches England plays against Australia called The Ashes.

When I read a colleague's story on the Tech cricket team, I was reminded of the World Cup, which had been running since late February. Checking the schedule, I saw I was in luck and there was still time to catch a match. I knew of the India-Pakistan rivalry, so when I saw the fixture I knew it was the one.

I was determined to experience cricket's fiercest rivalry. Of course, I'd have to find a way to do it right here in Lubbock, Texas.

The voice on the other end of the line sounds confused, but friendly.

After my Pakistani friend (and only known acquaintance from either nation) tells me he'll be watching the match alone, I decide to call Baiju Shah, a native of India and the president of Tech's cricket club. The club's motto is, "Cricket lives in Lubbock too." This is good news for me, since that sums up what I'm trying to find.

Since he doesn't know me from Adam, I awkwardly explain who I am and what I'm hoping to do. Shah tells me he'll be watching the match with a group of Indi-

Jon Arnold



ans and invites me to join. The watch party location is still up in the air, so he'll call me when it's all settled.

A few hours later, I get a call from Shah with the location and the time. Since the match is being played in India, it all gets started around 4 a.m. He gives me one more chance to back out.

"It'll be going all morning, so you can come by any time," he tells me.

Still, I insist, I'm going to experience this thing the whole way through.

"If you'll be there at 4, I'll be there," I tell Shah.

A little after 5 a.m. (there was a location change, and I'm always one to be fashionably late), I stroll up to the apartment and knock on the door.

"Come in," says a voice from within.

I'm not really sure what to expect from this whole thing. I'm a random guy, an outsider, showing up to watch a huge-

ly important match. I also don't know much about the cricket fan culture. Am I allowed to talk during the match? Will my questions annoy my hosts?

Should I have brought donuts? All of these are important questions swimming through my mind.

I walk in and find the scene incredibly ... normal. For a guy who has spent his whole life getting together to watch sports with friends, the apartment provided familiar surroundings.

Shah and five of his friends greet me and offer me a seat near the end of the couch. Someone offers me a beer (I decline since it's 5 a.m. Not the ideal time for drinking, Jimmy Buffett song notwithstanding). There's a hookah going in the corner. One guy is wearing a replica jersey. All are glued to the projector screen showing the match.

I had done my homework before, so I ask a question pertinent to the match.

Shah smiles. "Oh, you studied before you came," he said. I admit I had read a few articles in the buildup to the match and watched the first few overs (six pitches, kind of like an at-bat in baseball) at home.

The guys are welcoming and make sure I have a basic under-

standing of the rules (I do). They also tell me to ask questions if I have any. (I do.)

We make small talk about the match and about cricket in general. I ask about the Indian community at Tech.

"There are about 400 Indians at Tech," Rahul Chadha said, "and all of them awake right now" watching the match.

I immediately hope the neighbors are Indian because even though it's a time at which I haven't been awake in quite some time, there's no shortage of cheering when an Indian batter smashes a 4, which is when the ball rolls all the way to the boundary of the oval and guarantees the batting team four runs.

The emotion in the room rises and falls with both the game and the Internet stream quality.

It's not easy to watch cricket in the United States. First of all, obviously the start times aren't the most accommodating for U.S. viewers. Secondly, the only network that shows cricket on the U.S. is only available with certain packages on DirecTV or Dish Network.

So, most are left to Internet streams of questionable reliability and legal status. There were still plenty of workarounds the guys used when the streams froze or went down. And a side note: some of the commercials jammed into the action were of the highest form of unintentional comedy.

The match started well for the Indians with several

Pakistani field errors helping them stay at bat (one team bats for 50 overs unless the team bowling gets 10 wickets, like outs, first). As the match wears on, though, Pakistan is able to get several wickets. Each time a wicket falls, there is great yelling and disgust among my viewing companions. They hang on every ball bowled.

I try to do the same, but I'm barely hanging onto consciousness. It's been more than a day since I've slept, and I nod off a couple of times during the match. Luckily, I'm not the only one at the apartment having trouble staying awake.

"You can go get some sleep. We'll call you if it gets good," Chadha offers. I insist on staying. There's a break when India finishes batting. They put up 260 runs. It might be enough, but it's a low enough total to make the Indians nervous. I take advantage of the break to grab some breakfast and caffeine. I'll need it because the match is about to get good.

Pakistan starts batting well, but India's bowlers rise to the task

WATCH PARTY

The Raider Cricket Club will host a screening of the second innings of the Cricket World Cup Final.

What: India vs. Sri Lanka
Where: Escondido Theatre

When: Match starts at 4 a.m., but the screening will begin at 8 a.m., since that is when the building opens.

100 seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The club plans to provide snacks.

early and keep their opponents at a stalemate. Now that we've eaten, the room begins to get livelier. The fact that the sun is up now doesn't hurt anything either. Unfortunately for me, I have to excuse myself a bit after 9 a.m. to get ready for class.

I think the guys feel bad because apparently they think the match was boring. I didn't agree. The match and everything surrounding it really did intrigue me, but I was exhausted and a bit glad to have an excuse to dart out.

When I go home to get ready for class, I put the match on my laptop, then fool myself into believing I'll just take a 10-minute power nap. I know it won't end well for my hopes of making it to class.

I wake up four hours later to a text from Shah telling me I missed "the only entertaining part of the game." I'm pretty mad at myself. I pull up the highlights and quickly realize Shah wasn't lying. The end was amazing, full of drama. India's bowlers and fielders managed to somehow keep Pakistan from getting enough runs, and India advanced to the final.

The final is Saturday — India takes on Sri Lanka, and it will be screened at the Escondido Theatre starting at 8 a.m. There would be jubilation if India takes the prize, but as my new Indian friends assured me, the most joy comes from beating their hated rival.

Despite my frustration at falling asleep during the most crucial part of the match, I'm still feeling pretty good. Not only did I learn the cricket club motto is true, I experienced just a bit of the intensity of cricket's fiercest rivalry without having to leave Lubbock.

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LEISURE LOOKOUT



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JUDY LILLEGRAVEN, LIFEGUARD and a senior public relations major from Houston, watches over Texas Tech students using the leisure pool Thursday.

Singer Michael Buble weds TV star Luisana Lopilato

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Canadian pop star Michael Buble married Argentine TV actress Luisana Lopilato in a civil ceremony on Thursday.

The Grammy-winning singer of "Crazy Love" and his Argentine sweetheart posed for a mob of fans after tying the knot at a civil registry in downtown Buenos Aires.

She wore a lilac chiffon dress with silver high heels and Buble wore a sharp gray suit as he leaned down for a smooch.

Then Lopilato, 23, tossed a bouquet of purple orchids into the crowd as some fans threw rice and red rose petals and a young woman shouted "I love you Michael!"

Buble, 35, won his Grammy last month for traditional pop vocal album, and is one of North America's top-grossing concert entertainers. Lopilato

made her name as a model and in Argentine sitcoms and soap operas, including "Rebel Way," "Little Girls," "Married With Children" and "Pirate Soul."

The couple plan a full ceremony with 300 guests next month at a mansion outside Buenos Aires, and another wedding in Vancouver in April. They have homes in Canada, Los Angeles and Buenos Aires province.

Buble dated British actress Emily Blunt for several years before he met Lopilato in 2009 during a South American concert tour. Lopilato was romantically involved before with tennis player Juan Monaco.

With more than 500,000 fans and followers in Facebook and Twitter, Lopilato sent messages throughout the day, thanking her family and the media. "How beautiful it all was!" she wrote.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS
 1 Lexington and Concord fighters
 11 XXXV years after the creation of the original Magna Carta
 15 Apple consumers?
 16 River through Lake Brien
 17 Start of an aptly expressed linguistic observation
 19 Duplicated
 20 Roma road
 21 Word with sharp or trouble
 23 Hand
 24 Leagues; Abbr.
 25 Like performances by the Wallendas
 27 Place to build
 28 Flying need
 30 Is down with
 31 Observation, part 2
 32 Source of support
 35 It's about 325 miles east of Texas's H-Town, with the
 36 "Return of the Jedi" dancer
 37 Like Cologne and vicinity
 39 Condescend
 40 Fowl with a showy mate
 41 Herbal drink
 43 "Bewitched" witch
 44 Place with swinging doors
 45 End of the observation
 49 Abbr. on folk song sheet music
 50 Listed
 51 They have their pluses and minuses
 52 Fabled tortoise's trait

DOWN
 1 Bud
 2 First name in tyranny
 3 Checkup charges
 4 Inviting words before "Want to come over?"
 5 Mystical decks
 6 Vacant
 7 Dangerous snake
 8 Dam
 9 Mendes of "Hitch"
 10 It may be a scoop
 11 Hitched
 12 Plois
 13 Words to live by
 14 "The Merry Widow" operetta
 18 Latin term usually abbreviated
 21 Window part
 22 Early Chinese dynasty
 25 Canadian young adult fiction author
 26 Nice summers
 28 Numbers in a corner, often
 29 Texters' amused syllables
 31 Mexican bread
 32 What an asterisk may indicate
 33 Lotion additive
 34 City WSW of Sacramento
 35 Lays eyes on
 36 Armchair partner
 37 Hall of Fame defensive back
 38 Like hell
 39 "Eddie" author
 40 Coat opening?
 41 Volcanic fluid
 42 Perjurer's admission
 44 "Melrose Place" actor
 46 Explosive initials
 47 ...judicata: decided case
 48 Some alarm respondents: Abbr.

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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No. 19 Red Raiders travel to Austin for Morris Williams Intercollegiate

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

A lot of talk surrounds the Texas Tech baseball team and its hot start — the same probably cannot be said for Tech men's golf.

The only thing cooling down the Red Raiders this week was a bit of a cold front, but Tech coach Greg Sands remains confident in his team despite limited practice.

"It's a course we've played well at," Sands said. "It's been a little bit since we've teed it up, but I'm still confident because these guys seem to be ready when it's time to play."

The No. 19 Tech men's golf travels to Austin to participate in the Morris Williams Intercollegiate starting Monday and ending Tuesday, after upsetting two top teams in its last tournament, the Callaway Match Play Championships.

He said the competition will not be as tough as it has been in the past, but it will still be a strong field.

The tournament will have appearances from different top 20 teams, including the likes of Texas and Stanford.

Sands, though, attributed part of his confidence to the team's play in the Callaway Match Play Championships.

Tech upset eighth-seeded Georgia and top-seeded UCLA in the match play tournament and finished fourth.

Sands said the format of the Callaway Match Play Championships helped the team prepare for the national championship, considering the two tournaments have a similar format.

"Hopefully when we get to the final eight, the tournament will give us a good opportunity to draw on those experiences," he said. "Any time we can play match play in a competitive situation, it helps us out."

Senior Nils Floren said he feels good about his play at the match play tournament, but he strives to be even better at the upcoming tournament in Austin.

"I played consistent at the last tournament, but that isn't good enough," Floren said. "I have to play great if I want to win."

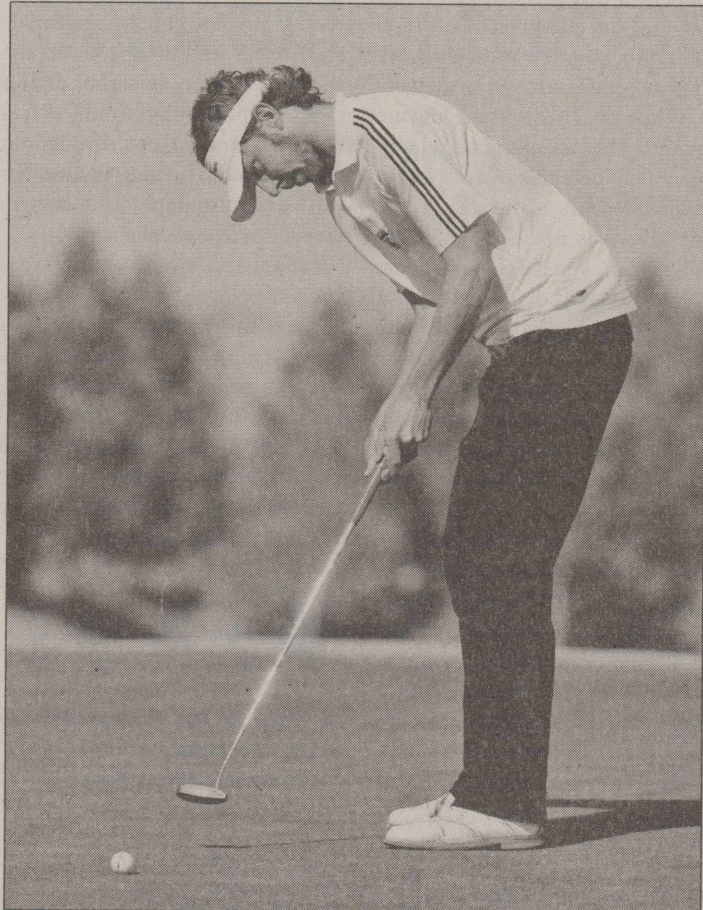
He said he should play well at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate because of his past experience at the course.

"It feels like a home course to me," Floren said. "This will be the fourth or fifth time that I've played it."

This tournament should be good preparation for the upcoming Big 12 Conference Championships because it will feature several conference teams, he said.

Floren said the team is much more consistent than in past years.

The team has always had good players, he said. This year is the first year they are putting



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
NILS FLOREN WORKS on his putt during a practice earlier this year. Tech competes in the Morris Williams Intercollegiate this weekend.

good scores together as a whole.

Floren tied for second at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate in 2010.

He said the team faces a "national championship-like" atmosphere because of the quality of the teams playing in the tournament.

Freshman Logan McCracken

said he is looking forward to the course in Austin because it is long and narrow, playing toward his strengths.

"It will be a difficult course," McCracken said, "but I'm not a short hitter, so the length of the course should play out to my advantage."

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Texas prep baseball players accused of animal cruelty act

BENBROOK, Texas (AP) — Two Texas high school baseball players accused of sacrificing chickens in a superstitious ritual to end their slump have been charged with cruelty to livestock animals.

Benbrook Police Sgt. John Van Ness said Thursday the case has been turned over to a Tarrant County juvenile court, where a decision will be made on whether to prosecute the teens, whose names are not being released.

Police in the Fort Worth suburb said the 15- and 16-year-old "engaged in acts that caused the death of two baby chickens" on the Western Hills High School baseball field during spring break two weeks ago. Police said superstition about a slump in baseball performance could have played a part.

The boys have been kicked off the team for the rest of the year and were disciplined, said Barbara Griffith, a Fort Worth schools spokeswoman, who declined to provide further details, citing student privacy laws.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sent the school principal a letter Thursday offering materials to launch an animal rights club there.

"Teaching students about animal issues helps prevent violence and helps students apply concepts of respect and kindness toward animals in their own lives," Elizabeth Graffeo, PETA's TeachKind program manager, wrote to Western Hills High School.

The school did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press on Thursday.

Cruelty to livestock animals is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine — but only if the person is a first-time offender and charged as an adult.

Cases are handled differently in the juvenile system, where those convicted can be sentenced to probation or time in a youth detention facility, depending on the offense.

Western Hills High School baseball coach Bobby McIntire told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that "baseball is very superstitious" and the players possibly got the idea from some sports movies.

Baseball has long been associated with superstitions, with players and even fans wearing "lucky" clothing or items and repeating routines if they think it helped their teams win.

Former Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra would do an elaborate routine adjusting his batting gloves before each pitch during an at-bat — every single time.

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy has said stress is only one reason he hasn't been able to quit dipping. For years as a manager, he dipped in the first, fifth and eighth innings.

"Superstitious as much as anything," he told The AP last summer, several months before the Giants won the World Series.

Mitt and mittens: Baseball off to a chilly start

(AP) — With a hot beverage cup in both hands and a white parka pulled over her hooded sweat shirt, Marie Denissen was more than happy to be at Nationals Park.

Chilly weather? No worries. Heck, it was opening day.

"It's still great," said Denissen, from Highland, Md., during Thursday's game between the Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals. "You just have to have coffee instead of beer."

Pretty much the sentiment all across the majors. Get out your mitts — and mittens — and let's play ball.

Chipper Jones was ready, even though it was 41 degrees and damp in Washington. The ol' pro got the first hit of the 2011 season with a double, and later scored the first run as Atlanta won 2-0 before a non-sellout crowd.

At Yankee Stadium, there was a box of winter hats for players in the New York clubhouse. It was 42 degrees and misty for the first-ever March game in the Bronx.

Rapper Jay-Z bundled up with his

version of a "ballparka" — hoodie and coat — and there were pockets of empty seats as the Detroit Tigers took on the Yankees. Derek Jeter blew on his hands in the batter's box, even though he already had batting gloves.

The concession stand that seemed to be doing the best business at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City was Sheridan's hot chocolate. Fans bundled against the chill, lined up five-deep, before the Royals hosted the Los Angeles Angels.

Mark Allred, a retired electrician from Kansas City, Mo., sat on the first-base side about 15 rows from the field. The forecast called for highs around 50, with a 50 percent chance of rain and light winds.

"It's too bad we don't have a nice day for this. It's always such an exciting time," Allred said. "Fans like me have been looking forward to baseball all the long winter and now it still feels like winter. But I don't really care. Bring on the first pitch!"

It was 41 degrees for the first pitch

at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati — better than the previous day, when the Milwaukee Brewers and Reds worked out in the snow.

Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez warmed up wearing a red-hooded sweat shirt and players took batting practice in stocking caps.

Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said the trick for players was to ignore the temperature as much as possible.

"It's all mental," Baker said. "Sometimes it really is cold. You've got to fool yourself."

The Brewers didn't seem to mind. Rickie Weeks and Carlos Gomez led off Milwaukee's season with home runs, the first time a team had done that since 1969, when Pete Rose and Bobby Tolan did it for the Reds. Rose, in fact, was at the Brewers-Reds game.

There were six openers Thursday, including games at St. Louis and Los Angeles.

No surprise, Dodger Stadium made for the most picturesque setting. It was sunny, with a gametime temperature of 85 as Tim Lincecum and the World Series champion San Francisco Giants played their old rivals.

"I'm definitely excited. If you're not nervous or antsy, something's wrong," said Don Mattingly, making his managerial debut with Los Angeles.

Baseball has tried in the past to avoid inclement conditions on opening day, occasionally beginning with most of the games on the West Coast and in the South, along with playing in places that had domes. That didn't satisfy everyone, though.

"You can't every year open up in Anaheim or LA or San Diego, or nobody would ever get the first game of the year. You've got to mix it up. I'm fine with that," said Padres manager Bud Black, whose team started Thursday in St. Louis.

Quite a change from the sun-baked fields of spring training in Arizona and Florida.

"Opening day, you don't feel the

weather because you're too excited. Opening day hasn't been cold in the past," Royals designated hitter Billy Butler said. "It's the next few days after that when it gets really cold. The weather changes daily this time of year. But adrenaline will keep you warm."

The rest of the teams in the big leagues were scheduled to open on Friday. Everywhere, there were collection boxes set up at stadiums for donations to the relief efforts in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

At St. Louis, six Cardinals Hall of Famers were introduced during the annual parade lap around the warning track at Busch Stadium, including 90-year-old Stan Musial, honored with the Congressional Medal of Freedom earlier this year.

At Washington, it was drizzling during batting practice. Before the game, Nationals rookie reliever Brian Broderick tried on a red, covering-all-but-the-eyes ski mask, while nearby, a clubhouse attendant offered other players hand warmers.

In New York, wind ruffled the opening-day bunting and some fans moved up from box seats onto the concourses or under the overhangs for cover. Many wore gloves, while others stuffed their hands into their pockets.

Tim Hughes wore a 2009 World Series champions jacket, along with a sweat shirt and blue hood, as he waited in line for a hot chocolate. At 51, the fan from Easton, Pa., said he had been to 34 of the last 35 home openers at Yankee Stadium.

He was prepared for this one, too. "Bundle up, two pairs of socks, sweat shirt, flannel undershirt, jacket, and I brought a blanket," he said.

"It's cold. It's very cold, yeah," he said. "I love opening day, no matter what the weather. I just put extra layers on."

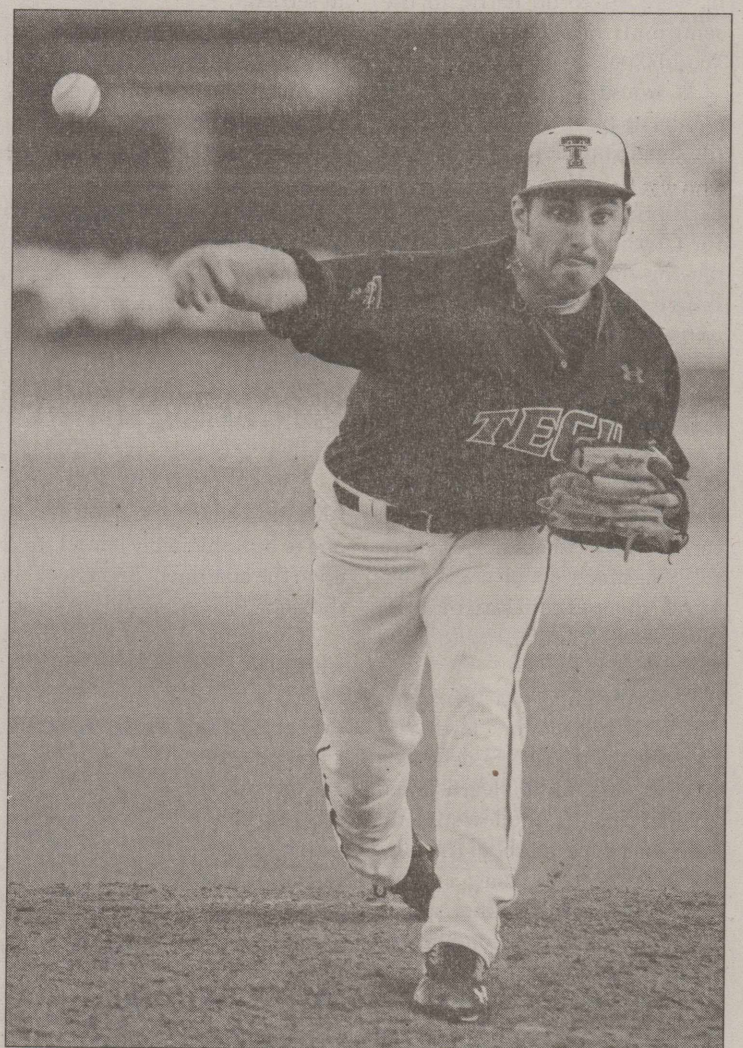


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Hayden Holub warms up at the beginning of the the inning during the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic against Brigham Young Thursday at Dan Law Field.

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"I know they're kind of having a tough time here in the past couple of weeks," Hagen said. "I know they're still going to be a great team to play against, so we're kind of coming in at the top of our game and kind of catching them at the bottom of theirs."

Additionally, Tech has the opportunity to further pin the Sooners at the bottom of the Big 12 standings, as Oklahoma occupies the seventh spot — Tech is in a tie with No. 8 Texas for second.

Much has been made about David Paiz getting the start for the series opener, but his counterpart, senior right-hander Michael Rocha, may be the pitcher to watch come Friday.

Rocha, a winner of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Pitcher of the Week award in early March, enters the series with a 6-0 record to go along with a 0.96 ERA and 42 strikeouts.

Paiz said he looks forward to the challenge of outpitching Rocha not just because of the implications this series has for both teams, but because he is familiar with Rocha's track record in high school.

Rocha played at Hays High School

in Buda, less than 20 miles from Austin, where Paiz spent his high school days playing at Anderson High School.

Paiz is expected to remain active in the batting order throughout the weekend, but Spencer said the team will only go as far as Paiz — and fellow starting pitchers Trey Masek and Robbie Kilcrease — is willing to take the Red Raiders.

"Confidence is imperative individually, and for your club," Spencer said, "but, really, you're as confident as your next starter, and I think our guys feel like any of our three starters can go out and pitch well, we just need to get them — we need to try and hit with all three on a weekend where all three give us a chance so we're not picking our spots in a game or two, but give us three chances to win."

Tech second baseman Jamodrick McGruder, though, does not expect to be in every game, he also expects the team to win its third consecutive Big 12 series.

"We think we can down there and beat these guys," McGruder said. "We think we can go down there and take two or three. The team is feeling really confident ... we expect to go down there and win."

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SPORTS

Tech ready for Big 12 showdown at No. 7 OU



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TEXAS TECH'S REID Redman tags out UNLV's Brandon Bayardi earlier this season at Dan Law Field.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Dan Spencer and the Red Raiders probably did not have too much trouble scouting their next opponent, No. 7 Oklahoma.

Besides, Spencer said, the Sooners (19-6, 2-3 in Big 12 Conference play) return the majority of players from last year's 50-18 squad — the 2010 Sooners reached the College World Series, losing

to eventual national champion South Carolina in an elimination game.

"A bulk of their pitching staff is back from last year, so we saw a lot of those guys in person," Spencer said Wednesday, "and 75 percent, 80 percent of their offensive guys are back... we know a lot about them."

"The problem is, is they're good."

Texas Tech (17-8, 4-2), however, travels to Norman, Okla., to play against a Sooners team that currently is on a slump, having lost six of its last 11.

Two of the five games Oklahoma did not lose during that span were canceled due to inclement weather.

The Red Raiders get their first crack at Oklahoma at 6:30 p.m. today at L. Dale Mitchell Park.

Given the fact that four of Oklahoma's six losses during that stretch came against No. 5 Arizona State and No. 6 Texas A&M, Tech first baseman Stephen Hagen said he does not expect this weekend to be a pushover series.

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Red Raiders look to bounce back at home



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Kelsey Dennis throws the ball during the second game of a double header against the Lobos on March 9 at Rocky Johnson Field.

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to rebound after being swept for the first time this season, the No. 22 Red Raider softball team welcomes No. 14 Oklahoma to Rocky Johnson Field for a two-game series starting tonight.

Texas Tech coach Shanon Hays said his players are confident going into the matchup with the Sooners, and they are ready to stage a comeback for the rest of the season.

"This weekend is a good opportunity for us to come back from last weekend's losses," Hays said before practice Thursday. "A win or two would really help with our RPI, and the girls are confident going

into the weekend."

Tech begins its series against the Sooners at 6:30 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

Hays said though they are confident, his team realizes how good the Sooners have been this season. He said the Red Raiders are going to face one of the best pitchers in the country for the second straight weekend, and the Oklahoma lineup is one of the most dominant in the country.

"We're going to have to pitch great this weekend to compete with their starters," Hays said. "Really, this weekend is all about pitching; if we get a couple of good starts, we can pull out a win or two this series."

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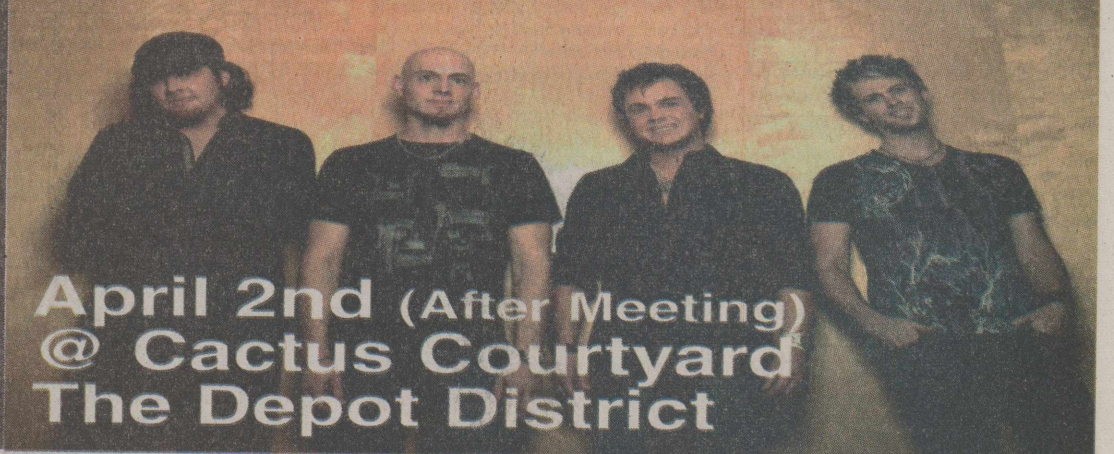
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