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Men march to support sexual assault awareness

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes campaign raises money



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador
PARTICIPANTS IN WALK a Mile in Her Shoes walk past a sign promoting the event Saturday outside of the Lubbock County Courthouse.

By LAUREN FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

Walking in four-inch high heels is something even many women have an issue with, but 200 men took on the daunting task of walking a mile in women's shoes Saturday for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center.

The LRCC planned Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to raise money for the support center provides to sexual assault survivors in Lubbock and the surrounding counties.

"I hope this brings awareness that sexual assault occurs and it's a very serious thing," said Leslie Timmons, community educator and volunteer coordinator for LRCC. "Most of our assailants are males, so we really want to get guys involved in prevention of sexual assault."

The event began at the Lubbock County Courthouse with a men's march, followed by a women's stiletto "dash for cash." Saturday evening the LRCC hosted a dinner and an auction.

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Spray can artists visited the Student Union Building on Monday, creating personal artwork for students.
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Assault suspect comes forward on own accord

Officials: Statement contradicts accuser

By CAITLAN OSBORN
STAFF WRITER

A suspect in a reported sexual assault voluntarily came forward Monday evening when identified and located by the Texas Tech Police Department.

Col. Kenny Evans, Tech PD, said officers responded to a sexual assault report at around 6 p.m. Sunday in the men's locker room in the basement of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

According to a police report, a male student reported being choked unconscious and sexually assaulted by another male.

Police described the suspect as a Hispanic male, about 20 years of age, 6-feet-3-inches tall and 200 pounds.

At the time of the report, the identity of the suspect was unknown, but Evans said Tech PD detectives identified a male graduate student as the suspect at around 5:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Evans said the student said he was

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at the scene of the reported assault, and the suspect voluntarily provided a statement contradicting the victim's account of what transpired Sunday evening in the Rec.

Additionally, Evans said, the suspect also voluntarily provided evidence for analysis along with other physical evidence collected at the scene. He said the evidence is being sent to the Department of Public Safety's Lab, but he is not sure when the results will be available.

Because it is still an ongoing investigation, Evans said he could not comment any further about case specifics.

A TechAnnounce sent Monday evening states there does not appear to be a continuing threat to members of the campus community.

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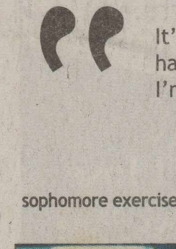
"I think you should be a student because the fact that anyone can use the Rec is scary, and there are children here. There needs to be more security for things like that."

Ainsley Brown - special education major from Austin



"It's just kind of crazy that it could happen at 6 p.m., when the Rec is full of people. It doesn't make me so much scared as cautious, and I guess I have to watch my back more."

Chris Deapar - junior civil engineering major from Abilene



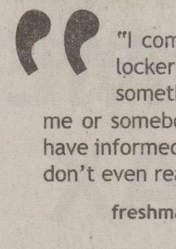
"It's something I never thought about happening, and now that it has, I guess I'm more aware of my surroundings."

Colton Martin - sophomore exercise and sports sciences major from Aspermont



"I think maybe it should start being students only. If anyone can just come in if they have \$8, I can see how something like this could happen."

Drew Heffner - freshman construction engineering major from Burleson



"You never think that something like that could happen here, and it's really unusual because this is such a public place you wouldn't expect someone to do that."

Roxanne Hohertz - sophomore accounting major from Austin

"I come to the Rec every day and use the locker rooms. It's kind of scary because something like that could always happen to me or somebody else. I also feel like they should have informed us more, because most of my friends don't even read TechAnnounce."

Katheryn Johnson - freshman pre-pharmacy major from Las Vegas



Spirit program shines at nationals

Texas Tech Cheer, Pom teams compete against other schools

By DYLAN RUTTER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech cheerleaders won second place in the Varsity: 2011 NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship last weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Tech cheerleading squad, consisting of 20 students led by coach Joshua Anderson, earned an overall score of 9.925 in the Division IA co-ed category.

Preparation for the competition was not without setbacks, though, Anderson said.

"We had our routine set around two weeks ago," Anderson said. "Then we had an injury occur on Sunday. We had to completely change everything the Monday before we went out

to compete.

"Despite the difficulty, the team pulled it together for a great performance."

The cheer routines were judged on elements including tumbling, partner stunts, pyramids, basket tosses, jumps, choreography, degree of difficulty and collegiate image, Anderson said.

Tech cheerleaders went into prelims Thursday in first place with the highest score in the team's history, Anderson said. The team scored highest in six out of 12 categories but fell short capturing first place. Anderson said the point difference between first and second place amounted to the equivalent of one mistake in the Tech routine.

"This was our team's fifth year in a row at nationals, and their second year in a row being first going into finals," Anderson said. "Our team left all of their effort out on the mat, and we are very proud of them."

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TEXAS TECH CHEER took home second place in the Varsity: 2011 NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship last weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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Correction

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article titled "SGA president pushes for undergrad fund increase" should have stated 100 of the 122 biology students in the Fall 2010 semester received exemptions from the state. *The DT* regrets the error.

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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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Community Calendar

TODAY

Diversity Summit

Time: 9 a.m.

Where: Merket Alumni Center

So, what is it?

The Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement hosts the first Texas Tech Diversity Summit, designed to discuss and review current programs and initiatives to promote inclusive excellence at Tech.

Free Film Showing: "Kim's Story"

Time: 3:15 p.m.

Where: Southwest Collections Library, Formby Room

So, what is it?

The final film in the Vietnam Center and Archive's 3rd Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Film Festival, "Kim's Story: The Road from Vietnam" is based on the story of Phan Thi Kim Phuc. In 1972, 9-year-old Kim was severely burned in a misplaced Napalm attack on Trang Bang, South

Vietnam. The photograph and film footage brought to light the suffering of children and civilians in the Vietnam War. Kim became an iconic symbol known simply as "the girl in the picture." A second showing is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Sexual Assault Talk Show

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Human Sciences, Room 169

So, what is it?

This program follows a talk show format. Roles include a talk show host, a victim, an alleged perpetrator, a friend of the perpetrator, and a therapist/expert. The goal is to facilitate audience discussion and understanding of the cultural rape myths culture.

Open Jam

Time: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Where: Skooner's Grill and Bar

So, what is it?

From electric banjo, to jazz sax, to rock-n-roll, come enjoy live music, food and friends.

WEDNESDAY

Diversidad en Nuestra Universidad

Time: 10 a.m.

Where: Business Administration building, Rotunda

So, what is it?

The Hispanic Student Society and the TTU/TTUHSC Latino/Hispanic Faculty & Staff Association invite faculty, staff, students and community members to an effort to promote the Hispanic culture and diversity on campus. The activities for this event include: a 10 a.m. academic panel, 11:30 a.m. activities with middle school students and a 12:30 p.m. lunch catered by Montelongo's Mexican Restaurant. Come out to enjoy a music performance by Mariachis.

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 3 p.m.

Where: Rocky Johnson Field
So, what is it?
Root for the Red Raiders as they take on the Kansas Jayhawks in a doubleheader.

White House/Tech Student Democrats Roundtable

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Business Administration building, Rotunda

So, what is it?

Take an active role in solving some of America's challenges for young people by coming to a roundtable discussion on issues such education, unemployment and tax reform. This is a non-partisan event; anyone can attend.

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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.

5th annual Criminal Law Symposium centers on First Amendment debate

By **TRAVIS BURKETT**
STAFF WRITER

The fifth annual Criminal Law Symposium, hosted by the Texas Tech Law Review last Friday, tried to set up a stage for new interpretations of the First Amendment.

The program consisted of three separate discussion panels, along with several other guest speakers from across the nation.

Natalie Mahlberg, a Tech law student who helped coordinate the event, said the program also benefitted from the student interaction.

"Students benefitted from listening to the lively debate, novel thought and were encouraged to participate by asking questions at the end of every

panel," she said.

Michael Curtis, constitutional historian and professor at Wake Forest University, gave a guest speech covering the history and current application of the First Amendment.

Curtis argued freedom of speech is what has caused the U.S. to thrive, and possible negative effects should not deter its practice.

"There's this close linkage historically to freedom of speech, democracy and religious toleration," Curtis said.

A panel discussing "The First Amendment, the Internet and Criminal Law" tried to break down how the First Amendment should be applied in the digital age.

The panel consisted of four

professors: Lyrrisa Lidsky of the University of Florida, Kevin Sanders of Michigan State University, and Russell Weaver and Eric Segall of the University of Louisville.

Segall began the debate by claiming freedom of speech has become a cliché.

"Our Supreme Court greatly overvalues free speech and undervalues the consequences caused by it," Segall said.

Segall also said people can be driven to violence by hateful speech, and not having to be afraid of such harm is of greater value than free speech is.

Lidsky countered that people are usually not incited to violence when confronted with offensive speech.

Weaver also said regulating

free speech was something the government should not step into.

"I don't trust the government, and I particularly don't trust them to deal with speech issues," he said.

After the three panels took place, the symposium concluded with a reception for the guests and attendees.

Mahlberg said she was very pleased with how the whole event turned out.

"The symposium was a good learning experience for Texas Tech law students," she said. "The distinguished symposium moderators and speakers represented a diverse spectrum of legal thought on issues at the junction of constitutional and criminal law."

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Student Media

Film features Texas Tech's ground-breaking tornado research in IMAX form

By DYLAN RUTTER
STAFF WRITER

More than a year ago, Texas Tech took part in the largest tornado research project in history. The project is now featured in a new movie, "Tornado Alley," currently playing in the Science Spectrum.

"The movie is a combination of two things," said Tech associate professor of atmospheric science Chris Weiss. "One involves the filmmaker Sean Casey and his mission of driving inside a storm with an IMAX camera to film a tornado from the inside, and then us and the VORTEX 2 project."

Weiss was the main coordinator for the project, The Verification of the Origins of Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment 2, also known as VORTEX 2. He planned the deployment for the equipment used to record data on the tornadoes. He was also joined by a group of 20 students, mostly from Tech.

The VORTEX 2 project was funded by the National Science Foundation, Weiss said, and the goal is to solve the mystery of how tornadoes form in order to better predict them.

In an attempt to do this, teams surround the tornado with various radars and other weather equipment in order to get as much data on them as possible, he said.

"Sometimes storms that appear very violent don't produce tornadoes and some harmless-looking storms do," Weiss said. "There is clearly something happening on the storm scale that's causing the tornadoes to form, or fail to form. We feel the only way to get at that answer is to take really detailed observations very close to where the tornado should form."

Brad Charboneau is a research assistant at Tech and was with Weiss as the driver of the field command vehicle.

"The end goal of VORTEX 2 is to ultimately be able to increase the lead time for tornado warnings," said Charboneau. "Right now the lead time is about 13 minutes before the tornado hits. That's not much time; even adding five minutes to that could really benefit the public."

Specifically, the goal is to get data on temperature and thermodynamics of super-cell storms, and information on the winds and how those two things come together to create a tornado, Charboneau said.

Brandon Schweers, a senior history major from Garland, works admissions at the Science Spectrum and said the movie has been very successful.

"'Tornado Alley' has been our best-seller for the past week," Schweers said. "The movie does a good job of being entertaining, but educational at the same time. It is good for people in West Texas to

have healthy respect for the weather."

The technology they use to film the movie makes it very interesting, Schweers said, and the visual shots of the tornadoes are very powerful.

Charboneau said figuring out the information is only half of the solution. The reason this movie is important is because it

helps the public understand how serious and severe a tornado can really be, he said.

Weiss said it was nice to see all the culmination of that hard work up on the big screen, but it is far from finished.

"People may think the project is over," he said, "but we are still doing more field research and trying to better our understanding of tornadoes and how to avoid them."

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BRAD CHARBONEAU
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
VORTEX 2

Artists create spray-can pieces in front of SUB

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Joe sat in the tent in a gas mask as the fumes floated upward.

He was not in a war zone, but rather in front of the Student Union Building.

Tech Activities Board hosted two "spray-can artists," who created individual pieces of 5- by 7-inch artwork free of charge for Tech students from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday.

"Their type of art is very unique," said TAB member and event coordinator Christi Figueroa. "It's amazing."

Spray-can artists visited Tech a

few years ago, said Figueroa, a senior psychology major from Katy, and they have been in high demand ever since. This time, it was Joe, who wore a fedora with his gas mask, and Dan, rather than Joe and Lefty, who had come in the past.

The two used spray paint, putty knives and their fingers to create the designs.

"To take just the spray paint and then just make shapes and designs — it's just incredible," said sophomore Casey Smith, a civil engineering major from Houston.

Holding up his picture of some bright planets, he said the shapes and designs that became art did not

look like it had been created with spray paint. He said Dan had handed him some paper and told him to crumple it up and then used the wrinkled paper to create the stripes on one of the planets.

Smith said he could not wait to show off the painting.

Each piece of artwork takes about three to five minutes to create, Figueroa said, and they are dry to the touch in 10 minutes.

"What makes it interesting is they can do it in such a short amount of time and it comes out amazing," she said. "It looks like it took them hours."

Students could choose a picture from topics like "ocean view at sunrise, night or day," "mountains" or "space."

Students then watched and waited while Joe or Dan created their piece. Figueroa said the whole process was intriguing.

"(Explaining what they do) is like trying to describe the color red," Smith said. "You just have to watch it."

The spray-can artists brought their own tent, supplies and sound system, she said. During the day, they played their own mix, featuring artists from The Beatles to

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CASEY SMITH
SOPHOMORE CIVIL
ENGINEERING MAJOR

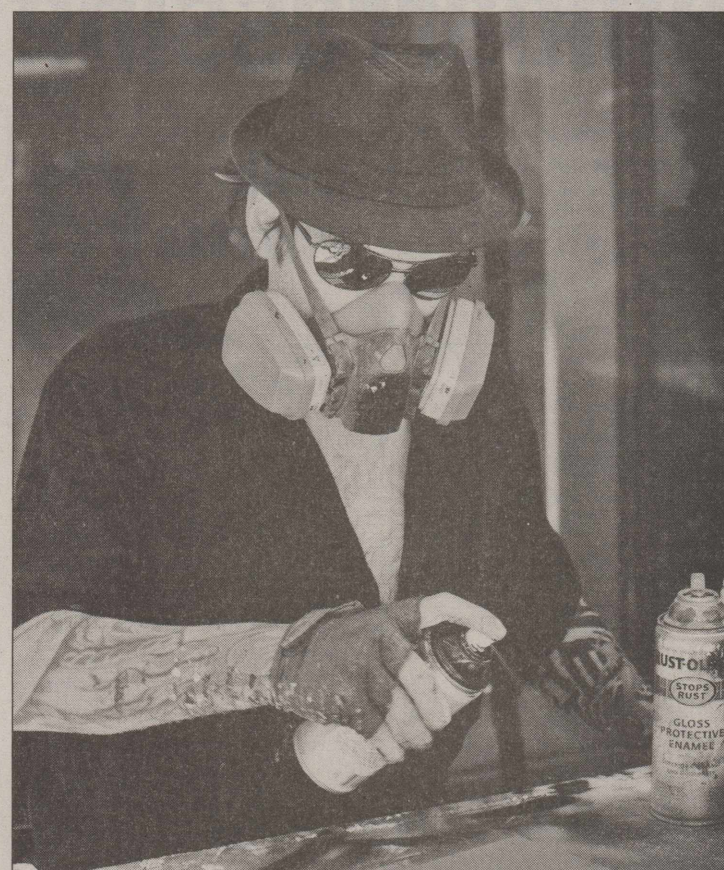


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JOE WATSON CREATES art using spray paint during a TAB event Monday at the Student Union Building, in which students could request free spray painted pictures and watch them be made.

Weird Al.

Before the event started, Figueroa said, people were already waiting in line, and the event stayed busy, with around 15 people in line at any given time.

Sophomore Shannon Drew, a student with no declared major from Amarillo, said the popularity of the event was well justified because of the quality of the art.

Telling Joe to "take her to space," Drew received a painting of a purple castle with an intricate staircase under a few planets.

She said she was going to hang her painting on her wall as soon as she got home.

"Somehow, with this tiny sheet of paper and spray paint," she said, "these people make magic."

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Congressional budget battle embarrassing

For a party that is full of people who swear up and down that they love America and are working as hard as they can to help the nation's economy and taxpayers, Republicans are really good at hiding it. Yes, that's right, GOP and Tea-baggers, I am calling you out on your ruse.

The week of April 4 saw the U.S. government very narrowly avoid being shutdown on account of Republicans' (namely social conservatives) conflict with Democrats over the national budget for fiscal year 2011.

In case you don't know, the government shuts down when the expiration date on funding for federal agencies, programs and other receivers of federal money is passed. This includes congressmen, Social Security, the military, federal contractors and Medicare/Medicaid, just to name a few.

The incompetence shown by Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike was, quite frankly, embarrassing. As much as I hate to admit it, the shutdown scare was not entirely the Republicans' fault. The budget should have been passed before the fiscal year began on Oct. 1, when the Democrats still controlled Congress. Unfortunately, however, they were lacking the guts to pass anything Republicans would give them a hard time over.

So instead, they waited until the Republicans reclaimed the House and put it off until the very last second. Nice work, Democrats (or rather, lack thereof).

What really gets me about all of this is the Republicans, who claim they're trying to curb government spending and improve the economy, would threaten to shut down the government, which is a very costly ordeal.

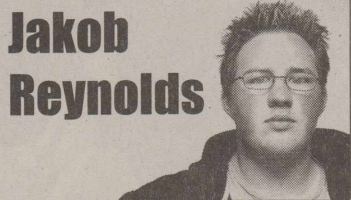
The last time the government was shut down, which was in 1995, it ended up costing the U.S. a little more than \$1.4 million, according to the Office of Management and Budget, much of which went to federal employees who were on furlough and didn't actually do any work.

The threat of a government shutdown in an economic climate such as the current one is a particularly reckless move by the Republicans. It doesn't make the GOP look very appealing when the outcome of what they said they would do would mean 1.8 million people employed by the federal government cannot make payments on their mortgages, credit cards and children's education.

You may ask yourself why Congress would come so close to doing such a thing. After looking through several articles on the subject in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Huffington Post*, it looks like the reason the bill took so long was because both Dems and the GOP were busy blaming each other for something that hadn't even happened yet.

"The [budget agreement] came after Republicans and Democrats spent the day blaming each other for what could have been the first lapse in government ser-

Jakob Reynolds



vices brought on by Congress in 15 years," according to an article in the *New York Times*.

The biggest reason lawmakers were working down to the last couple of hours was the debate over funding for Planned Parenthood, a federally-run program that provides family planning and abortions for the poor.

With a federal law prohibiting federal money for abortions, I'm pretty sure agencies like Planned Parenthood are fairly strictly supervised to make sure they're not somehow sneaking taxpayer dollars to terminate unwanted pregnancies.

Needless to say, social conservatives had a field day with the budget. It would only make sense for them to add their "pro-life" argument to the "less spending" platform. It would only make sense, seeing as House Majority Leader John Boehner is notoriously anti-women's choice. "The life issue is important to a lot of us," said Rep. Steve Chabot of Boehner's home state of Ohio.

Hold on, Mr. Chabot. According to studies conducted by the Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit organization working to advance

global reproductive health, publicly financed family planning in the U.S. prevented 1.94 million unwanted pregnancies in 2006. This also resulted in 810,000 abortions. If you want fewer abortions, why would you and your party work so hard to suppress public organizations trying to educate your constituents on family planning and contraception?

I think the social conservatives' argument against public contraception seems counterintuitive, since they were also with the "Save the Taxpayer's Money" movement. The Guttmacher Institute found that for every \$1 spent on family planning, taxpayers were saved \$3.74. This is because publicly financed contraception reduces the money used by Medicaid and Medicare for childbirth and childcare.

This debate, which essentially wasted hours of floor time and nearly ended up causing a government shutdown, was a defeat for the GOP. They did, however, secure a separate vote later this week on the issue. What's interesting is the abortion issue had nothing to do with fiscal planning.

It is humiliating that one of the world's leading superpowers is managed so poorly. I just hope the next time the budget needs to be passed we can concentrate on fiscal issues and not leave 1.8 million families' incomes in the balance over partisan bickering. I'm not going to hold my breath.

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Time for transparency about college funds

Median pay for administrators of large public universities saw only a minimal increase during the 2009-10 school year, according to a study by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

That's good news, but in an era of budget cuts and job eliminations, many (myself among them) will question if presidents and chancellors should be getting a bump in pay at all.

Part of the problem, though, is the lack of transparency universities tend to take with their funds.

The finances of any large organization can get pretty confusing, but with a university you have several added layers of trouble. There are several places from which universities draw funds.

Of course, public universities get money from the state. Also, they're not free. Students pay tuition and fees to attend the universities. Then, since education is a worthy cause, people give money to support universities. And there's all the money the university raises from events and that sort of thing, but, of course, some of that ends up in different coffers.

Just because it's confusing, though, doesn't mean we don't need transparency. Quite the opposite is true. All the different places where money can come in means there is a greater need for the public to know exactly what

Jon Arnold



funds are being used for what purpose.

Back to the pay of administrators, University of Texas chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa is paid a base salary of \$750,000, according to the CHE study. But he also gets several perks, bringing the actual cost of his employment to \$813,892. A UT spokesman told the *Wall Street Journal* most of Cigarroa's money comes from an endowment, and taxpayers aren't footing the bill.

That's great, and I'm not trying to say it's not true. For all I know, Cigarroa has never seen a dime of taxpayer money, but Texas should come out with the numbers. Exactly how much of Cigarroa's salary is paid by taxpayers, and how much is from the

endowment?

This isn't to point fingers. I feel personally responsible for the lack of transparency. Journalists, because of a variety of reasons, aren't keeping the universities accountable. All of the figures, at least those in Texas, should be attainable by a Texas Public Information Act request. Online news site *The Texas Tribune* maintains a database of all government employee salaries. Those of us in the press need to be vigilant about making sure the public knows where its tax dollars are going.

These administrators could be completely deserving of every cent they get. All of their salary might be coming from a donor, but it's the public's right to know.

That's not even taking into account the salaries of athletic coaches. They bring in salaries not rivaled even by administrators. They do, however, bring in huge amounts of money. Typically the argument is the coaches bring in far more

base salary typically isn't too obscene, but when incentives kick in, the salaries soar.

They do, however, bring in huge amounts of money. Typically the argument is the coaches bring in far more

than any other department, and their salaries are easily paid for by the athletic department alone. Again, that's fine, but universities should be happy to display the breakdown of exactly how much was grossed by a sport.

Here at Texas Tech, top administrators Guy Bailey, president, and Kent Hance, chancellor, have a base pay of \$350,000 and \$420,240, respectively. Taking into account perks, the CHE report cites Bailey's total cost of employment as \$475,684, with a \$42,000 housing allowance, \$18,000 for a car, an expense account, club dues and deferred compensation. Hance's total cost of employment is worth \$592,766. He gets \$6,000 more than Bailey for his car allowance (for Hance's sweet stereo system, perhaps?) and a house, in addition to some deferred compensation, according to the CHE.

Bailey and Hance may be deserving of all that and more. All of that money could come from an endowment. Who knows? We don't, and that's the problem.

With jobs being cut and an unclear future, it's time for universities to open up the ledgers and tell people exactly what money is going where. That way the public can be heard when their money is being spent on something truly wasteful.

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"All the different places where money can come in means there is a greater need for the public to know exactly what funds are being used for what purpose."

Consider 'voluntouring' during summer vacation

Spring break is almost forgotten, and there is only a month left until the last minute to make summer vacation plans, since summer breaks aren't staggered state by state to reduce congestion at popular destinations.

A lesser-known summer vacation option is the volunteer vacation, which can provide an enhanced tourist experience.

A volunteer vacation is an opportunity for anybody to give to others while on vacation. This can include anything from surveying orangutans in Indonesia to building houses during a cross-country bicycle ride. Helping others can be an extremely rewarding experience, and if that occurs in a great location, even better.

Non-profit organizations rely heavily on volunteers to accomplish their goals. There are dozens of websites that will match volunteers with non-profits in need. There is no one website that encompasses all of the options available, and finding the right program can take a decent amount of research.

LifeScape International is a non-profit, founded by Texas Tech doctoral student Anthony Giordano, from the Department of Natural Resources Management. This organization focuses on The Society for the Preservation of Endangered Carnivores and their International Ecological Study (SPECIES), which studies endangered carnivores, primarily in South and Central America.

This organization does not yet have a voluntourism program but plans to develop one in the near future for educational purposes and to support its efforts.

The first step to finding the best-fit voluntourism program is to decide what area to focus on. This can be helping land animals, sea creatures, people or nature. The next step is the location in which to volunteer: pick a continent or setting like mountains, jungle, beach or urban.

Once several potential organizations are identified that are interesting, gathering background information is essential. Not all places that offer voluntourism opportunities are worth the time, effort and money.

Some offer only vegetarian meal options, which do not agree with

Adam Martin



meat-eating Texans. Others only offer portions based on local diets, which are usually well below normal American diets and are not bad but can be less than actual caloric intake needs to maintain lean body mass.

Other programs offer home stays — living with a local family — which can be great but can also be really bad. Some families hosting volunteers treat them like long-lost relatives, feeding them the best food and giving them the best lodging. However, people offering home stays haven't always been trained on hosting international volunteers, and may only host for the money or may not live close to the volunteer location.

A key to having a good experience is to find a program that is well established and locally run. This will mean problems have most likely already been addressed, and if something does come up, there aren't middlemen to confuse the process or take more money. Take the time for due diligence; it will be worth the effort.

Most volunteer vacations require payment, which covers room and board and supports the organization's other funding needs, like supplies, local staff, utilities, etc. Part of the research is to find a program that has minimal middleman kickbacks.

There are several non-profits that monitor other non-profits and rate them on their efficient use of funding. Definitely check a potential program against one of these before committing.

Once committed, book an airline ticket and get ready for an adventure. Flexibility and a cool head will help keep the experience positive, even when things go wrong. Even if the situation isn't ideal, just know it will make a good story upon return to America.

Good or bad, a volunteer vacation will have a lasting impact on the participant and the people, animals or places helped.

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Ditch trashy stars for those with talent

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As someone who writes for the Arts section, I rarely get the opportunity to be openly militant about particular issues. Today, I am up in arms over an arts issue.

Rutgers University drew attention this week for paying "Jersey Shore" star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi \$32,000 to

speak at the university last Thursday. You don't need to be Suze Orman to realize this was a bad deal, but it gets worse.

The school is paying Nobel-laureate writer Toni Morrison \$30,000 to speak at its spring commencement in May.

I could tell you that this is a crying shame, but that's the obvious argument. So, I'm going to explain to you why this is our fault.

One of the most basic principles in any economics class is that of supply and demand. Supply really isn't in play here, but the point is that when demand is high, you can set prices high.

Demand for Snooki is high because the youth of our nation is obsessed with her asinine show. Demand for Morrison is low, although she's won a Nobel Prize for literature.

If talent were a precious metal, Snooki would be worth about 78 cents at your local Gold 2 Cash location. She is (debatable) talented at tanning and laundry. I'm not even going to joke about the gym part. She's like Ivan Rodriguez, except with more emphasis on the "Pudge." If Snooki is gold, Morrison is rhodium; it's worth a lot more, but you wouldn't know because you've never heard of it.

When I reference the youth

that makes Snooki so popular, I mean you guys. Now, I've only seen one full episode of "Jersey Shore," but I can't hole myself up in an ivory tower. I watch a lot of TV that is chemically proven to kill brain cells (for example, Syfy's "Danger Mouse vs. The Lab Rats"). As I can attest after watching "The Room" for the first time this weekend, watching overtly stupid things is massively entertaining. But if we're going to demonstrate outrage over something like Rutgers' absurd display of celebrity proclivity, we have to do it actively.

What's your excuse for having not read "Beloved"? Too much text? Too little time?

I understand that many intelligent people don't get the opportunity to

attend college, but arguably you are among the top quarter of the population in terms of qualifications to read "high-level" literature. Let me tell you: It's much more strenuous than reading "Harry Potter." But it's much less strenuous than reading "The Sound and The Fury."

Authors, playwrights and artists routinely feel the heel of a society that finds their work too inconvenient to appreciate. Yes, an hour-long episode is easier to digest than a 600-page novel. But even if I never read Morrison again, I will still hang on to how amazing her prose was.

It's easy to say that paying Morrison less than Snooki is wrong. It's tougher to demonstrate that we mean it. Don't watch MTV this week. Go out and buy a respected book. It doesn't have to be Morrison. It doesn't even have to be literature. Saying something is wrong is meaningless. Acting on it sends a message.

Terry Jones, if you've gotten bored instigating violence in the Middle East, can I recommend "A Shore Thing" for your next book burning?

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Assault

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Steve Waden, assistant director of facilities and SRC operations, said Monday afternoon that no incident of this magnitude has ever been reported in his time at the Rec, dating back to August 2007. He also said so far the facility has no plans to change its security policies.

"It's an unfortunate incident, of course, but I don't think there is anything more we can do in terms of increasing security," Waden said. "We're already doing everything we can possibly do."

Evans said both campus facility administration and students should take responsibility when it comes to security to ensure maximum safety.

"We've always encouraged cameras in buildings, as well as general personal safety as far as with people being aware of their surroundings," he said. "If they ever feel uncertain, call the police."

Jacob Morris, a junior clinical lab sciences major from Keller, said he has worked at the Rec for almost a year and never has heard of anything like this happening before.

"This was a very rare occurrence," he said. "We have security cameras everywhere and locks on everything, so we usually have pretty good security."

However, Morris said police are not always present at the Rec and usually only deal with problems that involve alcohol near the leisure pool.

Morris said students must have a Tech I.D. to use the facility, and if they are not a student or sponsored by the university, they still must be put in the computer system.

The student recreational website states any person 17 or older also has the option of "self-sponsored facility access," in which they can pay \$8 per visit if they do not have a student I.D.

Morris said each person who is self-sponsored has to fill out an application so the Rec has some type of record of that person in its system.

"There has to be some history of (every person) entering the building," he said. "No one goes unchecked."

Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing for the university, said he imagines the Rec will take steps to increase security if it is required, but it is something that must be decided between Rec facility officials and Tech Police.

"I know that the safety of our students is always a top priority in all of our buildings," he said. "I'm sure they are taking measures to ensure that something of this nature doesn't happen again."

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Walk

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Liza Hooser, a senior social work and music major from Houston, serves as an on-call advocate at the LRCC. She said she enjoyed watching the march because of all the men who supported a cause with which she is very involved.

"You have guys that are repeaters who come every year, and they are pretty comfortable and have the strut down," she said. "We try to help the (first-timers) out and tell them how to walk in heels."

Men of all ages participated in the event to support the LRCC during the month of April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Hooser said. The women's event consisted of four heats of four women, with the winner receiving a \$500 cash prize.

At the after party, the LRCC honored four Lubbock police officers — Bill Carter, Ross Hester, John Lofton and John Thomas Gomez — for their involvement with sexual assault prevention in the community.

Timmons said the LRCC honors men each year who have spoken out against rape.

"I always tell the victims your body is like the church, and it's very

sacred; nobody should be abusing your body in any means or forms," said Bill Carter, a detective with the Lubbock Police Department.

Carter said he works in the crimes against persons unit and is a supporter of sexual assault prevention in Lubbock and on the Tech campus. He emphasizes that male students need to set the example for other students about how to treat women.

"It's a big deal to be able to stand up and say no and know what's right," Hooser said.

The LRCC provides a 24-hour hotline to assist sexual assault survivors and their family and friends, assistance at hospital visits following a crisis, and free counseling. These services are available to Tech students as well as residents of Lubbock and the surrounding areas, Timmons said.

Last year the LRCC helped more than 300 survivors and plans to provide their services in the future with funds raised at the event on Saturday.

"(The LRCC) is important because we have to support the victims," Carter said. "They need a support system through family, counselors, the police department and anybody that knows about the situation."

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Cheer

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Program supervisor Stephanie Rhode joined the squad in Florida and said Tech's competition squad is unique because the students who compete at nationals are the students who participate in game days and appearances. She said many universities have separate squads for competitions and game days.

Rhodes said this creates more exciting performances at sporting events and encourages prospective students from across the country to try out.

"It used to be that every member of the team was from

Texas," Rhodes said. "This is quickly not becoming the case. We are getting calls for kids from Florida, New York, Kansas, Oregon and all over the country. We are doing what we can do to get kids to Tech."

Spirit program assistant and coach of the Tech Pom Squad Bruce Bills said the pom squad also performed well at the competition, placing 13th overall and fifth in the Challenge Cup with a score of 9.121, the highest in the squad's history.

"We are very proud of all of our students involved in the Spirit Program," Anderson said. "Not only did they represent Tech well this last weekend, but they have all year long."

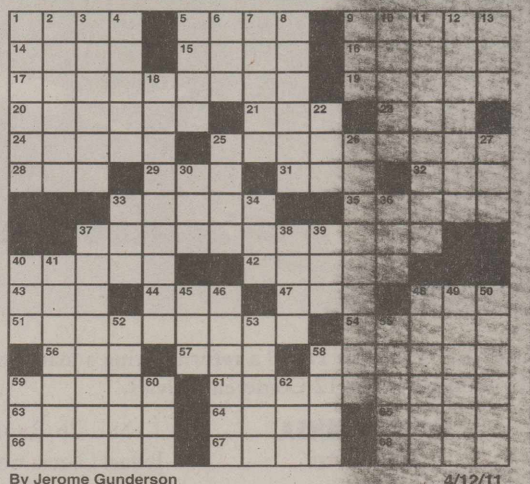
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- 5 Syrup brand
- 9 Scatter
- 14 Plane opening?
- 15 First-speaking republic
- 16 Sports venue
- 17 Where sea meets sand
- 19 Like most attics
- 20 Mob enforcer
- 21 Gp. concerned with fluoride safety
- 23 Link's elevator?
- 24 Old Great Lakes natives
- 25 Behind-the-scenes worker
- 28 Christmas mo.
- 29 Water temperature gauge?
- 31 Pro vote
- 32 USPS carrier's assignment
- 33 Words of sympathy
- 35 Potato cutter
- 37 Light controller—either of its first two words can precede either part of 17, 25, 51- and 61-

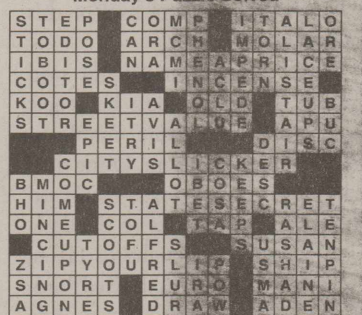


By Jerome Gunderson 4/12/11

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- 11 Fact-finding process
- 12 Understanding between nations
- 13 Method
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- 22 Make better, as cheddar
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- 26 Falling object's direction
- 27 Spiegel, German magazine
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- 33 Roadside rest stop
- 34 Clairvoyance, briefly

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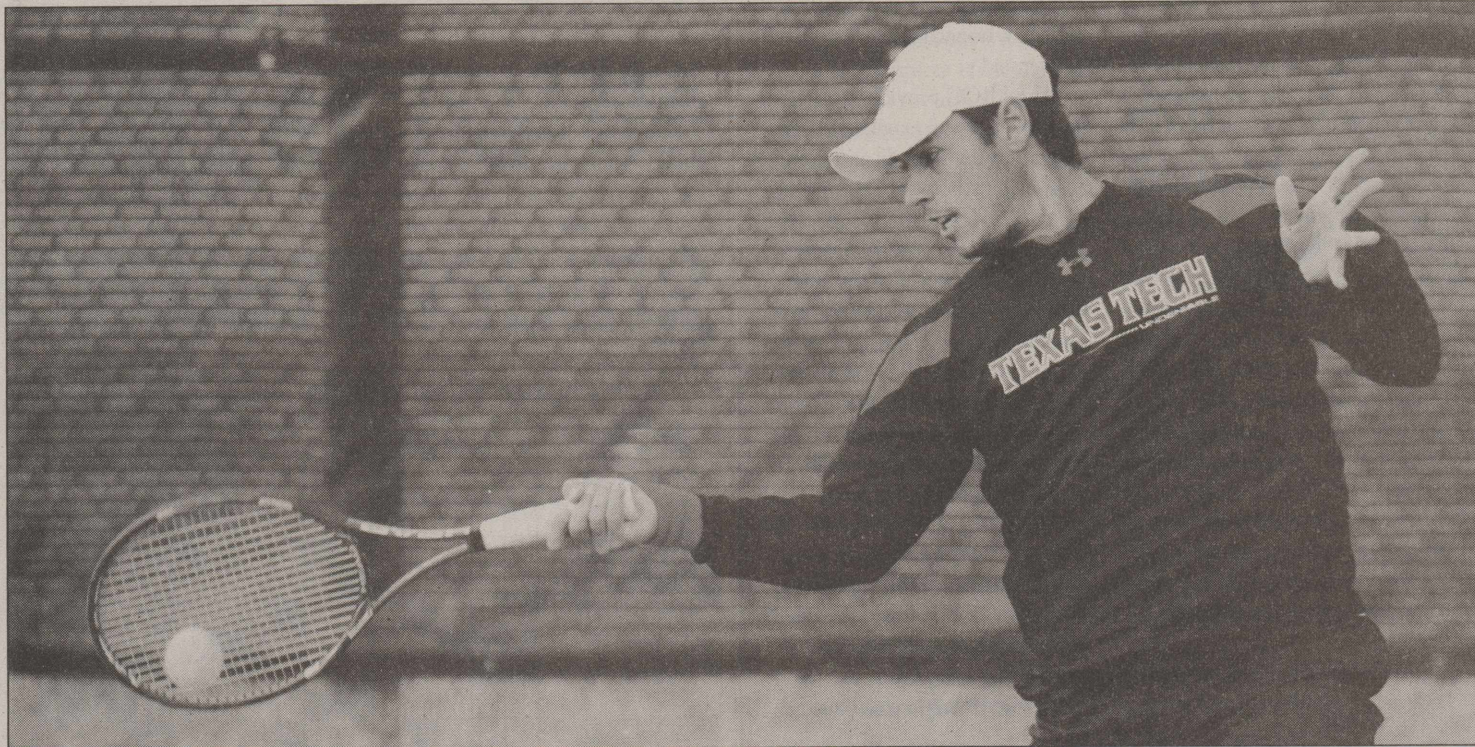
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Men's tennis drops pair to rivals Texas, Texas A&M



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RAFAEL GARCIA HITS a return during a match earlier this season in Lubbock. Garcia and the No. 19 Red Raiders lost both matches during the weekend to Big 12 Conference rivals.

By EVAN JANSA
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Texas Tech may look back on this weekend with regret.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said the No. 19 Red Raiders had their opportunities but were unable to take advantage of them, losing dual matches to No. 5 Texas A&M on Friday and No. 9 Texas on Sunday.

Although the Longhorns (16-6, 2-2) defeated Tech 5-2, the Red Raiders (14-8, 1-3) hopped out to an early lead, grabbing the doubles point.

"It was our best match of the year in doubles," Siegel said. "We had so much energy. We were the better team in the dual match for the first two hours."

No. 26 Raony Carvalho and Rafael Garcia were a big part of the early surge. The duo upset No. 3 Ed Corrie and Jean Anderson, 8-4. Siegel was pleased with their effort despite the tandem's up-and-down season.

"They've had some big wins and some tough losses," Siegel said. "They didn't play well on Friday night, and they turned around and played maybe their best match of the spring. This is what they're capable of doing."

The momentum carried over for No. 23 Carvalho. The junior defeated No. 28 Corrie, 6-0, 7-6, to snag Tech's only other victory.

"Ray had a great weekend," Siegel said. "As poorly as I thought

he played against Oklahoma State last week, he played exceptional tennis. His attitude was fantastic all weekend. That's how he has to be every match."

Rafael Garcia won his first set, and at the No. 1 spot Gonzalo Escobar was up a break in the first set before eventually losing the set and the match to No. 59 Kellen Damico. With the top three ahead in the second hour of the dual match, Siegel said the Red Raiders were in position to win the dual match.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't sustain it, and Texas capitalized and pulled the match out," Siegel said. "This is more disappointing to me than the A&M match because we were the better team — or at least we

were in position to win the match. That's very tough to swallow."

The Aggies (19-4, 3-0) dropped Tech 4-3 in Friday's affair. The Red Raiders lost the doubles point and also struggled in singles. Siegel said the wind was blowing 25 miles per hour, creating tough conditions.

The silver lining for Tech was victories from No. 5 Gabriel Wanderley and No. 6 Raphael Phister. Siegel said they fought hard and competed well.

"Those are the guys I know for sure will do that," Siegel said. "We couldn't quite put it all together and beat those top 10 teams on the road or at home, but overall we know how close we are."

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Seek cover when facing Thunder in NBA playoffs

Cody Stoots



There is a storm brewing on the horizon. No, it isn't the usual West Texas dust storm, it is the Oklahoma Thunder heading for the NBA finals. That's right. I think the Thunder have what it takes to make the NBA finals.

They are one of the hottest teams in basketball right now. Russell Westbrook is one of the most exciting young point guards in a league filled with talented ball-handlers. They may have finally found their big man presence in Kendrick Perkins. James Harden is a very good defender on the perimeter.

Oh, did I mention they have the league leader in scoring, Kevin Durant, on their team?

Durant is a monster on the basketball court. He is one of best scorers, if not the best, in the NBA. His defense is there when he needs it to be, but most important of all this time of year, he is clutch.

My newfound infatuation with Thunder comes from one simple thing: No one matches up well with the Thunder.

The Spurs have to pray the Thunder end up as the No. 2 or No. 3 seed. There is no way the Spurs want to see the Thunder in the second round. There isn't a player on the Spurs who can guard Kevin Durant, and Westbrook's explosiveness will cause problems for the Spurs' methodical and plodding style.

The Lakers have problems with the Thunder, as evidenced by the butt-kicking OKC laid down Sunday night to the defending champs. The Lakers were not pleased with how tough the Thunder were in the playoffs last year, and this year they are better. Adding Perkins to the big man rotation against the Lakers is a big deal. Westbrook versus the Lakers point guards is a win for the Thunder every time.

Don't even get me started on the Mavs and Thunder matchups. Let's

just say my faith in the Mavs has waned in the previous weeks, and Dallas fans shouldn't be surprised if their team is sitting at home if OKC is in their path.

The main thing I want to get across is no one can stop Kevin Durant — it is even extremely hard to slow him down. He has added two pieces he was missing in previous years. He has efficient and big rebounders. Perkins makes a world of difference, as does the effectiveness of Serge Ibaka on the boards. When Durant does miss, which is rare, he now has two guys who can help the offensive boards.

OKC has big-time momentum heading into the playoffs right now. We all know how effective momentum can be heading into the post-season; just ask the UConn Huskies.

Another thing the Thunder has going for their is youth.

The old adage is that you have to learn "how to win" before you can win. The scary thing about the young Thunder players is I don't think they know they "how to win," but they are good enough and play with enough energy they don't know they have things to learn still.

Durant can make a statement in these playoffs. While Derrick Rose leads the MVP debate, and other stars like LeBron James and Dwight Howard have led their teams to the finals, Durant is often an afterthought in the NBA landscape. His Thunder can thrust him into the spotlight with a run deep in a year where there is no clear-cut favorite.

The Thunder will roll, and Durant will strike, in the NBA playoffs.

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Streaking Texas Rangers beat slumping Martinez and Detroit Tigers 2-0

DETROIT (AP) — To Victor Martinez, the Texas ploy made perfect sense.

The Rangers chose to have closer Neftali Feliz intentionally walk Miguel Cabrera with two outs in the ninth inning, even though it meant bringing Martinez to the plate as the potential winning run.

The Detroit newcomer grounded out with two runners on base Monday, finishing off the Tigers' 2-0 loss to the Rangers.

Martinez wasn't surprised by Texas manager Ron Washington's bold strategy to pitch around Cabrera.

"He's been swinging the bat good and I haven't been swinging the bat good at all," the four-time All-Star said. "They took a chance on me."

The former Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians standout is hitting just .225, making \$12 million in the first season of a \$50 million, four-year deal he signed with Detroit to primarily be its designated hitter.

Martinez, though, said it's too early to be frustrated.

"We'll see what happens at the end of the year," he said.

Alexi Ogando outpitched Justin Verlander before leaving with a finger problem to help the defending AL champions improved to 9-1, maintaining the majors' top record and matching the best 10-game start in team history.

Michael Young and Mitch Moreland hit RBI doubles in the seventh inning as Texas equaled the start of

its 1989 club.

Ogando (2-0) gave up just two hits, walked one and struck four over seven innings in his second start in the majors. The converted reliever had his outing cut short by fluid under a callus on his right index finger after pitching six scoreless innings last week with a developing blister on the same finger.

Ogando expects to make his next start.

Texas reliever Darren Oliver gave up a hit in the eighth. Feliz finished for his fourth save in as many chances after retiring two batters and allowing Ryan Raburn to double, bringing up Cabrera.

Verlander (1-1) lost despite pitching a six-hitter, striking out four and walking one in a 119-pitch performance.

"It's terribly disappointing for me," he said. "I think it's terribly disappointing for the team."

Verlander was perfect until Josh Hamilton hit a two-out single in the fourth inning. Hamilton walked with one out in the seventh, scored on Young's double off the right-field wall and Moreland followed with a two-out double off the same wall to make it 2-0.

"He was great," Young said. "He's always a handful."

Detroit had its best chance to score in the fourth when Cabrera became the second player younger than 28 to hit his 300th double, according

to STATS LLC, but that didn't mean much to him after another defeat.

"We lost the game," Cabrera said.

His hit in the fourth put two on with one out, but Martinez's bloop to shallow left field turned into an inning-ending double play when shortstop Elvis Andrus caught the ball and the 27-year-old Cabrera couldn't beat the throw back to second base.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland planned to give slumping center fielder Austin Jackson the day off, but used him as a pinch-hitter in the eighth when Magglio Ordonez came out of the game with tightness in his right Achilles' tendon. Ordonez missed games earlier this season with a stiff surgically repaired right ankle.

Leyland plans to sit him out at least a couple games.

"We're not going to go day to day and get him right," Leyland said.

Jackson hit a leadoff single, but was stranded after Oliver got Johnny Peralta to foul out, Alex Avila to strike out and Brandon Inge to fly out.

Detroit fell to 3-7, needing victories in the next two games to win its first series in a season that started with relatively high hopes, after failing to make Washington's gamble backfire.

"I give them a lot of credit," Leyland said. "I was certainly very comfortable with Victor in that position."

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"We've been preparing all season for this," Tomlinson said, "and we've played pretty good on the road except for that one weekend, so I think the road's not too big of a challenge for us."

Taking the A&M series into account, the Red Raiders will have played eight games in a 10-day span upon completion of the Texas series this weekend.

That stretch of games may not be a big deal to Tech, considering the jam-packed slate of games it encountered from late February to mid-March.

"We play a lot of games in a short amount of time," Spencer said. "You gotta be resilient, and this club is resilient; they'll be fine ... and we need to play well."

Resiliency will be crucial for Tech, since its road trip does not end with its series against the Lobos and Longhorns. The Red Raiders do not play another game at Dan Law Field until April 26, when they begin a second series against New Mexico.

Tech's Nick Popescu said the upcoming stretch is just a matter of righting the ship, not feeling immense amounts of pressure to win every single game.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
AARON CORWIN PITCHES during the fifth inning of a 14-8 loss to Texas A&M Sunday at Dan Law Field.

"We're just trying to get back in the groove of things," Popescu said. "I just started coming back

— just keeping guys healthy, just keep things moving forward and not taking any steps back. Just

get mentally locked in, as Coach Spencer likes to say."
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Hays said the sweep is great but his team needs to focus on its upcoming opponent in Kansas. Though the Jayhawks are 0-10 in Big 12 play this season, the team is a former top-25 team that went 26-3 before the start of the Big 12 season. The team's record does not show how close most of its games have been.

Kansas lost to Missouri by only one run in each of its games, and Hays said the team's conference record shows how tough the Big 12 is this season.

"KU is like a wounded bear right now," Hays said. "It's gonna be a tough series on Wednesday, but a couple of wins would be good to get us closer to .500."

Tech's two-game sweep against the Cyclones brought it to two

games under .500 in Big 12 play, and sweep of the Jayhawks in Wednesday's double header would bring Tech to .500.

He said the team isn't going to switch up how it practices before the Kansas doubleheader and it just needs to focus on its strengths.

"We try to take the same approach week to week," Hays said. "The girls know what to expect; they know it's just about getting it done."

He said Wednesday's series is going to be a huge challenge, just like every other Big 12 series. He said if the Red Raiders get a few good starts and swing well, they should pull another series win.

"It's pretty simple," Hays said. "If we have a good day Wednesday, it gets us where we need to be for the season."

The doubleheader starts at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.
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Barry Bonds waits as jury deliberates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds is going to have a longer wait for his verdict.

The jury considering four felony counts against the home run king deliberated without a conclusion for the second day Monday. The eight women and four men, who started their discussions on Friday before a weekend break, will resume work Tuesday morning.

The gap between closing arguments and verdict has grown longer than the gap between Bonds' record-breaking home runs in 2007. The former MVP broke Hank Aaron's home run record on Aug. 7 when he hit No. 756, three days after matching Aaron.

Bonds, who also holds the single-season home run mark of 73, is charged with three counts of making false statements to a grand jury in 2003 and one count of obstruction of justice. He's accused of lying when he denied receiving steroids and human growth hormone from personal trainer Greg Anderson, and for saying he allowed only doctors to give him an injection.

For those trying to get a peek into the jury's thoughts, the panel has made requests to rehear two pieces of evidence that both center on the injection count.

On Friday, the jurors asked to hear a replay of the 2003 secret recording made by former Bonds busi-

ness partner Steve Hoskins in which Anderson talks about injecting the slugger. Before the resumption of deliberations Monday, the panel spent 71 minutes hearing a clerk read back the March 31 testimony of Bonds' former personal shopper Kathy Hoskins — Steve's sister. She testified that she saw Anderson inject Bonds near the navel in 2002, becoming the only one of 25 witnesses at the trial to claim firsthand knowledge of Bonds being injected.

"This was very damaging testimony that contrasted starkly with his denials of steroid use that are the heart of this perjury case," said legal observer Joshua Berman, a former prosecutor who is now a criminal de-

fense attorney in Washington D.C.

However, it's impossible to discern how many of the 12 jurors are focusing on that testimony and whether they feel the injection answer was material, or in layman's terms, important, to the grand jury's investigation. To convict Bonds of making a false statement, the jury must find both that what Bonds said was a lie and one that had an effect on the grand jury.

Anderson was jailed during the trial because he refused to testify. No witnesses said they personally saw Bonds receive drugs — Kathy Hoskins said she did not ask what was in the syringe Anderson used on Bonds.

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Red Raiders hope to continue recent 2-game win streak



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH THIRD basemen Emily Bledsoe tags out Baylor's Megan Turk as she runs to home plate in the fourth inning during a 5-1 loss against the Bears on Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Looking to continue its winning streak against Kansas on Wednesday, Texas Tech hits the practice field with confidence it can sweep a Big 12 opponent.

Tech coach Shanon Hays said he is ready to see his girls continue a winning streak, and they are playing well enough to win a few more games.

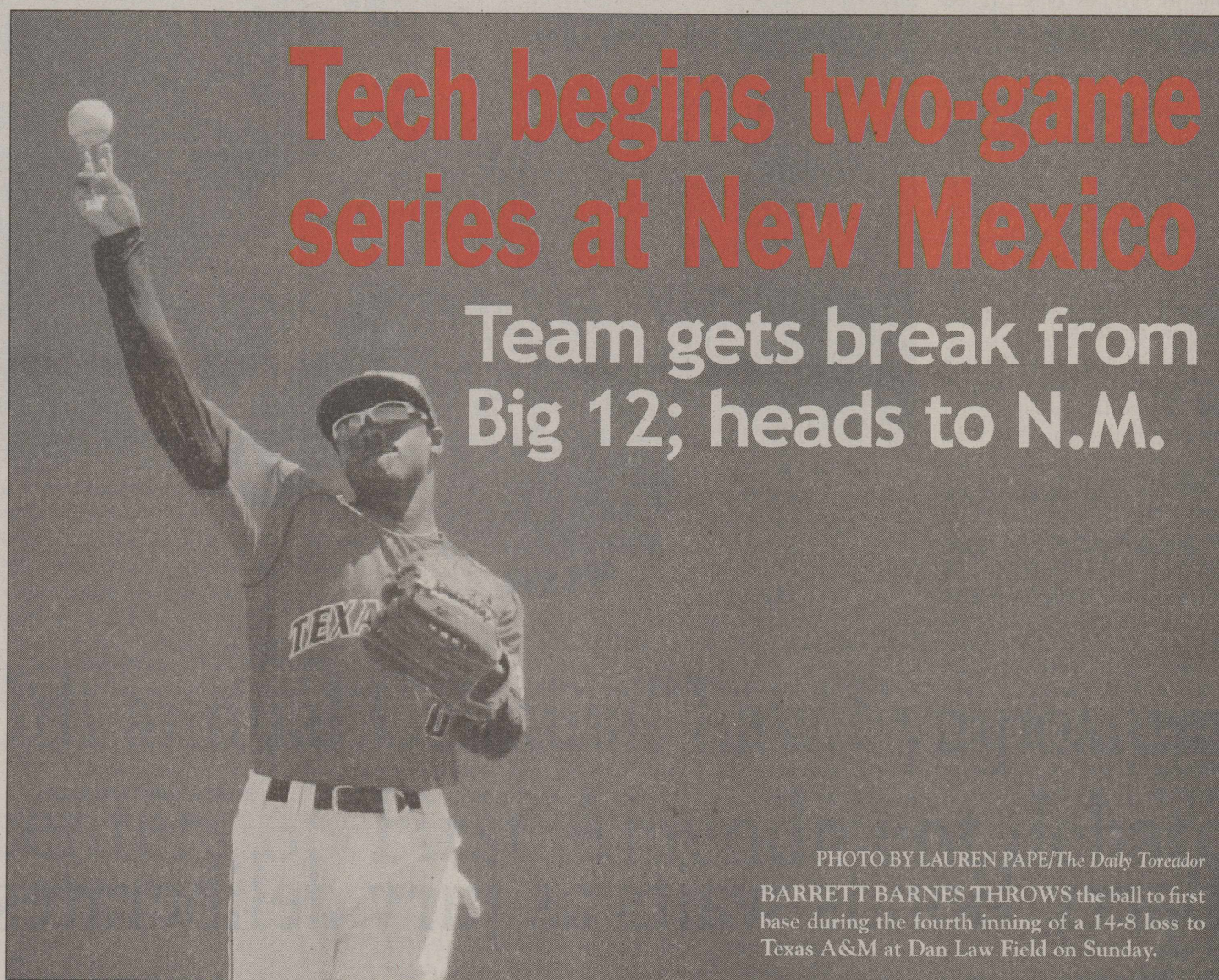
This past weekend's dominant performance in Ames, Iowa, proved the Red Raiders (38-6, 3-5 in Big 12 Conference play) still

are a threat in the tough Big 12. Scoring more than 15 runs in both games, it is apparent the lineup was happy to not be facing an All-American pitcher in its series with Iowa State.

Hays said it was nice to see his girls bat so well this weekend, and he was pleased with his team's first Big 12 sweep of the season.

"I was really happy with the girls' hitting this week," Hays said. "We drove in most of the runners we had on base. It was great to get the sweep — we needed it badly."

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Tech begins two-game series at New Mexico

Team gets break from Big 12; heads to N.M.

PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
BARRETT BARNES THROWS the ball to first base during the fourth inning of a 14-8 loss to Texas A&M at Dan Law Field on Sunday.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Following a 14-8 drubbing at the hands of No. 7 Texas A&M on Sunday, Texas Tech coach Dan Spencer took the time to compare the Red Raiders' 2011 season to a house.

A house his players are in the process of building, but are going about building in the wrong manner. Spencer said his players are searching for a perfect, finished product without going through steps necessary to reach that goal.

"We got some kids fired up, talking about winning, and that's great," Spencer said, "but it's how do you win? And what are the rules? How do you get there? How do you build the house? They want to put the roof on before you build the house, and it's

no good; doesn't work like that. And so you have to go back to the basics."

The lack of basic execution reared its ugly head in Tech's (20-13, 5-7 in Big 12 Conference play) last two conference series against No. 8 Oklahoma and at home against the Aggies — Tech is a combined 1-5 in those two series.

The biggest concern throughout Tech's recent conference slump is pitching, which, during the nonconference play, seemed to be a strong point for the Red Raiders.

Luckily for Tech, it gets a nonconference foe to try and bounce back against before making the road trip to Austin this weekend to take on No. 5 Texas. That opponent is New Mexico.

Tech begins a two-game midweek series against the Lobos at 1 p.m. today at Isotopes Park in

Albuquerque, N.M. The series finale takes place Wednesday, also at 1 p.m.

The Lobos (10-22), despite the discouraging overall record, are coming off a series against TCU that had major implications in the Mountain West Conference.

New Mexico did not win the series, but did take one out of three games from the No. 9 Horned Frogs — the Red Raiders were swept in a three-game series by TCU in Lubbock.

Regardless of what the Lobos have accomplished in 2011, Tech shortstop Kelby Tomlinson said a midweek series of any sort should be something all Tech players are looking forward to considering the team's success on the road outside of the Oklahoma series.

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