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Texas Bill would raise speed limits

Students react to proposed changes

By AMY BREWER
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Texas could soon become a haven for drivers eager to put the pedal to the metal.

The Texas House of Representatives recently passed a bill that could increase the speed limit on some state highways to 85 mph, which would be the highest speed limit in the nation.

“A lot of times I would be scared or paranoid for my friends and family. I think it would have a high increase of accidents and casualties.”

Andrew Hejny
Sophomore

Andrew Hejny, a sophomore marketing and management major from Ennis, said he does not believe increasing the speed limit would be a smart decision.

“I already don’t trust a lot of drivers out there,” Hejny said. “A lot of times I would be scared or paranoid for my friends and family. I think it would have a high increase of accidents and casualties. I read an article that said about 10,000 people die a year in car crashes already, so I can’t imagine this would help.”

Before any speed limit is raised, several in-depth engineering and traffic investigations take place, the Texas Department of Transportation’s website states.

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The Red Raiders head to Oklahoma State to take on the No. 19 Cowgirls. SPORTS, Page 6

Chalk Tragedy



Exhibition presents iconic art to Tech



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JARED APPLGATE, A graduate student from Fort Wayne, Ind., displays his chalkboard artwork in the Art building this week.

By LAUREN FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

Combining chalk and oil, Jared Applegate created an exhibition of pieces on chalkboards, highlighting the lives of tragic icons from history.

Applegate, an MFA student in painting and drawing from Fort Wayne, Ind., draws on his past of self-destruction and his connection to pop culture throughout his lifetime for “Who Do Men Say That I Am?” currently on display in the Studio Gallery of the Art building.

“The series first started by only picking self-destructive, tragic icons because I, myself, was involved in a very self-destructive act a couple

years ago,” he said. “That kind of opened up the exploration of the tragic icon and how the decisions they make may be permanent or a transition as a person and as someone grows or become influenced by others.”

He said he focused on the idea of role models in society and the rapid change of current educational systems. Applegate believes students should reflect on how each figure portrayed impacted society.

Samantha Gunaratna, a junior history major from Dallas, was impressed with Applegate’s pop culture references and pointed out “Untitled (Michael Jackson)” as the piece that stood out the most.

“He took something controversial and made it not controversial,” Gunaratna said. “I feel like using

iconic figures is like taking a risk because (the artist is) willing to take whatever the repercussions are and deal with them.”

Applegate said he has a personal connection to each figure and each piece as a whole. “Youpac,” features Applegate’s own face on the body of Tupac, a person with whom he identifies.

“Whenever I first walked in, I didn’t even understand what was really going on, but I think it’s just really eye-catching because these are iconic people, and it’s just something so different on chalkboards,” said Emily Dickenson, a senior communications design major from Abilene.

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Vietnam photo icon speaks at Tech about forgiveness

Phan Thi embraces storyteller role

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Kim Phuc Phan Thi has been at the center of attention for 30 years as the “girl in the picture,” a photo taken in 1972, showing her crying and naked running away from a burning background.

But she’s not running anymore. “Sometimes, I wanted to escape that picture because I suffered so much because of that picture,” Phan Thi said. “I realized, no, I have to go back and work with that, for peace.”

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KIM PHUC, A guest lecturer for The Vietnam Center and Archive, tells her life story in the Allen Theatre on Thursday.



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Community Calendar

TODAY

Llano Estacado: An Island in the Sky

Time: All-day event
Where: Landmark Gallery So, where is it?

Landmark Arts exhibits selections of photographs from the Llano Project, which was organized by Bill Tydeman and Steve Bogener in 2004-05 for the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library with a special grant from The CH Foundation. Six photographers were commissioned to photograph the Llano Estacado as artists rather than as surveyors. The exhibit is on display through June 24.

Reception for Multicultural Exhibit

Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Where: International Cultural Center So, what is it?

A reception for the art exhibit "Common-Wealth" that reflects the unique perceptions and observations of American, Hispanic and "Spanglish" cultures by two South Texas College visual art faculty members. Both artists will attend.

Take Back the Night Rally and March

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Urbanovsky Park So, what is it?

Join V-Day Lubbock Coalition as they help survivors of sexual assault "Shatter the Silence" about sexual violence. The rally and march will be followed by a candlelight vigil and a speak out.

Rock the Plaza

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Student Union West Plaza So, what is it?

The winner of the Singer/Songwriter Competition and The Crisis will open, and Shwayze will headline. Come out early for free food and T-shirts.

SATURDAY

Crawfish for CASA

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Conference Café So, what is it?

The Law School Aggie Bar Association hosts its third annual all-you-can-eat crawfish boil for CASA, a nonprofit organization of attorneys that advocates for the safety and welfare of children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse. Cost is \$10 for students.

Spring Fling

Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Urbanovsky Park So, what is it?

Residence Hall Association hosts a day of carnival fun and free snacks.

SUNDAY

Walk for Autism Awareness

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Jones AT&T Stadium So, what is it?

The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research at Texas Tech hosts its annual event, raising awareness of autism and celebrating the lives of those living with autism, their families and the professionals who work with them. The event will feature inflatables and games for children. The first 1,000 to arrive will receive a free T-shirt.

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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

Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article titled "Tommy Tuberville shares life lessons, experiences with seminar students" should

have stated Chancellor Kent Hance was unable to lecture because of meetings with senators in Austin. *The DT* regrets the error.

TTUHSC hosts annual donor luncheon

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

Scholarship donors Texas Tech's medical school were able to meet some of the students they helped through medical school.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine hosted its annual donor appreciation luncheon Thursday at the International Cultural Center. Last year, the School of Medicine received \$468,000 in scholarships.

Dr. Tedd Mitchell, TTUHSC president, said they like to give donors a chance to see the direct impact they have on the students they are funding.

"It's our way of letting the donors know, No. 1, that we as the School of Medicine appreciate their support, but more importantly to let them know directly from the students themselves how much their support is appreciated," Mitchell said.

The donors' reactions were "positive" and "wonderful," he said, not only because the donors were recognized for their support, but also because they were able to be amongst the students and understand the impact they had on them.

Mitchell said the scholarship recipients also had positive reactions to the donors, but in a different way.

The donors, he said, are eager and happy to learn more about the students and their lives, while the students are positive in a humble way about the gifts they have received.

"I was sitting at one of the tables that had some of the donors and some of the students there, and it was wonderful to hear them interact," Mitchell said. "You could see the donors just lighting up, you could see them just beaming — kind of

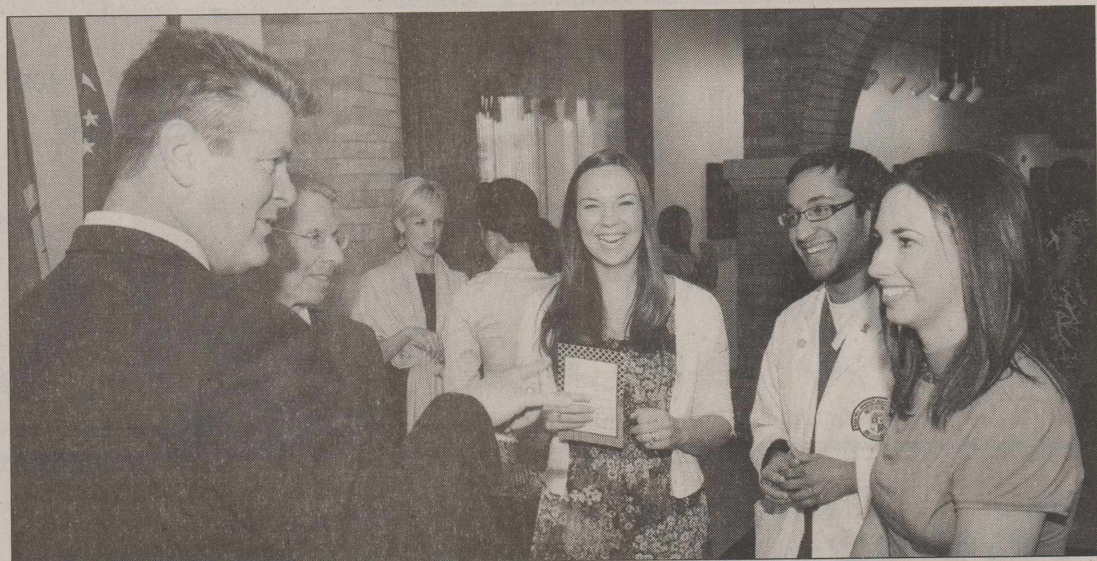


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THE TEXAS TECH Health Sciences Center hosted its annual donor appreciation luncheon Thursday in the International Cultural Center. Last year the school of medicine received \$468,000 in scholarships.

like proud parents, knowing they contributed to that student's success."

Geoffrey Lowe, a second-year medical student from Aledo, was one of the scholarship recipients attending the luncheon.

It was nice, he said, having the opportunity to meet and connect with the donors, as well as showing his own appreciation for their donations.

Lowe said he believes the experience gave the donors a feeling of satisfaction to see the benefits of their gifts.

The scholarship allowed him to be less concerned with paying back loans down the road, he said.

"It lightened the financial burden that is significant with going to medical school," Lowe said, "and it really enabled me to not worry about finances and other restraints that can go along with medical school and to really focus on what mat-

ters and focus on my studies and being able to connect with patients and not have to worry about debt and finances when you have a scholarship."

Dr. Steven Berk, TTUHSC executive vice president, provost and dean of the TTUHSC School of Medicine, said the donors help the medical school by allowing the school to give scholarships to students who might otherwise choose a different school based on finances.

The Family Medicine Accelerated Track program, Berk said, gives medical students a scholarship their first year in the program, allowing them to graduate in three years and go straight into family medicine.

The program, he said, allows students to worry less about working and making ends meet and focus more on their studies.

"Some students probably couldn't go

to medical school at all unless they had some scholarship assistance. So it can make a huge difference in what a student actually chooses to do, and it keeps their debt down," Berk said.

Because of retiring baby boomers, there will be a decrease in the number of physicians and an increase in the older population, which tends to need more care, Berk said.

A maldistribution of physicians, he said, also creates a problem for people because more physicians are needed.

The scholarship money, Berk said, especially for the F-Med program, trains students specifically in family medicine and cuts the students' debt in half.

"We do a lot for the community, and the community recognizes that, and so we have a lot of donors and a lot of people wanting to help the school," he said.

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Bill

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While an increase in the speed limit would allow Texas drivers to reach their destination faster, rising gas prices are an issue for some.

The Energy Information Administration's website showed the current average gas prices in Texas to be \$3.68 per gallon.

Marketing and management major Hejny said he is not concerned about how the potential speed limit would affect gas mileage because he said he believes it evens out with gas used and time taken to get somewhere.

"Let's say you're going, like, 60, so you are using less gas," Hejny said, "but then

another person is going 85, using more gas but getting to their destination faster, so that is less time they are using gas. I guess that is just how I see it — that it wouldn't make that much of a difference as far as gas goes."

However, the Department of Energy's website reports each 5 mph driven more than 60 mph is equivalent to paying 15 cents more per gallon of gas. So, assuming Texas drivers do not speed, if the speed limit is 85 mph, each driver will be paying 75 cents more per gallon of gas while driving on the highway.

Ryan Foster, a sophomore advertising major from Pflugerville, said he believes the speed limit increase would be a positive change for certain stretches of Texas highways.

"I have made the drive from Austin

to Lubbock several times," Foster said, "and on a long, flat highway, like the one connecting Lubbock to Austin, going 70 for at least 100 miles just seems monotonous. I even find myself getting restless and tired sometimes."

Foster said he believes if the speed limit was increased, drivers would not get so bored and tired on long drives, and believes the number of deaths caused by car accidents would decrease.

Rikki Carter, a junior public relations major from Houston, said she does not believe it is necessary to raise the speed limit because she believes it will do nothing but make the highways more dangerous.

"If the speed limit is increased to 85," Carter said, "people are going to start going, like, 90, and that's just not safe."

The faster you drive, the more impact the wind has on your car. I think cars flip fairly easily, so it just would not be safe to drive that fast."

The Texas Department of Transportation's website indicates speed limits are set according to the 85th percentile rule. This rule is designed to separate the bottom 85 percent of vehicle speeds from the top 15 percent.

Hejny, a sophomore, said he could justify the speed limit set at 85 mph on highways like Highway 84, one of the highways many students take to get to Lubbock.

"It would definitely be a more practical place to have a higher speed limit," Hejny said, "but I still am uneasy about it. I would rather be safe than sorry."

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Chalk

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Applegate said he would like viewers to connect with one or all of the figures represented and ask themselves why each character would be on a chalkboard.

The chalkboard represents a metaphor to human life through the idea that when something is written with chalk, it is easily erasable and covered with new information.

This is the first time this exhibition has been displayed, and Applegate said he was interested

to view all the images together in one setting.

"There is a shared conversation between the people depicted and people participating in the exhibition," he said. "If I want my work to be about a certain thing, and someone else sees it and doesn't get what I want to say or what the work is saying, then there needs to be some reevaluation to look at certain parts of the work and try new things."

"That way there's that com-

mon thread that runs through the artist and through the work and through the viewer."

Dickenson said she appreciates the hard work that went into developing an extensive exhibition for show in the School of Art and believes all artists have a personal goal achievable through their work.

"I hope viewers take a lot from (the exhibit), but especially, life is short — live right," Applegate said.

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Vietnam

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Thursday evening, as part of the Vietnam Center and Archive guest lecture series, Phan Thi told the story in the Allen Theatre about her efforts of forgiveness for those who caused her physical and emotional pain.

Phan Thi received burns on her left arm and her back from a napalm explosion dropped by Southern Vietnamese planes on her small village, Trang Bang. Since then, she said she

has had 17 surgeries.

"Napalm is the most terrible burn you can imagine," Phan Thi said. "It's burning gasoline under the skin."

However, her message about forgiveness is strong and something she wants everyone to understand.

"I have so much pain, and so that reminds me all the time, but the good thing I learned is how to forgive and that forgiveness makes my heart feel so peaceful and healing," said Phan Thi, who is also the founder of a non-profit organization, Kim Phuc Foundation International: Healing Children of War, which brings medical and psychological aid to war-occupied children.

"People can benefit from me face to face, but people from far away around the world — they can have the benefit from me sharing my story," Phan Thi said.

She said being pictured in the photograph has had a powerful affect on her life.

"Many times I asked, 'Why me?' Many times I wanted to die," she said. "Many times I just hated that picture, but now I embrace that and I work with that and want people to know that whatever happens, they can learn from it."

Mary Saffell, associate director of the Vietnam Center and Archive, said she hopes the community will learn from Phan Thi's experiences and be inspired by her work in foreign war-torn countries.

"I think that she is an important symbol in the Vietnam War, a living symbol and she has taken a tragic event in her life and has really used it to help others instead of letting that be a burden to her for the rest of her life," Saffell said. "She's really gone on to use that and try to spread the message of peace and of compassion."

Chris Scurlock, a sophomore exercise and sports sciences major from Midland, said he expected to hear a lecturer speak about how a country ruined her life but was surprised to learn a different message from her.

"I think that the way she spoke, you knew she wasn't here to tell her story how America messed up her life, or whatever, she was here to say, 'If I could move on from this, anyone can move on from anything,'" Scurlock said. "I felt sorry for her. She didn't have a choice. She was just a kid, just minding her own business, and her whole town got blown up."

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Tech fashion students design jeans, compete for trip to view production

By SYDNEY HOLMES
STAFF WRITER

As the demand to stay in style rises, even more pressure is put on designers to make everyday sidewalk-strutters look their best.

Texas Tech apparel design and manufacturing students experienced this stress firsthand as they competed in the Denim Runway 2011 Design contest on Thursday.

The Plains Cotton Cooperative Association and Cotton Council International sponsored the competition.

"We took the students to a cotton field and to a gin. They got to see the denim and the whole experience. They got to see how the denim that they're designing with — how it was created," said Emma Matkin, PCCA communications specialist. "We really wanted to give them that whole experience, so that when they're designing their jeans they could really remember where they came from."

The students competed in three categories: men's jeans, women's jeans and casual wear. Each of the competitors and their models went in front of three judges, presented their designs, got small amounts of feedback and left.

"It is so nerve-wracking because it's whatever (the judges) decide. Fashion is just your opinion," said Beatrice Johnson, a junior apparel design and manufacturing major from Lubbock. "It's kind of nerve-wracking sometimes because you don't know what they're looking for. You know what you're presenting, but you don't know if that's what they're looking for."

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Guatemala to watch and participate in the manufacturing of their own designs at Denimatrix LP.

"It would be amazing for me (to win)," said Katherine Gibbs, a junior fashion design major from Lubbock. "It would be so cool to see (my designs) produced in a manufacturing facility."

Gibbs originally planned to be a wedding gown designer but now is considering working with some denim in her career.

"Through this competition, I've really enjoyed working with denim. I've never made a pair of jeans. These are

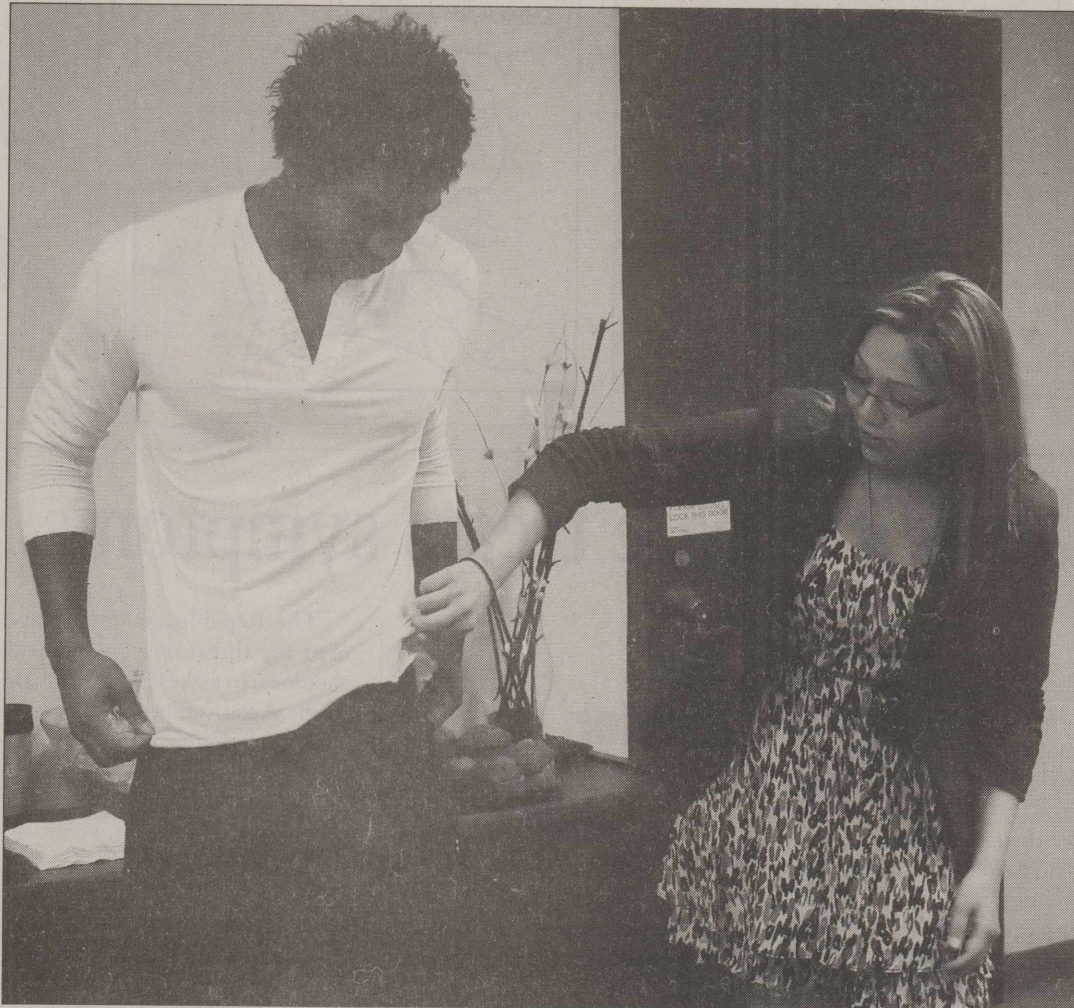


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TRISTIAN HILL, A senior political science major from San Antonio, models jeans designed by Erica Medrano, a senior apparel design and manufacturing major, for the judges of the Denim Runway 2011 Design Contest on Thursday.

my first two pairs," she said. "I've never done denim, and I really enjoyed it. I'm now considering making them when I graduate."

Since jeans are such a common staple in many closets, Gibbs said oftentimes they are taken for granted. She said it took her two days to finalize her men's jeans.

"I was working until 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. in the morning," she said.

Johnson said in order to succeed in the fashion market, designers must possess somewhat of a sixth sense.

"You have to have a certain eye for it, you know? You have to know what is hot — what is hot right now," she said.

Johnson also mentioned the basis of fashion is being able to know what is in style and is trendy without stealing other designers' ideas.

"The majority of fashion is a copy," she said. "What we do is we take an idea, and we make it our own. It will take forever if you (just decide), 'Oh, I'm going to make a Victorian dress.' You'll be thinking about that dress two years from now. It's just borrowing."

Matkin said the goal of the competition is to educate design students about the origins of denim and how to appreciate its beginnings.

"We have no idea what the farmer does. At PCCA, that's what we try to get out. High-fashion jeans start from the cotton field," Matkin said. "Whether it's a pair of jeans that runs \$250 or a Wal-Mart \$19.99, it all starts with the farmer."

Johnson said fashion design is often misrepresented, and students often disregard the effort it takes to

create a garment.

"It's tough; it's hard," she said. "People think that we're just in there playing in the lab. They say, 'Oh, the fashion girls have it made because they do clothes,' but that's not true. We put a lot of work into it."

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Big Crazy Weekend to feature Shwayze, Crisis

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

With its Twitter feed calling it "so much free stuff in one place," the Residence Halls Association is making final preparations for just a part of One Big Crazy Weekend.

The Tech Activities Board, RHA and Student Government Association are teaming up again to host three days of free events.

At 7 p.m. today, TAB presents Rock the Plaza, an annual free concert in the Student Union West Plaza, between the SUB and the library. Concert coordinator Celeste DiPaolo said this is the event's fifth year, but it will be unlike any before.

"It's got a completely different vibe," the sophomore English major from Albuquerque, N.M., said. "There's a whole new feel to it."

Usually TAB selects musicians who are considered indie or indie rock, she said, but this year, the committee chose Shwayze, who DiPaolo called "alternative rap."

Most famous for the song "Corona and Lime," Shwayze will be perfect to kick off the summer, DiPaolo said.

The Crisis, a Houston-area band, and the winner of the TAB singer/songwriter competition, Benton Leachman, will open for Shwayze, DiPaolo said.

Rock the Plaza is free to all, she said, and anyone with a valid Tech ID can get free food, drinks and T-shirts as long as supplies last.

"It's a free event," DiPaolo said, "and I promise you'll have fun."

On Saturday, RHA hosts its annual Spring Fling at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center fields. Spring Fling is a carnival-style event hosted by

the complex councils of all of the residence halls on campus.

Starting at 2 p.m., students can get T-shirts and play on giant inflatable games, said RHA vice president of programming Evan Dixon, a sophomore broadcast major from Albuquerque, N.M.

"It will be a lot of fun," Dixon said. "It's a great way to relax before finals."

Food will be provided as well, with catering from Rib Crib and Coolhaus ice cream sandwiches, which feature many unique flavors and an edible wrapper.

Dixon said a unique feature this year will be the opportunity for students to play with dogs from a local shelter. He said students often want to get pets when they eventually move off campus, and with many students making plans for next semester, it is a good time to remind them to keep shelters in mind when looking for a pet.

A disc jockey will be there for most of the day, he said, and a movie will play outside later in the evening. Like TAB, RHA has been planning for the Big Crazy Weekend since December.

"It's a long time," Dixon said, "but it's a lot of fun when it happens."

With three of the largest organizations on campus getting together, Dixon said it should be a successful weekend. He expects 1,000 students at Spring Fling alone.

"We wanted to emphasize that if you're coming to one (event)," DiPaolo said, "check out all the other great events."

SGA will host a luau at 2 p.m. Sunday at the leisure pool featuring free ice cream and leis.

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Doctor's love life cited in Michael Jackson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's doctor was so distracted by his own complicated love life that he failed to pay proper attention to Jackson's treatment in the hours before the pop star died, according to court documents filed Thursday.

Prosecutors said they can show Dr. Conrad Murray was talking on his cellphone and sending text messages to three different women during that time.

One conversation with a cocktail waitress he met at a Houston restaurant lasted 11 minutes and apparently ended when Murray realized Jackson wasn't breathing, prosecutors said. Murray also was accused of receiving calls and texting with two other women he had met at Las Vegas strip clubs.

"He was receiving personal phone calls during the hours when he was supposed to be completely focused on the care of Mr. Jackson," prosecutors said in the documents.

Prosecutors are trying to persuade a judge to allow the testimony during Murray's upcoming involuntary manslaughter trial.

Murray also violated doctor-patient confidentiality by trying to impress the women with the fact that he was treating Jackson, deputy district attorneys David Walgren and Deborah Brazil said in their motion.

Murray also was accused of disclosing confidential information to the women but withholding it from authorities at the time of Jackson's death on June 25, 2009.

"He had a pattern of revealing confidential information when it suited him, but he was unwilling to reveal patient information at the most critical time," the motion said.

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Tighten your Greek bonds

Many of us are currently or will possibly be part of a fraternity or sorority. There are also others who don't want any part of this particular type of organizational structure. We all have our reasons for either choosing to be or not to be part of such a thing.

Jaira Keys



Individuals who don't want to be part of any sorority or fraternity have often said, "I don't want to pay for my friends." Is being part of these organizations, at its most basic form, simply a search for friendship?

Yes, in the simplest form these organizations are in fact about brotherhood, sisterhood and fidelity. While those were the intentions when these organizations were founded, we have to question, are things what they used to be?

The relationships we have with the people in our organizations are extremely important. These are the people with whom we often work in our free time to plan, organize and service the community. After joining an organization, do we find ourselves attached to people we truly don't like?

We should be choosy about the organizations we decide to join. While some of these decisions are of no consequence after college, for some these are lifetime commitments. For example, all of the fraternities and sororities in the National Pan-Hellenic Council are organizations to which those individuals are bound for life.

If, at the core, sororities and fraternities are about sisterhood and brotherhood, the individuals who are involved should make efforts to make sure their relationships stay in tact. If any of you have sisters or brothers, you know you can fight with them and get angry but in most cases you have to resolve your issues and move on.

You move on because you are family. You move on because even in the worst of times you still love those people. The people in your fraternity or sorority should get the same treatment.

There are individuals who are in the same fraternity or sorority and don't know anything significant about each other. In some cases, there may be so many people in these organizations that there are people who don't even know each other.

Everyone is not always going to

get along, but there should always be a level of respect. Remember that all of you represent and stand for the same thing. Even in times of division you must give the illusion of unity. We may get mad but we need to move on.

Many people who join fraternities and sororities say they join because they want to help others and do community service. This all sounds great, but you can do those things even on your own or in another organization.

The thing sororities and fraternities are supposed to offer that other organizations don't is a bond. If that goes out the window, these are just typical service and social organizations.

Many of these fraternities and sororities are more difficult to join than other organizations you may come across on campus. Are the hardships worth it in the end? Perhaps they are if you decide to join and obtain something no other organization can give you.

Then again, perhaps it isn't worth all the hard times if when you finally become a member you feel you've lost more than you gained. Nothing is perfect, but just like in an intimate relationship, in your organization, the good should outweigh the bad.

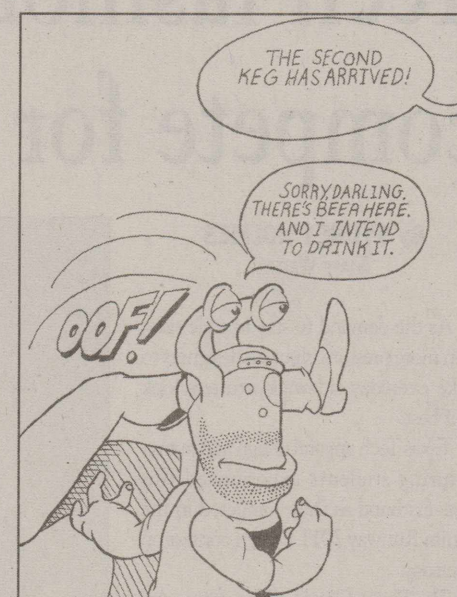
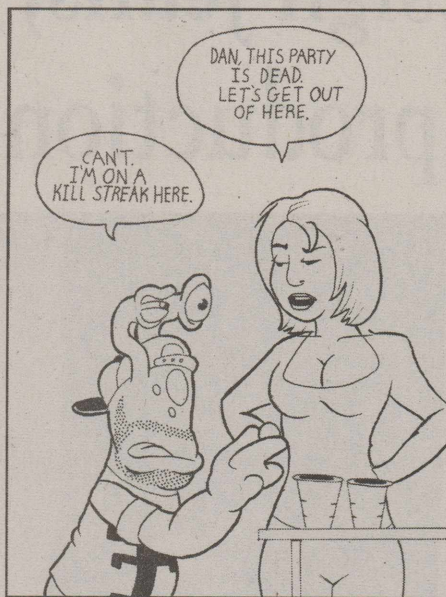
These sororities and fraternities stand for many different causes. Whatever the purpose of the organization is, it should also be of greater purpose than just the people who are members of it.

While organizations are not about the individual, but rather about the group, that individual should still be important.

At the core of all of these organizations, the relationship between the people who are in them is the most important thing. Things aren't what they used to be. Let's make our sisters and brothers a priority. Let's tighten the bond.

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Deficit debate treats symptoms, not disease

Last week the media waited with bated breath to see if the United States federal government would shut down due to lack of funding from Congress, which had yet to pass a budget for the rest of the year.

The debate centered on the massive deficits the government has been racking up of late; the deficit for February 2011 alone was larger than any yearly deficit before Obama took office, and the fears are those deficits will harm the ability of the United States to keep its economy competitive on the world stage.

Republicans and Democrats came to a stalemate over where to cut money from the budget in order to address the deficit problem. Republicans focused on social issue programs like federal funding for Planned Parenthood and funding for NPR, while Democrats touted raising taxes.

The media talking heads also took the usual approach, one side arguing spending was too high, the other arguing taxes were too low, followed by a great deal of shouting and cries of racism, corruption and accusations of the Republicans hating women.

This conflict serves as a perfect example of how the debate in the United States has degraded, demonstrating we have lost the ability to talk to each other and ferret out the real source of our disagreements.

Americans, addicted to a talking point and sound bite media culture, have lost the ability to

Jeff Frazier



actually dig down to the fundamental philosophical basis for their political beliefs and then argue for policy as the application of those principles to the problems facing

"We have reached a point in the history of the United States where we must have the fundamental debate about the purpose, scope and limitations of the federal government."

the nation, the political and philosophical equivalent of math teachers asking their students to show their work, not just the final answer. In the budget debate, Republicans pointed to the deficit as the center of the nation's problems, and by doing so sold themselves short by focusing on what was, in fact, a symptom of the problem they claim to understand, the overreach of government and the expansion of Americans' personal reliance upon it.

If the only problem were the fact the government is spending more than it takes in through taxation, then tax increases would be just as curative as spending cuts at solving the problems facing the nation.

The Republicans could have used the threat of a government shutdown to make the case directly to the American people that government has grown too large, not just in the sense it has a budget imbalance, but in the sense it has become an out-of-control entity in every way.

Rather than use the now nearly \$2 trillion yearly deficits as evidence that government should not be that large a part of Americans' lives and demonstrating how the costs

of entitlements and wealth redistribution force people to become dependent upon a system that will ultimately collapse under its own weight, they wasted the opportunity to take a few pot shots at social causes they disagreed with.

Democrats did little better in the debate. If they had actually brought some intellectual honesty to the table, they would have made the case to the American people that no size of government is too large, that at no time should the American people look at the scope of government and their own reliance upon it and think "maybe that shouldn't be left to the government to decide and care for."

In calling for tax increases, they

attempt to shift the debate toward class, gender and racial warfare, claiming the rich are not paying their fair share and that Republicans just want to harm women and minorities.

They omit completely their defense of their controlling philosophy, that not only is it a good idea for government to be in control of so much of the economy and for people to depend on it for every service and basic societal function, but that it is government's responsibility to do as much.

We have reached a point in the history of the United States where we must have the fundamental debate about the purpose, scope and limitations of the federal government.

The debate, as it currently exists, operates as if those participating share the same fundamental desires for the future of the nation and simply need to hash out the best way of accomplishing the same vision, and nothing could be further from the truth.

Until Republicans and Democrats break through these smoke screens and begin making the case for their fundamental philosophy of government rather than attempting to implement them without making the underlying case first, we will continue to see debates over treating symptoms, and we will fail to address the disease until it has passed the point of no return.

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Pell Grant cuts threaten college affordability

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Rep. Paul Ryan's budget plan is causing a bit of a furor in the higher-education circuit.

The budget plan, a recent version of which bears the title "Path to Prosperity," aims to moderate what some see as a catastrophic government debt by cutting numerous government programs, reducing spending, and redesigning Medicare.

Regardless of partisan divides and opinions about the national debt (and deficit), ideological adversaries should agree on one thing: Any proposed cuts should not occur in programs that buoy people who are struggling.

Pell Grants, which provide financial assistance to low-income students, are one such program. The federal grants provide up to \$5,500 per year, on a sliding scale based on need, to college students nationwide. Pell Grants are not the singular cause of our fiscal problems, and cutting them is not the solution.

It would be the worst kind of blinkered partisanship to target only Ryan: Even President Obama's proposed budget from February would

remove year-round grants and exclude more students from receiving full awards. But Ryan's proposal goes above and beyond; it would cut up to \$850 from each students' grant — money that many struggling students can't replace.

Recipients of the grants, according to a 2009 study, are almost twice as likely to be financially independent and have their own dependents than students who don't receive grants, even if they are about equally likely to hold full-time jobs.

The vast majority of Pell Grant recipients in the 2009-10 school year made less than \$30,000 per year; 70 percent of students who receive grants qualify for the complete award. But broad cuts in awards can't be the solution. The Chronicle of Higher Education reported last month that college lobbyists are pushing for any cuts necessary to be made not to awards but to the summer grants — something that echoes Obama's plan.

But if the federal education budget is suffering, perhaps other alternatives should be explored; an end, say, to a widely decried Race to the Top program (\$900 million requested by Obama) could be a start, followed by

a serious interrogation of the role of the federal Department of Education (how much federalization is really needed in academic standards?).

There is one other potential cost-saving measure: a Department of Education requirement that institutions that receive Pell Grants prove that they ready students for "gainful employment," which aims to exclude for-profit colleges at the center of recent controversies.

GOP lawmakers are attempting to fight this rule, passing a quick amendment in the U.S. House in February to prevent its enactment; this amendment was not included in the last-minute budget deal.

It may be tempting to heedlessly slash programs when vocal sections of the electorate are baying for (fiscal) blood. But serious evaluation must be conducted into both the necessity of these particular funding reductions, and the best method to cut costs. Students across America are relying on their federal legislators to duly investigate all options before shrinking programs.

Otherwise, like Ryan's plan, they could damage those with the least ability to absorb a fiscal blow.

Connecticut 'Amazon tax' blatantly unconstitutional

By THOMAS DILLING
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With the highest public debt per capita in the nation, Connecticut's bleak fiscal outlook is causing the legislature to grasp for tax policies that require out-of-state online retailers to collect sales tax on transactions with Connecticut residents.

The tax scheme, which potentially affects dozens of online retailers, is better known as the "Amazon tax" after its largest target, Amazon.com. The Amazon tax is blatantly unconstitutional and is bad news for Connecticut's online shoppers, especially students, causing Amazon to decrease its ties with Connecticut contractors.

The Amazon tax is pushed under the premise that it will "close a loophole" in Connecticut's tax collection, making it easier for the state to collect sales taxes on online transactions it claims to be entitled to.

This argument isn't new to the Internet age; it has been argued for decades against mail-order companies who operate out-of-state, but advertise and distribute catalogues to in-state residents.

The reason why mail-order companies don't collect sales tax is because

forcing them to do so has been decided by the Supreme Court to be unconstitutional in Quill Corp. v. North Dakota. The ruling is intelligible: interstate commerce is a federal matter, not a state matter.

Amazon and other internet retailers like it are the quintessential mail-order companies of our age, and the Constitution equally protects Amazon as it protects traditional mail-order companies. If Connecticut wants to collect taxes from Amazon, it should focus on making its business climate one that attracts Amazon to move in-state.

Proponents of the tax will argue that Amazon's in-state affiliate advertisers, who put Amazon links on their websites in exchange for a fee, create an adequate in-state presence to justify a tax. But these advertisers aren't Amazon employees and aren't participants in Amazon's sales transactions. These advertisers are the equivalent of a newspaper putting an advertisement for a mail-order company in their publication.

Furthermore, if Connecticut enacts this tax, Amazon has threatened to remove these advertisers to prevent having to collect a tax, while detracting from many Connecticut incomes.

So, regardless of the Constitutional arguments, it is still clear that this would lead to negative results for the state.

Suzanne Staubach, manager of the UConn Co-op argues in her testimony to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee that because Amazon doesn't collect taxes on transactions, the Co-op suffers. Thus, requiring Amazon to collect taxes equalizes the competition. This argument is flawed for several reasons.

First off, many items purchased on Amazon are not a transaction with Amazon, but rather transactions with individuals who are selling their new or used merchandise on Amazon's platform. These individuals likely have no authority to collect taxes anywhere, much less in Connecticut. As of 2010, these third-party transactions account for 31 percent of Amazon's sales.

Secondly, as of January, Amazon's ebook sales have outpaced their hardcover sales by three to one.

The justifications for the so-called "Amazon tax" are wrong on both constitutional and policy grounds. While blatantly unconstitutional, the tax is also bad for consumers, especially students, who have less disposable income and are more likely than older generations to shop online. Imposing the tax will cause Amazon to remove ties with in-state services, hurting in-state contractor's incomes and the income taxes the state earns.

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No. 16 Red Raiders look to win amongst strong field

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech men's golf was victorious the last time it played at the Tradition's Club in College Station, claiming its first NCAA Regional title in school history.

Although the team isn't playing for a regional title this weekend, it still looks to win in a tournament field featuring five top-25 teams.

The No. 16 Red Raiders tee it up for the final time in the regular season Saturday and Sunday at the Aggie Invitational.

Tech coach Greg Sands said the team's confidence is especially high going into this tournament because of

last year's regional win and last week's second-place finish at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate.

"We'll have confidence because three of the guys who won the regional will be playing in the tournament this weekend," Sands said. "The good thing about golf is if you're confident, then you usually play good, and these guys will have some recent memories of confidence that they can draw upon on that golf course."

The tournament showcases the top five Big 12 Conference teams, including No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 6 Texas A&M, No. 8 Texas and No. 24 Oklahoma.

He said the team has no room for "sloppy play" considering the teams

participating in the tournament.

"If we're going to win, we will have to play our best golf," Sands said.

He said the team was able to get good practice in between tournaments.

"We played some good rounds and got some good things going," Sands said. "Nils has been playing good in practice, so we expect him to play well at a course he has played a lot."

Senior Nils Floren said patience will be a strong factor in Tech's success at the upcoming tournament.

"We need to stay patient and just do whatever we normally do," Floren said. "Nothing special, we just need to stick to our game and hope to get a little lucky in some places."

He said the unusual six-man scoring

format should help the Red Raiders rather than hinder them.

"We have plenty of good players on our team," Floren said. "I don't know if the teams we are competing against will have as much depth or be as strong of a team as we are."

He said most of the team has never played in a tournament where six scores are used.

It may not be a football game, but the players still have strong emotions when it comes to playing rival Texas A&M on the golf course.

"Anytime we beat A&M, we're pretty happy," Floren said. "It's just a little extra motivation to make sure we go out and take care of business."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- Fantasy author and forensic pathologist?
- Jah worshippers
- Reason for a pass
- Strike caller
- German shepherd
- Some special forces headgear
- Merged with Kmart in 2005
- Hairy
- High sch. VIPs
- Behaviorist and teen confidant?
- At first blush
- Teen follower?
- Infer
- Indeed
- Huckster and school supporter?
- Ton dynamo, familiarly
- Inspiration for the Frisbee
- Lieu
- Time for one
- British novelist and medic?
- CD-
- Droid in every "Star Wars" film
- Sweet cake that's an Easter tradition in Eastern Europe
- Spots
- University of Cincinnati team
- Gangster's gun, in old-timey slang
- Permits
- Most people
- Children's author and roadside helper?

DOWN

- Thing that endures
- Port of SW Italy
- That's just wrong
- That way madness lies' speaker
- Tolkien's Skinbark and Leetlock, e.g.
- China's Northern Dynasty, 386-534 AD
- 28 Dosage abbr.
- Babbling
- Adams character
- Coleridge work
- do-well
- Network that merged with The WB
- David Beckham's org.
- Half a fly
- 39 Withdrawal aid, briefly
- 40 Fraternity founded at New York University in 1847
- Hoops embarrassment
- Caught one's breath
- 44 As one
- 45 Lesotho's home
- 47 Spoil rotten
- 48 Brit. military award
- 50 Lover's gift
- 53 Boater's edge
- 54 When Tony sings "Maria"
- 55 Time often named
- 56 Under-the-sink brand
- 57 Arthur of "All in the Family"
- 58 Spain's Queen Victoria Eugenia, familiarly
- 59 ___ snail's pace

By Matt Madera

- 7 First of the Maj. Prophets
- 8 Three-part fig.
- 9 Creator of a popular six-color puzzle
- 10 First name in aviation
- 11 Paid (for)
- 12 Maury of "ER"
- 13 Lost
- 14 Paris
- 15 Possessive
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- 22 Media of silents
- 23 Bungle
- 24 Run-down theater
- 25 Before, in verse
- 26 Where Mandela was pres.

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Softball

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Freeman, who leads the Cowgirls with a 1.96 ERA, has broken onto the scene as a freshman. The starter is second on the team in strikeouts with 101, trailing Espinosa, who has 131 on the season.

With the quality of the Cowgirls pitching staff, Tech coach Shanon Hays said his squad has to jump on any scoring opportunities because of this.

"Oklahoma State has great pitching — they're a top-20 team," he said. "They've got a good young freshman Australian pitcher that's been really good this year and another junior pitcher that has thrown really well at times. We're going to have to take advantage if they make some mistakes."

A Red Raider who has come through

with the big hits is catcher Cydney Allen.

The junior leads the team with a .431 batting average and a .836 slugging percentage. Allen also has helped the team by getting on base consistently.

Along with Allen, Bledsoe has come alive lately and is batting .408 after her 6-for-8 performance against the Jayhawks.

The Red Raiders will need these players to come through, and Hays said the team needs to go out, swing away and see what happens.

"We just need to go out and play well, play loose, be aggressive and let it all hang out," he said. "You have to do that on the road, you've got to go for it, and that's what it's going to take at Oklahoma State."

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Baseball

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"But he's not worried about that — maybe he is; let's hope he's not."

The pair of freshmen leads Tech (22-13, 5-7 in Big 12 Conference play) into play against Texas (25-8, 9-3) at 6 p.m. today.

Paiz gets the start Friday, and Masek is Saturday's starting pitcher.

Masek, a MaxPreps First-Team All-American at Giddings, made postseason appearances in high school at the stadium.

Paiz, prior to today, has not gotten the opportunity to play at the stadium, but said he was a spectator at many Texas baseball games growing up.

In addition to making his second Big 12 road start of the season, Paiz once again

is matched up against a top Big 12 pitcher — this time, Taylor Jungmann.

Jungmann has yet to be beaten in 2011, entering the series with a 7-0 record.

"I just need to command my fastball, really," Paiz said. "That was the difference between Oklahoma and A&M."

Luckily for Paiz and Masek, they have Barrett Barnes on their side.

Barnes went 6-for-15 at the plate against Texas last season in four games, hitting four home runs and seven RBIs.

Barnes said Texas' aggressiveness leads to his success.

"I think the thing with Texas that gives me success is that they like to come right after everybody," Barnes said. "They like to throw first-pitch strikes, and I like to swing early in the count. So, these things just mesh together for me, and that's been the key to my success against the Rodriguezes." —rodriguez@dailytoreador.com

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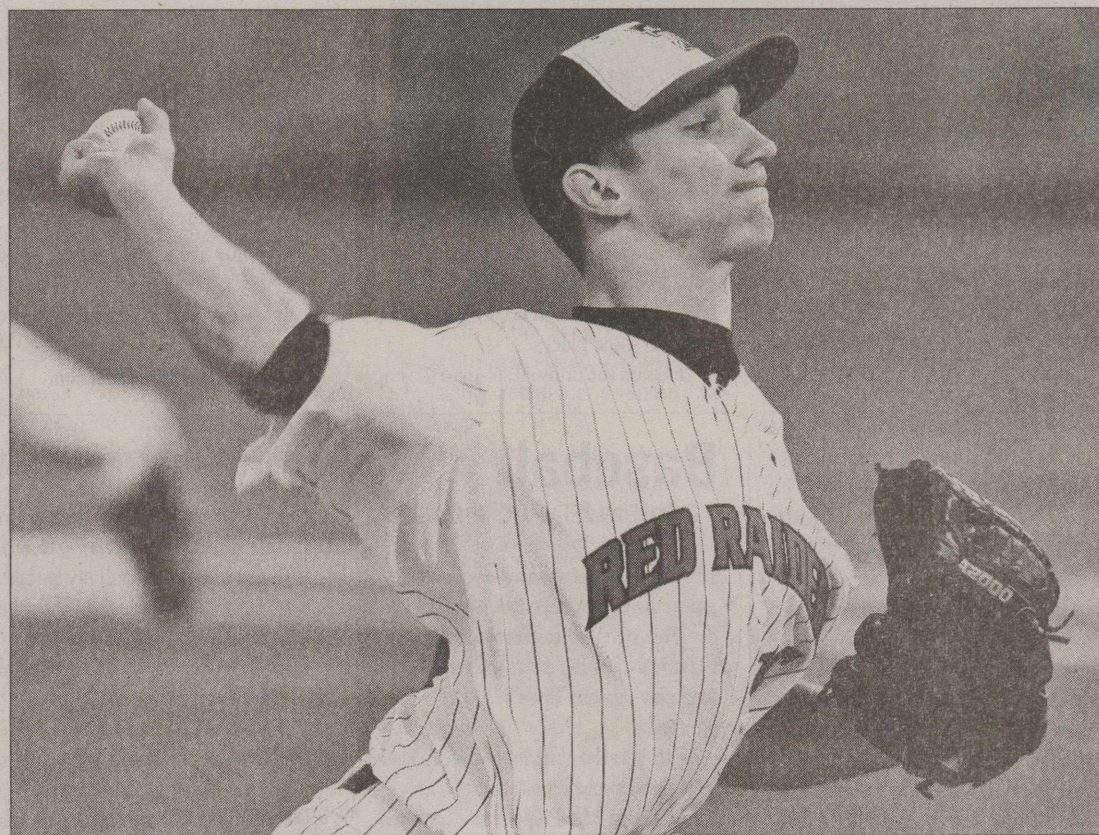
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Freshmen arms lead Red Raiders into series with No. 5 Longhorns

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
SPORTS EDITOR



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Trey Masek starts Game 2 against No. 5 Texas this weekend in Austin. Masek is no stranger to pitching in Austin since he went to high school about 60 miles outside the city.

Pitching against No. 5 Texas in Austin could turn out to be somewhat comforting for Texas Tech starting pitchers David Paiz and Trey Masek.

Besides, both Paiz and Masek have their fair share of playing time inside Austin city limits. Paiz played at Anderson High School in Austin, while Masek was a star at Giddings High School, about 60 miles outside of Austin.

In Masek's case, he may even prefer to play the Longhorns at UFCU Disch-Falk Field instead of Tech's Dan Law Field.

"Hopefully that won't be an issue with being home and all that," Tech coach Dan Spencer said of the duo's return to Austin. "Masek's the same way, but like Masek told me (Wednesday), 'I've made more starts (at UFCU Disch-Falk Field) than I've made at Dan Law Field.' ... and I said, 'Yeah, but you know, you're not throwing against Carthage (High School) or anything in this deal; this is the University of Texas.'"

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Tech softball ready to take on Cowgirls in weekend series

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

Going into the Kansas double-header on Wednesday, the Red Raiders saw an opportunity to bolster their Big 12 Conference record against the last-place Jayhawks.

Instead of sweeping the subpar Jayhawks, Tech split the series. After the game one loss, the Red Raiders (39-7, 4-6 in Big 12 play)

looked like their old selves winning game two, 10-0.

Now with Oklahoma State on the horizon, Tech third baseman Emily Bledsoe said the team can take care of the Cowgirls if Tech repeat its game two performance.

"I think we're going to be fine, I really do," she said. "If we play like we did this last game, we're going to be fine. Like I said, we've just

got to focus all the time, and if we can do that then we're going to be a lot more successful this season."

This is the first series against a ranked opponent for the No. 25 Red Raiders since facing then-No. 17 Baylor on April 6 at Rocky Johnson Field — the Bears, now No. 15, swept Tech.

The Red Raiders and Cowgirls square off at 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday at Cowgirl Stadium

in Stillwater, Okla.

The No. 19 Cowgirls (32-10, 3-4) are similar to the Bears in some ways, considering the talent of their pitching staff.

The two aces for Oklahoma State are Simone Freeman and Kat Espinosa. The duo has combined to throw 15 of the squad's 16 complete games this season.

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