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Friends mourn Tech student's death

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THE DAILY TOREADOR Mason Vanstory's parents received a phone call around 10:30 Sunday morning from Chancellor Kent Hance informing them of the death of their son, said Noble

Madu, Vanstory's friend. The Lubbock Police Department confirmed that Vanstory, 19, fell to his death from the top of Raider Park parking garage on Sunday between 3 a.m and 4:30 a.m.

ficers would not release other details regarding the incident, and

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Police Cpl. Leonard Virgili would not confirm whether the death was a suicide or an accident.



VANSTORY

The news was shocking and unexpected, said Madu, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Plano. He described his friend as a caring individual.

Vanstory was a sophomore from Dallas who is listed on Facebook as being a student in the College of Mass Communications and a member of Delta Tau Delta. Taylor Powell, Vanstory's roommate,

said she saw Vanstory a couple hours before the Texas Tech football game. "He was dancing in the kitchen and

showing off a fraternity shirt that he had got," she said. "He was just being goofy. I you later, love you sis."

Powell said she did not find out her friend, who she has known since high school, had died until noon Sunday.

"He was probably one of the greatest people I ever met," said Powell, a junior restaurant hotel and institutional management major from Frisco. "I don't know if I've ever had a better friend than him. He brought light to every situation."

Many, including Powell, described Vanstory as someone who loved everyone and everyone loved him.

'If you see a picture of him, his smile just engulfs you," said Brian Roberts, a fraternity brother of Vanstory's.

Roberts said Vanstory went through rush in the spring of 2011.

Roberts, the internal vice president of Delta Tau Delta and a senior public relations major from McKinney, said Vanstory was very involved in the fraternity.

Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing at Tech, said the university could not comment on the nature of the incident until the Lubbock Police completes its investigation.

university standpoint, it's a terrible tragedy," he said, "and our sympathies go out to the family and friends."

Roberts said Vanstory left a lasting

"I want for everyone to keep him, his family and fraternity in their prayers," he said. "We will never forget him."

Vanstory's parents were unable to be reached for comment.

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Bonds may be solution to student loan problem

By GREG LINDEMAN STAFF WRITER

In Texas's 82nd legislative session, an amendment was proposed to give the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, or THECB, the right to sell and issue state general obligation bonds for financing student loans, according to Texas Senator Robert Duncan's Fall 2011 Voters Guide.

As cuts in education programs sweep the nation, Robert Duncan has an idea that can help the state put more students through college. This proposed amendment can help students succeed without having to risk dismantling Texas's economy. If passed, this could be seen as a step in the right direction for a state that usueducation, the guide said.

I he amendment continues the current Hinson-Hazlewood Student Loan Program, also known as the College Access Loan, which gives students who cannot cover all the costs of living the opportunity to receive another loan.

According to the THECB's Financial Aid Overview of 2010, the Hinson-Hazlewood loan program offers lowinterest loans to students. The program loaned \$90.8 million to 9,318 students during the 2010-11 school year.

Becky Wilson, senior managing director for student financial aid at Texas Tech, said the THECB announced a reduction of the interest rate for the College Access Loan program for 2011-12.

"For 2011-12, we have currently awarded 590 students a total of \$6.4 million dollars for an average loan amount of \$10,882 for the year," Wilson said. "Interest rates have been lowered from 6 percent to 5.2 percent."

Kacy Chandler, a junior psychology major from Hale Center, said she ally steps backwards when it deals with received financial aid, but it was not enough to cover the all the costs of attending lech. Had she received extra help to cover the costs, she said, this program could have been used to

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Week Four

Tech prevails despite Wolf Pack's attack



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreudor TEXAS TECH DEFENDERS pull down Nevada wide receiver Rishard Matthews during the 35-34 victory against the Wolf Pack on

Tech soccer, Page 8



The Red Raiders beat Missouri to start Big 12 play. SPORTS, Page 8

Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. Red Raiders start 3-0 for first time since '08

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

Nevada was having its way with an injury-ridden Texas

Tech defense Saturday at Jones

AT&T Stadium, piling up 562 yards of total offense while commanding the tempo of the game.

And, as the night grew older, the Wolf Pack inched closer to victory. "Well, for most of the game, the

offense was there and the defense was there," Nevada defensive lineman Brett Roy said. "We played an outstanding game up until the end." As Roy said, they played well up

until the end. The Wolf Pack scored its final points Saturday late in the fourth quarter with a 21-yard field goal by

Anthony Martinez to put Nevada

up 34-28.

Nevada's problem was it left the Tech offense with 4:49 to put together a possible game-winning

On the ensuing kickoff, Tech running back Ben McRoy made the idea of a game-winning drive much more realistic as he took the kick 41 yards to the Red Raiders' 44-yard line.

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Annual Art Faculty Exhibit Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art building So, what is it? Enjoy the recent work by the School of Art faculty.

Andrew Why Time: 10 p.m. Where: Skooner's Grill & Bar So, what is it? Enjoy Why's voice paired with his piano melodies.

TUESDAY

An Evening with Jane Goodall Live Time: 7 p.m. Where: Cinemark Movies 16 So, what is it? Goodall discusses her career as a

chimpanzee researcher and activist.

Art History Lecture Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: English Building, Room 106 So, what is it? Enjoy this lecture, lead by Susan Platt, author of "Art and Politics Now: Cultural Activism in a Time of Crisis."

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy the Symphonic Wind En-

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semble's performance.

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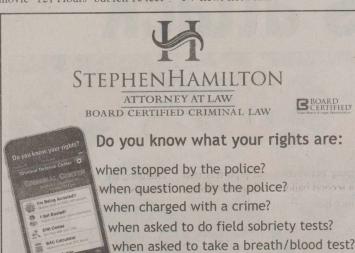
Man with broken leg lasts four days in desert

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A during his trek on Sept. 8. North Carolina man crawled four days across the Utah desert after breaking his leg on a solo hike, inspired by a Hollywood movie about a man who cut off his own arm to save himself after being trapped by a boulder in the same canvon.

Amos Wayne Richards, 64, of Concord, N.C., is now recovering at home. He said he was inspired to hike Little Blue John Canyon after he saw the Oscar-nominated movie "127 Hours" but fell 10 feet

Canyonlands National Park rangers found Richards four days later. Along with the leg injury, he dislocated his shoulder but was able to work it back into place.

"It took me about 3 or 4 minutes to work my shoulder and get it back in place, and once I got it back in place, I stood up and realized my ankle hurt a little bit," Richards told WBTV in Charlotte last week after his story started getting the attention of national TV news networks.



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Supreme Court official speaks at law school

By GLORIA LERMA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University's School of Law welcomed William K. Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Lanier Auditorium Friday.

The event was hosted by the Texas Tech Law Review as part of the annual Walter B. Huffman Distinguished Lecture Series.

"This is great. It's great for the law school students and the general public," said Jonathan Nowlin, editor-in-chief of the Tech Law School Review. "It's not very often that Lubbock welcomes someone of this caliber."

Suter is currently the 19th clerk to serve in the Supreme Court. According to the Supreme Court's website, Suter has served as clerk since 1991. He is responsible for managing the Supreme Court's docket, calendar and overseeing the Supreme Court Bar Association.

Suter is also a retired major general of the U.S. Army. After his retirement, he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, which is the legal branch of lawyers serving the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard and Navy. Throughout his duty as major general, he befriended Huffman, a former dean of the Tech Law School.

We had a connection," Nowlin said. "Our previous dean of the law school and Suter were friends from the Army. They met when Suter was serving as

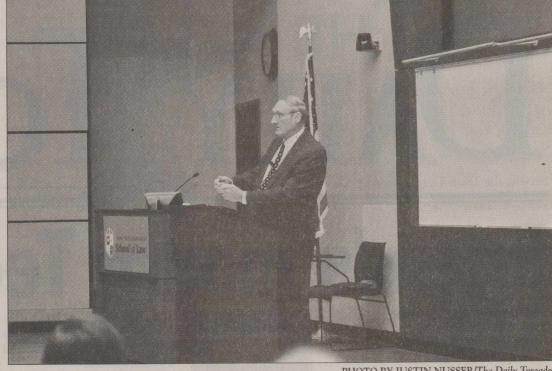


PHOTO BY JUSTIN NUSSER/The Daily Toreador

WILLIAM SUTER, U.S. Supreme Court clerk, gave a lecture titled "Supreme Court Report" for the Walter B. Huffman Distinguished Lecture Series Friday at the Lanier Auditorium in the Law School building.

the major general and, through this, it allowed us to bring him to Tech."

Because Suter attends all of the Supreme Court's oral arguments, he said he is able to see major trials from different perspectives, which he then shared with the event's attend-

"In every oral argument, he is there sitting to the left of all the Supreme Court judges," Nowlin

As the speech continued,

Constitution, allowing students to develop their own understandings of the cases presented. After making an important point about a case, Suter would tell his audience to "write that down." Many of the cases Suter presented were recent updates to the high court

"In criminal law, there are a lot of changes coming," Suter

The law school students that attended not only received inside

so did Suter's references to the knowledge of Supreme Court cases many members of the public do not get, but the Texas State Bar approved Suter's speech as continuing legal education credit for participating students.

'He provides a different view of cases. I mean, what goes on (in the Supreme Court) affects us all, and it's important to us every day when decisions are made," said Courtney Burns, the public relations coordinator of the Tech Law Review.

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"It's a good thing," Chandler said, "mainly because of the lowinterest rates, and for me, when I graduate, it will be nice to not have to pay as much back."

Wilson said the Hinson-Hazlewood Student Loan Program has never depended on funding from taxpayers in its 47-year history. According to the THECB's website, the general obligation bonds used to finance this program do not count against the state debt cap.

student in sports management school without taking on debt, States further down in the ecofrom Sugarland, said students — they could sacrifice and become nomic crisis at hand. especially undergraduates — do a part-time student and work."

not have an understanding of their finances.

"I believe students will take advantage of this opportunity," he said. "I have never met a student who has been declined the minimum amount of financial

At the national level, student debt continues to grow, Smallwood said, and it has already leaped over the national credit card debt. With debt rising at an unprecedented rate, the risk of not repaying these loans could Sean Smallwood, a graduate aid. If they really wanted to go to end up sending the United

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Gadhafi gunmen cross border from Algeria to Libya

a town near the frontier, killing six people, officials said Sunday.

The cross-border attack on Saturday shows loyalist forces have managed to escape Libya and regroup and collect arms, bolstering fears the North African nation could face a protracted insurgency.

Fighters who took up arms against Gadhafi have seized Tripoli and have gained control of the rest of the country, but they are still battling forces loyal to the ousted regime on several fronts.

Libya officials also announced on Sunday the discovery of a mass grave believed to hold the remains of 1,270 inmates killed by Gadhafi's regime in a 1996 prison massacre. The site — a desert field scattered with bone fragments — was found outside the walls of Tripoli's Abu Salim prison, where the victims were killed

on June 26, 1996, after protest- but revolutionary forces had off the uprising against Gadhafi in February.

A Tripoli military spokesman, Khalid al-Sharif, said authorities found the site after getting information from witnesses and former security guards who had been captured after the capital fell. Officials will ask for international assistance in excavating and identifying the remains because the Libyans don't have sufficient expertise and equipment to test the DNA, he said.

Libyans are eager for those who committed crimes under the old regime to face justice and have been moving forward with efforts to account for the past even as fighting continues in parts of the country.

Col. Ahmed Bani, a military spokesman for the transitional government, said the attack on Ghadamis occurred Saturday

one of the things that touched ters) southwest of Tripoli.

were believed to belong to a unit that had been under the command of Gadhafi's son Khamis, who was reportedly killed in fighting before the revolutionary forces seized Tripoli.

Bani said revolutionary forces had repelled the attack but the assailants escaped back across the border.

An official from Ghadamis, Ali al-Mana, however, said is in high spirits and fighting fighting was ongoing. He told The Associated Press that six people had been killed and 63

"We are sending a plane from Tripoli to evacuate the wounded," said al-Mana, who is the Ghadamis representative on the National Transitional Council, which is acting as the country's government. Al-Mana said Ghadamis has a small runway for the plane to land.

Gadhafi's wife and three Gunmen loyal to Moammar ing conditions at the facility. intelligence that cars filled with of his children, including his Gadhafi have crossed the Lib- A demonstration by women weapons had crossed the border daughter Aisha, fled to Algeyan border from Algeria and demanding justice for the vic- a few days earlier. Ghadamis is ria through Ghadamis after attacked revolutionary forces in tims of that prison massacre was about 280 miles (450 kilome- Tripoli's fall late last month. The whereabouts of the fugi-He said the loyalist forces tive leader remain unknown and he continues to try to rally supporters. That has raised concern that he could stoke violence as fighting continues between revolutionary forces in his hometown of Sirte and two other strongholds.

Aisha Gadhafi, who played a key role in her father's inner circle, said in an audio recording broadcast Friday that her father alongside his supporters.

In other developments on Sunday, Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte came under an extremely heavy NATO bombardment as opposing forces laid siege to the city. An AP reporter in Sirte said there were dozens of airstrikes throughout the day in and around the city, possibly softening up targets for a new push by revolutionary forces in the coming days.

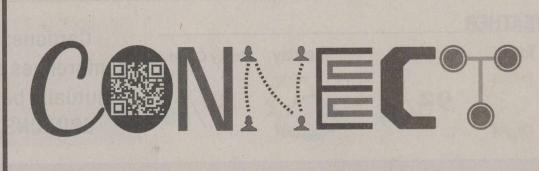
Sirte, 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli on the Mediterranean coast, is the Libyan city most associated with Gadhafi.

An offensive by anti-Gadhafi forces on Saturday failed to dislodge die-hard loyalists of the fugitive leader.

Anti-Gadhafi fighters set up new checkpoints and posted snipers in strategic areas on the outskirts of Sirte. But they did not launch an assault after facing fierce resistance on Saturday that left seven of their comrades dead and more than 150 wounded.

Osama Nuttawa al-Swehli, a revolutionary logistics officer, said the goal on Sunday was to squeeze the city and prevent any former regime figures believed to be holed up inside from escaping. Al-Swehli said he has heard Gadhafi's son Muatassim communicating by radio with loyalist forces inside

"We have to make sure that no supplies get in and that none of their assets escape," he said.



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'Moneyball' throws solid pitch in theaters this past weekend

The film "Moneyball" is a drama directed by Bennett Miller and stars Brad Pitt as the Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, in an adaptation of the novel of the same name by Michael Lewis.

The story is about Beane attempting to successfully draft a new stock of players on a limited budget for his baseball club.

Rounding out the cast are heavy hitters Jonah Hill and Phillip Seymour Hoffman as well as a few professional baseball players.

"Adapt or die," Beane says to his newly formed team, the Oakland A's had one of the smallest overall budgets in the league. So, the team has to deal with what heartedness. little money it has. They also have to prove themselves worthy of even staying in Major League Baseball while everyone doubts

Eventually, Bean meets Brand, a recent Yale graduate who has an entirely different strategic with a sports biopic, but I would

approach to success for the Oakland A's. His strategy is to focus on on-base percentages. Both of them agree to sample this method and present it to the manager, Art Howe (Hoffman), whom they have to work hard to convince.

For everyone out there thinking this is just another typical, overly dramatic sports film, think again. If anything, the story focuses on the theme of taking risks in life and seeing how they play out.

The writing and subtle humor are enough to keep interest in the storyline, as well as the development of Pitt's character. The film shows his struggle to rise out of dark periods toward general light-

Although the movie has a few long, drawn out moments, it truly tells an underdog's story.

The only critique I have is the lack of originality among its characters, with the exception of Pitt's. One can only be so unique

like to see an attempt to deepen the supporting cast members.

The movie, unsurprisingly, has recently generated plenty of Oscar buzz. With that said, it's worth buying one of those overly priced movie tickets for. Resist the urge to watch it solely because of the big names involved and, rather, go into watching this film expecting to see a solid plotline and solid acting from everyone involved.

I give the movie three out of five stars for its overall effort. The quality was good enough to save the movie and keep viewers satisfied. I still do not completely see why they didn't just show this on ESPN or TNT, however, because the film seems more fitted to

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World powers seek to contain Europe debt crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Global finance officials pledged on Saturday to take bolder moves to confront a European debt crisis that threatens to plunge the world into another deep recession. But sharp disagreements about exactly what to do can't offer much reassurance to markets rocked by uncertainly in recent weeks.

The United States and other countries outside of Europe fear the economic fallout at home from the European crisis. They are raising the pressure on Europeans to settle their differences and agree on a plan to rescue heavily indebted European countries.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner bluntly told officials at a meeting of the International Monetary Fund that time was running short to stave off potential domino-style defaults in Europe. European governments, he said, need to join with the European Central Bank to provide stronger support to calm market fears.

He said the ECB, the central bank for the 17 nations that use the euro as a common currency, should make sure that financially troubled countries trying to reform their economies can get loans at affordable rates and that European banks have access to the capital they need to operate.

Fears that Greece is in danger of defaulting on its debt have rattled U.S. and global markets. Such a development would add to the stress for major banks in France and Germany that have a large exposure to Athens' debt. It also would further strain on other heavily indebted Portugal and Ireland, and even bigger economies such as Italy and Spain.

For the week, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.4 percent, its worst performance since Oct. 10, 2008, when it dropped 18 percent at the height of the U.S. financial crisis.

"The threat of cascading default, bank runs and catastrophic risk must be taken off the table," Geithner told the IMF's policy committee. "Decisions as to how to conclusively address the region's problems cannot wait until the crisis gets even more severe."

Mark Carney, the head of Canada's central bank, called for "overwhelm-

ing" the problem by more than doubling the current 400 billion euro rescue fund to 1 trillion euros, an amount that would equal \$1.35 trillion.

The IMF panel, which sets policy for the 187-nation lending institution, wrapped up discussions at its annual meeting with a statement pledging to work decisively and in a coordinated way to deal with Europe's debt crisis.

The United States was represented at the meeting by Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

The statement was similar to pledges of increased support made Thursday by finance officials from the Group of 20 major world economies. Both statements were short on

The IMF statement said the fund stood ready to back further efforts to deal with the crisis beyond bailout support for Greece, Portugal and

"Today, we agreed to act decisively to tackle the dangers confronting the global economy," the IMF's managing director, Christine Lagarde, told

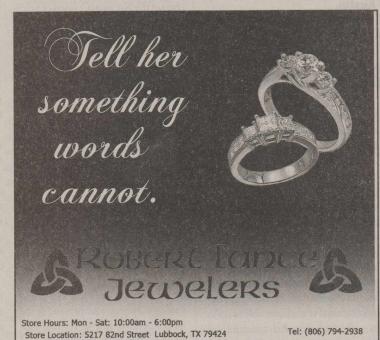
It's a critical first test for Lagarde, who took over in June from Dominique Strauss-Kahn. He had guided the fund's response to the 2008 global financial crisis but was forced to step down in May after facing criminal charges in New York that included attempted rape of a hotel maid. Prosecutors dropped the charges because of concerns about the accuser's credibility.

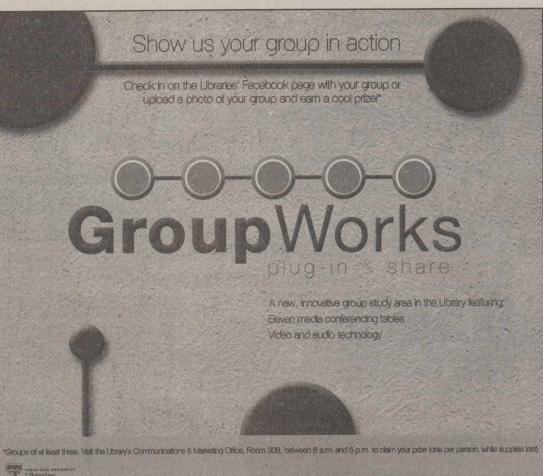
The three days of discussion wrapped up late Saturday with a meeting of the Development Committee, which sets policy for the World Bank. World Bank President Robert Zoellick announced at a final news conference that the World Bank planned to triple to \$1.88 billion the amount of humanitarian support the bank is providing to countries in drought-ravaged areas of the Horn of Africa. The World Bank has estimated that more than 13 million people in the region are in need of humanitarian

Zoellick said the increased support was aimed at trying to prevent the current humanitarian crisis from becoming a "perpetual crisis."

Lagarde refused to comment on reports that holders of Greek debt may be forced to accept bigger losses as a condition of further support to Greece to meet its payments.

She said the 17 countries in the eurozone should honor commit-





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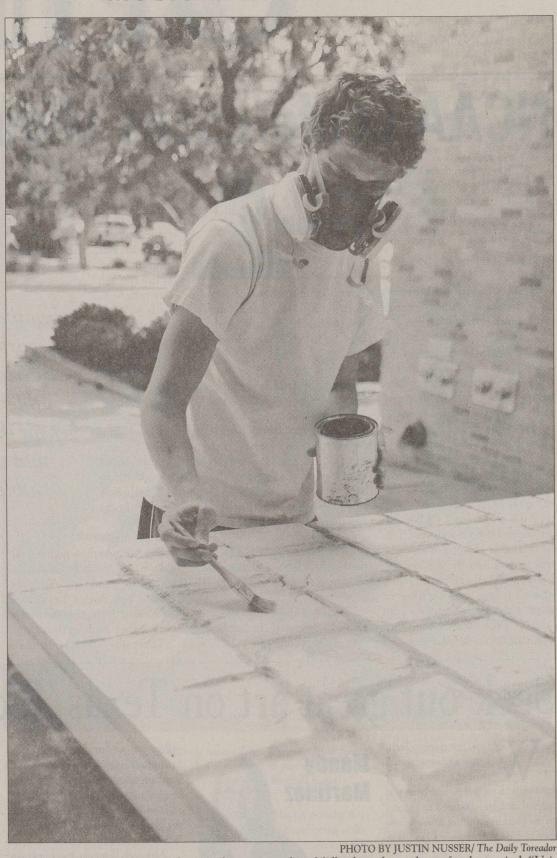


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GRAYSON BRADSHAW, A sophomore theatre major from Midland, works on the set for the musical, "Urinetown" outside the theatre building Thursday.

ments made in July to revamp their rescue fund and countries receiving the aid should keep making the difficult decision on austerity plans to get control of their deficits.

qualification.'

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble told reporters that a second bailout package for Greece "It's implementation first and may have to be re-evaluated because

foremost," she told reporters. "No of Athens' problems in fulfilling earlier financial promises.

> This re-evaluation could include changing the terms of the voluntary contribution from banks and other private investors to Greece's rescue.



PINIONS

NCAA conferences should be mutually beneficial

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very year, there's a game → of Big 12 roulette. Last year, the lucky victims were Colorado and Nebraska. This year, it looks to be Texas A&M.

It seems highly likely the Big 12 will follow the old Southwest Conference onto Wikipedia's "List of defunct college football conferences" page within the next decade.

The biggest problem isn't the quality of play, as the conference is 25-2 in nonconference football play. It's the misconception there are only two universities in the conference that matter: Oklahoma and Texas.

Oklahoma has all the money and power of Texas, but they're not — at least publicly — the bad guys here. "We do not seek to drive the train," Oklahoma president David Boren told The Norman Transcript. "We do not seek to dominate the conference. I hope we'll all get to the point where no one feels we have to assert what we do.'

won't look out for the best in-

Cardone

terests of Oklahoma. It merely portrays how it is fully committed to the Big 12 and wants to play an integral part in making the Big 12 better.

If you want to point to the primary cause of the disintegrating conference, just look southeast in the direction of Austin.

Texas has always been the power player of the conference. The conference lives and dies by the hand of Texas it would throw athletic director DeLoss Dodds. It's widely known the Big 12 commissioner's office is largely a satellite office of the Texas athletic department. Uneven revenue sharing was championed by it and resulted in Nebraska's

Texas has always portrayed an It doesn't mean Oklahoma aura of superiority. In last year's edition of "Conference Shuffle

Extraordinaire," Texas wasn't very concerned at all with the departures of Nebraska and Colorado. To be fair, nobody was too concerned about the departure of Colorado. But, when Nebraska announced its intent to leave

for the Big Ten Conference, Texas woke up and decided its legacy was in danger. After a brief

tour of the other athletic conferences, ESPN — the TMZ of sports - announced \$11 million a year at Texas so 25,000 people in suburban

Dallas can watch women's badminton. As Dodds walked to the bank with a massive check, he paraded past Baylor, Iowa State and Kansas State, threatening to leave if they said anything.

There was no real effort to fix

conference.

The Longhorn Network was probably the single biggest reason the Aggies are bound for the Southeastern Conference. It's not the only reason, but it

was the straw breaking the camel's back. But, since

we're not go-

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12, we have to suck up to Texas for at least another year. benefit the students I'll start. On behalf of all Techsans, I want to personally apolo-

gize to Texas.

You see, we're

not Texas. We're Texas Tech.

We don't have a multimillion-dollar fund that takes natural resources from West Texas and funds 20 percent of our school's operations. We don't have a 134-foot scoreboard to

game the worthless US News and World Report rankings every year to get put on the "goody schools" list.

What we do, however, is make the most of what we're given. Despite a \$41.7 million difference in athletic department revenue — a mere \$33.9 million difference in football - we somehow manage to beat Texas on a regular basis. We somehow managed to average a third-place finish in the Big 12 South Division, upsetting your national championship run a problem with looking out for

We're sorry that "Harrell to Crabtree" still keeps you up at

We take our "subpar" college degrees to the top of the ladder at GM and AT&T. We take our educations and become astronauts, governors and presidents.

I wouldn't trade my first twoand-a-half years here in Lubbock for anything — not even a football championship at Texas, not for a more expensive education with professors with more titles

the underlying problems of the display advertisements. We don't and not for a more "hip" city culture.

I'm glad our administration realizes our athletic programs are only good because of our competition. Teams can't play themselves. Athletic competitions require two teams on the field. Oklahoma isn't Oklahoma if they play Rice 10 times a year. Texas A&M isn't Texas A&M if they play SMU 10 times a year.

The success or failure of Texas and Texas Tech is inexorably tied to the successes and failures of our opponents. There is no the best interests of your school. But when you fail to consider the needs of your competition in the slightest, then there is a problem.

After all, the whole purpose of intercollegiate athletics is to benefit the students and student athletes, right?

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Seek out great art on Texas Tech campus

hen I first came to Tech, I was an art major. I thought the idea of painting with melted gummy bears was original and, thus, wanted to expand on my painting abilities to see where they would take me once I landed at

As the years progressed, as I'm sure many of you found as well, the idea of my major and the direction I wanted to take my life took a drastic turn. So, I changed my major. Art hasn't really been much of an interest for me since.

However, with the latest street art popping up around town, I can't help but think of how unoriginal most of it is. If any of you have seen the documentary on street artists, "Exit Through the Gift Shop," I'm pretty sure you'll understand what I'm referring to when I say "unoriginal." For those of you who haven't, Netflix can be a college student's best friend.

Although the art around town is quite beautiful and unique, I am still unable to stop and think of it as art.

Mandy **Martinez**

All I am reminded of is that documentary. Then, the art itself is completely stripped away.

Real art to me is about originality. It's about taking something seen as different and propelling it to its highest degree, making it a topic when others may not feel it to be appropriate for

Almost all the students I see walking around on campus have their own a mixture of so much emotion and artistic views of the world. They are able to express themselves in either manners of dress or other simple forms of self-expression. That is what makes almost every student here on Tech campus original: staying quite different and straying from the norm.

If none of you have seen the art

I definitely suggest you check it out. I accompanied a friend of mine who needed to go for one of her classes, and, while I was wandering around the place, I came across a piece from Robert Peterson.

Although Peterson does not know me, his piece of a crucified army soldier really got to me. Most likely, it was because of how it related to my life. My little brother is in the army and he's now stationed in Iraq. There isn't a day that goes by where I don't miss him. So, it was quite alarming to see the soldier's name on his suit, 'Martinez."

The entire piece within itself is ranges from offensive to shocking, but, overall, it's quite original. I loved how unique the piece was and the honest message he was trying to portray through his art, though many others might see this piece as rude or even ridiculous. Yet, it's about what the artist is saying without having to

gallery yet over in the Art building, explicitly say it. Being able to do that is amazing and quite hard to master when it comes to the world of art.

Although the piece does sort of duplicate Jesus Christ on the cross, it goes deeper than that and focuses on what people tend to forget about, which is not so much Jesus or soldiers

in the army, but our freedoms. That I even get to write this column is in great thanks to the freedoms I possess as an American. Whenever I think about them, I'm quite grateful.

Either way, wherever Robert Peterson is at, I thank him kindly for his work. And, again, I very much encourage all of you to wander on over to the Art building sometime to check out the piece I'm referring to. Who knows? Maybe it'll stir up a few thoughts in you.

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Two-year colleges need large federal investment

By CENTRAL FLORIDA **FUTURE EDITORIAL BOARD** CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE (U. CENTRAL

As the economy struggles to recover from this recession, one facet of higher education is beginning to suffer very badly: our community

A new report from the Education Policy Center at U. Alabama shows that students are taking on more and more debt to pay for college, and that community colleges are unable to meet the expanded need to retrain workers, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The report, titled "Access Funding in Public Higher Education," is based on the results of the latest annual survey of the 51 members of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges, conducted from July 5 through Aug. 24, according to the Chronicle.

This report is predicting cuts to state operating budgets at community colleges, regional public universities and public flagship universities. Tuition is going to continue to grow, and financial aid won't be able to keep up because it will continue to dwindle or remain flat, according to this report.

We need to invest in our community colleges, and President Barack Obama has taken a necessary and significant first step in proposing to do so. Obama has proposed investing \$5 billion to improve facilities at community colleges and tribal colleges. Ninety-four percent of the respondents of this survey said that the new money for construction and renovation was a significant need in their state. In a separate article, Jim Hermes, the director of government relations at the American Association of Community Colleges, affirmed this need.

"This is certainly an area of great need among our institutions,"

Hermes said. "We are heartened by the renewed recognition of this issue." Investing in community colleges

has been one of Obama's education objectives for quite some time. Shortly after his inauguration, he proposed a \$12 billion program to rebuild community colleges, as well as increase the number of two-year students who graduate and go on to four-year institutions. It would have also improved remedial education and forged stronger ties between employers, according to the Chronicle. The plan, called the American Graduation Initiative, was dropped in negotiations over overhauling student-aid programs and health care legislation, according to the Chronicle.

Preserving funding for community colleges is critically important to the economic well-being of this country. Many students look to community colleges as an alternative to four-year institutions for a wide range of reasons. Some students want to train directly in their chosen profession rather than spend the extra time fulfilling the general education requirements of four-year universities.

For other students, a community college may provide a second opportunity to improve their grade-point average before applying to a public university. If students apply right out of high school, the high school GPA will be the one evaluated, whereas a community college gives the student a shot at having the community college GPA taken into consideration as well.

The other reason to preserve community colleges is a matter of helping students save money. Some students may choose to attend a community college prior to attending a four-year university in order to fulfill their general education requirements at a lesser cost. They can then choose to transfer their credits to a four-year institution that will accept them. Let's preserve community colleges for the sake of education and the health of our economy.

Davis execution raises question of morality in U.S.

By MARIA MICHALOS WASHINGTON SOUARE NEWS (NEW YORK U.)

Banners pleading for justice to prevail in the case of Troy Davis waved vehemently outside the death-row prison in Jackson, Ga. 140-characterlong tweets, with hashtags #TooMuch-Doubt and #IAmTroyDavis, carried the voices of protestors whose potent message unequivocally decried the gross injustice and cruelty plaguing our nation's judicial system. Over 20 years of struggle for vindication has ended tragically with the execution of Troy Davis — described as a "legalized lynching" by his attorney Thomas Ruffin. Today I mourn both for the life of an innocent man and for the remnants of humanity that once existed within

Since Davis' conviction for killing off-duty police officer Mark MacPhail

in Savannah, Ga., 22 years ago, seven of the nine witnesses have recanted their testimony, having alleged "police coercion" in securing a testimony that would pin Davis as a murderer. Despite no physical evidence associating Davis with MacPhail's death, the state of Georgia administered a lethal dose of pentobarbital into Davis' veins, taking his life in a mere 15 minutes.

Despite masses of people calling for a strike, begging for the state of Georgia and the Supreme Court Justices to reprieve an innocent man of the greatest crime against humanity, capital punishment has prevailed over the pillars of humankind that our government has failed to uphold. Despite Pope Benedict XVI, former President Jimmy Carter, former FBI director William Sessions and Archbishop Desmond Tutu all speaking out against an act so unfathomably inhumane, their voices were dismissed.

In a country that condemns the human rights violations of China, Iran, Libya, Pakistan, Bahrain and others, that is the first to wave the flag of ethics, we have now become inaudible and illegitimate, negating our position in global leadership. While two-thirds of the world have abolished the death penalty, the U.S. is among several nations — China, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia included — that finds a gross sense of rightness in executing. The United States and Japan are the only fully developed countries that

still engage in this practice of torture. The death certificate of Troy Davis will read homicide at the hands of a corrupt judicial system. Crime rates will not decrease. Homicide rates will not be abated. We have made a travesty in the name of justice and it will be not served. The United States, as Benjamin Jealous, president and CEO of The National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People, mournfully stated, has become "a dim light in the world."

The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles has neglected its decision not to permit an execution unless there is affirmatively "no doubt" about guilt. Until human rights activists triumph over the perils of malevolence and achieve justice for all of the lives unfairly taken, our judicial system will be regarded as a beacon of barbarism. As the eyes of the international community will be upon us — shocked, disgusted, mournful — I ask my country what kind of world it wants to be a part of. Where have our values gone? What are we teaching? Who will hear our beckoned call if and when another American citizen is detained overseas? Rather than validating the U.S. as a bastion of humanity, our nation has legitimized itself as an emblem of hypocrisy.

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Tech student ministry serves free pancakes on Broadway

By PAIGE SKINNER

Friday nights before home football games, Baptist Student Ministry members can be seen serving free pancakes in the parking lot behind Chimy's to people exiting the surrounding bars.

Pancakes on Broadway is a way for the members of Baptist Student Ministry, or BSM, to minister to people before Texas Tech home football games from 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m on Friday nights.

Courtney McGuire, a graduate student from Flower Mound studying occupational therapy and a member of BSM, said BSM's goal is get to know the students through serving pancakes and the flavored juice, Tang.

"It's mostly just to love the students," she said. "So many kids come out here every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and our goal is just to love on them."

Because most of the people who come out of the bars are drunk, McGuire said the people eating the pancakes don't remember it the next morning.

"Usually, kids don't remember," she said. "I've run into guys from high school and I'll see them the next day at the football game and they won't remember seeing

Josh Bucy, a senior business major from Little Elm and a member of BSM, said there is an opportunity to minister to the

people coming out of the bars by serving them free pancakes.

"There is such a great ministry here," he said. "We have Mesquite's, Chimy's and everything else around here. Thousands of students go in and out all night long and we just want to be able to cater to them, bring them some fresh, hot pancakes, bring them some Tang and just try to make them feel a little more comfort-

Bucy has been participating in Pancakes on Broadway for the two years BSM has been hosting it.

"My favorite part has really been just getting to work with all the different students," he said. "Some come in here with different needs, and just being able to get to know them and get to know the student population have been my favorite parts."

McGuire and Bucy both said there are always interesting things

witnessed while serving pancakes. There have been fights, people tripping and falling and the "usual after-the-club" scene, McGuire

McGuire said there was an interesting story involving a guy who ended up sticking around the entire time they were serving

"There are always stories," McGuire said. "Last time, there was a guy who said he didn't want to hang around, and he was here the whole three hours. He had been out at the bars and said, 'I just want a pancake and then I'm going to leave.' And he ended up helping us serve pancakes, so that was kind of cool."

BSM is not directly associated with a church, but people still ask the BSM members questions about their faiths and the gospel.

"People do get saved, but we usually don't initiate that conversation," McGuire said. "People get picky and touchy when you force the gospel on them, and that's not why we're here. If it gets brought up and they ask questions, then we'll answer."

As well as Pancakes on Broadway, BSM hosts events throughout the week on Tech's campus and at their building, which is located at 13th Street and Avenue X.

"We're constantly on campus trying to communicate with the student body," Bucy said.

BSM has \$2 lunches once a month on Tech's campus, free lunches every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BSM building, and a worship service on Wednesday nights called "Uncharted."

Different student leaders and Jeff Kennon, the director of BSM, lead "Uncharted."

"We continue to do different things with the worship service," Kennon said. "We've got some different students leading 'Uncharted.' Our thing is it's not just an event; it's a lifestyle."

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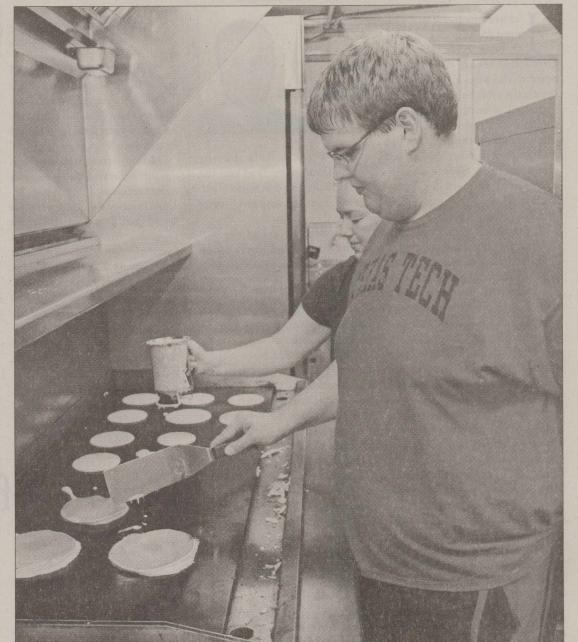


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ZACH MORRISON, A junior biology major from Vernon, flips pancakes on a griddle for Baptist Student Ministries on Friday in a parking lot by Broadway and Avenue X. The Baptist Student Ministries gives away pancakes to the public on Fridays before every home football game.

aware of Christianity, not to force something on anyone.

Kennon said the most reward-

"Serving people, obviously, is a rewarding part, but just being able He said the goal of "Unchart- ing thing about being the director to see the students understand

God can use them wherever they are and to see them understand the reality of what it means to follow Christ.'

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'Lion King' 3D chases off Brad Pitt to remain No. 1

was unable to put the cat out of first this weekend. place at the weekend box office.

reissue was No. 1 for the second-straight weekend with \$22.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. That puts it just ahead of Pitt's baseball drama "Moneyball," a Sony Pictures release that opened at No. 2 with \$20.6 mil-

Debuting closely behind at No. 3 was the Warner Bros. family film "Dolphin Tale" with \$20.3 million. "Dolphin Tale" stars Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman.

The 3-D reissue of 1994's "The Lion King" has taken in \$61.7 million since opening the previous weekend to a much bigger audience than expected. That's on top of nearly \$800 million worldwide the movie made in its original run and a 2002 re-release.

The film has done so well that Disney plans to leave it in theaters longer than the two-week run the studio initially planned as a prelude to its Bluray home-video debut Oct. 4, said Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution.

The studio has not yet decided how long or how widely the film would play theatrically after the Blu-ray release, Hollis said.

"Consumers I think will be happy to consume it in multiple ways for this kind of franchise, as they have for the last 17 years," Hollis said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brad Pitt despite a rush of four new wide releases

"Twilight" co-star Taylor Lautner's Walt Disney's "The Lion King" action tale "Abduction" opened at No. release casts Lautner as a teen hurtled into a world of espionage as he tries to uncover the mystery of his past.

Another action thriller, Open Road Films' "Killer Elite," debuted at No. 5 with \$9.5 million. The movie stars Jason Statham, Robert De Niro and Clive Owen as special-ops assassins

caught up in a global revenge scheme. "Moneyball" stars Pitt as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane, who shook up the baseball world when his tight budget forced him to look for new ways to scout players. Jonah Hill co-stars as an economist who helps turn the A's into a contender using statistical methods that identify undervalued athletes.

With good reviews and Academy Awards buzz for Pitt and his "Moneyball" teammates, Sony hopes the film will stick around in theaters well into

It was a solid start for a film that looked dead in the water after Sony benched a previous version of "Moneyball" just days before shooting was to

That incarnation would have been made by Pitt's pal Steven Soderbergh, who directed him in the "Ocean's Eleven" movies. But Sony pulled the plug in a squabble with Soderbergh

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Tech Saudi Association celebrates Saudi National Day

By ARIF KHAN STAFF WRITER

Saudi National Day was hosted by the Saudi Student Association on Saturday at the International Cultural Center.

Saudi National Day, Sept. 23. marks the day when Saudi Arabia bian characteristics and maybe was unified in 1932.

For Saudi Arabia, it's the most said. important holiday of the year.

"Back at home, everyone has flags out, faces are painted, people are dancing and music is in the streets," said Al Mohannad Ali, an engineering major from Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, and Association. "We wanted to bring that type of cheerful spirit to Texas Tech."

Ali said he felt it was the group's duty to host the event and celebrate this important Saudi holiday.

"We also wanted the Tech community to celebrate it with us and allow us to introduce our national day, the time when Arabia was unified under one kingdom," he said.

Faisal Alsenami, a pre-medical major from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and a member of the Saudi Student Association, said he wanted to show Saudi Arabia in a new light and shatter any stereotypes.

"Sometimes, misconceptions become too big, and we want (to) Saudi Arabia is a rich and exciting place.'

There are also many things students can learn from Saudi great.' National Day, Alsenami said.

change their perspectives," he

Al Mohammad, an engineering major from Dammam, Saudi Arabia, and member of the Saudi Student Association, said students can learn just as much from personally speaking with them.

"When they see how we dress, president of the Saudi Student or if they listen to the language we speak, they can understand better," he said. "Small details can be appreciated. You don't get these types of things just from watching films or documentaries."

> The evening began with a formal Arabic introduction, which included providing dates, a traditional dessert, and serving Arabian coffee to the guests.

> Afterward, the SSA presented a feature on Arabic culture. Concluding the film, they showcased. Arabian arts and crafts along with authentic attire from Saudi Arabia. The clothes were also available for guests to try on and take photographs with.

Concluding the event, a traditional Arabian dinner was served. "Everybody loves food, so this

said. "We want show the truth: was great chance to also show our International Food Festival," cuisine," Al Mohammad said. "Although the food might look slightly different, it still tastes

> Available for women was decorative purposes. In Middle Eastern culture, henna is generally used in marriages, parties and celebrations.

The SSA is also looking forward to contributing in other events this semester, Mohannad

"We have a slot in the International Talent Show and we are also participating in the

he said. "It's going to be great working with other international organizations and present world

Looking back, Faisal is thank-"Tech students are able to gain henna, which is a traditional, ful for the support Tech has knowledge about so many Ara- temporary tattoo applied for provided the Saudi Student As-

"Tech's attitude and policies have really treated us well," Faisal said. "The Office of International Affairs is really dedicated to making everything smooth and easy for us. We just want to give back to them by hosting this event and bringing them into our unique world."

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Time to panic for Red Raider fans?

'm not sure many fans who went to the game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium envisioned seeing the game go down to the wire. However, that is exactly what happened.

It took a fourth down pass to the back of the end zone in the final seconds of the game for the Red Raiders to come out with a one-point win. Should this be a cause for concern for Texas Tech fans?

I say yes and no.

It was brutal seeing the Tech defense get shredded all night. It looked like it was trying to stop an oncoming train by standing in its way. For most of the night, every player looked a step behind, not knowing whether a run or pass was coming next. But the Wolf Pack was balanced, putting up 562 total yards of offense with 312 yards of rushing and 250 yards passing.

However, there are two bright spots to this defensive performance. The first is that the Nevada offensive attack tore up the then-No. 13 team in the nation. The Wolf Pack put up 516 yards of total offense against the Oregon Ducks in Oregon. The only problem was Nevada turned the ball over three times and could not do anything with the ball once they got into Oregon ter-

I feel like the Nevada offense is very similar to the Georgia Tech offense. Georgia Tech wouldn't be very good except for the fact they are very hard to stop when their triple option game is rolling. It's the same way with the Wolf Pack: once it gets in a groove with its pistol offense, even the best defenses can be left scratching their heads.

So, I feel like Tech's defense will play better against more standard offenses such as the spread, which is basically the staple of Big 12 Conference teams.

The other bright spot is the Red Raider defense made key

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game. With Nevada driving with a three-point lead and the clock dwindling down, the Tech defense came up with the biggest stop of the season.

The Wolf Pack had the ball on the Tech 3-yard line, and, on second down, Nevada's quarterback had an open wide receiver to put the game out of reach. Tech cornerback Jarvis Phillips had other plans.

Phillips sprawled out to knock the ball down and force a third down. Tech then brought the blitz on third, forcing an arrant pass from Lantrip, which forced the Wolf Pack to settle for a

field goal. Tech then had a game-winning drive culminating in a 4-vard pass from Doege to Ward to give the Red Raiders a onepoint win.

It was really nice to see this young team - which is depleted with injuries — have the moxie to step up in pressure situations and come out with the win.

I would probably place the "Panic Meter" at a four out of 10 for Tech fans at the moment. The shaky defense is a cause for concern, but I think it's more a product of Nevada's offensive scheme. I also think this was a good game for Tech to go through as a learning experience.

With a weak nonconference schedule, it's easy to go crush teams and get a big ego. But, with a close game like this, it will cause Tech to step back, reevaluate things and become more focused before going to Lawrence, Kan., on Saturday to open up Big 12 play.

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McRoy's 41-yard return was just a sample of his overall night. He had a total of seven returns for 203 yards.

In doing so, McRoy set new records for returns and return yardage, marks formerly belonging to Ivory McCann and Eric Stephens, respectively.

"We thought, after about the third one, of taking him out," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said about McRoy's explosiveness, "because sometimes his legs go faster than his body and he slips down.'

McRoy's return started a Tech drive that climaxed with less than a minute remaining.

At fourth-and-goal on the Nevada 4-yard line, Tech quarterback Seth Doege dropped back for a pass and was forced to scramble out of the pocket before finding an open Eric Ward in the left corner of the south end zone.

The touchdown vaulted the Red Raiders to their first lead, 35-34, since leading 7-0 in the second quarter. Tuberville said the play did not

play out as it was supposed to, but he was happy with the result. "It wasn't pretty until (Ward)

caught it because it didn't work like we wanted it to work," Tuberville said. The Wolf Pack had one final drive

NEVADA QUARTERBACK TYLER Lantrip looks to throw the ball down the field during the 35-34 victory against the Wolf Pack on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. to try and retake the lead, but failed to Red Raiders since winning 12 in a row covert on fourth-and-10 from its own from 2007-08.

> The game-winning touchdown catch was one of two scores for Ward, who caught five balls for 51 yards.

Tech running back Eric Stephens "Now, we've got to learn from it set career-high marks in carries and yards, handling the ball 26 times for 137 yards to go along with two scores.

Roy said. "We've got to finish and win Quarterback Cody Fajardo and running back Mike Ball led Nevada's The win gives Tech (3-0) its sixth rushing attack. Each gained 139 yards on the ground.

A consistent running game allowed

the Wolf Pack to control the speed of the game and possession of the ball.

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Tech's Stephens said the win will serve as a critical learning tool for a lot of the younger players involved.

"This is a big thing for a lot of our young guys," Stephens said. "A year ago, I don't know if we would have felt we would have won this game. All the younger guys we've got playing see how it's supposed to be done and now they know.

"Now, we know we can overcome." >>> jrodriguez@dailytoreador.com

Decisive defense: late stop seals Red Raiders' win

By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

While it was not a dazzling defense by the Red Raiders, it was a timely one — clutch, even. The Texas Tech defense made plays when they mattered most Saturday night against Nevada.

At times, the Red Raiders' defense looked frazzled. It surrendered four touchdowns to the Wolf Pack, but, as it turned out, forcing two field goals was vital to securing the win.

"I thought our kids fought their tails off all night long," defensive coordinator Chad Glasgow said. "We talk to them all the time about fighting for that one extra point.'

The Red Raider defense did just that, sneaking out of Jones AT&T stadium with a 35-34 win against Nevada.

The Wolf Pack offense scorched the Tech defense for a total of 562 yards, 312 of which ame on the ground. However, the most crucial defensive play was needed against the aerial attack.

Nevada had the chance to put a stranglehold on the Red Raiders with under six minutes to play in the fourth quarter, facing a second and goal from the Tech 3-yard line.

"But, deep down, I think everybody on the sideline felt like we could win this game, and that we would win this game if somebody would just step up and make a play," head coach Tommy Tuberville said.

Wolf Pack quarterback Tyler Lantrip scurried left and lofted a pass to Rishard Matthews in the corner of the end zone. When

the ball left Lantrip's hand, it appeared Matthews had Tech defensive back Jarvis Phillips beat, but the sophomore skied to bat the ball down with his right hand.

The sequence of actions to end the

game came as a surprise to many Wolf

and play the full four quarters, and

not just expect the game to be won,"

consecutive victory dating back to last

season, the longest such streak for the

After another Lantrip incompletion on third down, placekicker Anthony Martinez made the chip-shot field goal, keeping the lead at six and giving the Red Raider offense the opportunity to make the 79-yard game-winning touchdown drive.

The offense found its groove in the second half after scoring 7 points in the first two quarters. The defense struggled in the first three quarters, giving up big plays to the Nevada pistol offense.

Nevada head coach Chris Ault opted to use Cody Fajardo behind center along with Lantrip. The freshman justified Ault's decision, then gashing the Tech defense for 139 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

In the third quarter, with the Wolf Pack up 21-14, Fajardo tucked the ball and darted 56 yards into the end zone to make it a two-possession game.

"We had a chance to make some plays, and we had some busted plays back there where the quarterback just pulled it down and ran with the ball or guys had a chance to go make it, and we're a defense that's going to put guys in one-on-one situations, and we've got to find a way to get that guy down," Glasgow said.

Prior to Saturday, Fajardo had seen limited snaps, but his performance did not surprise fifth-year senior Lantrip.

"Cody has taken a lot of reps the last week, and I know coach

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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Eric Ward lands in the end zone for a touchdown in front of back judge Victor Firth during the 35-34 victory against Nevada on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

in there and running the ball," Lantrip said. "So, I was looking for him to be rotated in a little bit, and he came in and made some huge plays for us and led the offense."

Tech defensive back D.J. Johnson had a strong night in the secondary with a teambest 10 tackles in the first half. The slow start for the Red Raider defense was something Johnson chalked up to a lack of

thing in that first couple

urgency.

"The first drives is we had no enthusiasm," Johnson said. "We came out there and we were kind of flat. We were excited to go out there, but once we got out

there after the play happened,

nobody was really talking. We

was talking about getting him just weren't enthusiastic about our performances every play."

Once the Red Raider defense found that enthusiasm, efficiency ensued in the second half, especially in the fourth

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final stanza - Nevada's only points showed the Tech defense they are capable of making big plays when needed. "There's

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no reason why we can't come back from adversity or why we

can't look adversity in the face and defeat it," Johnson said. "We did today. So, I mean, there's no excuse why, if we're ever in that situation, we can't get out of it."

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Tech volleyball's 13-match win streak snapped

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team dropped its Big 12 Conference opener against No. 16 Iowa State in straight sets Saturday at United Spirit Arena.

The competition in the Big 12 is tougher than the teams the Red Raiders have faced earlier in the season, Tech coach Don Flora said.

"It's not a pistol anymore. It's a bazooka," he said. "There were some great long rallies, and they won more of them. That's something for us to learn. To play at a high, high level, we've got to win those long rallies.'

The crowd expressed its anger toward the officials with loud boos on several occasions throughout the match.

Flora said the Red Raiders have to learn to play through games when calls do not go their way,

"We've got to learn how to handle it, and even I do," he said. "I thought I knew that referee well enough where I thought I could get a little home-court advantage, and it didn't work."

Flora received a yellow card during the second set of the match Saturday. The team did not match the up-

tempo pace of Iowa State, Flora said.

"We need to play a little faster because we were kind of playing at our speed," he said. "We needed to raise the level, so we talked about a couple areas of our transition: a little bit stronger blocking, being a little more physical and serving it a little bit better. Those are all things that we can do a little bit better.'

Sophomore Dravon Rangel played more than usual during the game because some of the freshmen were gun-shy in their first Big 12 match, Flora said.

Rangel said her main job for the match was blocking.

"Just coming in there, stepping up on the block and getting over was the main reason coach had me out there today," she said.

Though the Red Raiders did not win

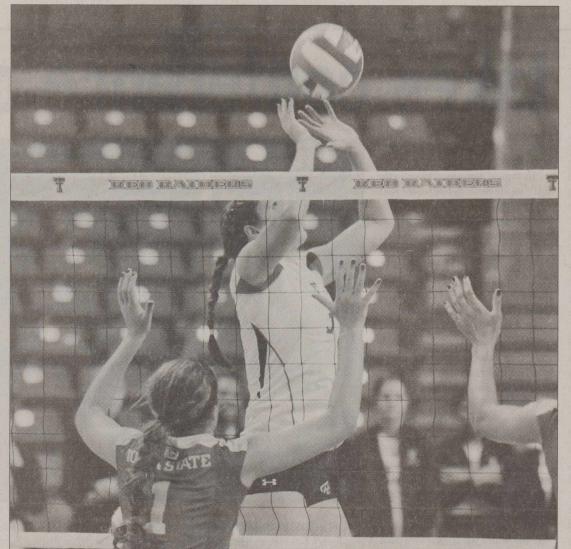


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TECH SETTER KARLYN Meyers jumps to set the ball for one of her teammates during Tech's 3-0 loss to Iowa State on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

the match, the team was still pleased with its performance, Rangel said.

"I feel like we did well," she said. "We need to play at a faster pace. But

toward the end, we just started cruising." Tech seemed close to getting a point several times, but Iowa State kept finding ways to get the ball over, Tech senior

Karlyn Meyers said.

hitters who are hitting the ball hard and they're somehow getting it up," she said. "Iowa State is just known to have an amazing defense. Their liberos, every year, are just amazing.'

The questionable calls fueled the team's motivation even more, Meyers

"The crowd was getting into it and "It's frustrating, of course, for our Don (Flora) was getting into it. So, I

think that just built a lot of fire," she said. "It's really frustrating when you think a point should go your way. Everyone can say that changes the game, but really we just have to get the next point after that."

Tech travels to Albuquerque, N.M., to take on New Mexico on Monday

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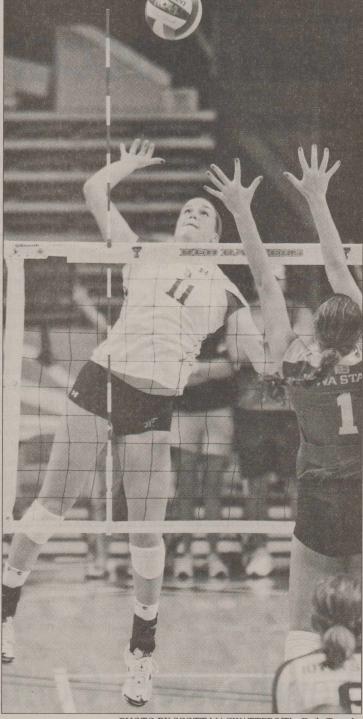


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TECH OUTSIDE HITTER Amanda Dowdy jumps to spike the ball as Iowa State outside hitter Carly Jenson attempts to block it during Tech's 3-0 loss to the Cyclones on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

LSU is new No. 1 in AP Top 25, OU No. 2

(AP) — Another decisive victory winning the national championship in (2-2) and No. 12 Florida (4-0). poll for the first time since 2007.

The Tigers bumped Oklahoma from the top spot Sunday after winning 47-21 at West Virginia the night before.

The Sooners had been No. 1 since the season. They stayed unbeaten with a 38-28 victory at home against Missouri.

LSU received 42 first-place votes from the 60-member media panel and 1,471 points. Oklahoma received 12 first-place votes and 1,422 points.

No. 3 Alabama received five firstplace votes and No. 4 Boise State had

Oklahoma State jumped two spots to No. 5 after winning at Texas A&M. The Tigers haven't been No. 1 since

away from home pushed LSU to No. 1 2007. The Tigers held the top ranking in The Associated Press college football for four weeks during the regular season consin and Nebraska. The sevenththat year.

LSU (4-0) added the victory against West Virginia to wins over Oregon at Dallas Cowboys Stadium and at Mississippi State. All three were ranked at the time the Tigers played them.

Oklahoma certainly hasn't struggled, with wins against Tulsa, at Florida State and Missouri. And losing the top spot in the polls after a victory isn't uncommon. It happened once last season and twice the season before.

For now, the Tigers' resume' has swaved voters.

The schedule doesn't let up much for LSU, though the Tigers do play at home the next two weeks against Kentucky

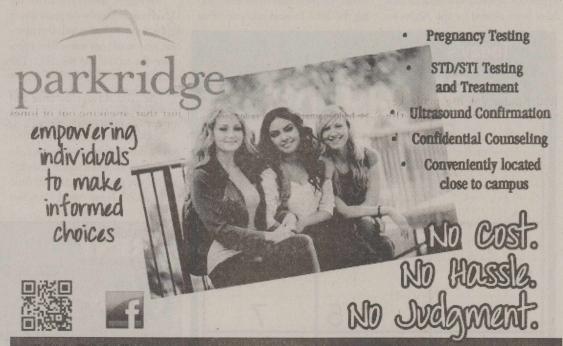
No. 6 is Stanford, followed by Wisranked Badgers will welcome the eightranked Cornhuskers to the Big Ten on Saturday in Madison, as Nebraska plays its first game in its new conference.

Oregon is No. 9 and South Carolina

No. 11 Virginia Tech hosts No. 13 Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference's biggest game of the upcoming. The Tigers moved up eight spots after beating Florida State 35-30 in Death Valley.

The Seminoles slipped 12 spots to No. 23 after its second consecutive loss. No. 12 Florida hosts Alabama in the SEC's biggest game.

Texas A&M slipped six spots to No. 14 after losing to Oklahoma State.



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Tech soccer takes conference opener

By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

Facing a foe like Missouri in their first Big 12 Conference match was no short order for the Texas Tech soccer team.

The Tigers have always been a perennial contender, having won the conference tournament in 2008 and the regular season title in 2009.

"There's no quit in this group, and so we knew we had to have not only one of our best performances, but, mentally, one of our toughest performances," head coach Tom Stone said.

The Red Raiders were well prepared starting from the kickoff, defeating Missouri 1-0 to begin their Big 12 slate.

In the third minute, Jessica Fuston throttled a right-footed whammy past McKenzie Sauerwein off of a corner kick to jumpstart Tech. Jaelene Hinkle assisted on the goal, booting what Stone said was a "ridiculously perfect ball."

The way the play transpired was something Stone and assistant coach Aaron Gordon have been dialing up for years.

"We've drawn up so many magic free kicks in our eight or 10 years together, and I'd say about 10 percent of them have worked," Stone said.

were watching the way Missouri defends the corner, and when it started to unfold, we just both had a feeling like, 'Here it is. It's going to be wide

The Red Raiders outshot Missouri 20-14 in the contest and were able to hold on defensively after the early goal. Stone said this Tech squad has all the crucial qualities: speed, the ability to head the ball, the ability to clear the ball and the ability to trap and pass.

"We've been missing at least one of seasons," Stone said. "This group has all those elements individually. We still have to do better together. I think. collectively as the games get bigger."

The Tech net was protected all night by New Zealand native Victoria Esson, who finished with two saves, one of which was a leaping flail in the second half to preserve the lead.

"Every time she makes a save like that, I think about when I watched her video," Stone said. "I was like, 'Ah, I wonder if we can get this girl from New Zealand to come over here.' She was spectacular."

Along with Esson, Fuston and Hinkle, two other freshmen, Taylor Narvaiz and Bridgett Jenkins, stood up to the challenge of playing a team that received 43 votes last week in the

"When that thing set up while we National Soccer Coaches Association of America's polls.

In typical fashion, Taylor Lytle had a steady performance for the Red Raiders. Throughout the match, Lytle weaved in and out of the Tiger defense and had five shots, one of which clanked off the right post.

"Lytle was just on another planet," Stone said. "She rarely turned the ball over and is so hard to stop oneon-one. The team just leans so hard

Tech leaned on Madison Terry those elements in each of our previous early in Sunday's 5-0 shellacking of Northern Arizona.

> For the second straight match, the Red Raiders scored early when Terry smacked a drive past Lauren Weaver in the fourth minute.

"Coming off an emotional game Friday, where our starters were pretty spent, it was crucial that we kind of jump on this team and establish some momentum," Stone said. "So, when Maddy (Terry) makes that proactive run and scores the goal, it just takes so much pressure off of us.'

Terry made another play in the box later in the half when she had her legs taken out from underneath her by Weaver when the two met at the ball, forcing a penalty kick.

Calmly, Fuston placed the penalty kick in the lower-left corner.



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TECH MIDFIELDER TAYLOR Lytle gets in front of Missouri's defender Allison Hu after a corner kick during Tech's 1-0 victory against Mizzou on Friday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

"I've always gone left — ever since came against Iowa State last season. I've started soccer," Fuston said. "I haven't switched it once.'

The Cedar Park native scored two more times in the match, snagging her second hat trick of her collegiate career. Her previous three-goal match The second and third goals for

Fuston were smooth, something Stone said sets her apart.

"There are very few women her age that have such comfort in front of goal with the ball at their feet," Stone

said. "A lot of them are rushed. A lot of them are sprinters, so they have the fast twitch reaction to things. She is really at home in the 18 (yard box) and that's great because she's on

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Southeastern Conference: Texas A&M to join in July 2012

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Texas A&M is set to join Southeastern Conference, the league said Sunday, apparently signaling that legal hurdles

The SEC announced the move will be effective next July, and said Texas A&M will participate in all sports durhave been cleared for the Aggies to ing the 2012-13 academic year. That

gives the SEC 13 members and its first addition since South Carolina and Arkansas in 1992.

The Aggies' defection from the Big 12 had been held up by the possibility of legal action from Baylor and other members, who would not waive their rights to sue the school and the SEC. The statement released by the SEC did not mention that situation, and spokesman Charles Bloom did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

SEC presidents and chancellors voted in favor of the move on Sept. 6.

"We are excited to begin competition in the nation's premier athletic conference," Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in the statement. It's unclear if the SEC will add a 14th member for next season or go

with unbalanced divisions. Rumored possibilities include the Big 12's Missouri and West Virginia of the Big East. Texas A&M initiated the courtship in July, unhappy with rival Texas' Long-

tumultuous period for the Big 12. The Aggies, who play Arkansas on Saturday, give the SEC entry into major TV markets such as Houston and Dallas.

horn Network, and sparked another

"Texas A&M is a nationally prominent institution on and off the field and a great fit for the SEC tradition of excellence — athletically, academically and culturally," Commissioner Mike Slive said in the statement.

Four Big 12 teams — Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State — had explored moving to the Pac-12, which decided not to expand

Oklahoma President David Boren said the nine remaining schools besides Texas A&M agreed last week to give a six-year grant of their first- and secondtier television rights to the Big 12. That means all revenue from the top television games - shown currently on networks owned by ABC/ESPN and Fox — would continue to go to the Big 12

even if a school bolts to another league. That deal, however, had not been

The Big 12 also ousted Commissioner Dan Beebe last week after five

years and replaced him with former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas on an interim basis.

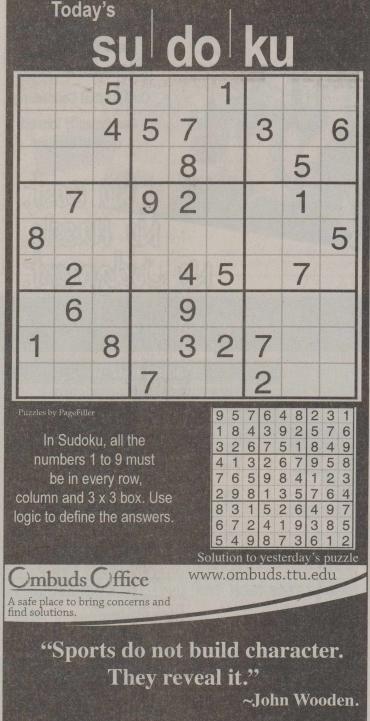
A&M's official departure from the

Big 12 was considered the next step needed to determine where this round of conference realignment is headed. Once that is done, the SEC can

decide on a 14th member, if it wants one and the Big 12 can replace the Aggies. Texas A&M moved to the Big 12

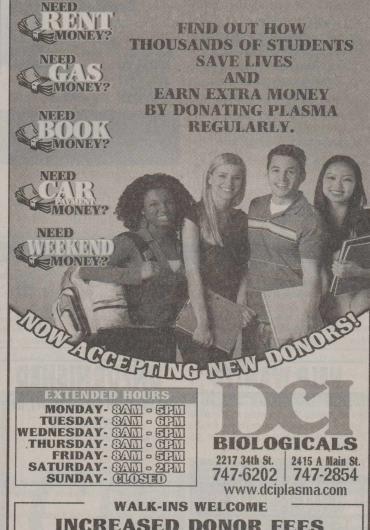
after 82 years in the Southwest Conference and its departure to the SEC will mark the first time the Aggies won't be in a conference with rival Texas and

Some are worried A&M's departure will jeopardize the future of the annual football game, currently played on Thanksgiving night, between the Aggies and Texas.



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