

## GET FiT brings healthier lifestyles to Tech community

### Teams participate in competition to win prizes

By **TERRY MOORE**  
STAFF WRITER

This week begins the GET FiT competitive event hosted by the Garrison Institute on Aging of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. For eight weeks, contestants will test their willingness to do what is healthy while accumulating points in a team effort to reach the final prize: four round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines.

"GET FiT is a team competition with four participants per team," said Annette Boles, assistant director of the TTUHSC Garrison Institute. "Participants receive one point per minute of a daily exercise routine and 50 points for calendar events."

These calendar events, Boles said, include lectures from speakers about nutrition and exercise, as well as Zumba and other aerobic workout sessions.

"This program allows the community participants to learn about the healthy and nutritious resources available to them in Lubbock," she said. "Whether that's a workout facility or dietician, or if they need some special counseling, they are able to find a type of

resource that best fits them through our program."

Participants 18 and older can still register for the program Friday during late registration, Kristi Louder, a coordinator of GET FiT, said.

"We have 18-year-olds and we have had participants in their 90s," she said. "It kind of varies."

The importance of the event is in gaining knowledge, Boles said.

One of the program's speakers in diet and exercise is Erin Nelson from Empower Nutrition of Lubbock, who joins the program this year.

"Each person that's involved teaches a couple of classes over the eight weeks," Nelson said, "and there's a whole calendar of when the classes are offered by the fitness facilities and fitness experts."

Teaching the participants healthy habits will be her main concern, Nelson said.

"I'll be doing a couple other food demos throughout the program, as well," she said.

The program's success rate is self-monitored by the Garrison Institute for information participants are willing to divulge, Boles said.

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## 200-plus dogs removed from poor living conditions

### AlphaTex Kennels provided inadequate care for dogs

By **MORGAN CRUMP**  
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 dogs were removed from AlphaTex Kennels in Lockney on Wednesday due to poor living conditions and inadequate care.

Ashlee West, a veterinary technician with the Humane Society of West Texas, said they received an anonymous complaint about the conditions in which dogs were being kept.

"The sheriff's office conducted their procedures and so did we," West said. "When the sheriff and investigator arrived, they were pretty upset with what they saw. They then got a warrant

together and requested that we come out and remove the dogs."

Deputy Jeff Finley of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office said the warrant was served Tuesday and 231 dogs were seized with the help of the Humane Society.

There will be a court hearing in Lockney on Monday, Finley said, regarding the confiscated animals. No charges have been filed at this point, but AlphaTex Kennels arranged the hearing in an attempt to have the dogs returned.

Mark Smith, the owner of AlphaTex Kennels, said he thinks the dogs were taken wrongly from him and he provided them with adequate care.

"They seized all of our dogs," Smith

said. "It is amazing that out of 231 dogs we only had to put down two, especially with all of the illness that was there."

**Ashlee West**  
Veterinary Technician

"The dogs were in a large facility and it was clean. We kept fresh water and food for them, provided them with exercise and just took good care of them."

AlphaTex Kennels went through inspection on Aug. 30, which it passed, Smith said. There were a few issues that needed to be addressed, he said, but Al-

phaTex was not provided with enough time to make those changes. "It's a shame that property was seized without due process and that they can tear a business down that has been built on a good reputation for years," he said.

West, however, said she feels differently about Smith's version of the events.

"There were plenty of sick dogs there, and we plan to treat and rehabilitate them," she said. "There was a puppy with paralyzed legs and a Collie that had been sick for a long time and couldn't get well. We had to put them both to sleep, but those were the only ones. It is amazing that out of 231 dogs we only had to put down two, especially with all of the illness that was there."

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## A night remembering



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

PEOPLE BOW THEIR heads during a prayer at a vigil hosted for Mason Vanstory on Thursday in Memorial Circle. Vanstory, who fell from Raider Park parking garage Sunday, will be buried in Dallas this Saturday.

### Community gathers in remembrance of late student

By **CAITLAN OSBORN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Friends, family, fraternity brothers and complete strangers fought back tears and rough winds as they stood around Memorial Circle on Thursday to commemo-

rate the life and loss of Mason Vanstory.

Vanstory, a sophomore mass communications and criminology major from Dallas, fatally fell from Raider Park parking garage Sunday.

Friends and family from across

the state, and even from across borders, came together to share how Vanstory left a positive impact on their lives.

The ceremony was opened by Nathan Loftus, Vanstory's cousin. He was there to represent the rest of his family, who are in Dallas

preparing for Vanstory's funeral.

"A lot of us don't know each other, and some of us just met a few days ago," he said. "But we're all here for one person: Mason Vanstory."

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

**Dominic Lippillo and Mark Schoon: Anti-Local**  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Landmark Arts SRO Photo Gallery  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy an exhibit of the collaborative works of these two New York artists.

**Nightmare on 19th Street**  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Lone Star Event Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy the "City of the Lost" Halloween theme park

**Bring Me the Horizon**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Where:** The Pavilion  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy a live performance from this metal band.

**Keegan McInroe**  
**Time:** 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
**Where:** La Diosa Cellars  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy a live performance from this folks and blues artist.

### SATURDAY

**17th Annual Race for the Cure**  
**Time:** 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Where:** Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Support the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and walk or run the 5k route with a team or as an individual.

**2011 Grape Day Harvest Celebration**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Llano Estacado Winery  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy wine tastings, self-guided tours, art booths, food and live music from local musician, Bo Garza.

**Tech Volleyball vs. Oklahoma**  
**Time:** 6:05 p.m.

**Where:** United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
 Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Sooners.

**2011 SlutWalk Lubbock**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Corner of 19th Street and Crickets Avenue  
**So, what is it?**  
 Support the SlutWalk, which exists to condemn a victim-blaming culture, to empower victims and survivors of sexual violence. The walk begins on the corner of 19th Street and Crickets Avenue and ends at Belly's Café on Avenue Q.

**Battle of the Bands**  
**Time:** 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Jake's  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy Battle of the Bands featuring Hearts in Overdrive, Falling for the End, Ibleedblood, This Fallen Fire and Watchers.

**Kyle Abernathie**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**Where:** The Overton Hotel  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy original live pop and rock music.

**William Clark Green**  
**Time:** 10 p.m.  
**Where:** Wild West  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy a live performance from this Texas country music artist.

### SUNDAY

**Buffalo Battle**  
**Time:** 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Buffalo Springs Lake  
**So, what is it?**  
 Participate in or sit back and enjoy this 5k obstacle course.

**University Symphony Orchestra Concert**  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy a Tchaikovsky Violin Concerta featuring student soloist competition winner, Jackson Guillen.

## Dogs

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West also said she does not believe the seizure of Smith's dogs was unjustified.

"When you can see every bone in a dog's body, it is probably not in a good place or being taken care of correctly," West said. "Most of them are underweight and pretty beat up."

"We noticed that a lot of the German Shepherds are missing parts of their ears. They were just thrown in cages with no regard for the dogs they were being held with. Sometimes, dogs just don't get along with other dogs, but that didn't seem to play into the owner's scheme."

One dog had old scars and a deep cut across her head, West said, and the dog's ear was so mangled that it literally grew back together like "a crumpled piece of tin foil" because it had never been treated.

"Their animals weren't wrongly taken from them," she said. "None of them had been groomed or cared for like I think a breeder should take care of their dogs. Their pens were never

cleaned and they lived in big houses with cement floors with no access to the outdoors."

The dogs were walking around in layers of feces and urine, which were also in their beds, West said. All of the dogs had fecal matter caked on them somewhere, and their water bowls had algae growing in them.

"The conditions these dogs were living in weren't right for any animal, not even livestock," she said. "It was really bad."

When officers investigated the scene Tuesday, West said, there were dead puppies kept alongside the live animals and in areas the nursing mothers were in.

When inspectors returned Wednesday, the dead puppies had been removed. However, after further investigation, West said, a few bodies were found in the weeds where they had most likely been dumped.

"My hope is that the judge works something out where Smith isn't allowed to breed dogs any longer," West said. "I don't see them getting the dogs back because they were treated so badly. So many had broken legs that were never set properly. The

dogs just walked around on them and the bones healed wrong. A mother dog with puppies only had three legs and the owners continued to breed her. It's just wrong. I don't see anyone agreeing that any of those things are all right."

West said Smith was breeding Golden Retrievers, collies, German Shepherds and Great Danes. The Humane Society worked together with Golden Retriever rescuers from Dallas who drove to Lubbock to help. She said the Houston Collie Rescue would not be able to pick up the dogs until Thursday or Friday, but the rescuers from Dallas had extra room for the dogs.

Finley said he knows the owners are going to fight for their case on Monday, but until then many of the dogs are staying at the Unity Center in Muncy.

The rescue would not have been possible, West said, without the contributions of so many people.

"There has been a lot of teamwork between all of the rescuers, and we all have the same goals and passions," she said. "We really appreciate the help we have received from everyone.

We have had plenty of donations and many people have offered to foster dogs. It really has been an awesome experience."

It was a hard day, West said, but everyone involved left with smiles.

"We were so glad to accomplish something that we were not sure would even be possible," she said.

Jackie Baltrun, a second-year law student from Salado and a volunteer with the Humane Society, said the shelter still needs all the help and donations it can get.

The shelter is in need of large-sized dog crates, Purina or Pedigree dog chow, old towels and laundry detergent. They also need people who are willing to foster the dogs. Once they are treated and cared for, they should be available for adoption, Baltrun said. West said the Humane Society's ultimate goal is to find foster homes for the dogs and provide them with the opportunity to become part of a family.

"I'm very happy with what we've done," West said. "Hopefully, these dogs will have much brighter futures now."

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## Vigil

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Attendees passed candles around, trying to light the fire that Vanstory left in their hearts. However, each moment the wind blew, flames were extinguished.

Thomas Yoste, who has known Vanstory for 15 years, said he cannot remember a time when his friend was not there for him.

"I have five numbers listed in my favorites," he said, "and you're still number one."

"I just can't believe how suddenly you were taken from us. I can't fathom how unfair it is that you were taken from us so early in life. I love you, Mason Edward Vanstory. I can't wait for us to be together again."

Brennan Freedle, one of Vanstory's eight pledge brothers from Delta Tau Delta, said he was more than just another member of the fraternity.

"Rain or shine, ice or snow," he said, "I would see Mason on campus from a distance and would see that unforgettable grin that would come on his face, which turned my day around. He was a son, a friend, a sibling and, to me, a brother that has left a lasting impression. Although a brother is lost, there are still nine in my pledge class and nothing is going to change that."

Girlfriend Lyndsey Sanchez first met Vanstory at a basketball game and said he left a humorous, yet lasting, impression.

Though he did not know it, Sanchez already knew Vanstory had seen a friend's picture of her and had been asking to meet her for weeks.

"He walked up toward me, obviously trying to play it very cool," she said. "He kept telling me that I had to go out with everyone for his birthday dinner, which, to no shocker, was at Hooters."

Sanchez declined his offer and said she had homework to do, to which Vanstory replied, "Just tell your teacher it's Mason Vanstory's birthday. She'll understand."

Vanstory was not just Sanchez's boyfriend, she said, but her best friend to whom she told all her secrets, even things she never told her mother or best friends.

"I remember I had an app on my phone so that whenever he texted or called me," she said, "my phone flashed blue. Seeing that blue light on my phone every morning and reading a text that said, 'Good morning, beautiful,' was something so small, yet meant so much. It was my favorite part of every day."

"My phone will never blink blue again. I still text him every day and I know he won't respond. And that hurts more than anything in this world."

Though there is mystery surrounding his death, Sanchez said there is one thing she will always know.

"I miss him more than words



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador  
 LYNDSLEY SANCHEZ CRIES as she reads off some of her favorite memories of Mason Vanstory at the Candlelight Vigil honoring Vanstory on Thursday in Memorial Circle.

can describe," she said, "and although I have so many unanswered questions, I pray at night that everyone knows one thing: ►►cosborn@dailytoreador.com

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## Get Fit

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"Some of the participants will be eligible for a research project," she said. "We'll take their cholesterol, their body mass indexes, their blood pressures and their heights and weights. We base them before they start the week, and then at the end we check to see if the program is making a specific difference."

Based on our data from last year, it is making a difference. So, we feel positive about the program

and that it's helping the community of Lubbock."

The competition ends with a final challenge, Boles said, where the top-five teams from the three divisions will go head-to-head. All points at that time will be removed.

Boles said it is important for participants to help each other in the push to the finish line.

"I think the program kind of holds the participants a little more (accountable) for motivation," she said. "Then, they have their teams to motivate them to attend (the events), whether it's a lecture or a class. The team atmosphere gives them a little more motivation to partake in these events."

The impressions every individual leaves with show the program's importance and its effect on participants' lives, Nelson said.

"People that maybe don't know much about nutrition and fitness are able to get educated and be taught how to do these kinds of things and to incorporate them into their everyday lives," she said.

Even though the program stresses the hard work ethic of staying fit, Louder said the program's goal is highlighted by the amount of enjoyment participants have.

"It's a fun program to get people to go out there and exercise."

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# Could model airplanes become terrorist weapon?

BOSTON (AP) — Model airplanes are suddenly on the public's radar as potential terrorist weapons.

A 26-year-old man from a Boston suburb was arrested Wednesday and accused of plotting to attack the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol with remote-controlled model planes packed with explosives.

These are not balsa-wood-and-rubber-band toys investigators are talking about. The FBI said Rezwan Ferdaus hoped to use military-jet replicas, 5 to 7 1/2 feet long, guided by GPS devices and capable of speeds over 100 mph.

Federal officials have long been aware of the possibility someone might try to use such planes as weapons, but there are no restrictions on their purchase — Ferdaus is said to have bought his over the Internet.

Counterterrorism experts and model-aircraft hobbyists said it would be nearly impossible to inflict large-scale damage of the sort Ferdaus allegedly envisioned using model planes. The aircraft are too small, can't carry enough explosives and are too tricky to fly, they said.

"The idea of pushing a button and this thing diving into the Pentagon is kind of a joke, actually," said Greg Hahn, technical director of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Rick Nelson, a former Navy helicopter pilot who is now a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said Ferdaus would have had to hit a window or other vulnerable area to maximize damage, and that would have taken precision flying.

"Flying a remote-controlled plane isn't as easy as it actually looks, and then to put an explosive on it and have that explosive detonate at the time and place that you want it add to the difficulty of actually doing it," he said.

Ferdaus, a Muslim American from Ashland, was arrested after federal agents posing as al-Qaida members delivered what he believed was 24 pounds of C-4 explosive, authorities said. He was charged with attempting to damage or destroy a federal building with explosives. A federal affidavit claims he began planning "jihad" against the U.S. in early 2010 after becoming convinced through jihadi websites and videos that America was evil.

Ferdaus had a physics degree from Northeastern University and enjoyed "taking stuff apart" and "learning on my own," according to court papers.

The model planes Ferdaus eyed were the F-4 Phantom and the F-86 Sabre, small-scale versions of military jets, investigators said. The F-4 is the more expensive of the two, at up to \$20,000, Hahn said. The F-86, one of which Ferdaus actually obtained, costs \$6,000 to \$10,000 new.

Ferdaus' plan, as alleged in court papers, was to launch three such planes from a park near the Pentagon and Capitol and use GPS to direct them toward the buildings, where they would detonate on impact and blow the Capitol dome to "smithereens." He planned to pack five pounds of plastic explosives on each plane, according to prosecutors.

James Crippin, an explosives and anti-terrorism expert, said that much C-4 could do serious damage — a half-pound will obliterate a car. But he said getting a stable explosive like C-4 to blow up at the right time would have been hugely difficult.

And there were slim prospects of causing any serious damage to buildings like the Pentagon and Capitol, which are undoubtedly hardened to withstand explosions, according to Crippin, director of the Western Forensic Law Enforcement Training Center.

# A new way of finding research

By JESSICA SLADEK  
STAFF WRITER

The Funding Opportunities Database, created by the Departments of Information Technology and Vice President of Research, is taking another step toward obtaining tier-one status for Texas Tech by making federal research money more accessible to faculty.

The program works by pulling public grant allocations from a federal website, Grants.Gov, and condensing it into an easy-to-use resource for the Tech community.

Michael San Francisco, associate professor and administrator for the program, said the funding database is a huge improvement in research opportunities.

"Before the Funding Opportunities Database there was nothing," he said.

San Francisco said although faculty are the most likely to use the database, anyone with an eRaider account can access the site.

Tracey Glass, a sophomore computer science major and secretary of the Association of Computing Machinery, said she finds the database accessible and easy for students to use.

"After playing around for a short

time, it is easy to learn your way around and get used to the controls and navigation features," Glass said. "I found that this database is user-friendly and exceptionally well organized (and) the information is easy to find by many different categories and arrangements. My only complaint would be the varied size of the columns, which condense the data and makes it appear daunting to read."

Despite aesthetic flaws, Glass she could easily see herself using the database for future research.

The user interface for the program is simple, San Francisco said.

"The two key features of the Funding Opportunities database are its advance search and limited submissions functions," he said.

The advanced search function allows users to limit their search results by applicant type, posting date and one of 23 subject disciplines. The program automatically updates itself daily to keep information current, San Francisco said.

Kathleen Harris, senior associate vice president for research, said having the program update itself makes it a more reliable and exhaustive search engine. Also the ability to quickly refine research topics greatly contributes

to the usability of the site, she said.

Grant funding supports a wide variety of research, including many non-science projects, Harris said. The arts, humanities, law and education are some of the disciplines supported by federal funding.

Some grants only allow a certain number of applications from a source, and these fall into the category of limited submissions.

An internal deadline is posted for these entries, and if the applicant number exceeds the source's limit, a contest is held to select the best candidates.

Results are determined by a panel of judges who write statements explaining why certain proposals were not selected for grant consideration. The process is meant to be impartial and to help researchers improve for future research submissions.

Applications for funding can also be amended and re-entered for the same topic, provided that the deadline has not passed.

San Francisco, who is responsible for managing the limited submissions, said that many research proposals have already been evaluated in the few weeks the website has been online.

The Funding Opportunities database will also help Tech in its mission

to become a national research university, Taylor Eighmy, vice president of research said.

"Faculty efforts for seeking and obtaining external competitive funding is at the heart of tier one," he said.

Increased availability to grant funding will help meet the primary requirement of tier-one status: \$45 million dollars worth of restricted research spending for two consecutive years. Tech's funding has risen to \$35 million dollars in 2009, the most recent data reported, Eighmy said, but is still shy of the mark. However, he said encouraging faculty to pursue free federal money can only increase the university's likelihood of success.

The database makes finding grant money easier, San Francisco said. Students can look up ideas for independent research and experience how research proposals are submitted and afterward San Francisco reviews and edits proposals upon request.

There will be more supplemental research positions as well, he said. The volume of available undergraduate and graduate research will increase with faculty involvement, San Francisco said, providing students more opportunities for paid and credit positions.

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# US soldier on trial for killing contractor in Iraq

FORT HOOD (AP) — A U.S. soldier accused of killing a civilian contractor in Iraq who was digging a hole was a paranoid schizophrenic and "not mentally responsible" for the close-range shooting, an Army psychiatrist testified.

The court martial of Pfc. Carl T. Stovall resumed Thursday. He has pleaded not guilty in the shooting death of a Hungarian laborer near Camp Taji, just north of Baghdad, in March 2009, less than a month into Stovall's third deployment to the Middle East.

Stovall had allegedly once told investigators he believed Tibor Bogdan, who worked for a contractor specializing in trash and waste

removal, was a terrorist planting a roadside bomb. Prosecutors say Stovall, now 28, has changed his story multiple times, allegedly denying any involvement in one version.

On Wednesday, Army psychiatrist Col. David M. Benedek said Stovall, whom he diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, was "not mentally responsible" for killing Bogdan.

"My opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is that Pfc. Stovall suffered from a severe mental disorder (that made him) unable to appreciate the act and nature of killing the victim," Benedek said.

Bogdan chose to be tried by a military judge at Fort Hood instead

of a jury. He faces a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole if convicted. The court martial could end early as Thursday.

The Killeen Daily Herald (<http://bit.ly/qmacrM>) reports that Benedek told the court Stovall had secretly believed he was promoted to an Air Force lieutenant colonel before the shooting. He also testified that Stovall's varying accounts of Bogdan's death is consistent with the behavior of a paranoid schizophrenic.

Stovall has a history of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, in addition to drug and alcohol abuse. Benedek said the Georgia native also suffered a brain injury following a car accident in high school.

An Army squad leader testified that Stovall continued to drink after a stint in a rehabilitation program and that his moods were unpredictable.

"He would just fly off the handle," Sgt. David Salas said. "He constantly thought that people were bothering him and that his phone was bugged and that the unit was going to harm him."

Salas said he repeatedly prepared documents to initiate Stovall's discharge from the Army, but his command was not receptive.

Stovall had been deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

# Texas school payrolls add to unemployed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The \$4 billion in cuts to Texas public schools this summer might be starting to hit Gov. Rick Perry where it hurts most — his record on creating jobs.

Texas lost 900 jobs in local school districts in August, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. August is when back-to-school hiring typically resumes after districts purge payrolls in the summer, yet districts statewide kept shedding jobs last month for the first time since at least 1990.

Teachers groups and some economists say it's the first glimpse of deep school spending cuts showing up in the state's jobless numbers.

The job cuts could be politically sensitive for Perry, who has based his campaign for president largely on Texas' record of job growth during his 11 years as governor. When Perry and the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature approved the budget

cuts, he said schools could cut back on jobs outside the classroom and other expenses to minimize teacher losses. He has also asserted that Texas has maintained a high quality of education with modest spending.

The Legislature cut public education by about \$537 per student over the next two years — the first decrease in per-student spending in Texas since World War II — to help plug a \$27 billion budget hole. Perry and Republican leaders held firm against raising taxes or dipping heavily into the so-called rainy day fund to blunt the cuts.

This school year, districts will see a reduction of about 6 percent across the board. Next school year, there will be a \$2 billion reduction that cuts funding for some schools more than others.

Government job losses in August, including teacher reductions, edged up the unemployment rate in Texas for a third consecutive

month and to its highest level since 1987 — 8.5 percent. Last month was also the first time in nearly a year that net employment statewide fell. Private sector gains in August were offset by the loss of 9,400 government positions. Government jobs account for about 15 percent of the Texas workforce.

"It's an indication that losses in the schools are pretty heavy," said Clay Robison, a spokesman with the Texas State Teachers Association.

On the campaign trail, Perry has boasted that Texas created more than 1 million jobs over the last decade, more than nearly every other state combined. Job creation is a key issue in the campaign because of the soft economy and persistent unemployment.

Responding to the state's recently slumping numbers, Perry's campaign has said that not even Texas is immune to the effects of the nation's sputtering economy.

# EPA holds hearing in Texas on natural gas drilling

ARLINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists and advocates for drilling companies faced off Thursday at a public hearing in Arlington on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules aimed at limiting pollution at oil and gas wells.

The agency is proposing standards to curb hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," by requiring operators to capture and sell natural gas that now escapes into the air. Thursday's EPA hearing was held in a region with a vast area of urban drilling atop the natural gas-rich Barnett Shale. The EPA's proposal would apply new pollution control standards to about 25,000 gas wells that are hydraulically fractured each year.

While industry representatives touted the jobs and prosperity that drilling brings, critics argued it's not worth the environmental risk of toxic spills, scattered drill site explosions, tainted drinking water and polluted air.

Industry representatives said the proposed rules are extremely complicated and compliance would present a financial hardship, espe-

cially to smaller operations.

Teddy Carter, a spokesman for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said the state has about 5,000 oil and gas well operators, many of whom are small independents with limited capital resources.

"We believe that one size does not fit all" with regard to the reduced-emission completion regulations so they should be "encouraged but not mandated," he said. "Regulation for regulation's sake is a dangerous path that can potentially cause greater harm than good; TIPRO urges the EPA to not present solutions to problems that do not currently exist."

Carter was among several in the industry urging the EPA to extend its comment period by 90 days and its final action date by at least six months to give companies more time to review and plan. The current EPA timeline would see the rules take effect in the spring of 2012.

The hydraulic fracturing technique — used with horizontal drilling — allows rich stores of gas

to be extracted from once out-of-reach, dense shale formations more than a mile underground. Intense drilling activity is under way in the Barnett Shale of North Texas, the Marcellus Shale of Pennsylvania, and other producing shale regions around the country.

The industry insists the process is safe for people and the environment, but critics doubt that.

Democratic state Rep. Lon Burnam of Fort Worth said that in the past five years, air pollution in North Texas has steadily increased — something he said is related to the drilling in the Barnett Shale.

"I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired" when people talk about cost effectiveness and acceptable risks at the expense of the health of children in his district, Burnam said.

He applauded the EPA proposals and said they would "do what the Texas Legislature and state agencies that oversee oil and gas production have failed to do: protect public health by placing reasonable limits on air pollution that will both reduce emissions and increase industry revenues."

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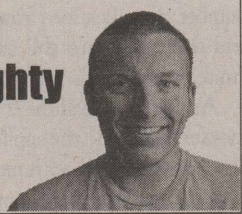
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## Friends, gossip and tyranny: Let's get real

Last week, I ran home during a break from school to grab a bite to eat. I had left the TV on that morning, and when I got home at 1 p.m., some talk show with a bunch of women around a table was on. There are so many of these replicated, homogenous programs on throughout the day I cannot be sure which one it was. I wish I could preserve my dignity and say I flipped the channel to something more manly, but I have to hang my head in shame and admit I was intrigued.

Of course, they were going on and on with their men-bashing tirades, but then they took a break to sink their claws into a more innocent alliance. They went all "real housewives" on

**Andy Doughty**



their friends for being, and get this, bad friends. Isn't it a little ironic these women were accusing their friends of being lousy while they were sitting there pouncing on the flaws of everyone they knew? They divided their friends into five categories: "The Narcissist," "The Chronic Downer," "The Complainer," "The Critic" and "The Flake."

I turned off the TV and headed back to class, thinking how stupid their conversations were and vowing to myself that I would refrain

from "chick television" during the day from now on. However, the idea of the five classifications of friends started pervading my thoughts. Before I knew it, I was making a mental checklist of all the friendships I had, trying to analyze myself as any of the five categories listed above.

One category stuck out to me more than the rest. I did, indeed, fit into the classification of "The Critic." All of my friends know they can come to me for an honest opinion, and, even more so, they know to stay away from me if they do not want one. If you're wearing a cardigan every day as your go-to piece, I reserve the right to say something. If you come to class looking like a scrub more times than not, I will call you out. And, if you

look questionable when we are going out that night, I will guide you to your closet to start over. I can't help that I do this.

I let people be brutally honest with me, so I feel I reserve the right to reciprocate. I have actually caused a friend in one of my classes to no longer wear her glasses, sweatpants or sorority T-shirts to class everyday. This is not good: I am really trying to work on being less critical.

I couldn't help but distribute the leftover titles to my closest friends. If I own up to my own imperfections, it's only fair I get to throw a couple friends under the bus. If the ladies around the table can do it, I can too.

I have this friend who constantly talks about herself. We have to hear all the details

about what she did, when she did it and who was there. She is definitely the epitome of "The Narcissist." I just want to say, "Remember me? I have a life, too."

Two of my friends are, without a doubt, guilty of each being "The Flake." They constantly want to get together yet can never seem to find the time to do so. I am cool with that, but please stop posting all over my Facebook how much you miss me. We know you just want people to think you're nice. Y'all aren't.

Why do we all have "The Chronic Downer" friend? I feel like it is inevitable. The world is always coming to an end for them, their lives are terrible and the universe is out to get them.

Look, a skateboarder hit me last week. Your life is not so bad. I have the same number of tests as you and just as many problems. Give it a rest.

However, I knew all of these things when I became friends with these people. We all know each other's personalities and it's why we mesh so well. Everyone can find faults in their fellow men and women, but rising above and loving them anyway attracts more people with great gifts to your wedding. As I read this, I realize I have a long way to fall before I can break my critical habits. Until then, my tyranny continues.

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## Free-market capitalism for green energy

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The recent collapse of solar-panel manufacturer Solyndra is an example of why politics and business don't mix. The company's loss of over \$500 million in federal loans came as no surprise to auditors or analysts who had been over its financials within the past two years. The White House staff was blinded by lobbyists, and this failure comes as a slap in the face.

In theory, investing in renewable energy manufactured by an American company was getting at the root of two of our biggest problems: energy independence and job outsourcing. With China dominating the global market for solar panels, here was an American company that could both create jobs and turn a profit. And as conflict over

foreign oil remains a matter of national security, the harnessing of solar energy on our own turf holds plenty of appeal. Good intentions could only carry the Obama Administration so far, however.

Government intervention in green energy falls under the controversial category of "industrial policy." According to an August 2010 article in *The Economist*, industrial policy is the attempt by government to promote the growth of particular industrial sectors and companies. President Obama's 2009 stimulus package set aside billions of dollars to accomplish this in the field of green energy. The \$535 million loan to Solyndra was one example of this massive industrial policy effort. But like any investment into a new, fast-growing, and competitive field, there was a high degree of risk involved. It's one thing for a venture

capital firm to make no return on a big investment, but it's quite another for the government to do the same with taxpayer money.

So what really went so wrong for Solyndra? In a nutshell, the company's innovative solar panels had only one major competitive advantage: they didn't require silicone as a raw material. The majority of solar-energy components in the global market require silicone, and in recent years, the price of high-grade silicone has been as high as \$1,000 a pound. But in 2009, silicone prices dropped drastically to less than \$100 a pound, and combining this change with cutthroat competition from heavily subsidized Chinese solar panel manufacturers was a death sentence for Solyndra. The company never broke even.

On a fundamental level, our gov-

ernment isn't structurally equipped to make business gambles. Its bureaucratic nature of laborious decision-making and lethargic reaction time is no match for rapidly changing industrial markets. In the case of Solyndra, the Obama Administration was fully aware that for the company to be profitable, the price of silicone would have to remain high. But, according to an article in *The New York Times*, "industry experts outside the federal government, going back to 2008, were predicting silicon prices were headed for a steep fall." It is no secret that industries built upon new technologies and ideas are bound to be the riskiest and most volatile.

Now, let me be clear: I don't believe the government was wrong in wanting to help a U.S.-based solar energy company. In this case, they just went about it the wrong way. Instead of making a business loan, the Obama Administration could have provided subsidies around the cost of goods to encourage initial growth. It could have granted tax relief in the event of profits earned in Solyndra's manufacture of solar solutions. It could have been a primary buyer of the product. By taking on the role of a supportive observer, the government could have greatly minimized its own risk. The private sector should remain the primary source of funding for innovative but uncertain business ventures.

It's important to remember that the renewable energy industry is alive and growing. I believe that the free market system can do more for this field than any government initiative. Of course, globalized free-market capitalism as it stands today certainly can't be called a friend of the environment. Resource exploitation in developing countries and a "race to the bottom" mentality gives a history of evidence to the contrary. Nevertheless, the market adapts to changes in demand and technology, and renewable energy is taking off in both respects. Governments have an important role to play, but they should be more preoccupied with regulating unsustainable industries than with making risky investments. In the case of Solyndra, the Obama Administration missed the blatant warning signs of trouble, and is now paying for this mishap in severe public criticism. "High risk, high reward" investments are for thrill-seekers in the private sector, not idealistic politicians.

## Complaints fill pages of social media sites

By **STACEY BRISTOL**  
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It's been a busy month for the Internet.

Google+ went public. Fall television started, so people are visiting Hulu again. Target's limited-time Missoni line crashed their website. Political news continues and blogs left and right are debating the ongoing Republican candidate debates.

Oh, and Facebook got another new layout.

You might have heard about it. Or perhaps logged onto your account and noticed the new information barrage you. Because as it turns out new Facebook is way creepier than old Facebook.

However, the only thing worse than Mark Zuckerberg giving users an all-access pass to what everyone else is doing all the time is the complaining that occurs once he does.

The most common statuses seem to be: "I hate new Facebook," "Nooooooooooooo, not again, Facebook!" and "New Facebook makes me want to die." (Does it really?)

There's also one friend who always threatens to delete their Facebook account every time something changes. And you know what? They never do. Maybe they sent out an emphatic tweet and got past it or perhaps they just realized the uselessness of complaining about Facebook on Facebook.

When did social networking become all about complaining? If it's not a new Facebook layout, it's cold weather or homework or relationship problems. Nothing against letting off some steam, but this is getting a little too close to Xanga.

Is it because there are so many parents online now, that we just don't know what else to do? Mom is friends with you and you know she won't recognize you if you aren't whining about something.

Maybe it's because there's nothing to post. Twitter is pretty demanding. Your followers want to know what you are doing, saying and thinking all the time (almost as if they were watching the new Facebook side bar). You have to send out your complaint about how your professor had the audacity to assign a 12-page paper three weeks ago when they knew you wouldn't start it until the night before. You're just giving the people what they want.

Hashtags, a relatively new facet of social networking that allows you to link your post to similar posts, or simply add a witty remark, may be another problem. Doubtless, they arose to popularity because of complaining. There is nothing funnier than #whitepeopleproblems. Go ahead, attach that to your complaint. You are hilarious.

The most likely culprit of on-line complaining is the misguided notion that other people care. Of course, even if you realize they don't, you'll just post a cryptic, emo status that begs someone to ask you about your problems and, thus, allows you to complain.

Clever, but not clever enough. There are so many methods of social networking now, there are multiple ways to complain. You can blog about it, vlog about it, post about it or create an entire Tumblr dedicated to it. There are almost too many options. Something else to complain about, I guess.

The only social networking site without too much cyber-complaining seems to be Google+. Maybe there just hasn't been time yet.

As the newest addition to the social networking family, we'll see if Google can keep its users interested in something other than grousing.

With all these problems and all these outlets, it's easy to get lost in whining online. There's a certain freedom to posting something, rather than saying it face to face. And maybe your homework load is intense and you need to vent about it. That's what Facebook friends are for, right?

But when our news feeds are full of complaints and even our friends' friends' friends' grievances are showing up, we've got a problem. What has once been idealistically called a "way to connect with friends" has become a way to tell everyone what is wrong in your life.

Don't worry though — it's only a matter of time before the makers of PostSecret and Texts From Last Night bring you an updated FML to complain on. It will be equipped with the latest technology. You'll be able to rate your complaints and battle with other users to see who has the worst life.

Until then, keep your complaints about your procrastination, boyfriend and health to yourself. It's really just annoying. After all, we're only Facebook friends.

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## Red Raiders to host Dig for the Cure, Oklahoma Sooners

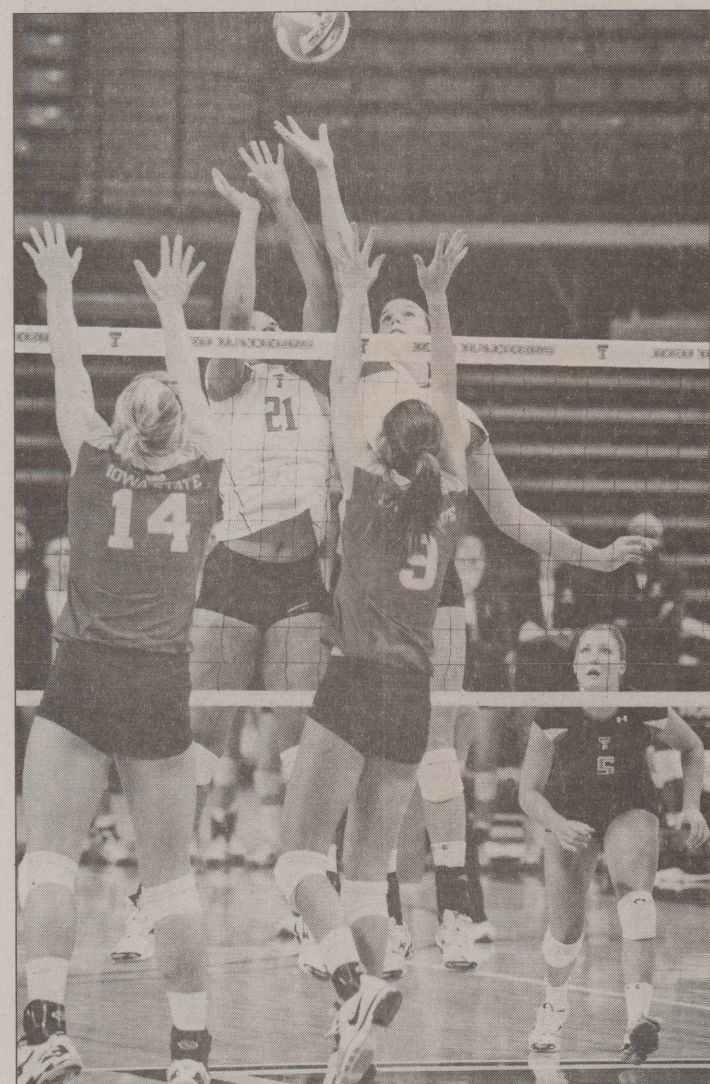


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TECH MIDDLE BLOCKER Mikia Mills and outside hitter Amanda Dowdy jump to spike the ball over Iowa State middle blocker Jamie Straube and setter Alison Landwehr on Saturday during Tech's 0-3 loss to the Cyclones.

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team hosts its second annual Dig for the Cure event at 6 p.m. as it takes on No. 25 Oklahoma in United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders (15-3, 0-1) are hoping for a big fan turnout for both the team and the cause, Tech coach Don Flora said.

"I hope people want to come out and support something that is important to a lot of people," he said. "Breast cancer is an area of concern for all of us. We all know someone who's had it, fought it or passed away because of it. So, I think it is a huge, important thing for us to have an opportunity to give back to get research done for this issue."

The players will wear pink warm-up shirts while Don Flora and the coaching staff will also be dressed in pink to raise breast cancer awareness.

The first 500 fans wearing pink will be admitted for \$1 each.

The Red Raiders will host its second top-25 team in the last two weeks.

Each win gives the team more recognition, and a win versus Oklahoma would get people's attention everywhere, Flora said.

"Oklahoma is a nationally ranked team in the American Volleyball Coaches Association's national volleyball poll, and, obviously, a win would put us on the map," he said.

The Sooners (15-3, 2-0) are coming off a big win where they defeated No. 8 Texas in five sets Wednesday night.

The Big 12 Conference should present competitive matches every night teams are on the court, Flora said.

"I think Texas, Iowa State and Oklahoma are the top three," he said. "It's a good test for us to see Oklahoma after they've just beaten a good team, and I think it kind of raises our excitement."

The Red Raiders were able to watch the Oklahoma-Texas game on TV on Wednesday night, Tech senior Amanda Dowdy said.

"We were able to start to look at their tendencies, what they do and what hitters they like to go to," she said. "It was a good opportunity to break down their side of the court."

Dowdy is coming off a season-high 26-kill performance against New Mexico on Monday night, but said everyone on the team is contributing during every match.

"I don't feel like I have to do everything," she said. "I have teammates I can rely on, everyone has stepped up and we're just more balanced this year."

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## Tech cross-country en route to Grass Routes Run Festival

By **MIKE GUTIERREZ**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech cross-country teams will be competing at the Grass Routes Run Festival in Austin on Friday. The track will consist of a 2000M loop and the runners will race in the evening under the lights.

Jon Murray, Tech cross-country coach, said this race will be an indicator for his team to see where they are in the season.

"This race is to tell us where we are fitness-wise," Murray said. "It gives us a chance to look at the course and get ready for the conference play that begins in a month."

Murray is returning to his position as head coach after track and field coach Wes Kittley took his place while he was hospitalized with a head injury. He said he is doing better and is ready to take his team to Austin.

The No. 25 Lady Raiders look to win their third straight meet of the season after winning the Ruidoso Open and the Texas Tech Open earlier this month. The Red Raiders have finished second in both of the meets they have competed in this season and hope to perform better in Austin, Murray said.

"They're really young, I don't think I can say it enough," Murray said of his men's team. "It's not that they're not working hard, because they are, but we just have to keep at it and hope they continue to progress in a positive way this season."

The Red Raiders are running with

out junior Samuel Breshong, who was hit by a car in early September. Murray said Breshong has a boot on his leg and is able to get around on crutches, but there is no timetable as to when he can return.

Breshong had three top-10 finishes last season as a sophomore runner for the Red Raiders.

"It's hard when a runner injures his

leg," Murray said. "Breshong is doing fine, but we just have to run without him right now. Nevertheless, we will still compete to the best of our abilities and compete for a team victory."

The Lady Raiders hope to win the meet today and gain momentum as they prepare for the Big 12 championships taking place at the end of October, Murray said.

"The ladies just need to remain healthy

and continue to train," he said. "We are really excited for conference play, and we need to maintain a positive focus if we hope to perform well at the championships this year."

The Red Raiders will compete in one more race before the Big 12 championships on Oct. 29 in the Chili Pepper Cross-Country Festival at Fayetteville, Ark., on Oct. 15.

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Seth Doege, QB

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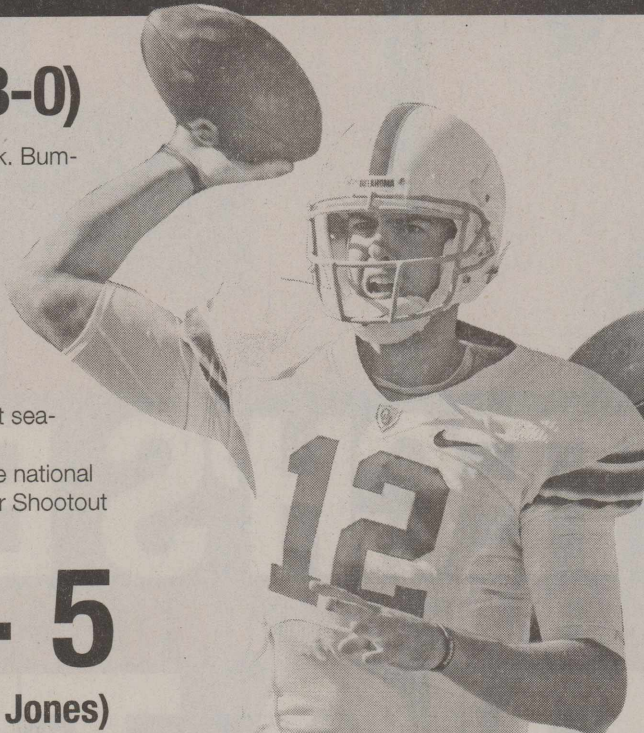
## TEXAS A&M, OK ST., OTHERS FIGHT FOR ELBOW ROOM AS OKLAHOMA REMAINS CLASS OF BIG 12

COMPILED BY THE DAILY TOREADOR'S TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL BEAT WRITERS EVAN JANSA AND JOSE RODRIGUEZ.

### No. 2 Oklahoma (3-0)

LSU jumped Oklahoma in the polls this week. Bummer Sooner. Their ranking is arbitrary though. Oklahoma has an offense with more weapons than the military. Landry Jones has already shown he can compete against top teams, engineering two scoring drives in the fourth quarter in a 23-13 win against then-No. 5 Florida State in Week 2. His favorite target, Ryan Broyles, a consensus All-American last season, has found pay dirt four times thus far. The test to see whether the Sooners are true national title contenders will happen at The Red River Shootout against No. 17 Texas on Oct. 8.

**STAT 1,000 + 5**  
(Yards + TDs for Landry Jones)



**STAT 380.8**  
(Total offense per game for Brandon Weeden)

### No. 5 Oklahoma State (4-0)

The Cowboys may very well be the biggest threat to Oklahoma's national title hopes. A 30-29 win at No. 14 Texas A&M in Week 4 only further cemented the threat. Oklahoma State quarterback Brandon Weeden completed 43 of 60 passes against the Aggies, orchestrating 27 unanswered points to pull out the victory. Weeden and his go-to guy, receiver Justin Blackmon, form what is arguably the nation's most dynamic pass-catch duo. Blackmon won the Biletnikoff Award last year, an honor handed to the nation's top receiver. The Cowboys currently are on a bye week and will not play again until Oct. 8, when they take on Kansas in Stillwater, Okla. The Cowboys host the No. 1 Sooners on Dec. 3.



### No. 14 Texas A&M (2-1)

The Aggies are taking their athletic programs and bowties to the Southeastern Conference. It took long enough, didn't it? "Good things come to those who wait," A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said Monday. In the first game of their Big 12 Conference farewell tour, A&M waited until the second half to disappoint the Kyle Field faithful. The Aggies squandered a 20-3 halftime lead, losing 30-29 to Oklahoma State. There's still a ton of talent on the A&M squad offensively in steady quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

**STAT 446**  
(Combined rushing yards for Cyrus Gray and Christine Michael)

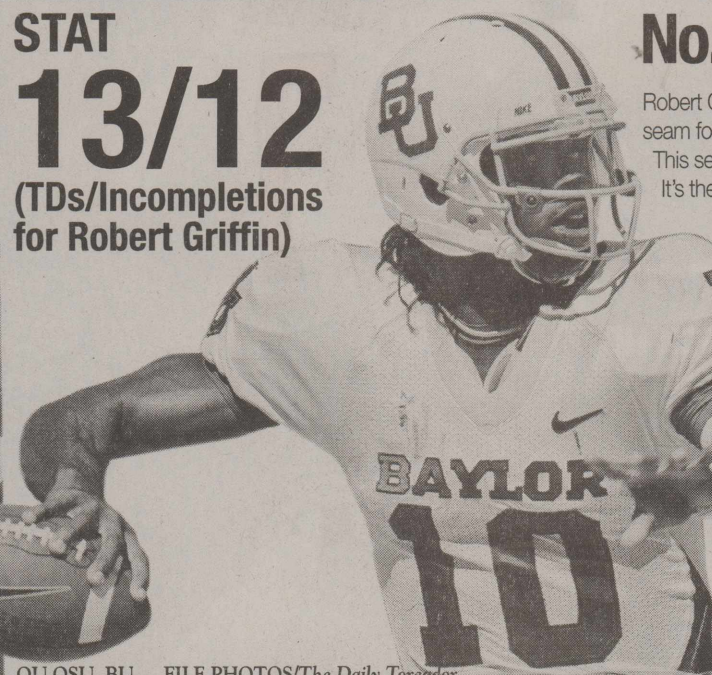


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**STAT 13/12**  
(TDs/Incompletions for Robert Griffin)

### No. 15 Baylor (3-0)

Robert Griffin III can run. It's been brought up ad nauseam for the better part of his career. This season, Griffin has put the run-first label to rest. It's the quarterback's arm defenses have to worry about. Griffin had a strong performance in the season-opening 50-48 win against No. 20 TCU, throwing for 359 yards and five touchdowns. The victory against a proven opponent bodes well for the Bears' chances in conference play and head coach Art Briles is giddy to get a crack at Kansas State on Saturday. "I saw how we did against one earlier this year, a game where we felt like our backs were against the wall and we had to fight," Briles said. "So, I'm anxious from that standpoint."



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### No. 17 Texas (3-0)

It was thought that no one would forget Garrett Gilbert's 186 yards and two touchdowns in relief of the injured Colt McCoy in the 2010 National Championship. Now, it seems Gilbert has been forgotten. The junior lost his starting job in Texas' second game against BYU and is now out for the season with a shoulder injury. This time around, it's a McCoy replacing Gilbert, with Colt's little brother seeing the bulk of the snaps. The sophomore even drew comparisons to his big brother's ability to steady an offense. "And so far, Case has shown some of those same attributes," head coach Mack Brown said Monday.

**STAT 12/15, 2 TDs**  
(Case McCoy's stats against UCLA)

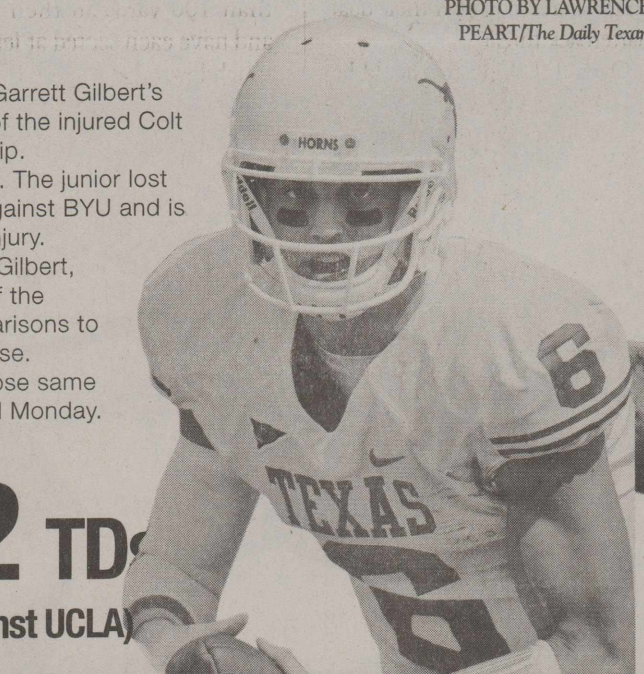


PHOTO BY LAWRENCE PEARL/The Daily Texan

**STAT 1,570**  
(Total yards on offense)

### Texas Tech (3-0)

Classifying the Red Raiders is not easy. "You have to be realistic and you have to look yourself in the eye and say, 'Who are we?'" head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "We are a team that we knew we were going to be — you know, one fairly good on offense." The Red Raiders might be on the outside looking in as they're the only unranked team in what used to be the Big 12 South Division. Quarterback Seth Doege has been solid and Eric Stephens has rushed for more than 100 yards in each contest. However, standout wide receiver Darrin Moore Jr. sustained a leg injury that could hamper his big-play abilities in Big 12 play. Tech has been injury-riddled on both sides of the ball. It will have chances for upsets, hosting both No. 14 Texas A&M and No. 5 Oklahoma State.



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### Kansas State (3-0)

Bill Snyder is back at it again. The Wildcats' legendary coach has the team undefeated, coming off a significant win on the road against a Miami team that had knocked off a then-ranked Ohio State squad the week before. Only this time, the Snyder-led Wildcats are doing it with defense. Kansas State's defense is led by corner Malone Nigel, who leads the Big 12 in interceptions with three. Nigel and the Wildcat defense, however, encounter their toughest tests of the season so far on Saturday, when they host No. 15 Baylor and a Heisman candidate in quarterback Robert Griffin III.

**STAT 10.33**  
(Points allowed per game)

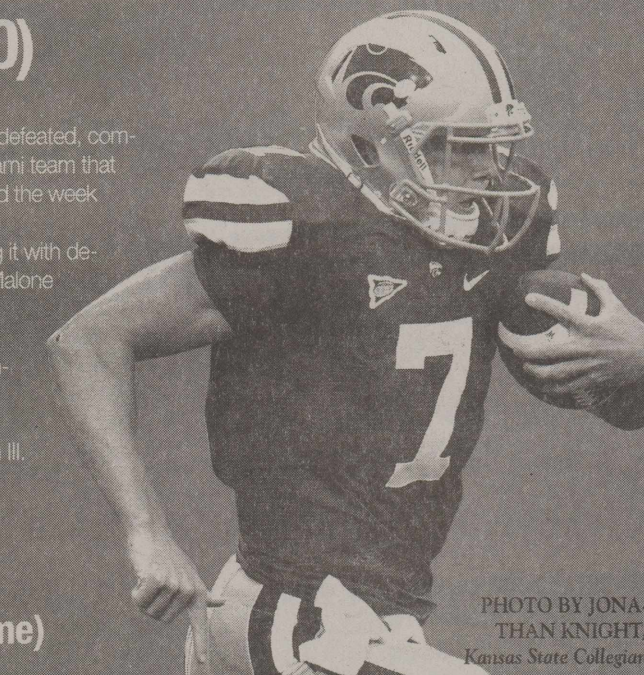
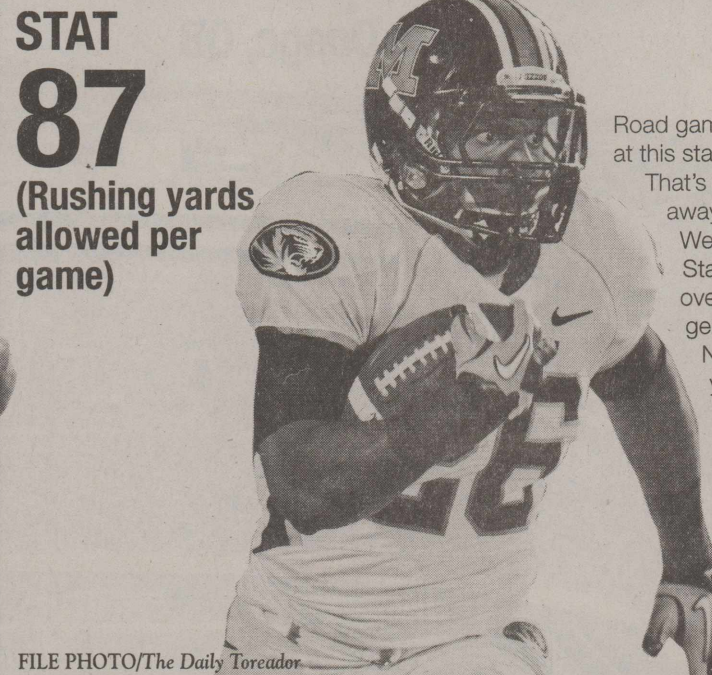


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**STAT 87**  
(Rushing yards allowed per game)

### Missouri (2-2)

Road games have not been kind to the Tigers at this stage in the season. That's not to say Missouri can't hold its own away from the confines of Columbia, Mo. Week 2 matched up Mizzou and Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., a 37-30 loss in overtime for Mizzou. Last week, the Tigers had the opportunity to knock off a No. 1 Oklahoma team for the second year in a row. Henry Josey, the Big 12's leading rusher, could not lift the Tigers to another upset of the Sooners as Mizzou lost 38-28 in Norman, Okla. The Tigers have a bye week and do not play again until an Oct. 8 showdown with Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.



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### Iowa State (3-0)

Steele Jantz did not waste time solidifying his spot as the top quarterback for the Cyclones. After enduring a rocky first start where he threw four interceptions, Jantz proceeded to lead Iowa State to a win against rival Iowa, snapping a three-game losing streak to the Hawkeyes. Jantz was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week the following Monday for his 279 passing yards and four touchdowns. Now, the Cyclones look to remain undefeated as they host No. 17 Texas on Saturday. Last season's 28-21 win in Austin was Iowa State's first-ever win against the Longhorns.

**STAT 9th, 10th**  
(Big 12 offensive, defensive ranks)



PHOTO BY REBECCA BROWN/Iowa State Daily

**STAT 44**  
(Points allowed per game)

### Kansas (2-1)

The Turner Gill project at Kansas still has a long way to go. No other game may have been better proof of that than the Jayhawks' 66-24 loss at No. 21 Georgia Tech on Week 3, a game in which Kansas gave up a school-record of 604 rushing yards. Georgia Tech tallied a grand total of 768 yards on offense en route to that blowout. But Gill, the second-year head coach of the Jayhawks, has had two weeks to forget that loss in preparation for Texas Tech, as the two meet Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. Overall, Gill is 5-10 as the head man at Kansas. Saturday's game is Homecoming for the Jayhawks, who look to avenge a 42-21 loss to Tech in 2009.

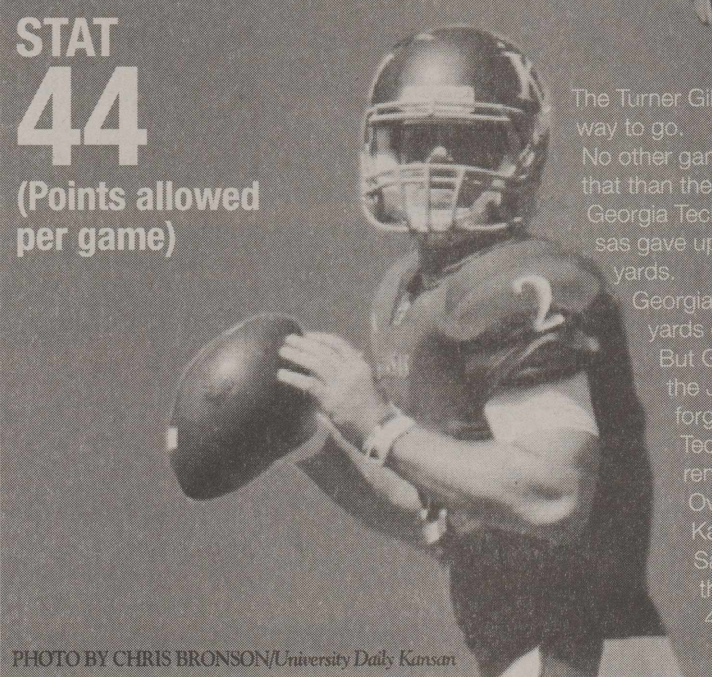


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# Big 12 schedule a daunting task for young Red Raiders

With uncertainty and unanswered questions about the next season surrounding the Big 12 Conference, there's one thing that is certain about this season of Big 12 play: Every team in the conference will have to ignore the drama about the future and focus on the present.

Every coach says it at least once: "Take it one game at a time and don't look ahead." This will be key for Texas Tech this season as the Red Raiders face a daunting schedule.

Looking at the road ahead for Tech makes me a little nervous, as it is easy to see this team dropping most of its conference games and finishing the season at or barely above .500.

Because of the departure of Colorado and Nebraska, this will be the first time where every Big 12 team will play each other, which could prove beneficial for Tech. The Red Raiders open Big 12 play Saturday against an opponent they wouldn't have faced this season if it weren't for the conference shakeup. This opponent is a hurting Kansas squad that got annihilated by Georgia Tech two weekends ago, giving up 768 yards of total offense to lose by a score of 66-24.

This change in scheduling, which has Tech taking on the Jayhawks, probably is a blessing. It should allow them to get Big 12 play started off with a win.

Then the road goes from a nice, easy drive on the interstate to an icy, steep drive up to the top of the mountain for the Red Raiders. Five of the final eight teams Tech plays are ranked, and the two of the three who aren't undefeated have higher-quality wins than Tech.

These two teams are Kansas State and Iowa State.

Kansas State has come out and shocked most people, especially Jacory Harris and the rest of the Miami Hurricanes. No one gave them a chance to win this game since Miami was flying high after a victory against Ohio State, but the Wildcats played solid defense and came out with a surprising win. Luckily for Tech, the Wildcats showed they are here to play early, so they shouldn't catch the Red Raiders off guard. Tech should have the upper hand against them.

Iowa State showed it's in the midst of turning its program around as wins against Tech and Texas last season proved. I think the Red Raiders will have trouble with the Cyclones again this year,

**Brett Winegarner**



but they should come out on top since the game will be played in Lubbock. I also think this is a huge game for Tech as it's a game needing to be won if the Red Raiders have any thoughts of playing in a big bowl game.

Two games really stand out to me on Tech's schedule. I think these games could have a major impact on not only the Red Raiders, but the final Big 12 standings as well. I'm talking about next weekend when Texas A&M heads north to Lubbock, and then later when Oklahoma State makes its way to Raiderland.

Last season, both teams put a pretty good beating on Tech, and it should be the same thing again this year. With that being said, the Red Raiders seem to enjoy being spoilers.

I could see Tech winning one or both of these games, especially in a high-scoring shootout against poor defenses. Seth Doege and this offense have proved early on in this season they are capable of going off, as they are ranked seventh in the nation in points scored at 48 per game. However, that was not against teams like OSU and A&M.

If the Red Raiders do take the Aggies down, then that would probably eliminate the chances of A&M winning the conference title in its last season of Big 12 play. Then, if Tech upsets what could be a top-five team in OSU if they are still undefeated, it would more than likely knock the Cowboys out of conference title contention. A loss to Tech by either team would eliminate them because I think Oklahoma will beat both of these teams, and will likely only lose one game in conference play, if any.

Then, if Tech does the nearly impossible and beats both teams, they could possibly compete for a conference title. Don't hold your breath, though.

I said earlier it is possible for the Sooners to lose a game. That one loss won't come to Tech on Oct. 22. I can say with confidence Tech will lose by at least double digits as Oklahoma Memorial Stadium has been anything but kind to Tech in the past.

Two games some Tech fans may

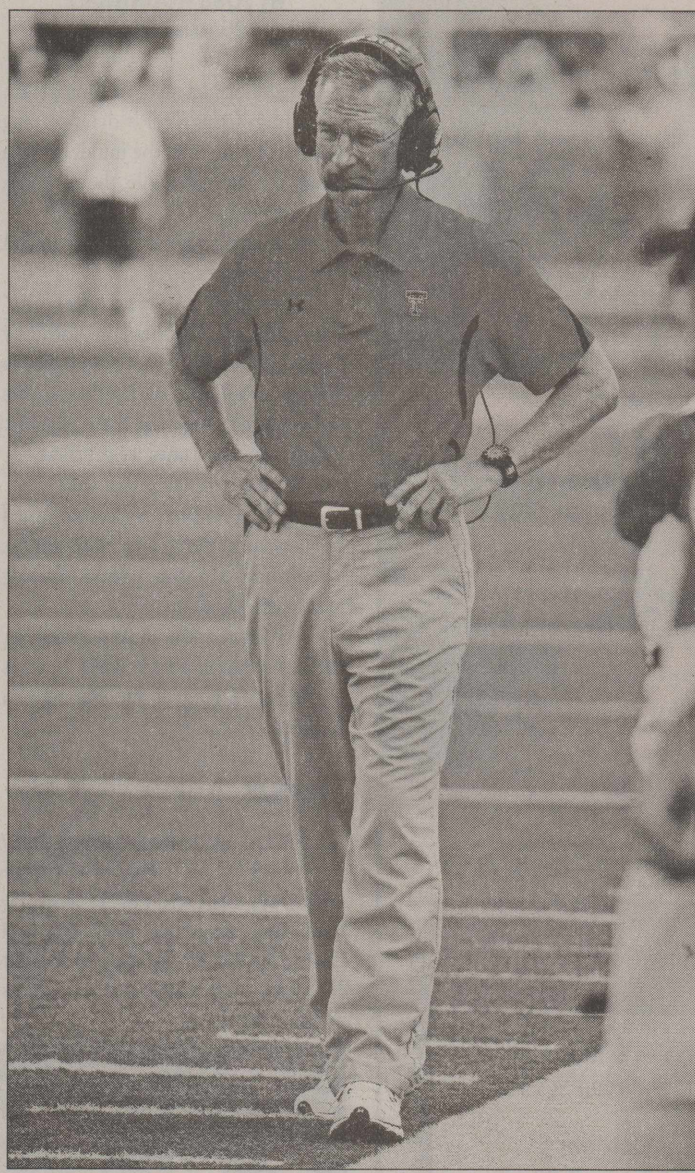


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TEXAS TECH COACH Tommy Tuberville looks down the field at his team during Tech's 50-10 victory against the Bobcats on Sept. 3 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

look at as easy will be far from it. These games come in the form of playing Missouri in Columbia and Baylor at Cowboys Stadium. The Tigers are only 2-2 thus far, but their two losses came from two ranked opponents, Oklahoma and Arizona State. Tech should be able to beat them, but Mizzou always plays well at home.

The Bears are another story. This should be the year Baylor finally gets the upper hand on Tech. This team is about as legitimate as they come this season, as Robert Griffin III is throwing the ball better than ever and Kendall Wright is catching everything thrown his way. Tech has always played poorly against Baylor, but is always able to somehow sneak out with a win. I think this is another game Tech will have to win if they want to play in a prestigious bowl game.

This leaves us with one more

Big 12 game to discuss, the Nov. 5 game when Tech travels to the land of burnt orange. This is another game I really have trouble thinking Tech will win. It will be a tough environment for such a young team to go into and pull off an upset. It also seems like the Longhorns have things figured out with their dual quarterback threat.

Overall, I think this could be a decent season in Big 12 play for Tech, but it also has the possibility of being brutal. I can only circle two or maybe three games Tech should definitely win. Other than that, the Red Raiders could easily drop the other six games and finish the season even like I said earlier. Then again, they could shock everyone by getting hot and finishing with only one or two losses.

However, don't get your hopes up too high. Just hang on for the ride. It could be a bumpy one.

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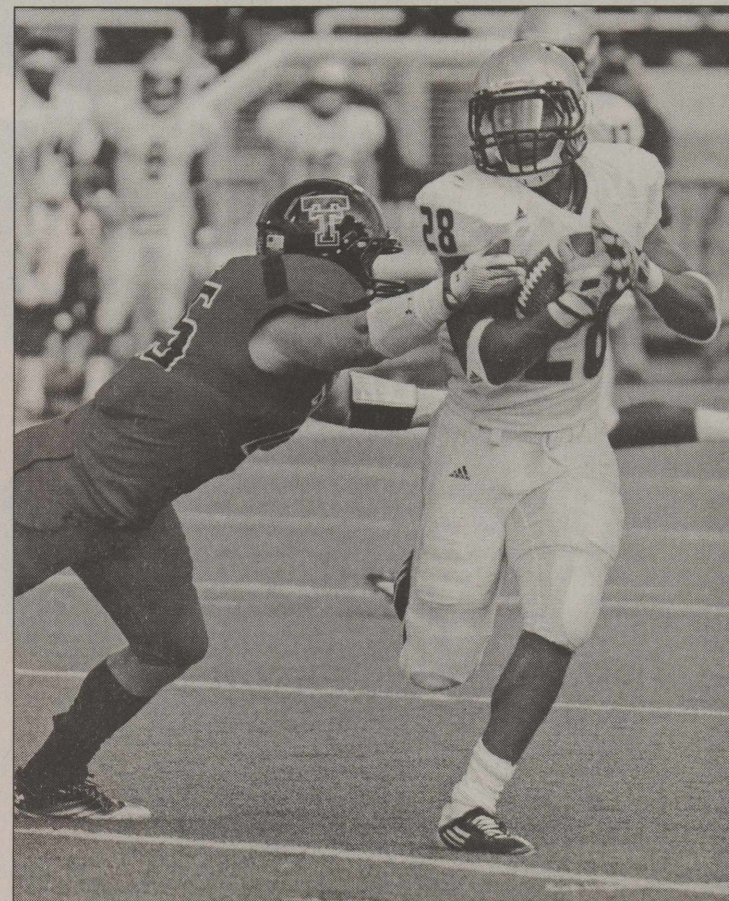


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TEXAS TECH LINEBACKER Blake Dees tries to tackle Texas State running back Marcus Curry during Tech's 50-10 victory against the Bobcats on Sept. 3 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

## Kansas

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The Jayhawks, though not as prolific with the run as the Wolf Pack, average 235 yards on the ground per contest.

But, at this point, Tuberville is worried about his defense's ability to slow down any opposing rushing offense.

"I'm concerned about everybody's running game," Tuberville said. "We ain't stopped anybody yet."

Kansas' offense, however, relies on the run as its passing game ranks eighth in the Big 12 Conference.

The Jayhawks' 235 rushing yards per game is good for third-best in the conference.

But, as Tuberville said, Kansas does not rely on one running back for its overall production.

James Sims, Darrian Miller and Tony Pierson all have more than 100 yards to their names and have each scored at least one touchdown.

Sims is the featured back, having carried the ball 56 times for 254 yards and three scores at this stage in the year.

Tech defenders are aware of the array of backs Kansas will throw at them, in addition to the assortment of formations they'll see.

To make matters worse, Kansas' Jordan Webb is the Big 12's most efficient quarterback behind Baylor's Robert Griffin III.

"We're seeing formations. That's the big thing," Tech

safety D.J. Johnson said Tuesday. "We're seeing a lot of different formations that they really like to do and, I mean, they're pretty much doing the same thing throughout the formations, and we just have to have ours ready, be prepared to play our positions and do our jobs."

Fortunately for Tech, Kansas has had its fair share of difficulty in stopping the run as well.

Just ask Georgia Tech. The Jayhawks gave up 604 rushing yards to a Georgia Tech offense that topped out at 786 total yards of offense en route to a 66-24 shellacking.

Seth Doege said Tech's running game provides a mismatch for Kansas.

"I feel good about our running game," Doege said. "I felt in the years in the past that if the passing game wasn't all on point, then we were kind of in a hole offensively."

Eric Stephens, the workhorse in the Tech backfield, is the Big 12's third leading rusher at 114.7 yards per outing.

Despite that, Stephens said he wants to avoid experiencing another game like the Red Raiders did against Nevada.

He's just glad to have gotten a difficult game out of the way before Big 12 play kicks into gear.

"I think it was a good thing that it wasn't in conference play," Stephens said Monday. "We have a lot more tougher opponents in conference. So, I think it was a good thing to get that out of the way before (Big 12 play) even started."

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# Tech opens Big 12 play on road against Kansas

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**  
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Images of Nevada's rushing attack shredding Texas Tech's defense may continue to linger in the minds of Tech coach Tommy Tuberville, the coaching staff and players.

If they don't, Kansas has the potential to recreate them.

"They play four good running backs," Tuberville said Wednesday, "and they have a big offensive line. I'm sure they're looking at the film of the last three games we've played chopping their gums ... (They) can't wait until we get there.

"We haven't played that well."

The Red Raiders (3-0) were gashed by Nevada's running game, the country's seventh-ranked rushing offense, allowing more than 300 yards.

Tech now has to try and stop another efficient rushing attack when it takes on Kansas (2-1) at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

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BELOW: TEXAS TECH running back Eric Stephens runs the ball during Tech's 35-34 victory against Nevada last Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Bradley Marquez tries to avoid Nevada linebacker Jeremiah Green during Tech's 35-34 victory against the Wolf Pack.



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