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SGA meeting discusses recruitment, GPA requirements

Senators urges transparency with agenda meetings

By GREG LINDEMAN
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The Texas Tech Student Government Association met Thursday evening to discuss several bills and resolutions, including recruitment methods and increasing transparency between the group and students.

It was announced that Stuart Williams, a former student senator,

chose to resign from office following a year of service with the SGA. Senator Matt Pippen was voted in as the new parliamentary chair.

This was the first live broadcast of the SGA meetings by KTXT-FM 88.1 in the group's efforts to make student government more transparent and available to students.

Senator Vazquez received a vote of 92 percent in favor of his proposed resolution, which would

make the SGA Public Relations Committee responsible for sending a personalized congratulatory letter to students acknowledged by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* "Teens of the Month."

This proposed resolution was put away during the last meeting for fear of early-stage recruiting violations Tech could face. Vazquez met with university officials to ensure this would not put Tech in any kind of negative spotlight. After meeting with Tech officials, Vazquez said the measure would not harm Tech.

In another attempt to make the SGA more transparent to students, Senator Andrew Davis proposed a bill that would make the journal clerk responsible for ensuring the SGA's website is updated with information on resolutions and legislative proposals within two weeks.

"This is important to make all of our constituents aware of what is going on in SGA meetings," Davis said.

The SGA is also in the works of passing a constitutional amendment to raise the GPA requirements

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SGA Senator

for senators and executive officers. This occurred after Senator Alex Alston introduced Bill 47.17, which would make senators responsible for maintaining at least 2.5 GPAs and executive officers responsible for at least 2.75 GPAs.

However, Davis said, "It would be a bill floating in air."

Since the GPA requirements are stated in the constitution, Davis created a similar bill to amend the constitution, officially putting the bill into effect for the next session. This bill is currently tabled and will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

"We should never compare ourselves to other universities," Senator Myers said. "I would personally like this to be higher, but I think a 2.75 GPA is attainable."

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University Choir, Singers host fall concert

Two chorale ensembles kickoff fall

By MICHAEL DUPONT
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Two of Texas Tech's choral ensembles will have their fall concert, "Mirrored Messages," tonight at 8 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall.

Michelle Capdau, a senior music major and president of University Choir, said the concert will consist of two of the five choral ensembles at Tech. "We're having a joint choir concert with University Choir and University Singers — two of our choral ensembles here — and it's our fall concert, titled 'Mirrored Messages,'" she said.

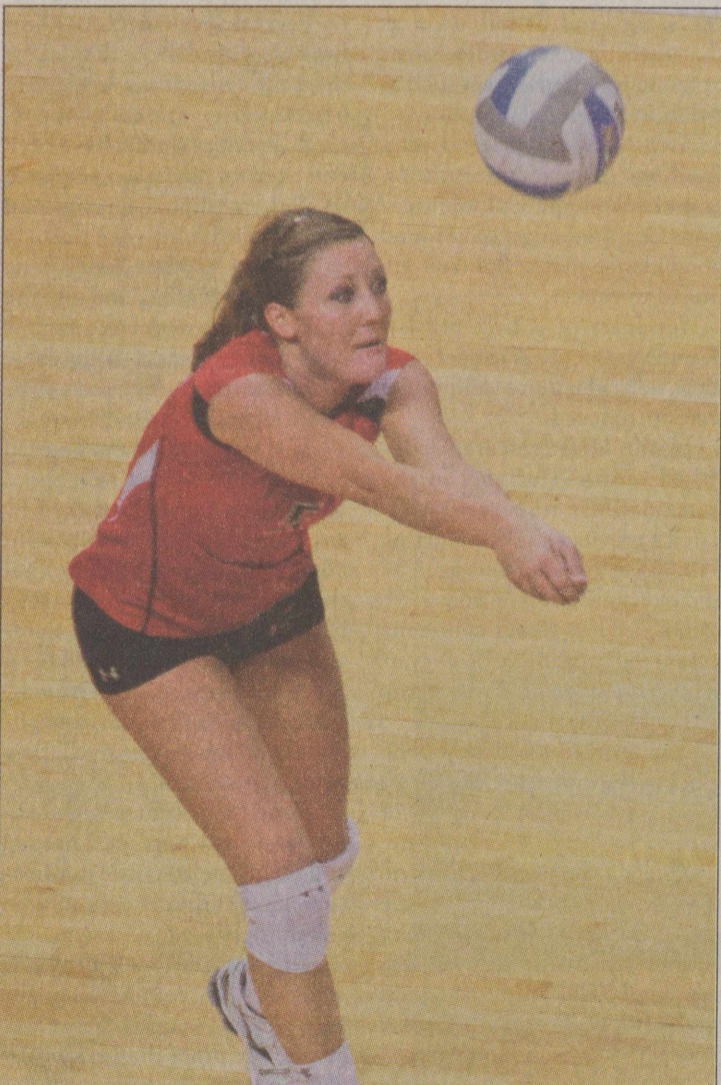
University Choir consists mainly of music majors and University Singers is made up of mostly non-music majors, Capdau said.

"The choirs are made up of completely different people," Capdau said.

Students do not have to be a music major to be a member of the choir, for most of the University Singers members are high school choral students who wanted to continue singing, she said.

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After losing to Texas A&M on Wednesday, Tech looks to snap a seven-game conference losing streak against Kansas on Saturday. SPORTS, Page 7

Breaking the Silence



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

LUBBOCK RESIDENTS JOIN for a candle vigil outside of the Lubbock County Courthouse on Thursday to honor Amanda Moreno and the other 141 women who died as victims of domestic violence in 2010 in Texas.

Vigil honors fallen victims of domestic violence in Texas

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
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A candlelight vigil was hosted Thursday evening at the Lubbock County Courthouse's courtyard to honor the 142 Texas women who were killed from domestic violence.

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock hosted the event to not only remember those lost, but also to raise awareness about domestic abuse. A Women's Protective Services pamphlet defined battering as "a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over

another" where "control tactics are used to place fear and intimidation in their partner."

Women's Protective Services is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Office of the Governor, United Way and by private donations. The sole purpose of the organization is to create an environment of empowerment for women, children and families as well as to eliminate family violence.

The ceremony also focused on Amanda Moreno of Lubbock, who was killed by her partner in June 2010. Moreno

died after being severely beaten. Family members found her dead in her daughter's bed two days later. Her best friend, Stephanie Nunez, and brother, Joe Moreno, spoke of their experiences.

Nunez described the symptoms of abuse Moreno displayed in the weeks leading up to her death.

"Do not think that there is always tomorrow," Nunez said. "Tomorrow might be too late to speak up."

To help a victim of abuse, Women's Protective Services advises for a safety plan to be developed. To form this plan, a friend must lend a sympathetic ear and verbally confront the victim about the dangers of staying in that relationship.

"Forty years ago, Women's Protective Services did not exist," Linda Walker, a Texas Tech alumna, said.

In 1970, Walker was a victim of domestic violence. At the age of 22, her then-husband used his open fist to beat her to the point where both of her eyes were swollen and her equilibrium was thrown off-balance, an issue still affecting her. Too weak to leave, Walker stayed with him for the rest of the night. When she attempted to report the abuse to the sheriff's office the next day, she was told there was legally nothing they could do because she had stayed the night with him.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive
Time: All day
Where: Drop off locations are in the Student Union Building, Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and the Child Development Research Center.
So, what is it?
 Donate old coats and warm clothing to TAB's Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive.

62nd Annual Texas Tech Rodeo
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Texas Tech Equestrian Center
So, what is it?
 The rodeo program will host 15 colleges and universities in events that include bareback bronco riding, saddle bronco riding, calf roping, goat tying, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

University Choir Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmler Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 Enjoy the University Choir concert hosted by the School of Music.

"Urinetown" the Musical
Time: 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Where: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre
So, what is it?
 The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Urinetown," a contemporary musical, which provides a comedic outlook when the citizens of a "Gotham-like" city experience a devastating drought. The play will continue into Sunday.

March of Dimes 13th Annual Signature Chefs Auction
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic

Center, Banquet Hall
So, what is it?
 This event will pay tribute to local chefs and caterers while helping raise money for the March of Dimes.

SATURDAY

Walk to End Alzheimer's
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Mackenzie Park
So, what is it?
 Participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and learn more about the disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment and support other programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association.

Third Annual Pumpkin Trail
Time: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Arboretum
So, what is it?
 Enjoy a walk along a lighted trail of carved jack-o-lanterns in Clapp Park.

SUNDAY

Snoop Dogg
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Cactus Courtyard
So, what is it?
 Enjoy a live performance from Snoop Dogg.

Kevin Wass
Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmler Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 Enjoy a tuba faculty recital.

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Vigil

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"I'm still intimidated by the sound of a man yelling," Walker said. "I encourage women facing abuse to speak up. Today, there are people willing to help."
 Roy Rios, a representative for

WPS, described the accounts of abuse as a real problem happening in Lubbock's backyard, including Tech.

"One in four women on college campuses are victims of violence," Fritzi Cates, WPS director, said. "I think that the Tech community sees a lot of dating abuse."
 Women's Protective Services

defines dating abuse as including verbal abuse, threats of violence, hypersensitivity and the use of force during an argument.

"The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice" reported 21 percent of college relationships result in abuse. The main attack on campuses is date rape, and 55 percent of reported sexual assaults

by women from the ages of 18-24 involve drugs or alcohol.

Women's Protective Services offers free, confidential services to women and children, Rios said. A 24-hour hotline is available for those in need, as is shelter and assistance with obtaining legal and social services.

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US dumping criminals at border

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon accused the United States on Thursday of dumping criminals at the border because it is cheaper than prosecuting them, and said the practice has fueled violence in Mexico's border areas.

U.S. officials earlier this week reported a record number of deportations in fiscal year 2011, and said the number of deportees with criminal convictions had nearly doubled since 2008.

"There are many factors in the violence that is being experienced in some Mexican border cities, but one of those is that the American authorities have gotten into the habit of simply deporting 60 (thousand) or 70,000 migrants per year to cities like Ciudad Juarez or Tijuana," Calderon told an immigration conference.

Among these deportees "there are many who really are criminals, who have committed some crime and it is simply cheaper to leave them on the Mexican side of the border than to prosecute them, as they should do, to see whether they are guilty or not," Calderon said. "And obviously, they quickly link up with criminal networks on the border."

On Tuesday, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said his agency deported nearly 400,000 individuals during the fiscal year that ended in September, the largest number of removals in the agency's history. Morton announced the 2011

numbers in Washington, saying about 55 percent of those deported had felony or misdemeanor convictions. Officials said the number of those convicted of crimes was up 89 percent from 2008. The vast majority of migrants, and deportees, are from Mexico.

There are no records to substantiate whether U.S. authorities opt for deporting undocumented Mexican nationals who have committed crimes instead of prosecuting them in the U.S.

The U.S. embassy declined to comment on Calderon's speech.

When Mexicans without documents finish their prison terms in the United States, they're bused to the border and freed. Mexican officials in Tijuana have said some deportees turn to petty crime but couldn't say if they were feeding drug cartels.

The Associated Press in the past year has repeatedly asked the Mexican government to document the impact of leaving deportees with criminal records at the border. The AP filed a freedom of information request asking Mexico's Foreign Ministry how many times the U.S. had notified Mexico it was deporting a convicted criminal and how many people arrested for drug trafficking in Mexico had prior records in the U.S. The foreign ministry said it didn't have such numbers. The office of Calderon's former security spokesman Alejandro Poire did not respond to similar queries.
 The United States and Mex-

ico are experimenting with new methods of alerting Mexico about deportations, and U.S. officials say they warn Mexico when former inmates are considered particularly dangerous.

Mexicans with criminal records in the U.S. can't be detained in Mexico if they have not violated the law in their home country, and some Mexican border cities complain they don't have any easy way to run criminal background checks on deported inmates to see if they have pending charges.

One deported criminal, Martin Estrada Luna, is accused of becoming a leader of a cell of the Zetas drug cartel in the border state of Tamaulipas just 18 months after he was deported from the United States. Estrada, who had a long rap sheet of mostly theft and property crimes in Washington state, is now in custody in Mexico City, where he is accused for masterminding the killing of more than 250 people.

Calderon also lashed out at what he called "absurd" and "irrational" immigration laws in the United States.

"To the extent to which they continue to put absurd curbs on migration, to the degree to which they continue to persecute migrants in the United States in an irrational way that sometimes violates their human rights, in that measure American society will continue to lose competitiveness..." he said.
 That was an apparent reference

to tough immigration laws like the one implemented in Alabama in late September. While courts have blocked some provisions of the law, judges let stand provisions that allow police to check a person's immigration status during a traffic stop.

Under the measure, courts also can't enforce contracts involving illegal immigrants, such as leases, and it is a felony for an illegal immigrant to do business with the state for basic things like getting a driver's license.

Calderon said immigration shouldn't be seen as a threat or invasion; he noted that net migration of Mexicans to the United States is approaching zero, as fewer people leave and more come back.

Rafael Fernandez de Castro, head of the International Relations studies at the Monterrey Technological Institute, told the conference that about 200,000 Mexicans per year are returning to their country, and that Mexican schools are facing a new problem: tens of thousands of Mexican children are coming back each year with little or no Spanish.

"In the last couple of school years in Mexico, literally tens of thousands of children have turned up with last names like Sanchez, Fernandez, or Hinojosa and, it must be said, they don't speak Spanish, they speak English," Fernandez de Castro said. "We have to ask California and Texas how they managed to integrate these Mexican children who went to the United States and didn't speak English."

Correction

An article in Thursday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, "Webinar provides CSB details of 2010 explosion," mentioned Preston Smith, who in 2010 was a fifth-year

graduate student, not a fourth-year student. Also, the number of possible accidents uncovered during the investigation was 1,600, which was narrowed down to 125.

Analysis: Gadhafi's death a cautionary tale HAMZA

CAIRO (AP) — Images of Moamar Gadhafi's bloodied body flashed on TV screens across the world may send shivers down the spines of Syria's Bashar Assad and Yemen's Ali Abdullah Saleh, two leaders clinging to power in the face

of long-running Arab Spring uprisings. For the millions of Arabs yearning for freedom, democracy and new leadership, the death of one of the region's most brutal dictators will likely inspire and invigorate the movement for change.

Largest study on cellphones, cancer finds no link

LONDON (AP) — Danish researchers can offer some reassurance if you're concerned about your cellphone: Don't worry. Your device is probably safe.

The biggest study ever to examine the possible connection between cellphones and cancer found no evidence of any link, suggesting that billions of people who are rarely more than a few inches from their phones have no special health concerns.

The Danish study of more than 350,000 people concluded there was no difference in can-

cer rates between people who had used a cellphone for about a decade and those who did not. Last year, a separate large study found no clear connection between cellphones and cancer. But it showed a hint of a possible association between very heavy phone use and glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumor. However, the numbers of heavy users was not sufficient to make the case.

That study of more than 14,000 people in multiple countries, in addition to animal ex-

periments, led the International Agency for Research on Cancer to classify electromagnetic energy from cellphones as "possibly carcinogenic," adding it to a list that also includes things such as coffee and gasoline engine exhaust.

But that designation does not mean the phones necessarily pose a risk. Cellphones do not emit the same kind of radiation as that used in some medical tests or found in other sources such as radon in soil.

Two U.S. agencies — the Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Communications Commission — have found no evidence that cellphones are linked to cancer.

Yet fears of a link persist, despite the fact that cancer rates have not risen since cellphones were introduced.

In the latest research, published online Thursday in the journal BMJ, researchers updated a previous study examining 358,403 cellphone users aged 30 and over in Denmark from 1990 to 2007. They found cellphone users did not have a higher cancer risk compared with those without cellphones.

Cancer rates in people who used cellphones for about 10 years were similar to rates in people without a cellphone. Cellphone users were also no more likely to get a tumor in the part of the brain closest to where phones are usually held against the head. The study was paid for by the government's Danish Strategic Research Council.

"Our study provides little evidence for a causal association, but we cannot rule out a small to moderate increase in risk for subgroups of heavy users," said Patrizia Frei, of the Institute of Cancer Epidemiology in Copenhagen, Denmark, one of the paper's authors.

"This is encouraging news, but it doesn't mean we're at the end of the road," said Hazel Nunn, head of Health Evidence and Information at Cancer Research U.K., which was not linked to the study.

About three-quarters of the world's population, more than 5 billion people, use a cellphone. That makes it difficult for scientists to compare cancer incidence in people who use the devices

versus those who do not.

Others disputed the Danish study's findings. The advocacy group MobileWise, which believes cellphones pose a health risk, said the study wasn't long enough to consider the long-term risk, since brain tumors can take decades to develop.

In an accompanying editorial in BMJ, Anders Ahlbom and Maria Feychting of Sweden's Karolinska Institute wrote that one of the study's strengths was its use of objective data from cellphone records. Previous studies have been criticized for relying on people to recall their cellphone habits from decades earlier.

In about 30 other studies done in Europe, New Zealand and the U.S., patients with brain tumors have not reported using their cellphones more often than unaffected people.

The editorial writers pointed out that research on cellphones and cancer was not sparked by any evidence of a connection, but from concerns that something about the relationship between radio frequency fields and human physiology had been "overlooked or misunderstood." Research into the safety of cellphones is now "extensive," they wrote.

Nunn said studies with longer-term data were still needed and that there was little information on children's exposure to cellphones.

There was no biological evidence for how cellphones might cause cancer, unlike, for example, the proof that tobacco is carcinogenic, she added.

Cellphones send signals to nearby towers via radio waves, a form of energy similar to microwaves. But the radiation produced by cellphones cannot directly damage DNA and is different from stronger types of radiation like X-rays or ultraviolet light. At very high levels, radio frequency waves from cellphones can heat up body tissue, but that is not believed to damage human cells.

Nunn said people should not change their cellphone habits based on the current evidence, except perhaps for limiting their kids' use of the devices.

"There are a lot more worrying things in the world than mobile phones," she said.

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High Riders show support for women's athletics

By PAIGE SKINNER
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In recent years, Texas Tech women's athletics has not received as much support and recognition as men's athletics.

However, one student organization is working to change this.

High Riders is a women's spirit organization. Its members attend every women's athletics home game to cheer on and support Tech athletes.

In the fall, the High Riders are present at women's soccer, volleyball and basketball games. During the spring, they can be seen holding posters and cheering at tennis and softball games.

The spirit organization was organized when one of the founders, after attending several Saddle Tramps events, questioned why there was not a women's spirit organization. High Riders became an official organization in 1976 and was founded on the principles of service, spirit, leadership, tradition and sisterhood.

Today, more than 30 women make up the High Riders. Ashlie Haas, recording secretary of the organization, said some members were athletes in high school who wanted to continue showing their school spirit through an organization.

"I mean, women's athletics doesn't get as much recognition as men's athletics," said Haas, a senior electronic and communications major from Deer Park. "So, I think it's a really good way to support Tech and support the girls that play here."

The High Riders still work closely with the Saddle Tramps, the organization's counterpart. Only a High Rider or Saddle Tramp can try out to be Raider Red, Tech's mascot, and they are the only organizations allowed in the Administration building's bell tower.

"We have a lot of fun with them actually," Haas said about the Saddle Tramps. "We're the only ones up in

The Victory Bells in the Administration building. We'll have cookouts with them. We have a football intramural team right now with them, co-rec, and that's really fun."

Haas said the High Riders are in charge of ball control at volleyball games.

"We stand on each corner of the court and one in the middle, and we just make sure the right side has the ball and that it's wiped off of any sweat and stuff like that," she said. "In the very beginning, we'll shag balls when they're warming up."

Don Flora, head coach of the Red Raiders volleyball team, said the High Riders have been at every home game to help shag balls, which is the act of catching balls in practices, and show support.

"They actually came by one of our practices one day to introduce themselves and tell us what they're doing," Flora said. "I think it's a good deal. It's nice to have a group outside of the volleyball team supporting women's athletics."

Laura Martin, president of High Riders, said each member adopts a player from each women's sport and gives the athlete gifts throughout the year to show her support.

"We call it our 'secret spirit,' and we make them posters and signs throughout the season and little gifts at the end," said Martin, a senior agricultural communications major from Sonora.

The High Riders make their "secret spirit" posters and decorate athletes' locker rooms with streamers and balloons, Martin said. At the end of the year, there is a reveal where the athlete finds out whom their 'secret spirit' is.

"The athletes love it," she said. "Women's athletics, obviously, thrives at Tech. They are all very successful, but it's harder because it's not football. There's not the big following. They definitely appreciate that people notice and that people care about what



MEMBERS OF THE High Riders, a women's athletics support organization, stand up before the first point of the set during Tech's 3-2 loss against Texas A&M on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

they're doing because they work really hard and that's our goal. My biggest goal as a High Rider is to make sure that they know that their efforts don't go unnoticed."

Because of all the support and time the High Riders give to women's athletics, the organization looks for spirited women who are willing to uphold Tech's traditions to join, Martin said.

"We have girls from all over the state," she said. "We have girls with all

different majors, which is amazing because, compared to a lot of organizations on campus, our numbers aren't that big right now. I mean, they're pretty big for the High Riders, but in comparison to other organizations, we're fairly small, so it's just amazing we're so diverse."

Besides participating in Tech traditions, the High Riders have traditions of their own.

The new members are partnered up with an active member for a "big and

little sister" relationship. Martin said the tradition is something very dear to the High Riders' hearts, and it's also one of her favorite traditions.

"My 'big' is my best friend and roommate," she said. "And my 'littles' are some of my really close friends. I think that it's a really awesome tradition."

Haas said High Riders is a great organization and it creates many opportunities. She said the women of the organization have a lot of fun as well.

Martin said the networking is her favorite part of being a member.

"Well, externally, my favorite part of High Riders has been just the relationships I've built with people at the Center for Campus Life and in other organizations like the Saddle Tramps," she said. "Those are my favorite external parts — just the people you can get to know outside of your organization because of your organization."

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Michael Douglas' son pleads guilty to drug-related charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Douglas' imprisoned son pleaded guilty to a new drug charge Thursday, admitting that he managed to get drugs in prison even while he was cooperating with the government in a drug investigation.

Cameron Douglas, 32, pleaded guilty to a narcotics possession charge, saying: "God knows I'm sorry about this situation." Although the charge carries the potential for a 20-year prison term, a plea deal with prosecutors recommended Douglas serve between a year and 1½ years in prison. His sentencing was set for Dec. 21.

Michael Douglas, who was not in court, said in a statement that his son's offense involved a small user-quantity of drugs.

"Cameron accepts full responsibility for his conduct," the father said. "While he has made much progress, he is still not cured. Most people and their families are able to address this illness privately and outside the spotlight. Unfortunately this has not been possible here — for reasons completely outside of his control. He thanks those that have rooted for his recovery and looks forward to the day when he will not disappoint."

The plea came just two weeks after Cameron Douglas testified as a government witness against a co-defendant facing drug charges. The testimony was part of the cooperation he promised when he was sentenced to five years in prison after his arrest in July 2009 for dealing methamphetamine from a high-end Manhattan hotel.

In his latest plea, the son of the Academy Award-winning actor admitted possessing drugs from May through last week. That's when authorities found what appeared to be heroin and cocaine in his cell.

U.S. District Judge Richard Berman questioned whether security lapses at two federal prison facilities made it possible for Douglas to obtain drugs, and he added that he was worried that someone might be able to smuggle weapons into the prisons if

they can get drugs in. "I'm going to make a strong recommendation that he not go back to either of these facilities," Berman said, referring to the Metropolitan Correction Center adjacent to the federal courthouse in lower

Manhattan and the federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa.

The judge said he assumes prison facilities are safe and well managed when he sends prisoners to them and he has the expectation "that these types of things don't go on."

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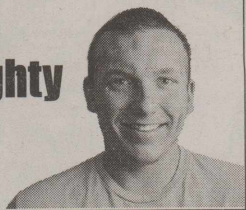
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GOP debates missing point

Oh, no. Here we go again. These GOP debates are juicier than a reunion of "The Real Housewives" franchise. The Bravo! Network has nothing on Fox News and CNN. The housewives aren't picked apart by the leading think tanks of our country like the GOP, but these debates are borderline comical.

Andy Doughty



On Tuesday night, none of my regularly scheduled TV shows were on and, I have to say, I am glad they weren't. The primary debate had every ounce of drama I needed. Led by Anderson Cooper on CNN, it was clear this mediator was trying to get the GOP riled up. Rick Perry came out with his Texas-sized guns loaded. He was having none of "Queen Bee" Mitt Romney's shenanigans and he made sure he was the "mean girl" of the whole debate.

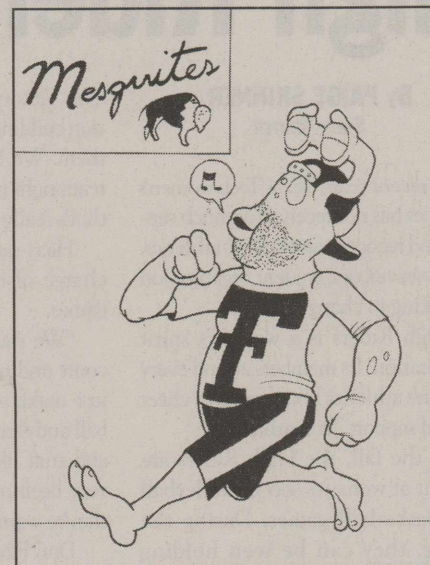
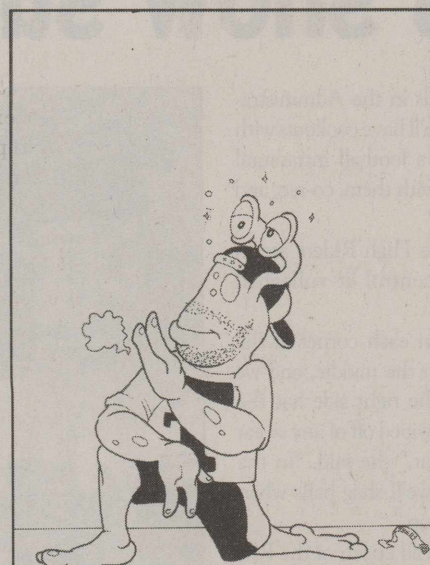
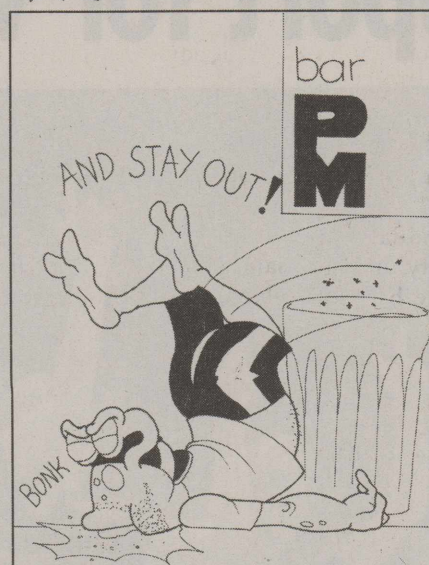
I have to be honest: I am loyal to my state (go Texas Rangers), but Perry has not impressed me yet. As Romney publicized on Tuesday, Perry has not done well

in the debates thus far. So, Perry took the expression "defense wins championships" seriously as he fired back at Romney. Perry threw around accusations, as when he brought up the incident of Romney allegedly hiring illegal immigrants. This raises the question, "Who really cares?"

Romney didn't know the lawn care company was employing illegal immigrants and he took care of the issue as soon as he found out. Why did Perry even bring this up? It did not help his case and it's making GOP candidates look weak. Instead, Perry should focus on reforming illegal immigration and his experiences with securing one of the biggest borders in the nation.

The one and only thing I

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like about Michelle Bachmann is how she doesn't entertain the idea of slandering other candidates in the Republican Party. Rather, she is out to attack President Barack Obama and the administration in office right now.

Herman Cain could not catch a break either. His 9-9-9 tax plan is definitely controversial and has some sketchy components, but instead of completely ripping him apart, the GOP needs to band together to help each other outmaneuver the Democratic Party.

The media is making it hard enough for the GOP. Everywhere

I turn, they are picking apart every move of each candidate. We see pictures of Perry inappropriately eating a hot dog, Romney yelling at a patron at the straw poll and Bachmann, well, being Bachmann.

These presidential candidates have not had a break from the limelight since they started their missions. The "talking heads" are calling Tuesday's debate a win for Obama and, unfortunately, if the media says it, it must be so. This is not right and it's not up to them to decide. The media is there to inform, not to sway votes and endorse candidates.

When the media starts saying

something is a "win" for Obama, viewers who are looking for a way to think immediately latch onto this belief. I think it is important for responsible Americans to watch these debates and get past all the schoolyard bullying. I want the cold, hard facts from each candidate, not their roundabout answers, which often amount to merely pointing fingers at someone else.

The last election was a fluke. Obama had very good campaign managers and he reached mediums that allowed him to bridge more gaps than any other president has done. He had his face everywhere and sold himself to

anyone who would buy it. By the end of the election in 2008, you could not go anywhere without seeing those awful T-shirts with his face all over them.

So, my friends, I'd like to conclude with a quote from our current president: "You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called 'change.' It's still going to stink after eight years." And to think he only needed four years of "change" for it to come up foul. That's got to be a record.

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Zanesville, Ohio, real life 'Jumanji'

By **ALEX ANTONETZ**
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There are camels, giraffes and grizzly bears loose in the streets.

No, this isn't the script for "Jumanji." This is the bedlam that's actually happening in a town just west of Columbus, Ohio — which happens to be my hometown.

At least 48 wild animals escaped Tuesday from a farm just west of Zanesville, Ohio, a city with about 25,000 residents. The farm housed lions, wolves, cheetahs, tigers, giraffes, camels, grizzly bears and black bears, according to a 10TV report.

"These are wild animals that you would see on TV in Africa," Muskingum County Sheriff Matt Lutz said in a press conference on Tuesday.

That they are.

Many of the loose animals had been killed as of Tuesday night. The owner of the property where the animals lived was found dead but officials did not immediately say how he died.

I must say that never in my time living in Zanesville had I feared for my life because there were giraffes on the loose. That's not to say I was never fearful of other things, such as the threat of getting stabbed in my high school, catching a stray bullet from rival gangs or accidentally walking in on a meth lab.

Nope, a herd of wild camels were never much of a worry.

Seeing Zanesville in the news, though, does make me proud. After all, how many people can say right now that the Discovery Channel is currently happening live in their modest little Appalachian hometown?

This is a town with an under-appreciated history. Not only was Zanesville the state capital for two years, it also has a Y-shaped bridge (try to wrap your head around that), and is the hometown of Michigan State head football coach Mark Dantonio and Houston Rockets star Kevin Martin.

I admit I'm a little jealous right now that I can't be in Zanesville

offering my journalism skills. Forget "All the President's Men." Journalists running around with their fedoras and notepads chasing after giraffes sounds much more fun to watch.

Hold on — according to a 10TV report on Facebook, there are SWAT teams in neighboring counties out to catch the loose animals. Try to get that image out of your minds: men in SWAT gear and riot protection fighting a camel.

I should probably take a second to admit that this is a dangerous situation. Several area school districts are closed Wednesday, including the district I graduated from. A person is even dead, though the circumstances surrounding his death haven't been made public yet.

But worry not — even if the SWAT team and the teams dispatched from the Columbus Zoo can't catch the animals, I'm sure the folks that make up the sprawling wooded area outside of Zanesville are more than eager to rush a grizzly bear carcass to the nearest taxidermist.

Regardless, this all reminds me of April of 2010, when two cows ran loose on Ohio State's campus. Remember how big of a deal that was?

Now, Geoffrey, the Toys 'R Us mascot, is running rampant just an hour away from here.

Like I said, this is a potentially dangerous situation indeed, but from the comfort of Columbus (well, for now), I can laugh at things such as tweets from @ZanesvilleWolf, who tweeted, "Too soon for an #OccupyZanesville joke?"

I do hope for the best for my Zanesville family and fellow "Y-City" compatriots. However, I do hope that "Jungle" Jack Hanna and the rest of the crews will round up the army of bears and wolves running loose in the streets and restore order to my quaint little corner of Ohio sooner rather than later.

God speed, Zanesville.

Reform tax code to start fiscal recovery

By **JASON FEBERY**
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Our country needs to have a serious conversation about restoring fiscal discipline. For that to happen, both sides must leave their talking points at the door — Republicans need to place their oath of office above their pledges to never raise taxes, and Democrats need to be willing to consider proposals that do not disproportionately thump the richest of Americans.

Despite what you may have heard, taxes are not spiraling out of control. Quite the opposite. Last year, federal tax receipts fell to their lowest levels since 1950, now just 14.9 percent of GDP compared to the post-World War II average of 18 to 19 percent. This may not seem like a big drop, but the difference amounts to approximately \$560 billion — enough to cut deficits in half or fund annual Social Security and Medicare shortfalls in perpetuity.

There are a few reasons for the drop. Some are structural and beyond immediate control, like the collapse of tax revenue when the economy slipped into recession. Others are the result of short-sighted public policy — namely, the Democrats' extension of the Bush tax cuts and their gradual chipping away at payroll tax rates.

Coupled with a decrease in tax revenue, the spike in federal spending — both as a result of automatic stabilizers and discretionary attempts at stimulus — has resulted in some of the largest deficits in years. And while I don't buy into the doomsday predictions of those who think soaring levels of debt will push America to the brink of insolvency, as it has with Greece and Portugal, there is no doubt that the path we are on is unsustainable.

A sensible path forward will require a combination of spending cuts and tax increases. If you believe either

could succeed in isolation, well, I've got some mortgage-backed securities you might want to buy.

In all seriousness, the first step should be to revamp our broken tax code. Currently, a dollar made from labor is taxed at a much higher rate than a dollar made from investment, thanks to the egregious carried-interest loophole that allows billionaire investors like Warren Buffett — and 26.5 percent of households making more than \$1 million a year — to get away with paying lower tax rates than secretaries, teachers and police officers.

Progressive taxation is also undermined by payroll taxes. Because the portion of taxable income is capped at \$106,800, payroll taxes are actually regressive: The rich pay a much smaller share of their overall income in payroll taxes than those in lower income brackets.

The last major problem with our tax code is that corporate lobbyists have been able to carve out a whole host of loopholes, allowing the companies they represent to pay little to nothing in taxes. Care for a few examples? In 2008, Goldman Sachs paid only 1.1 percent of its income in taxes, even though it earned a profit of \$2.3 billion. The following year, Chevron received a \$19 million refund from the Internal Revenue Service despite profits exceeding \$10 billion. And last year Bank of America received a \$1.9 billion tax refund despite taking home \$4.4 billion in profits.

I'm more than happy to see American companies make tons of money — that's one of the great things about capitalism. But if companies want the rights of personhood, when it comes to protections under the law, then they should bear the responsibilities of personhood as well. Why should corporations be exempt from paying the same level of taxes as the rest of us?

So, what to do?

Instead of distinguishing between different income types — income from labor, income from capital gains and corporate income — I would treat them all equally. All realized income above approximately \$50,000 (the exact number should depend on relative costs of living) should be taxed at the flat rate of 25 percent, without exceptions or deductions. This means that Warren Buffett would pay the same rate on the last dollar of his considerable income as I would pay on the first dollar of mine above \$50,000.

I can't see how things could be much fairer than this.

To put these numbers into perspective, a middle-class family making \$75,000 a year would be responsible for paying \$6,250 in taxes — about 8.3 percent of their total income. After the loopholes have been removed, wealthy individuals would end up paying no more than 25 percent of their total income in federal taxes, a

much lower rate than is seen in any other developed country with the exceptions of Andorra, Monaco and Switzerland.

The benefits of this new tax code cannot be overstated. It would be simple without being simplistic, progressive without being unfair. Not only would it save millions of man-hours spent filling out complicated tax forms and reduce the labor need for IRS agents, this plan would increase revenues back to approximately 19 percent of GDP — the upper end of historical averages — once exempted income is taken into account.

By itself, adjusting the tax code so that it is more progressive — and less susceptible to lobbyist-driven loopholes — will not eliminate soaring budget deficits. But it will provide a strong foundation for reviving the middle class, kick-starting demand and restoring our economy's footing so that it will once again be the envy of the world.

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Tech alumnus' business takes fans to away football games

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

Zac Miller graduated from Texas Tech in 2005 with a diploma and a dream. Now, he looks to give back.

Miller started a company, Major League Sports Travel, with his business partner, Tony Cremeans, in which they provide a travel service to Tech fans so they may go to away games they might normally not have the opportunity to attend.

Trey Caliva, a citizen of Lubbock and Tech graduate, had the opportunity to travel with Miller's agency to the New Mexico game this year and said he was

very pleased with the experience.

"It was really good to be able to go," Caliva said. "We didn't have to worry about anything other than getting there and being good fans."

Miller said his inspiration for jumpstarting the business came from the marching band.

"It all kind of started back when I was a member of the marching band," Miller said. "I was lucky enough to attend many of the football games. Because of that, and ever since then, I've been a loyal Red Raiders fan."

Miller said people must not be afraid to make big splashes when opportunities present themselves.

"At some point, you just kind of have to go for it," he said. "You take all of your experiences as a whole and try to put them to use the best you can. You just have to take that first step."

Cremeans, a graduate of Northwood University and an Ohio native, said the basis of their business is to provide sports fans with easy access to away games.

"We provide customized packages for sports fans to go to away games," Cremeans said. "Really, we're focusing on Texas Tech football games at this point and on providing lodging, transportation and tickets for these events."

The advice Cremeans had for aspiring entrepreneurs is to be persistent.

"So many people give up before they reach their goals, and (the goal) was within reach, but they just couldn't see it," he said. "Keep overcoming those obstacles and be persistent and you'll achieve these goals."

Networking is also vital and people should get to know as many people as they can by attending events and functions, Cremeans said.

"You never know who you might run into and what idea they might give you that you can take off with," he said.

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Country stars raise \$500K for Texas fire victims

AUSTIN (AP) — Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines told a thunderous crowd Monday night that "there was zero hesitation" when the band was asked to perform with fellow country stars to raise money for victims of recent wildfires in her home state of Texas.

She and her band mates joined Willie Nelson, George Strait and other musicians during a mega-concert in Austin that raised more than \$500,000. A fire that started Sept. 4 in Central Texas' Bastrop County destroyed at least 1,500 homes and killed two people, marking the most devastating of the numerous fires that have scorched about 6,000 square miles in Texas in the last year.

Maines told the crowd she was worried that without homes, "you all might not look lovely." But she told them they all looked fantastic. "When they called us to do this show, there was zero hesitation," she said. "You can take the girl out of Texas, but you can't take Texas out of the girl."

Nelson was joined onstage by folksy newcomers The Avett Brothers and, backed up by Asleep at the Wheel, they roused the crowd with rowdy versions of Nelson's classic "On the Road Again" and the gospel "Will the Circle Be Unbroken."

Nelson recently spent time filming a movie in Bastrop and, in an interview before the concert, called the fires "tragic." He said he has lost homes to fire and knows how devastating it can be.

"You never really get over it," he said. "There's nothing I can tell them to make it better except

some of us have been there and done that and we survived it, and they will too. Be strong."

Asleep at the Wheel front man Ray Benson, who helped book the performers, said he seldom asks his friends for favors but thought this cause was important enough.

"This one was so compelling, I said 'OK, let me call Willie and let me call Lyle (Lovett)' and they both said yeah," Benson said. "Willie actually cancelled a show to do it. Lyle also canceled an appearance."

Benson said the music community felt a responsibility to help.

"I just think the scope of devastation was so great and so close to home," he said. "The numbers in Bastrop were so overwhelming, how do you deal with something like that? And also you do feel ... that we're in a position to not sit on the sidelines and do something."

The concert started with Christopher Cross. Eleven acts were scheduled to perform, and helping emcee was actor Kyle Chandler, who won an Emmy last month for his role as a Texas high school football coach in "Friday Night Lights."

Images of charred forests, skeletal remains of vehicles and homes were shown between sets at the Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas at Austin campus.

The concert was nearly full, but officials said they didn't yet have numbers for the number of tickets sold. But one of the concert's hosts told the crowd that they'd raised "way north of \$500,000."

Several attendees wore T-shirts representing local volunteer fire departments that battled the recent blazes.

Texas investigating wrongful murder conviction

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Bar of Texas said Thursday it is investigating allegations that a then prosecutor who is now a district judge suppressed evidence in a 1987 murder trial that wrongfully sent a man to prison for nearly 25 years.

Michael Morton was exonerated and freed this month in the beating death of his wife Christine based on new DNA testing. His attorneys say he might never have been convicted if the district attorney in the case, Ken Anderson, had not hidden information from the defense at trial.

Anderson — now a sitting district

judge in Williamson County, north of Austin — has declined to comment publicly, saying he can't speak to an ongoing legal matter.

The state bar licenses attorneys in Texas and can discipline them, though most attorneys say investigations of judges are rare.

"We are gathering and reviewing information," Maureen Ray, of the bar's office of chief disciplinary counsel, said Thursday. She said she couldn't give any indication of how long that might take, or what the next step in the process would be.

Morton has declined to be inter-

viewed by the media since his release Oct. 4 because last week's ruling by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals formally overturning his murder conviction has yet to formally take effect.

But his Houston-based attorney, John Raley, said, "the fact that the state bar has taken the unusual step of initiating its own investigation further reinforces the seriousness of the allegations of prosecutorial misconduct in Mr. Morton's case."

Morton's attorneys have subpoenaed Anderson to speak about his actions in the 1987 trial, but Anderson's attorneys have filed a motion

to quash that.

Christine Morton was beaten to death in her bed on Aug. 13, 1986. Her husband said she was fine when he left her and the couple's 3-year-old son and went to work early that morning — and that an intruder must have been responsible. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

A bloody bandana found near the scene was eventually tested using DNA techniques that were not available in 1987. It revealed the blood of another man who police have not identified but who remains at large.

French first lady gives birth to girl

PARIS (AP) — French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday night — the first infant born to a sitting president of modern-day France, the French media reported.

President Nicolas Sarkozy, finishing up a meeting in Frankfurt on the euro debt crisis, was absent when the couple's first child was born shortly before 8 p.m. (1800 GMT), according to BFM TV. He reportedly arrived at the small, private Muette Clinic about 11 p.m. (0900 GMT) — his third trip Wednesday to the facility.

Europe 1 radio said the birth "went well" for the 43-year-old mother, a singer and former supermodel. She entered the medical facility in western Paris in the morning accompanied by Sarkozy, according to the reports.

There was no official confirmation of the birth. The presidential entourage reiterated earlier Wednesday that no birth announcement would be forthcoming.

The couple had been coy about

the impending birth from the start, with measured doses of information.

"It's obviously a happy event," Nadine Morano, a junior minister and friend of the president, told BFM, clearly reacting to the news reports. Sarkozy was "very attentive, full of attention toward Carla" when he spoke with her by phone on Tuesday during a flight with the minister to Nice, she said.

The couple married in February 2009, less than a year after Sarkozy took office, and less than four months after his divorce from second wife Cecilia Ciganer-Albeniz.

The Italian-born first lady has a 10-year-old son from a previous relationship and the president has three sons from his two previous marriages — and is a grandfather since January.

Sarkozy was seen entering the medical clinic in late afternoon, then leaving about 30 minutes later — before rushing off to Frankfurt for a meeting on the euro debt crisis ahead of a European summit

on Sunday. With a scheduled visit Thursday morning to Normandy, Sarkozy was taking a gamble. It was not immediately clear whether he would cancel his visit to Normandy.

The birth ended sometimes breathless speculation about Bruni-Sarkozy's due date. Photographers staked out the clinic since early October, with a security detail limiting their access.

Bruni-Sarkozy has said that she was staying mum about the event because she's superstitious. The couple also decided not to find out the baby's sex in advance.

"You don't have a child for the gallery," Bruni-Sarkozy told French TV network TF1 earlier this month. "I will do everything to protect this child ... I will not show photos of this child, I will never expose this child."

Although a newborn surely offers new personal horizons for the presidential couple, the question is whether a baby will bolster the sympathy quotient for the perpetually unpopular Sarkozy, especially if

the infant remains in the shadows.

Sarkozy is expected to seek a second mandate in presidential elections six months away. However, recent polls put his chief rival, Socialist candidate Francois Hollande, in the lead.

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Tyler Perry honored by Sharpton organization

NEW YORK (AP) — Tyler Perry has gotten plenty of criticism from those who feel his popular movies like "Madea's Family Reunion" border on buffoonery and don't reflect well on the black community.

But on Wednesday night, the filmmaker was honored by the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network. The civil rights leader lashed out at Perry's black detractors, calling them "proper Negroes" who don't understand regular black folk.

"This man never apologized for who we were," said Sharpton, who is also a cable TV host, at his second annual Triumph Awards.

Sharpton said Perry has given work to many black actors who have been ignored by Hollywood, and has created an empire on his own terms: "The ultimate pride is where you don't have to bend and adjust for others to accept you. ... He didn't go mainstream, he brought mainstream to us."

Perry was given the Chairman's Award. Also honored: Chris Rock and his wife, Malaak, and California's attorney general, Kamala Harris. Perry — whose films include "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," "Why Did I Get Married?" and "Daddy's Little Girls" — was recently named by

Forbes magazine as the highest-earning man in Hollywood. He writes, directs and produces his films and sometimes stars in them; he's best known for his Madea character, the foul-mouthed, sassy grandmother who has appeared in many of his movies.

He is also responsible for the TBS comedy show "House of Payne."

But Perry's films rarely get critical acclaim, and some in the black community have accused him of perpetuating stereotypes.

Perry acknowledged his detractors as he thanked Sharpton for the award.

"When you start out and you're doing things and you're trying to do the right things, and you find these attacks happening, and you try and figure out, 'How do you handle this? How do you deal with this? How do you go there?' So to have someone like you who has done all that you have done ... and have inspired and encouraged and fought for so many people, to stand here and to give me this award, this is really, really awesome," Perry said.

Perry said black people first gave him success, and he has sought to tell his community's stories. He accused his critics of trying to remove themselves from

their roots.

"I stayed with who we are, and what I wish I could get us to understand as a people is that instead of getting your education and running from us, you need to ground and root yourself in who we are. Every other culture in this country knows the value of us as black people but we don't know it ourselves," he said.

"Somebody said to me about the 'House of Payne,' 'Why do you have fat black people on television?' Because there are fat black people in the world. It's not a stereotype. This is who we are, we need to stop running from our parents and our grandparents and our uncles, we need to stop running from them and embrace them."

Perry said his Madea character is silly, but said his films have important messages.

"I have the ear of the people, and I would be a fool to walk away from the gift that God has given me because somebody out there, a few people out there, have a problem with it," he said.

After his speech, Sharpton announced that Perry had given the National Action Network a \$200,000 donation, to which Sharpton exclaimed Madea's familiar phrase: "Hallelujah!"

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Bart Crow Band to make appearance in Lubbock

The Bart Crow Band will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday at Wild West. Crow will be performing songs from his newest album, Brewster Street Live.

Q: How often do you come to Lubbock?

A: I typically come to Lubbock about every two to three months, maybe. Or, like maybe every quarter (of a year).

Q: Do you enjoy performing in Lubbock?

A: Oh yeah, you know, it's definitely still a work in progress for us in the Lubbock market, but it continuously grows and, yeah, I definitely enjoy coming to Lubbock.

Q: What got you into music?

A: You know, my granddad and my dad played music, and then when I was in college at Tarleton State, I just kind of had a song that I had written years ago while I was in the Army and kind of became buddies with (Wade) Bowen, and, one night, he was just like, "Dude, go for it." So, I did and I caught the bug. Eight years later, we're still truckin' at it.

Q: How long have you and your current band been together?

A: It fluctuates. The current one I've had for about six years but, like, I've had a band for about seven — maybe eight — years, I guess. We've all met one

another through playing music. You know, I'd have a personnel change or maybe someone would have a career change, and we just stayed in touch and finally worked it out to where we were all playing together.

Q: How did you decide on the name for your newest album?

A: Well, the latest one is a lab record and we did it down at Brewster Street Ice House in Corpus Christi, so we just decided to name it "Brewster Street Live."

Q: What have you noticed is your most popular song on this album?

A: Oh, of course, "Wear My Ring." It's completely a fan favorite.

Q: Why do you think your fans respond so well to "Wear My Ring?"

A: That's a million-dollar question. I have no clue. I would say maybe because it's a catchy sing-along, but aside from that I don't know.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your job?

A: It's my job. That's my favorite part about it: that playing music is my job. So, that's the most beautiful thing about everything that I do.

Q: What is Music4Mika?

A: It's a non-profit charity that I started. My cousin and his wife lost their six-month-old. She was left in an automobile in

July seven years ago, and it was a concept put together to choose where they wanted all the money that we raised to go to. They picked Kids in Cars, and what it is, is just for child safety awareness, to raise awareness for child safety around automobiles. And it's been a great thing.

Q: Who donates the money?

A: We actually do, like, a performance with four or five other bands and my band plays as well, and then we just raise money and we take donations. We don't ever charge for tickets and we've raised — I don't have a total number — over \$100,000 in seven years all in donations.

Q: Do you only perform in Texas?

A: No, we go to Texas to all the way up to Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico and Nebraska. We'll go anywhere they'll play our music or have us come play it. We just got back from Iowa.

Q: Is there a certain type of fan base that you've noticed you have?

A: Man, I think it's pretty broad. I would say it's between teenagers, you know, (ages) 14, 15, all the way up to, you know, the mid-30s and 40s. You know, we have a very broad fan base, I'd say.

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Concert

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"They're a part of the choir," Capdau said. "Maybe they sang in high school and liked it and wanted to continue doing it, so this is a way to do higher-level singing."

The students have been prepar-

ing vigorously since the beginning of the fall semester for this concert, Capdau said.

"We have a retreat the Friday and Saturday after school starts," she said. "So, I think we had one day of class and then a retreat, so we had a lot of music going before we even came back for the first full week of school."

The students are looking forward to putting all of their hard work into a great show tonight, she said.

Trey Davis, a teaching assistant and musical arts doctoral student from Sherman, said University Singers has grown in numbers and he looks forward to seeing its growth continue.

"I think it would be worth men-

tioning that (University) Singers is twice as big numbers-wise as it has been in years past," Davis said. "So, it's a much larger ensemble, and hopefully one that will continue to grow from this semester to next semester."

The bar has been set high for the students, as Davis said he believes the concert will very much be a

student-led performance.

"The music is learned outside of class as well, so it's very much (about) an individual student's involvement in what they bring to the table each day," he said. "So, our expectation for tomorrow night is the same thing — a student-led performance."

Richard Bjella, professor of music

and the director of choral studies at Tech, said each set of music looks at a similar topic, but from different musical and historical vantage points.

"They all bring a different vantage point that enhances our being as to what it means to be human and what it means to fail or to rise up," he said.

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Lohan late to Day 1 of community service at morgue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan arrived late to her first day of community service at the county morgue Thursday and was turned away, another hiccup in the actress' effort to prove to a judge that she is complying with terms of her probation.

Lohan had been told to arrive at 8 a.m. for an orientation session but arrived 40 minutes late, spokesman Craig Harvey said. The actress was told to try again on Friday, but will have to arrive at 7 a.m., he said.

Steve Honig, Lohan's spokesman, said in a statement that the actress was late because she didn't know which entrance to report to and "and confusion caused by the media waiting for her arrival."

Lohan apologized later Monday on Twitter. "I'm sorry for the confusion that I may have caused to those at the Coroner's office. Won't happen again, now I know where to go!" Lohan tweeted.

"With all the stress and pressure from yesterday and today, I've never been so happy to go to therapy!!!!" she also tweeted.

The "Mean Girls" star's tardy arrival at the morgue came a day after she was scolded by a judge for being terminated from a community service assignment at a women's shelter. The hearing ended with Lohan's probation being revoked and her being led from court in handcuffs.

She later posted \$100,000 bail and was released.

She remains on probation for a pair of drunken driving arrests in 2007 and a misdemeanor theft case filed earlier this year after she was accused of taking a \$2,500 necklace without permission. She pleaded no contest in that theft case.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner ordered Lohan to complete 16 hours of work at the morgue before a Nov. 2 hearing. The judge will determine

whether Lohan violated the terms of her probation by being terminated from the Downtown Women's Center after being late several times and not showing up for her service.

The actress had done community service in recent days with the American Red Cross, but Sautner said Lohan would not get credit for that work as part of her court case.

A probation officer noted in a report filed Wednesday that Lohan told her that the work at the shelter was "not fulfilling."

Lohan will be doing mostly janitorial work at the morgue, Harvey said. Her duties will include cleaning and stocking restrooms, mopping floors and washing sheets that the facility uses, he said.

The actress will have to surrender her cellphone while working at the morgue and will have to bring her own lunch, Harvey said.

Jon Bon Jovi's charity restaurant opens in NJ

RED BANK, N.J. (AP) — In three decades as one of the world's biggest rock stars, Jon Bon Jovi has eaten in some of the world's best restaurants, savoring the best food the planet has to offer.

Yet there's no place he'd rather have dinner than The Soul Kitchen, a "pay-what-you-can" restaurant he and his wife Dorothea established in a former auto body shop near the Red Bank train station in central New Jersey.

The restaurant provides gourmet-quality meals to the hungry while enabling them to volunteer on community projects in return without the stigma of visiting a soup kitchen. Paying customers are encouraged to leave whatever they want in the envelopes on each table, where the menus never list a price.

The restaurant is the latest undertaking by the New Jersey rocker's Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, which has built 260 homes for low-income residents in recent years.

"With the economic downturn, one of the things I noticed was that disposable income was one of the first things that went," Bon Jovi told The Associated

Press in an interview Wednesday before the restaurant's grand opening ceremony. "Dining out, the family going out to a restaurant, mom not having to cook, dad not having to clean up — a lot of memories were made around restaurant tables.

"When I learned that one in six people in this country goes to bed hungry, I thought this was the next phase of the Foundation's work," he said.

It started several years ago when Dorothea Bongiovi (she uses the legal spelling of her husband's name) and Jon started helping out at a food pantry at nearby St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. They later moved their focus to the Lunch Break program, which feeds 80 to 120 people a day, dubbing it "The Soul Kitchen."

They brought that name with them to a former auto body shop down the street from the Count Basie Theater, where Jon and his self-titled band have played many fundraising shows for local charities.

It took a year and \$250,000, but the restaurant now rivals any of its competitors in trendy Red Bank, with entrees like cornmeal crusted catfish with red beans

and rice, grilled chicken breast with homemade basil mayo and rice pilaf, and grilled salmon with soul seasonings, sweet potato mash and sauteed greens, many of which were grown in the herb and vegetable garden right outside the restaurant's doors.

Bon Jovi, who has a home in next-door Middletown, is adamant about one thing.

"This is not a soup kitchen," he emphasizes. "You can come here with the dignity of linens and silver, and you're served a healthy, nutritious meal. This is not burgers and fries.

"There's no prices on our menu, so if you want to come and you want to make a difference, leave a \$20 in the envelope on the table. If you can't afford to eat, you can bus tables, you can wait tables, you can work in the kitchen as a dishwasher or sous chef," he said. "If you say to me, 'I'm not a people person,' I say, 'That's not a problem. We'll take you back to Lunch Break to volunteer with those people. If you don't want to volunteer with that, we'll take you to the FoodBank.'

After volunteering at one of those places, a person will be given a certificate good for a meal at The Soul Kitchen.

"If you come in and say, 'I'm hungry,' we'll feed you," Bon Jovi said. "But we're going to need you to do something. It's very important to what we're trying to achieve."

That includes making people feel part of a larger community that cares about them, while still expecting them to contribute to society at large.

"This is not an entitlement thing," Bon Jovi said. "This is about empowering people because you have to earn that gift certificate."

He and others at the restaurant want those who can afford to dine out to patronize the restaurant as well and pay what they consider market prices, or even a bit more than that, to help sustain The Soul Kitchen as a true community resource.

Bon Jovi said he is currently writing songs for his band's next album, due out in 2013, along with another typically massive Bon Jovi tour. He said many of the songs are inspired by the current economic downturn and the struggles of everyday people to make ends meet without losing hope.

In the meantime, he and his wife plan to stay active in the restaurant, where he estimates he has worked at least once a week in recent months. The Soul Kitchen is open for dinner Thursday through Saturday, and offers Sunday brunch.

How important is rolling up his sleeves and working in the restaurant to him?

"Last Friday, I was at the White House, serving on the Council for Community Solutions, got on a train, changed in the bathroom and got here in time to wash dishes Friday night," he said. "I'm the dishwasher, for real. I can't cook a lick."

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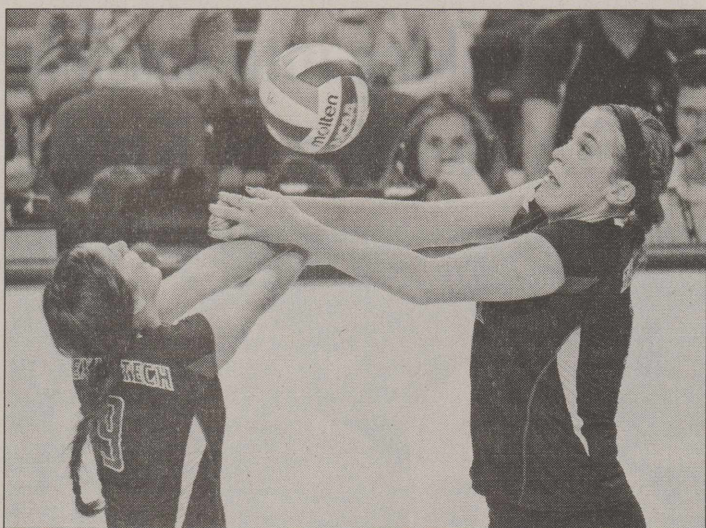


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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE specialist Megan Dominguez and outside hitter Amanda Dowdy both attempt to return the ball during Tech's 3-2 loss against Texas A&M on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

By CHOIS WOODMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

The Texas Tech volleyball team lost in five sets to No. 22 Texas A&M on Wednesday night in United Spirit Arena.

It was the Red Raiders' seventh straight Big 12 Conference loss.

The team played different against the Aggies than it has in the recent past, Tech coach Don Flora said.

"We got better this week," he said. "From Saturday to today, we got better."

The Red Raiders lost the final set in a close one with a score of 15-13. Flora said he was proud of how the Red Raiders played against such a good team, and Tech will be able to build from the match going forward.

"(A&M is) a great team," he said. "They're a top-25 team, and they're battling in this conference. They're an experienced team."

Tech senior Amanda Dowdy posted 22 kills in the match and moved to No. 2 on the all-time kill list at Tech.

"For her to stay in this program and stick with the process and to trust us with a new staff is such a tribute," Flora said. "This is a sign of her hard work over four years, but the biggest thing is that she's a better person than she is a volleyball player, and in that she helps this program so much."

There were crucial calls that did not go Tech's way, and Flora was dealt two yellow cards in the match.

"I think there are times when you've got to build some rapport," he said.

The team will work hard in practice and be ready to play the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kan., on Saturday, Flora said.

"We will be in preparation for Kansas," he said. "They haven't won a game in conference, so whoever wins the game will probably

get on a little roll." The team feels like it can learn some positive lessons from its loss against the Aggies to use against the Jayhawks, Dowdy said.

"We gave it all we had, and we played confident the whole way through," she said. "There are some things we could have done better, but shoulda-coulda-woulda — it didn't happen tonight. We went toe-to-toe with them and A&M is a great team, and this gives us the confidence that we can play with and beat Big 12 teams. Before you know it, Texas Tech is going to be a Big 12 powerhouse."

Dowdy added 10 digs to her 22 kills for a double-double.

Despite the loss, the Red Raiders will take a lot of confidence from the match, she said.

"I feel like we're getting our mojo back," Dowdy said. "After OU, we kind of were in a little bit of a slump, but now we're coming back to life. I'm really proud of my teammates. They did amazing tonight. It really sucks to not get that win, but it'll happen."

The team will take what they learned from the match and improv@ for the game at Kansas on Saturday, Tech junior Miara Cave said.

"I feel like we will just take a lot of what we learned from this game — defense, blocking — and every little thing that we didn't do as well as we wanted or even things that we did well," she said. "We're going to take those and use that momentum."

Cave recorded 16 kills in the match for the Red Raiders.

"There were a few little things that we could have done better, as always, but tonight was a really good show we put on," she said.

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The DT Staff College Football Pick 'Em

Games of the Week	Kevin Cullen Editor-in-Chief Overall Record 21-14	Jose Rodriguez Managing Editor Overall Record 26-9	Kassidy Ketron La Vida Editor Overall Record 22-13	Caitlan Osborn News Editor Overall Record 25-10	Brett Wineganer Sports Editor Overall Record 29-6	Chris Leal Opinions Editor Overall Record 21-14	Danny Neylon Copy Editor Overall Record 22-13	Brad Tollefson Photography Editor Overall Record 21-14	Andrew Nepsund Electronic Media Editor Overall Record 21-14
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Missouri curators meet amid talk of an SEC bid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The University of Missouri's governing board opened a two-day meeting Thursday amid speculation that the university is close to leaving the Big 12 Conference for the SEC.

Conference affiliation wasn't listed on the agenda, which includes closed sessions Thursday and Friday. University spokeswoman Jennifer Hollingshead said the curators do not plan to discuss the topic until at least Friday.

Steve Owens, acting president of the four-campus Missouri system, declined to comment about the curators' possible discussions, and board Chairman Warren Erdman added: "I'm not going to talk about that."

Earlier this month, the curators gave Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton authority to explore leaving the Big 12. Missouri officials are considering a move to the Southeastern Conference in hopes of getting greater television revenue.

An internal university document obtained recently by The Associated Press showed Missouri hopes to gain as much as \$12 million annually in additional television and cable revenue in the SEC if other factors fall into place. But the school could also face a hefty exit fee from the Big 12.

The SEC has not commented publicly on Missouri's interest. Adding a team would require approval by each member, which currently stands at 12 schools.

Missouri would be the fourth school to abandon the Big 12. Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left over the summer and

Texas A&M will join the SEC next year. TCU will join the Big 12 next year, spurning a move from the Mountain West to the Big East.

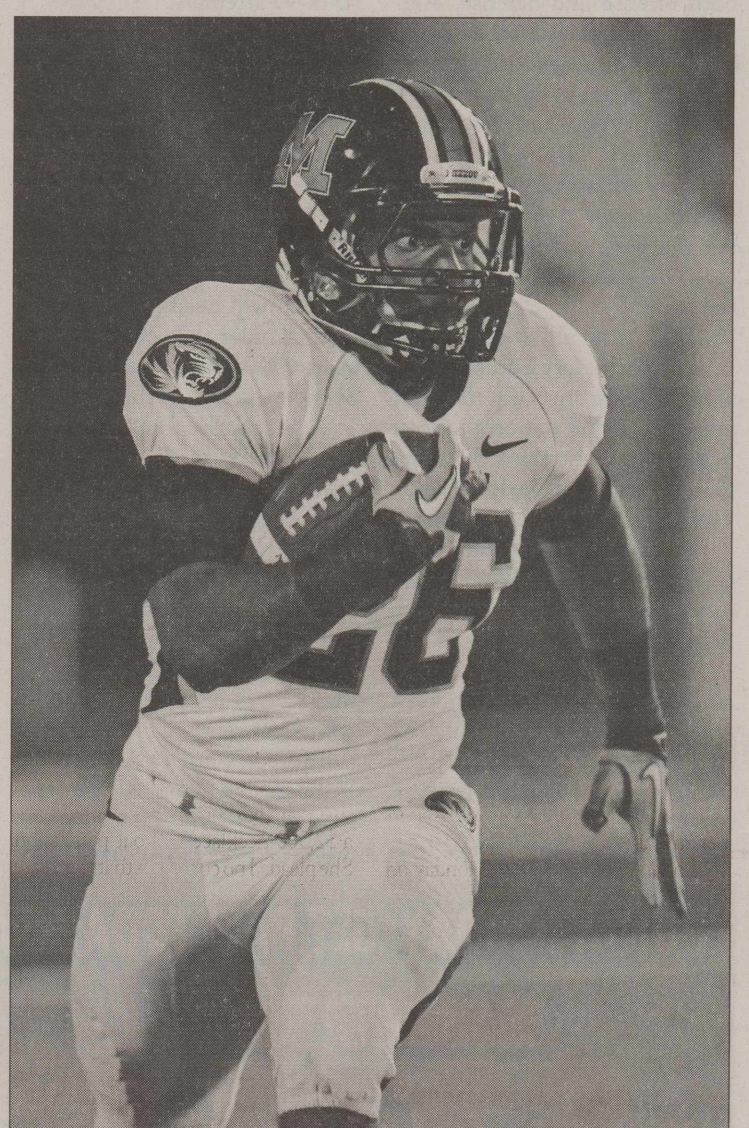
The Big 12 wants to keep Missouri, and earlier this month endorsed a plan to potential stray members in the fold. It would require schools to give up their most lucrative TV rights to the league for six years in return for equal sharing of the revenue.

The plan would give each school an estimated \$20 million in June. The figure is expected to grow by 2013 when the league's new 13-year contract with Fox Sports kicks in and the Big 12's television contract with ABC/ESPN expires in 2016 and could bring in additional money when renegotiated.

The SEC, by contrast, distributed \$18.3 million in revenue to each of its 12 members this year. But that league can also expect more lucrative contracts when the next round of TV rights negotiations occur.

While Missouri is a charter member of the Big 12, founded in 1996 when the Big Eight schools added four members of the old Southwest Conference, dissatisfaction with the conference has grown. In the early '90s, with the Big Eight on the verge of collapse, Missouri pushed to join the Big Ten and a group of state business leaders even formed a lobbying group.

Its desires to leave the conference it helped shape grew stronger in recent years, with suggestions that Texas and its Longhorn television network would only entrench Texas' power and create an uneven playing field for the rest of the



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MISSOURI IS IN the middle of conference realignment talks as they could be a key part in keeping the Big 12 Conference together.

conference, especially the northern schools.

Besides being a fresh blow to the Big 12, a Missouri departure could threaten the school's long-standing rivalry with neighboring Kansas,

one of the oldest in college sports, and could drain event revenues from Kansas City, a longtime host to Big 12 basketball tournaments and the now-scrapped conference championship football game.

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Tech looks for upset at No. 3 Oklahoma

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

A No. 3 BCS ranking does not do Oklahoma justice in the eyes of many.

One set of those eyes belong to Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville, who believes the Sooners are the team to beat in college football.

At 7 p.m. Saturday in Norman, Okla., Tech (4-2, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play) has a chance to collect a marquee win if it is to unseat Oklahoma (6-0, 3-0) from the ranks of BCS supremacy.

Tuberville said it would be more than just a "signature" win.

"Signature" would be an understatement," Tuberville said Monday. "I think we're playing the best team in the country on both offense and defense. Alabama's got a great football team. LSU's got a great football team, Boise (State) — all the teams — (and) Wisconsin. We played (Oklahoma) last year, and we saw how athletic they were, how versatile they were in running and throwing and playing defense (and) the speed that they have on the team.

"They're an all-around team."

A Tech victory Saturday also would bring an end to what currently is the nation's longest home-winning streak at 39 games for the Sooners in Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

TCU was the last team to deal Oklahoma a loss in Norman, doing so by the score of 17-10 on Sept. 3, 2005.

Tech quarterback Seth Doege said Saturday's environment will be the most unfriendly the Red Raiders — particularly the freshmen — will have been in this year.

"I think it's our first true hos-

tile environment," Doege said Monday. "We have a lot of young guys on the team that really haven't played in a hostile environment yet, and this is going to be their first taste."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, however, sees characteristics in Tech that make it a team perfectly capable of beating the Sooners.

For starters, both Oklahoma and Tech are tied for third in the Big 12 in turnover margin, having committed seven turnovers through six games.

What stands out to Stoops, though, is the Red Raiders' ability to keep the chains moving.

Tech is first in the Big 12 in first downs and third-down conversions. The Red Raiders have converted 52.6 percent of their third downs, having converted 50-of-95 attempts.

Stoops said Tech's ability to sustain drives is a testament to its execution.

"They have done a great job executing on these situations," Stoops said Tuesday, "either (by) getting people open or running the ball. It starts with good discipline."

Tech will need to stay on the field in order to keep Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones and the Sooners offense on the sidelines.

Jones is the Big 12's leading passer entering this week's games, throwing for 362.8 yards per contest.

The junior, one of the front-runners to win the Heisman Trophy, which is awarded annually to the nation's most outstanding player, commandeers an offense that scores an average of 45.3 points per game.

In Tech's last two outings in Norman, the Sooners have outscored the Red Raiders 110-28, making easy work of Tech both



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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege scans the field to throw the ball during a 41-34 loss against Kansas State at Jones AT&T Stadium. The Red Raiders will travel to Norman, Okla., to take on the third-ranked Sooners on Saturday.

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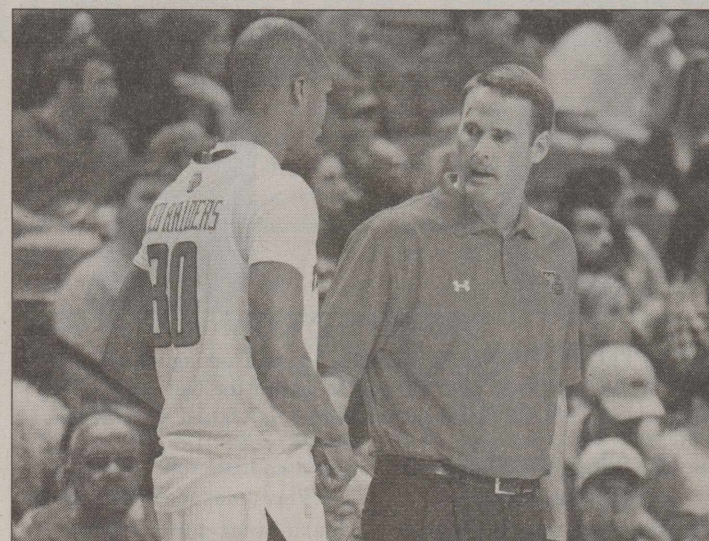
Tech wide receiver Tramain Swindall, one of just a handful of current Red Raiders who were at both games, said he wants to end his career having erased any doubts of Tech's ability to win in Norman.

"It's been pretty brutal the last

two times I've been, so we're looking to change that," Swindall said Tuesday. "Especially (for) my last year, it'd be good to go in there, you know, and play our game and not beat ourselves and make the mistakes we've been making. So, we're looking forward to that."

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Lamar looking into possible NCAA violation by Knight



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FORMER TEXAS TECH head coach Pat Knight is facing allegations of an NCAA recruitment violation at his new position in Lamar.

BEAUMONT (AP) — Lamar is looking into whether new basketball coach Pat Knight violated an NCAA rule by allowing two recruits to speak with his father, former Indiana coach Bob Knight.

The Indianapolis Star reported that Indiana high school players Donnell Minton and Jason Smith, who both verbally committed to Lamar, talked with Bob Knight by phone during a recent campus visit. Pat Knight, who played for his father at Indiana in the early 1990s, was hired by Lamar in April after he was fired by Texas Tech.

The Star reported that Pat Knight called his father, then handed the phone to the recruits.

Lamar interim athletics director and compliance officer Jason Henderson said Thursday the school has been investigating since the news-

paper contacted the athletics department.

"We're going over everything, and doing all our research, to make sure we get everything correct," Henderson said in a phone interview. "We're moving forward as fast as we can."

NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said in an email that, "Generally speaking, telephone calls to prospects can only be made by coaching staff members or those listed in the exceptions." Those exceptions include the school's president or chancellor, academic advisors and compliance officers.

NCAA rules state that "All telephone calls made to and received from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made and received by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who

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Short-handed Kansas again favored in Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bill Self's Big 12 colleagues must believe him to be a genius.

Kansas lost six key players from last year's squad and three of their most highly recruited freshmen have been declared ineligible. Only eight scholarship players are dressing to practice in historic Allen Fieldhouse.

Still, the league's preseason coaches poll picked the Jayhawks and Texas A&M as co-favorites to win the league this season.

"I used to think coaches knew more about basketball than the media, but now I'm not so sure," Self quipped Thursday at Big 12 media day. "We lost six key players off a pretty good team and recruited fairly well. But we didn't get a chance to coach all the guys we recruited due to some NCAA academic situations. So we're a very thin team."

Kansas, the seven-time defending Big 12 champion, returns two key members from last year's 35-3 team, point guard Tyshawn Taylor and junior big man Thomas Robinson, who mostly came off the bench for the now departed Morris twins. All together, they have only a shocking 10 players.

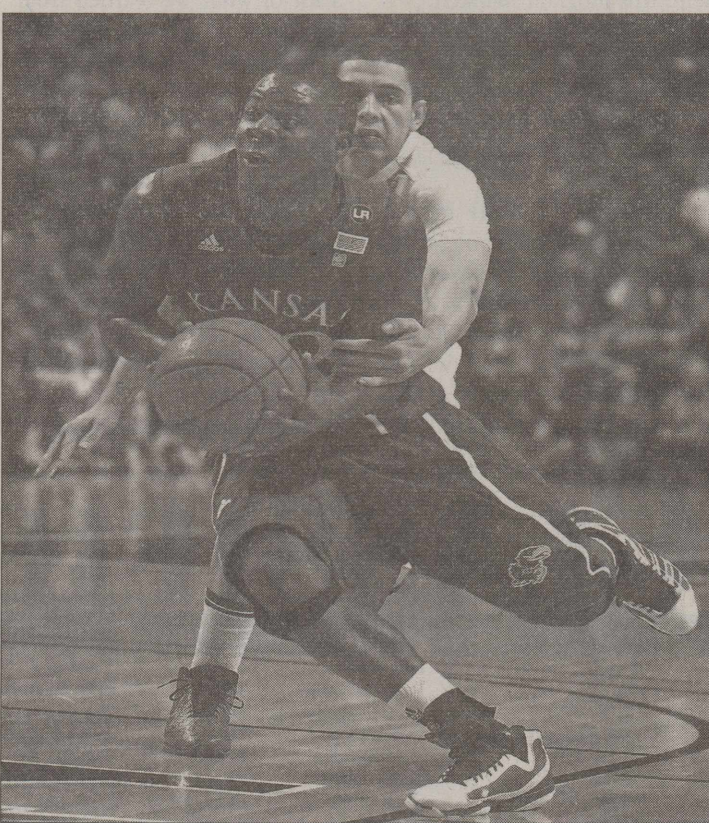
"We're a thin team that's pretty talented," said Self. "But certainly, we will have less margin for error because we don't have the depth that we had in years past."

Texas A&M returns several key members of the squad that earned a school-record sixth straight NCAA tournament bid, including senior David Loubeau and junior Khriston Middleton. They'll be coached by first-year man Billy Kennedy, who came over from Murray State but was represented at media day by assistant coach Glynn Cyprien.

The school announced several days ago that Kennedy was taking leave to deal with a medical condition. In a release, Kennedy said he would return soon, and Cyprien echoed that sentiment.

"There's not a time frame, but I will tell you soon, real, real soon," Cyprien said.

With the league reduced to 10 teams with the departure of Colorado and Nebraska, basketball will play a round-robin format with everyone playing everyone else home-and-home for the first time. Some coaches



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DESPITE KEY LOSSES for the Jayhawks, they are still favored to win the Big 12 Conference this season.

expect their records to take a beating.

"We did a function for Coaches vs. Cancer a little over a week ago, and Bill Self said somebody can be 13-5 and win the league," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "Thirteen-and-five got you third in the league the last couple of years. Now 13-5 will probably be a strong record and one good enough to win the league the way it is right now."

The Aggies have ruffled feathers and angered old friends around the league, especially in Texas, since announcing they will leave the Big 12 next year and join the Southeastern Conference. Their team bus was abused when the football team played at Texas Tech a few weeks ago and the basketball players are bracing for hard times on the road.

"We're kind of expecting that," said Middleton. "The crowd's always going to be yelling. So it's going to be a little rougher on the road with us leaving this year."

The same fate will await Missouri if the school decides to also join the SEC. The school's curators were meeting nearby Thursday and Friday,

but no decision has been announced and first-year coach Frank Haith was loath to say much.

For the immediate future, he's most concerned with the loss of senior big man Laurence Bowers, who blew out an ACL and is lost for the season.

"Losing Laurence Bowers obviously hurts our team," Haith said. "But I will tell you that our guys have handled that very well."

The preseason player of the year belongs to Baylor. Perry Jones III set a school freshman record last year with 30 starts and seemed to get stronger and more confident as the season went along, averaging almost 14 points and eight rebounds while shooting 54.9 percent. The agile 6-11 center surprised fans everywhere when he decided to return for his sophomore season.

The Bears were picked to finish third in the league.

"I think when you have people like Perry Jones come back to school, it's a great compliment for Baylor University but it's a great compliment for college basketball," coach Scott Drew said.