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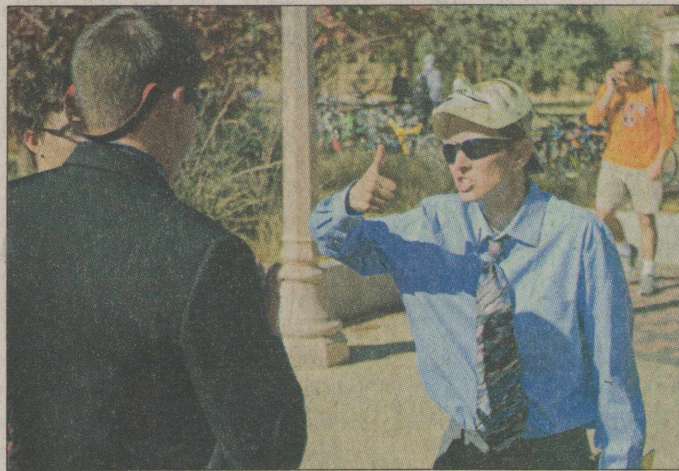


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DANIEL SHEPPARD, A junior political science major from Grapevine, left, and Andrew McMillan, a senior marketing major from Brownsville, right, debate possible tax laws during an Occupy Lubbock appearance Tuesday at the Free Speech Area.



DANIEL SHEPPARD, A junior political science major from Grapevine, far left, and Andrew McMillan, a senior marketing major from Brownsville, far right, debate during an Occupy Lubbock appearance Tuesday at the Free Speech Area about possible tax laws.



ANICA WILSON, A manager at Burger King, right, and Brian Little, a senior marketing management major from Bellaire, left, debate whether corporations should donate money to charities during an Occupy Lubbock appearance Tuesday at the Free Speech Area.

Pre-occupied with debate

Tech Republicans, Occupy Lubbock protesters square off

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Members of Texas Tech's Texas College Republicans chapter and Occupy Lubbock debated when Republican members spoke against the Occupy Wall Street movement Tuesday at the Free Speech Area outside the Student Union Building.

When protesters from Occupy Lubbock arrived wearing Guy Fawkes masks, a debate arose between the two groups.

"The first hour we were out there we were just sitting out there joking with each other, and then the Lubbock Occupiers showed up and they really came in guns blazing," said Daniel Sheppard, vice chairman of the Tech Republicans chapter. "We ignored them more for the most part, and then one of them came over, not even debating, but arguing with us, and it got pretty heated there for a little while."



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Tech to offer doctoral program for ag. leaders

Curriculum to prep students for senior academic roles

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

Beginning January the Texas Tech Department of Agricultural Education and Communications will offer a doctorate of philosophy degree to prepare students for senior academic leadership roles.

"This program has been in the works for more than three years," said David Doerfert, coordinator of the agricultural communications graduate program. "We believe it will prepare students to become faculty members at today's 21st-century universities."

The program is a post-master's degree of 60 credit hours focused primarily on the human dimensions of agriculture, including teacher and extension education, communication, leadership, community development and international agriculture. Graduates will be able to teach and conduct service-related activities in multiple areas while having a singular, programmatic focus to their research efforts.

"This particular degree is research-intensive and is really for students who plan to become collegiate faculty members," said Steve Frazee, chair of the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications at Tech. "The program revolves around what we call the 'human dimensions' of agriculture."

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The Lady Raiders go on the road for the first time this season to take on Houston. SPORTS, Page 7

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books II
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
 Enjoy an exhibit featuring 106 small artist books from a group of international artists, which will remain on display through Nov. 20.

Barbra Riley: Rediscovering the 17th Century Dutch Still Life
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
 Barbra Riley: Rediscovering the 17th Century Dutch Still Life will be presented as the third show in the 2011-12 SRO Photo Gallery exhibition series.

Composer's Forum
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 Enjoy this forum hosted by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the School of Music.

Red Raider Basketball vs. North Texas
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Mean Green.

Murder Mystery Dinner
Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Ballroom
So, what is it?
 Join Tech Activities Board for the Murder Mystery Dinner 2011. There will be music, dinner and stories involving the Mob and murder.

THURSDAY

Tech Can Share Food Drive
Time: All day
Where: Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Student Union Building and other campus drop-off locations.
So, what is it?
 Tech Activities Board is giving students, faculty and staff the opportunity to give back to the community by donating canned foods throughout the week.

"Readers Circle"
Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
 The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presents "Readers Circle" for November's book "Still Life," by Louise Penny.

DanceTech: Artistry in Motion Fall Concert
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Louise Hopkins Underwood Center, Firehouse Theatre
So, what is it?
 Enjoy a concert featuring original student works of ballet, modern, jazz and contemporary styles.

Jazz Ensemble II Concert
Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
 Enjoy this jazz ensemble performance hosted by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the School of Music.

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Lost JFK assassination tapes on sale for 500K

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A long-lost version of the Air Force One recordings made in the immediate aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, with more than 30 minutes of additional material not in the official version in the government's archives, has been found and is for sale.

There are incidents and code names described on the newly discovered two-plus hour recording, which predates the shorter and

newer recording currently housed in the National Archives outside Washington and the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Texas. The shorter recording was thought to be the only surviving version of the tape.

The asking price is \$500,000 for the reel-to-reel tape, which is inside its original box with a typewritten label showing it was made by the White House Communications Agency for Army Gen. Chester "Ted" Clifton Jr.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

By Julian Lim 11/16/11
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

ACROSS
 1 Response to a good barb
 7 Why neighbor
 10 Horticulturalist's supply
 14 Water delivery system
 15 Relatives
 16 One-named "May It Be" singer
 17 "Get carried away"
 19 Didn't chuck
 20 The Trojans, familiarly
 21 Obvious
 23 Sash worn in a ryokan inn
 25 Always
 28 Everett of "Citizen Kane"
 30 Vista; Google alternative
 32 Missions, to spies
 35 Fly without a plane
 37 Car window adornment
 39 Course often taken with physical
 40 Explode, and words needed to complete the four starred answers
 42 Scottish terrier breed
 43 "Midnight Cowboy" hustler
 45 Informed of the latest news
 47 Korean automaker
 48 Bark's pole
 50 Comedy, horror, etc.
 51 12
 53 "We the Living" author Rand
 54 Nutty Hershey's treat
 58 Alacrity
 63 Bailiff's cry
 64 "Act prematurely"
 66 Breeze indicator
 67 Mil. training academy
 68 Flubbing it
 69 Laryngitis specialists, for short
 70 Reporter's question

DOWN
 1 Elects
 2 Greeting from Kermit the Frog
 3 Design detail, briefly
 4 Zilch
 5 Unending
 6 End of a quip?
 7 Big name in do-it-yourself furniture
 8 Loud noises
 9 "Even so ..."
 10 Earl Grey alternative
 11 "Lose it"
 12 Compose email
 13 Fill totally
 18 Prov. in the Gulf of St. Lawrence
 22 Living room plug?
 24 Where Flanders red ale is brewed; Abbr.
 26 "Jaws" menace
 27 Molokai neighbor
 28 "Digress"
 29 CIA employees
 30 Get from a shelter
 53 Corgi's cry
 54 Budge
 55 Strikeout king Nolan
 56 "Hunting Cantata" composer
 57 Besides
 59 Prefix with phobia
 60 "MADtv" segment
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SPEAKING SPECTACLE



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IMAM MUSTAFAA CARROLL speaks to students Monday in the Hall of Nations about Islamic beliefs.

POLICE BLOTTER

Non-student arrested for possession of Cocaine

Monday
 10:07 a.m. — A Texas Tech police officer investigated a traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and 10th Street. No injuries were reported.

11:20 a.m. — A Tech police officer documented information on a medical emergency that occurred on the second floor of West Hall. A student had felt dizzy and passed out. The student was transported to University Medical Center by EMS for further evaluation. See incident report #11-1893.

Entry written by Sgt. Gilster at 2 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2011.

2:12 p.m. — A Tech police officer investigated a theft that occurred in the library. A black Hewlett-Packard laptop was taken.

3:40 p.m. — A Tech police officer investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred in the Zone 4-P parking lot. No injuries were reported.

8:30 p.m. — A Tech police officer detained a student for possession of drug paraphernalia on the southeast side of Coleman Hall. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation for the possession of drug paraphernalia. The student was released pending

the filing of charges with Lubbock County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4.

Entry written by Cpl. Radle at 10 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2011.

Tuesday
 12:25 a.m. — A Tech police officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z5-C parking lot. A vehicle's hood was keyed.

1:50 a.m. — A Tech police officer investigated criminal mischief on the east side of Coleman Hall. A picnic table's surface had been burned.

5:02 a.m. — A Tech police officer arrested a non-student in the C-10 parking lot for posses-

sion of the controlled substance cocaine, which is a Penalty Group 1 substance in the Texas Health & Safety Code, and for one outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrant following a welfare check on a vehicle. A passenger was also arrested for an outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrant. Both individuals were transported to Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was released to a third passenger.

Entries written by Lt. K. Miller at 6 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2011.

Provided by BJ Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

Supercommittee: Boehner calls tax plan fair offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker John Boehner publicly blessed a Republican deficit-reduction plan Tuesday that would raise \$300 billion in additional tax revenue while overhauling the IRS code, bucking opposition by some GOP presidential hopefuls and colleagues wary of violating a long-standing point of party orthodoxy.

Boehner, the top Republican in Congress, spoke as time grew perilously short for agreement by the deficit-fighting "supercommittee."

The panel has until a week from Wednesday to vote on any compromise, but several officials said that in reality, perhaps as little as 48 or 72 hours are available to the

six Republicans and six Democrats.

While Boehner's voice is important, his endorsement does not mean all Republicans will follow him or that a deal is in sight. Republicans have been unified for two decades in opposition to higher taxes, while Democrats on the supercommittee insist on additional revenue before they will agree to cuts in benefit programs like Medicare as part of a compromise.

The speaker said that the plan, outlined a week ago to Democrats on the committee, was "a fair offer." Adding tax reform would generate economic growth, he said, speaking as the supercom-

mittee groped uncertainly for a compromise to reduce red ink by \$1.2 trillion or more over a decade.

Any deal must be certified by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office as meeting the \$1.2 trillion target, circulated to lawmakers and then posted publicly before the committee takes formal action. Failure to act would trigger \$1.2 trillion in automatic deficit cuts in 2013 that both sides say they want to avoid.

The full committee hasn't met in several days, but various subgroups have been in near constant contact.

More than deficit reduction is at stake, one year into an era of

divided government.

Democrats are hoping to add elements of President Barack Obama's jobs legislation to any deficit-cutting deal, including extensions of a Social Security payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits that are due to expire at the end of the year. A comprehensive rewrite of farm programs may hang in the balance, too, and lawmakers also must pass legislation to assure sufficient funds to reimburse doctors who treat Medicare patients.

As the pace of private talks intensifies, the two sides vie publicly for the high ground in public opinion.

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Fraze is planning to teach a "Methods of Technological Change" course as part of the degree plan. The class, he said, involves assisting students in learning to act as agents of change.

"For us, the degree will be a good marketing tool," Fraze said. "It will help us attract some of the best doctoral students from across the country."

The Department of Agricultural Education and Communications announced the launch of the degree program Thursday, Doerfert said, and the program amassed a long list of prospective students in a matter of days.

"The day after we began promoting it, I received two phone calls from people who were interested in it," he said, "and about eight of our current graduate students have spoken to me about transferring into the program."

Christi Witt, recipient of the 2009 Tech Doctoral Fellowship Initiative, plans to transition from her current doctor of education degree plan to graduate with one of the first doctorates in agricultural communications and education.

"There is currently an Ed.D.

program, but the Ph.D. program is much more prestigious in my field," Witt said. "There are a few changes in the degree programs, but the only major difference is that the Ph.D. focuses much more on research and statistics by requiring 21 hours of research."

The current doctor of education program is available in the form of a 64-hour on-campus program. After the master's degree, it requires a 25-hour disciplinary core, nine hours in research and evaluation, six hours in statistics, 12 hours in an area of specialization and 12 dissertation hours, according to the department's website.

The doctor of philosophy program will be a 60-hour program requiring students to demonstrate competency by completing final oral and comprehensive written exams and by writing a dissertation demonstrating original, independent scholarship. Each doctoral candidate also will be expected to complete a minimum of 10 experiences external to his or her courses in various human-related aspects of agriculture, Doerfert said.

Anyone graduating after Jan. 1, 2012, will have the opportunity to choose between the two degree plans, he said.

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Occupy

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Signs Tech Republicans made presented questions such as, "If banks are so evil, why did Occupy Oakland deposit \$20,000 in a Wells Fargo account?" along with a sign listing the available jobs in Lubbock posted online.

"One of the guys with Occupy Lubbock told us that he actually has two jobs, and we were like, 'OK?'" Sheppard said. "I think that's what really set him off."

At first, Sheppard said the debate started off uncivilly.

"I was afraid that they were going to jump over the table and 'Battle Royale,'" Sheppard said. "But, it's fun when you can meet with someone and let them know how you believe, and not only that, but be articulate, and when they say dumb arguments, you don't say they're an idiot, but you let them know by your argument that you think they're an idiot. I enjoyed it."

He said Occupy Lubbock took the organization's jokes too seriously.

"They didn't understand that we weren't necessarily going after them. We were going after Occupy Wall Street," he said.

Chapters of the Texas College Republicans organization across the state are protesting the Occupy Wall Street protesters.

"Our whole goal is to reveal the misconceptions out there and the misinformation they're spreading, and how the movement is impacting the Republican Party," Sheppard said. "We're also kind of poking fun of them a little with some of the ridiculousness that should be out there in the media when it comes to this."

Liam Morrison, a senior international economics major from Houston and a member of the Tech Republicans organization, said they were trying to poke fun at a situation many people do not find humorous.

"I feel like if you can't laugh at a situation, then you don't have any right protesting it," he said.

Andrew McMillan, a senior marketing major from Brownsville, was one of the protesters debating for Occupy Lubbock. He said Occupy Lubbock also is trying to clear the misconceptions people have about Occupy Wall Street from the media.

"We are doing what it takes to spread education across Lubbock and Texas Tech so they can understand what our message is, rather than depending on what the media says," McMillan said. "When the Occupy Wall Street movement started, we decided to band together and said that Lubbock deserved a chapter. There's 1,500 cities worldwide that are a part of this, and there's no reason the South Plains should be ill-represented."

Members of the Texas College Republicans chapter had mixed feelings about the Guy Fawkes masks protesters chose to wear.

"Guy Fawkes (was) originally an anarchist (who) tried to blow up Parliament and kill a bunch of parliamentary members over religion," Morrison said. "They don't truly understand what they are supporting. They're misled youths."

McMillan said he likes the masks because of what they represent to him.

"I see it that it could be anyone under a given mask because we all have the same voice, are all under the same boat and we can all say exactly what we want to under the same motivation," he said.

McMillan said Occupy Lubbock only encountered a lot of resistance initially because of opinions based on media coverage.

"When they do talk to us, and when they understand what we are all about as part of Occupy Lubbock, no one has left in disagreement with us — not even our most hardcore opponents," he said. "We are able to find common ground with our most hardened enemies out here. We are able to get our message across in a way that is not threatening or out of the norm, but is understandable by the average person."

Morrison said the Texas College Republicans members agree with several of Lubbock Occupy's points, and thus are not completely against them.

"Looking at all the Occupy groups across the nation, we probably have the most sane and civil group here in Lubbock," he said. "Occupy Lubbock has looked at the other mistakes made around the nation and knows how to do things and how to not do things, especially from Oakland's example."

Members from both sides said they agreed the debate was beneficial.

"Today was more along the lines of educating Texas Tech on what Occupy Wall Street really stands for," Morrison said. "I think it really worked out well for both sides."

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ENGINEERING INGENUITY



PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

ROBERT CONLEY, A junior mechanical engineering major from Houston, and Joseph Bargo, a freshman chemical engineering major from San Antonio, measure the torque around a pivot point during a Principles of Physics I lab on Monday in the Science building.

Wanted: Astronauts; Missing: US rocket to fly them

WASHINGTON (AP)—Looking for a job? NASA is hiring astronauts. You can even apply online at a giant government jobs website.

There's only one hitch: NASA doesn't have its own spaceship anymore and is sending fewer fliers into orbit right now.

"The experience is well worth the wait," promised NASA flight crew operations director Janet Kavandi as the space agency started a public search Tuesday for new astronauts.

There will be flights, but not many, with the space shuttle fleet retired. A handful of astronauts each year are launching on a Russian Soyuz spaceship to the International Space Station for six-month stays.

In about three to five years, NASA hopes to purchase trips for astronauts headed to the space station on American-built commercial rockets instead. And eventually, NASA hopes to fly astronauts in a government owned Orion capsule to an asteroid or even Mars, but those pioneering trips are more than a decade away.

With veteran astronauts leaving the space agency, Kavandi said NASA is afraid it will not have enough astronauts, something a National Research Council report pointed out in September.

NASA needs about 55 astronauts, and with a new class of nine graduating earlier this month, the astronaut roster is up to 58. One of those new astronauts will get to fly to the space station as early as 2013, Kavandi said.

"We're ready to serve, we're ready to get going," new astronaut Serena Aunon said Tuesday at NASA headquarters.

So to find candidates, NASA on Tuesday unveiled what its personnel chief called its biggest ever push to hire new astronauts — with dozens of cheering elementary school students there to ask questions.

In the past — when NASA had a space shuttle — the space agency didn't make such a big deal of searching for astronauts, and they were inundated with applications. This new drive comes with

a YouTube recruitment video complete with flashy images and driving techno-beat background music.

"We need you to help plan for this future of exploration," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden says in the video. "Join NASA. Get your application in now for the 2013 astronaut candidate class. Your space-flight experience begins right now."

But before you polish up your

resume, NASA isn't loosening its standards. You must have at least a bachelor's degree — most astronauts have a master's or a doctorate — in engineering, biological science, physical science or math. You must learn Russian, but be a U.S. citizen.

You must know basic physics. Being a medical doctor or a teacher helps. You must have vision that can be corrected to 20/20, no high blood

pressure and be between 5 foot 2 inches and 6 foot 3 inches.

Given these tight requirements, NASA will still probably get 3,000 qualified applicants, Kavandi said. The job pays between \$64,700 and \$141,700.

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GOP shouldn't vilify education

In a rather embarrassing and unsurprising flub at the Republican debate last Wednesday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry claimed that upon being elected president of the United States, the three agencies he would shut down would be the Department of Commerce, the Department of Education and "uh..." before babbling for more than a minute without ever completing his statement.

Several things went through my mind while I was watching Perry stumble over his own thoughts. The first feeling was amusement, as one of my least favorite politicians made himself look like the complete fool he is.

This feeling was then taken over by shame when I realized he was representing the views of a majority of Texans in front of the rest of the United States. But, the thing that bothered me most about "Governor Goodhair's" slip up was it echoed the popular opinion of the GOP on public education in the United States.

Attacks on the public education system are in no way new. In this campaign season alone, Michelle Bachmann also has suggested closing the doors on the Department of Education and Ron Paul has called for

Jakob Reynolds



ceasing all federally subsidized student loans.

Perry justifies his idea of shutting down the Department of Education by claiming it would save taxpayers billions of dollars, which would then be sent back to the states, though he never specified how the money would be spent.

Though the vow to abolish the Department of Education often has been greeted with applause from the conservative crowd, the actual act would solve none of the problems the GOP says our education system has. This is because the Department of Education is more of a managerial entity that bears the responsibility of

enforcing educational laws and administering millions of dollars in financial aid for students, including grants to colleges and public schools serving low-income families.

If anything, closing the agency would create a larger administrative problem when the programs and money it manages need to be reassigned to other agencies.

Alas, promising to abolish the Department of Education is

no more than a hype-building debate tactic conservatives have used for decades. Ronald Reagan used the same campaign promise in the 1980s, but he never came through. However, even if it has never — and probably will never — be done, it does demonstrate the utter contempt conservatives have for one of our country's most vital social programs. This is what truly irks me, both as a student and a future educator.

I honestly do not know why conservatives so avidly bash public education. A well-educated population is critical to developing a productive workforce and, in turn, the economic prosperity and global influence of a nation. However, based on their repeated actions against anything to do with improving the public education system, one would easily be lead to conclude that a more educated public is not one of the priorities on GOP and congressional agendas.

In 1964, Preston Smith, then-Gov. of Texas and a Texas Tech alumnus, said, "There is a growing conviction that we must not only maintain, but we must improve the quality of education in this country for the sake of our economy, our position in world leadership and even our physical survival."

I find it interesting how a statement made almost 50 years ago still rings true today. Keeping a strong public education system should be the top priority of any nation.

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"A well-educated population is critical to developing a productive workforce ..."

US economy needs Keystone pipelines

By **DANIEL RENFROW**
THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

When most students hear the word Keystone, they immediately think about what they were drinking last weekend. They don't think about the Keystone XL pipeline.

This pipeline is a \$7 billion project from TransCanada Corp. that would transport an estimated 830,000 barrels of crude oil from Alberta, Canada, to Houston every day. The pipeline could produce as many as 20,000 jobs, many of them in the Houston area. Last week, the Obama administration killed the hopes of this pipeline being built by delaying the rest of its construction until 2013.

TransCanada Corp. has already poured \$2 billion into the project, but has repeatedly come under fire because part of the pipeline will cross the Sandhills region of Nebraska, an ecologically fragile area that lies above the Ogallala Aquifer. About 27 percent of the irrigated land in the US relies on this aquifer for agricultural needs.

The fear that this pipeline could pollute this aquifer is understandable, but with the amount of research TransCanada Corp. has put into the project, it is highly unlikely that this will happen.

On Monday, the company announced that it would examine alternative routes for the contested portion of the pipeline — routes that would allow them to bypass the Ogallala Aquifer.

You would think this would be enough for opponents of the project, but it seems they are more concerned about killing US jobs and ridding the US of a viable source of oil than protecting the aquifer.

"It's our hope that (the delay) will kill the pipeline," said Nick Berning, a spokesman for Friends of the Earth, a grassroots environmental group, to the International Business Times. "It's simply not true that we need this oil."

This couldn't be further from the truth. We do, in fact, need this oil. In addition to doubling the amount of oil

sand refined in the US, the pipeline could potentially lower oil prices and give the US a necessary alternative to oil produced in the Middle East.

Furthermore, what is the message the Obama administration is sending to oil companies? The application for the project was submitted to the U.S. Department of State in September of 2008. Why now, after three years have passed, is the US government making the decision to halt construction of the project?

It is possible that this is simply a political move by President Barack Obama. By delaying the construction of the project until after 2013, Obama has prevented the pipeline from becoming an election issue. It will enable him to enter the 2012 election with a stable voter base.

The Obama administration is sending the message to oil companies that the US is not a good country in which to do business. Most oil companies are already moving their operations overseas. This pipeline could have been a symbol of our nation's commitment to the oil industry — an industry that employs and provides benefits to thousands of US citizens.

Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, is already considering focusing his nation's oil resources in another direction — West. Harper talked to reporters on Sunday at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leader's meeting in Hawaii about how the decision to delay construction of the pipeline will affect the future of Canada's oil industry.

"This does underscore the necessity of Canada making sure that we are able to access Asia markets for our energy products," Harper said.

Alberta Premier Alison Redford echoed Harper's sentiments in the National Post on Monday. "Reality is, Alberta and Canada will build markets, and we will go where there are markets available to us," Redford said.

The Obama administration needs to be held accountable for its reckless decision to delay the construction of this project.

Hopefully, TransCanada Corp. will be able to finish the project. But if not, we will know where to place the blame.

Best options for helping '99 percent'

By **PEYTON R. MILLER**
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As the campers in Harvard Yard are fond of reminding us, the top one percent of American households earn 24 percent of national income. The same one percent has seen three-fifths of total income growth from 1979 to 2007.

Although these numbers may be disturbing, we should keep in mind that the vast majority of Americans, save a small percentage at the bottom, live very comfortably by global standards. Even among the 46 million citizens below the federal poverty line in 2009, less than a fifth reported being hungry at any time during the previous year, and only four percent were temporarily homeless.

The vast majority of "poor" households had modern amenities including air conditioning, microwaves, cars, and cable or satellite TV.

Nevertheless, a non-negligible number of Americans live in genuine poverty, and improving middle class living standards can only be a

good thing. The method of helping the "99 percent" that seems to get the most press coverage is a government that acts like Robin Hood, taking from the rich and giving to the poor through redistributive taxation.

While a progressive tax code is a valuable tool, it has the side effect of discouraging work and risk taking among the most productive citizens.

As progressive as the federal tax code already is, and as slowly as the economy is growing, any quest to raise living standards across the board should begin with reforms that are less likely to deter economic growth.

Before making the top one percent pay even more than the 38 percent of federal individual income tax revenues that they already contribute, the government could start by eliminating or reforming

programs that redistribute from the poor to the rich.

Take public lotteries, which state governments operate as monopolies to raise additional revenue. Thanks in part to advertising in low-income areas, the poor spend a much greater proportion of their income playing the lottery than the rich, and some evidence suggests they actually spend more as a dollar amount. Rather than encouraging the poor to waste their hard-earned money playing the lottery, states should raise revenue through equitable channels and create incentives for the poor to save.

A more significant deterrent to saving by the poor is Social Security, which will need to be reformed in the coming years to ensure long-term solvency. Despite its progressive benefit schedule, Social Security taxes low-income citizens most heavily relative to the benefits they receive.

Since poorer citizens tend to start working earlier and die at a younger age than the wealthy, they spend more years paying taxes and fewer years collecting retiree benefits. Rather than raising taxes or the retirement age, Congress can correct this imbalance and improve the program's solvency by simply cutting benefits for the wealthy.

The most obvious way to help the 99 percent is by improving their earning potential, which might include enhancing the physical health of the 16 percent of Americans who lack health insurance. While the

constitutionality and fiscal sustainability of last year's Affordable Care Act remains an open question, the law stands a good chance of helping more Americans become gainfully employed.

Another possibility is to narrow the socioeconomic achievement gap in primary and secondary education, which remains stubbornly large ten years after the No Child Left Behind Act. The law has had modest success in boosting test scores, but more stringent standards for failing schools as well as mandatory remedial instruction for underperforming students could accelerate achievement growth, particularly for low-income students.

In addition to human capital, the 99 percent would benefit from more investment in physical capital, which requires an increase in the saving rate. While national saving has recovered since the current economic downturn began, it reached one percent of gross national income in 2004, the lowest level in 50 years.

More income saved means lower interest rates, which enhances the economy's productive capacity by encouraging capital formation and thereby stimulates demand for workers. The first step in raising national saving is reining in the federal budget deficit, though revenue-neutral reforms to certain aspects of the tax code, particularly the capital gains tax, could encourage private saving.

Like redistributive taxation, these ideas would improve living standards for the poor and middle class. The difference is that they would not retard economic growth, and improvements in human and physical capital are sure to accelerate growth.

In a lagging economy like this one, any policy that counteracts growth should be a last resort.

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Holiday food is appealing, terrible

I'm always down for a good meal, but what makes Thanksgiving and Christmas food so good?

We're only a little more than two weeks into November and I'm already craving the food my mom makes every year to celebrate the holidays.

Even though I don't eat meat very often, I have to have a piece of turkey or ham and at least three helpings of every kind of casserole present.

By the end of the meal, I have a food baby and can't even think about all the food I just gorged on without being disgusted.

I'm left sitting on the couch while everyone watches the Dallas Cowboys and their cheerleaders, which leads me to think about all of the weight I probably just gained.

It's sad to think about, but somehow by the next year when the holidays roll around, I'm ready to feast again.

I blame holiday movies and commercials for making me crave these huge meals.

On TV, you always see those happy families with all of their delicious foods, and then you see the part that always leaves my mouth hanging and dripping with drool.

Dessert.

My family isn't big on home-cooked meals, so Thanksgiving and Christmas are really the only times we have them and certainly the only times we have dessert after.

Food baby in tow, I often go back into the kitchen, but for dessert this time. Apple pie, pecan pie, fudge, brownies and fruit salad — you name it and I've got it on my plate.

Maybe it's the anticipation since I know the food won't be coming from a drive-thru or from a freezer at the grocery store.

Regardless, I still don't understand why Thanksgiving meals are so good and why I get so excited for them.

Kassidy Ketron



Even a month later when Christmas time is near, I again get excited for basically the same foods I had on Thanksgiving as made by my mom every year.

The only real differences I've noticed are the desserts, which I love.

Puppy chow — a confection where Chex Mix is covered in peanut butter, chocolate and powdered sugar — is my favorite. Recently, my roommate has started making puppy chow, and a lot of it. She obviously wants me to be morbidly obese.

There are still various pies to choose from, but this time there are more chocolate desserts and more cookies with icing and sugar, which I love.

I buy special cookie-cutters and any type of food related to Christmas, so maybe that's why I look forward to these sweets so much.

Christmas cookies, gingerbread houses and other treats are all part of the holiday fun.

I love Christmas time and everything about it. That's why my Christmas tree is already set up in all its glory in my apartment and why I'm constantly listening to Christmas music.

Although the food isn't what defines the winter holidays, it's a big part of them.

Hopefully, you all can prevent your food babies from appearing while keeping diabetes at bay at the same time.

As for me, I plan on being a human garbage disposal.

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Giffords faces long road, wants to return to Hill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debating opponents. Negotiating compromises. Raising money. The demands of Congress are great for anyone, much less someone recovering from a gunshot to the head like Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Giffords' first televised interview showed a lively woman making good progress in recovering from a devastating brain injury, yet still struggling mightily to pull out the words she wants. Only 10 months after her injury, brain specialists unconnected with Giffords' care say she'll almost certainly continue to improve. But no one can predict how much or how fast.

How the brain rewires itself after trauma — making new connections or recruiting an undamaged area to compensate for a damaged one — is largely a mystery. But most people with severe brain injuries never emerge as exactly the same person they were before, and lingering impairment could make a return to Congress a difficult decision for Giffords and her family.

The stress of the job should get consideration, said Dr. Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in West Orange, N.J.

"A little stress makes us sharp. A lot of stress kills neurons," said Grafman, who has long studied penetrating brain injuries but hasn't examined Giffords. After a severe brain injury, "I really don't think you'd want to be exposed to the level of stress that you'd be exposed to in Congress. I wouldn't want to."

Monday's interview on ABC was the first opportunity for the public to get a detailed look beyond the reassurances of Giffords' friends and physicians about how she's fared since being shot on Jan. 8. It was a chance to see what someone who's making a recovery often called miraculous or remarkable really looks like.

Giffords appeared determined and confident, but she struggled to form multiple-word sentences, much less string them together for a detailed conversation. With the help of her husband, Mark Kelly, she said she wouldn't return to Congress until she was "better." The filing deadline to run to for re-election to her House seat is May 30.

On Tuesday, Giffords' staff released on her Facebook page a more complex, minute-long recording made last week, two weeks after the ABC interview. In it, she says wants to get back to work.

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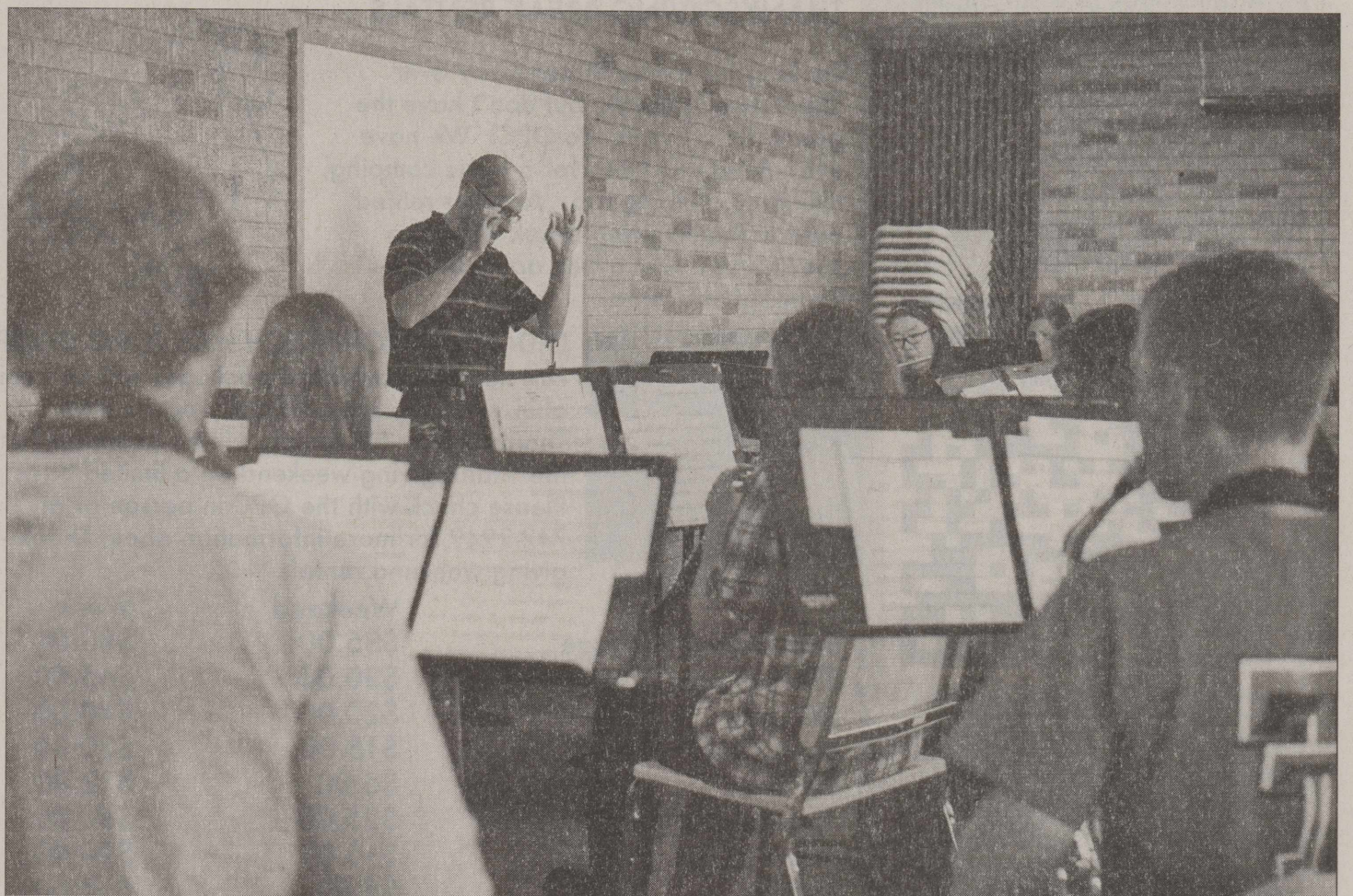


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
BEN LORENZO, AN assistant band director, leads his symphonic band class in practicing the song "Overture of Candide" on Monday in the school of music.

Online donations help Texas teachers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Indian Creek Elementary teacher Eliza Battles wanted to immerse her kindergartners in science by incubating duck eggs before their eyes.

For some teachers, rounding up kindergartners and timing the perfect visit to the science lab's incubator for the hatching could prove as challenging as herding wild fowl.

Instead, Battles logged on to the nonprofit DonorsChoose.org website and sent out a plea for \$400 for an in-class incubator.

Soon, she had the incubator and her students had the opportunity to continue their up-close egg watch throughout the school day.

Since that initial project two years ago, Battles and fellow teacher Yolanda Garza-Mendez have drummed up about \$30,000 in donations for everything from anti-bullying books to laptops and iPads for their Southwest Independent School District classrooms.

In a time of sweeping school budget cuts, dozens of local teachers have begun to look

outside the school system to fund classroom needs.

In 2011, contributors to DonorsChoose.org have funded more than 190 local public school projects worth \$100,000, said Kirk Smiley, one of the organization's directors.

Battles said, "Once the word got out, we all jumped on it."

Garza-Mendez, who said she hasn't felt the belt tightening taking place elsewhere in education because of the additional funding, said, "It's an excellent way to enhance the classroom."

A New York City teacher started the program for public school educators in 2000, and it went national in 2007, Smiley said. Since then, about 40 percent of public schools across the nation have had a teacher use the site to fund a project, he said.

The nonprofit particularly hopes to assist high-need schools and labels them as "high poverty" on the site. The designation is determined by a campus' free and reduced-price meal participation.

Corporations have begun to chip in.

Horace Mann, a company that provides insurance for educators, has contributed \$600,000 to projects across the country, and local agents help spread the word about DonorsChoose.org to teachers.

Other online fundraiser options have popped up as well, such as PhunRaiser.com, which relies on a daily-deal model to raise money for area causes that include schools.

On Monday, Dellview Elementary student Justin Arteaga, 7, filled in the letters "a" and "i" in the word "paint" as part of a vowel sound riddle game. The game is part of a \$387 pack of literacy activities that DonorsChoose.org contributors funded for the second-grade class last spring.

Arteaga and others in Robin Taylor's class at the North East ISD elementary school have also reaped benefits from writing and science activities funded through DonorsChoose.org. Taylor has

raised nearly \$4,700 through the site since 2009 — a far cry from her days of scavenging through garage sales for class materials.

Public school teachers like Taylor post projects on the site, which remain visible to donors for up to five months before they expire. The teacher uses the site's online shopping cart to select the materials. After the donations roll in, the nonprofit orders the materials, ships them to the school and notifies the principal that the goods are on the way, Smiley said.

Though Taylor occasionally contributes to her own projects to push them to completion, she said many of her donors are anonymous. Other teachers said their family members or students' parents have chipped in.

"We have just a little limited supply of money for the classroom," Taylor said. "It's almost nonexistent. It's been my husband's paycheck supplying it before (DonorsChoose.org)."

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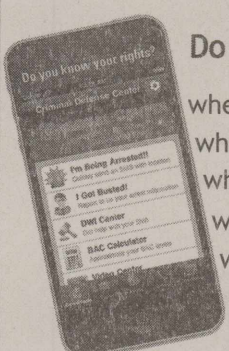
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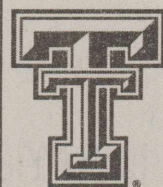
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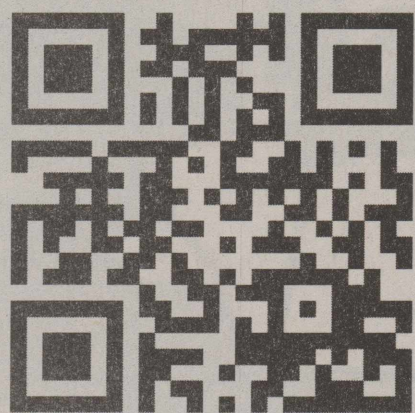


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A quick look at what is going on in the Rec Sports world

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Women's Volleyball (Black Team) won the Texas State tournament by defeating UTSA's 'A' team to finish 1st in their pool and Texas State 'A' in the Finals. Their fall season is completed with results of finishing 1st at Oklahoma State, 2nd at UTSA and 1st at Texas State.

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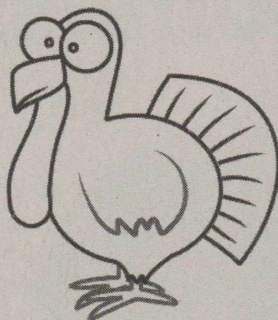
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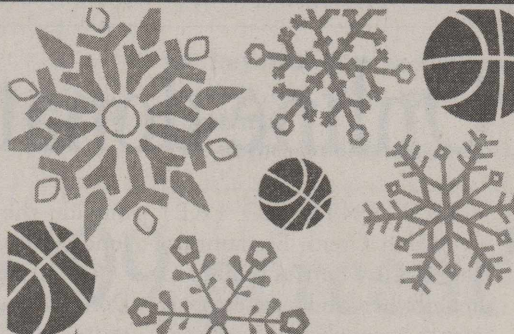
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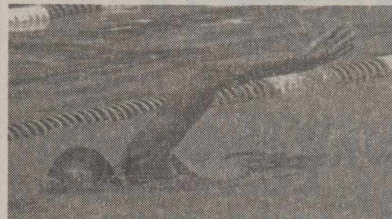


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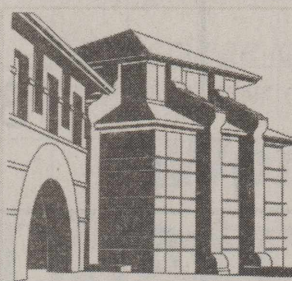
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No. 25 Lady Raiders head to Houston to take on Cougars

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The No. 25 Texas Tech women's basketball team will travel to Houston to take on the Cougars on Wednesday night for its second game of the season.

The team's coaches are excited to see how the team will respond in its first road test of the season, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"This game counts, and we have to learn how to handle a road environment," she said. "We're taking Monique Smalls back home, so obviously that's going to be special for her. We have a good fan base in that area. With us losing Texas A&M, I think it's very vital that we get back to that area and continue to play."

After defeating New Mexico on Friday night, the Lady Raiders entered the AP Top 25 this week for the first time since the 2006 season.

One of the team's strengths this season is its depth, Curry said. All 12 Lady Raiders played in the game against the Lobos.

"We present a lot of match-up problems," she said. "This league we play in is very physical. So, down the stretch, it's important to have a lot of stamina through January and February. I don't hesitate one bit in putting any one of those 12 players on the floor, and we showed that a lot in the preseason. I feel good about all 12 players with how committed and hardworking they are."

Tech will be focused going into Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston, junior Lady Raider Chynna Brown said.

"I feel like we're more focused on



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls looks around for a teammate during Tech's 69-43 victory against New Mexico in United Spirit Arena on Friday.

the road," she said. "Going on the road is always a great opportunity for our whole team. It's exciting. We love to get wins at somebody else's place."

Some of the players are still adjusting to not playing as much because of the depth of the team, Brown said.

"I think some of us need to get used to the different rotations, if we haven't already," Brown said. "Coach always tells us to be ready to play

whenever our numbers are called. If I were needed to start, I'd be ready. It just comes down to what our coach wants to do on any given night."

The Lady Raiders' defense led the way to victory against New Mexico, Tech sophomore Kelsi Baker said.

"We were connecting on all cylinders," she said. "There's a lot of things we still want to work on, but our defense beginning the season is where we wanted it to be."

Baker led the Lady Raiders with

12 points against the Lobos and also had three assists and three steals.

The team needs the road game for the experience it will provide, Baker said.

"To play in Houston is going to be a great learning experience," she said, "but I think we'll be ready since we were able to travel to San Angelo during the preseason. Other than that, this game will be just another notch on our belt."

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No. 5 Oklahoma back into national title chase

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — As he watched what was going on in college football during Oklahoma's open week, tight end Trent Ratterree's first reaction to seeing Stanford and Boise State drop from the ranks of the unbeaten was sympathy.

"Well, shoot, I know how that feels," he thought.

Then it hit him. The losses had catapulted the Sooners (8-1, 5-1 Big 12) right back into the national championship chase with three weeks left in the season. Oklahoma moved up to No. 5 in the polls and the BCS standings, with a head-to-head meeting still to come against No. 2 Oklahoma State on Dec. 3.

"We're right on the cusp of where we want to be and the only way that it's going to happen is for us to go and make it happen," Ratterree said Tuesday. "But that excited me, the fact that our destiny is in our hands. There's other things that don't matter but really if we don't win out, then none of that even comes into effect."

In late October, the Sooners' title hopes took a serious blow when they lost at home to unranked Texas Tech, snapping their 39-game winning streak at Owen Field. It's still an inexplicable loss, with the Red Raiders going on to lose their next three games by a combined margin of 159-33.

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"They've got their best group. They have some inexperience as well, but they've got their best group of talent. It will be a major challenge for us."

Tech needs to improve in several areas if it's going to beat North Texas, Gillispie said.

"We didn't guard the way we needed to, didn't transition the way we needed to and we definitely didn't attack the way we needed to," he said. "We were throwing the ball away 19 times against pretty much a zone defense. That's not the way it should be."

In addition to the Red Raiders' 19

turnovers against Troy, they also gave up 14 offensive rebounds.

Ty Nurse led the Red Raiders with 29 points against Troy, but Gillispie said he probably will not score as much against the Mean Green.

"(North Texas) is going to guard him much harder," he said. "Ty is a very good shooter, but none of his shots were guarded much at all."

The Red Raiders have been working hard in practice and will look to transition their hard work into winning, Gillispie said.

"People want to be winners, but they don't always want to prepare to win," he said. "You have to prepare to be a winner every single day, and you have to understand the severity."

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Langley had logged 19 solo tackles and 1.5 tackles for a loss on his own before suffering an injury against the Cowboys.

Langley's counterpart, defensive tackle Kerry Hyder, leads all defensive linemen with 24 solo tackles and also has one sack to his name.

Tuberville does not want to look into the numbers too much, though, as he said the defense cannot afford to keep Hyder on the field for an entire game without some sort of rest.

"(Kerry) Hyder's really the only guy

that, you know, knows he'll be playing most of the time," Tuberville said, "but you can't play him all the time."

Missouri running attack provides multiple threats

In many ways, Tech is going to play a Missouri team Saturday that will provide several looks new to the Red Raiders' defense and for those watching the game. The Tigers host the Red Raiders and will play without its top running back, Henry Josey, for the first time this year. Josey, upon conclusion of Week 11's games, is the nation's No. 9 running back in terms of yards per game, having averaged 116.8 yards per contest.

Josey, who is only a sophomore, suf-

fered a torn left patellar tendon, a torn ACL and a torn MCL last Saturday during Missouri's 17-5 win against Texas.

As a team, Missouri averages 234.6 rushing yards per game, providing Tech its toughest challenge in an opposing running game since it hosted Nevada on Sept. 24.

Nevada is the country's seventh-best rushing offense.

Therefore, the Tigers will look to rely even more on freshman quarterback James Franklin, the team's second-leading rusher.

Josey had racked up 1,168 rushing yards and Franklin has 632.

At running back, Kendial Lawrence

is likely to step in to receive more carries in Josey's absence. Lawrence has 321 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 71 carries.

Missouri's ability to run the ball using both its running backs and quarterback is something that will force Tech to rotate players in on defense to prevent those in from getting too winded against the Tigers' offense.

"This is going to be a running game," Tuberville said. "This is one of those games where they'll spread you from sideline to sideline like they did last year. This year, they got a quarterback that runs the ball, so we'll have to keep guys fresh."

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TEXAS TECH'S DESHON Minnis tries to run the ball around Troy guard Steven Cunningham during Tech's 90-85 victory against the Trojans on Friday in United Spirit Arena.

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Texas Shootout Tech plays host to Mean Green

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball team will look to avenge its 2010 loss to North Texas tonight at 7 p.m. when the Mean Green come to United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders are coming off a 90-85 win in their first game of the season against Troy, which was Tech's first game under head coach Billy Gillispie.

Tech wants to see a crowd of at least the

same size of the one in its opener against Troy, Gillispie said.

"We want to fill this thing up on a constant basis," he said. "The other night it made a real big difference for us, and I would hope as we move forward, as our team continues to improve — I don't want to have an empty seat in here, and that's my goal. I'm not afraid to believe that can happen."

The crowd of 10,088 people for the game against Troy was bigger than any crowd seen last season.

The Mean Green will present a tough early season challenge for the Red Raiders, Gillispie said.

"It will be a good challenge for us," he said. "We have to continue to take steps forward. We're taking some baby steps. We're taking some steps backwards as well. We have to get better. We have to start handling the ball better and thinking about the game better and those kinds of things. They'll definitely put us to a severe test."

North Texas is coming off an 81-52 blowout of St. Gregory's on Friday.

Gillispie said the Mean Green has had a lot of success in recent seasons.

"Coach (Chris) Jones has done a fantastic job over the years," he said. "I think they've had six straight seasons where they've won 20 or more games, and they've played in their tournament title game four years in a row."

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FB Notebook: Tuberville talks defense, Mizzou running game

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

Losing has only further fueled Texas Tech's desire to begin a new week of preparation.

Coming off the worst loss in program history, Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said his players are excited to bounce back this weekend.

"They can't wait to get back to the field, obviously," Tuberville said. "We need to make up for some things that we hadn't done very well."

Filling in for defensive tackle Donald Langley

Enduring a loss was something the Red Raiders went through in multiple ways last Saturday against No. 2 Oklahoma State.

Tech also watched defensive tackle Donald Langley and wide receiver Aaron Fisher go down with season-ending injuries.

Langley went down with a broken ankle and Fisher was put out of commission because of a torn ACL.

Fisher had been coming into his own as a reliable third-down option for quarterback Seth Doege, but his primary role was as a contributor on special teams.

Considering Tech's recent defensive struggles, Langley's loss is likely to have more of an impact on the Red Raiders' preparation for Missouri.

As of Tuesday, a rotation already was in the works, particularly for the defensive line, to help make up for Langley's absence.

"We're just moving people around," Tuberville said. "(Chris) Perry's playing some. There is, of course, Delvon (Simmons). So, we'll have a rotation. We won't really have a starter. We'll have two or three guys fill in that position."

Perry and Simmons have combined for 15 solo tackles, with Perry having played in seven games and Simmons in eight.

The two also have combined for 3.5 tackles for a loss.

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