



James seeks depositions against book

In court petition, Craig James claims “Double T – Double Cross” author wrote “downright falsehoods” concerning son, Adam James

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Mike O’Brien
Attorney, Craig James’ lawyer

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
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United States Senate candidate and former ESPN analyst Craig James wants to take the depositions of the publishers of Michael Lee Lanning’s book “Double T – Double Cross,” and Mike Leach’s book “Swing Your Sword,” claiming in a court petition that the authors wrote “downright falsehoods” concerning the mistreatment of his son, Adam James. The petition, filed in Collin County,

maintains that Craig James and his lawyer, attorney Mike O’Brien, are not anticipating a lawsuit, but rather are conducting an investigation into the claims and defamatory statements in the books.

“All I know is what happened,” O’Brien said, “and that it’s not being treated fairly and accurately in these books.”

O’Brien wrote in the petition that the books contained too many false and misleading statements to list in the

15-page legal document. But he said the biggest source of contention was the books’ portrayal of football player, Adam James, and his treatment after sustaining a concussion in the Fall of 2009.

“Adam was confined in a dark place as punishment. End of discussion,” he said. “‘Double T – Double Cross’ and ‘Swing Your Sword’ portray Adam’s treatment in an entirely different light. They portray Leach as protecting Adam, despite the fact that other players with injuries or concussions are taken to the Athletic

Training Facility.”

O’Brien said the books entirely misrepresented that event, despite the fact that “deposition testimony and pleadings have firmly established beyond a legitimate doubt that the team’s physician concluded that:

Adam James had a concussion, and exhibited symptoms including headache, loss of balance, dizziness and an episode of vomiting.”

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TechBriefly

Tech student killed by train

Aubrey Mendez, a junior psychology major from Tye, died Saturday at 6:30 p.m. after being struck by a train in her hometown.

According to police reports, Mendez was chasing her dog down the tracks when she got hit.

Both Mendez and her dog, Kimbo, died instantly.

There will be a memorial service for Mendez 10:00 a.m. Friday at the Merkel High School gymnasium, followed by the burial at Tye Cemetery.

TTUHSC School of Nursing receives grant to reduce lack of infant care

The Texas Department of State Health Services provided Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing with a \$200,000 grant to reduce infant mortality in Lubbock and the surrounding areas.

The project will be led by Linda Brice, an associate professor, who will serve as the project’s principal investigator. The team is also in collaboration with various local organizations focus on prenatal and neonatal healthcare, such as the City of Lubbock Health Department, the Garrison Institute on Aging, United Way and March of Dimes.

The project will focus on lowering premature births and teen pregnancy, while increasing prenatal care and birth rates in the Lubbock community.

Former Red Raider becomes president of Emporia

The Kansas Board of Regents approved the employment of Michael Shonrock as Emporia University’s 16th president, after a seven-month search to fill the position.

Shonrock, formerly the senior vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Texas Tech, left the university after the administration eliminated his position due to budget restrictions.

“(Shonrock) rose to the top of an exceptional field of candidates,” said Ed McKechnie, chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, “and we’re extremely impressed by his experience, enthusiasm and passion he will bring to ESU and the Emporia community.”

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Questions raised about Leach book

James’ attorney claims book a “put-up deal”

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
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Michael Lee Lanning’s book “Double T – Double Cross,” ranked, No. 4 on Kindle’s top sports books, was published by a company with little experience, under questionable circumstances.

Scottsdale Book Publishing, in Scottsdale, Ariz., published the story of Mike Leach’s history at Texas Tech in November, 2011. The attorney for Craig James, a former ESPN analyst and United States Senate candidate, filed a petition in December to take the depositions of both Lanning and publisher Dean Wegner.

Mike O’Brien, James’ attorney from Washington, Texas, said “Double T – Double Cross” was a “put-up deal.”

“I think if we do enough searching, you’ll find it’s a Leach-inspired book,” he said. “Someone knew somebody that said, ‘let’s do a book and specifically post the depositions and the litigation and get our word out again.’ That’s all people have been hearing, Leach’s side of the story.”

Scottsdale Book Publishing formed two years ago under Wegner. Its only other published book is “Life After Foreclosure,” penned by the publisher. Wegner said the marketing budget for “Double T – Double Cross” was around \$30,000 to \$50,000, all of which came directly from him.

Lanning said Wegner, a corporate finance expert, had conducted research for the book before asking Lanning to be the author.

“I knew the publisher likely had an idea where he thought the book should go because I knew he’d already picked the title,” Lanning said, “but I told him I was going to write my book.”



CONSTRUCTION ON THE new Rawls College of Business Administration building is complete and is open for classes starting this semester.

Cutting-edge Business

Ambassadors, faculty, students celebrate opening of new Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Ambassadors welcomed students, faculty, staff and donors to the new Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building last night to celebrate the opening of the new building.

The three-story structure is located on Flint Avenue, west of Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park. It is 148,790 square feet, with 96 faculty offices, 23 student classrooms and four case study rooms.

While the ribbon cutting for the completion was hosted Dec. 16, many students, faculty and staff were seeing the inside of the building for the first time.

“I think everyone’s pretty awestruck about it,” said Susan Brown,

director of public relations for the Rawls College of Business. “A telltale sign will be when the students start (today). They’re all kind of anxious to see what’s in store.”

Allen McInnes, dean of the College of Business, said the building was finished at the perfect time, and the university spent \$65 million of its \$70 million budget.

“What we’ve tried to do is create more student space than the old building,” he said. “When you went into that building during the semester, students were sitting all over the floor and everything like that. I’ve tried to get everybody off the floor and into benches and student-friendly areas.”

When McInnes assumed the position of dean 11 years ago, he said part of his contract was to commission a new business building. While the plan

for the space has been in the works since 2005, he said there were problems with fundraising and arguments about where the building would be placed on campus.

“It took until about 2008 to 2009 for things to get rolling,” McInnes said, “and we spent a lot of time with the architects trying to figure out how we wanted to do things.”

Features of the new building include 13 classrooms with direct sunlight streaming from courtyard windows, an 80-person dining room with a digital fireplace and an Einstein Bros Bagels café.

The biggest classroom is a 250-seat movie theater-style auditorium with a 10-by-16-foot screen made of 108 LED rear-projection tiles and 10.2 million pixels with the ability to display nine images simultaneously.

Each tiered classroom is wired for Internet access, and non-tiered classrooms are wireless. There are also electronic marker boards, study rooms equipped with LCD screens for projects and computer screens outside of classrooms that display

schedules and other important information.

McInnes said technology played a huge role in the development of the building, not only for design purposes, but to make it easier for students.

Students now have the ability to record class lectures and stream them onto their wireless devices, so they can view them later. The college has been conducting trial-and-error research to determine if this method is effective for students, McInnes said.

“We’ve been doing some research over the last year, trying to answer the question (of) if students can just get it online, why are they going to come to class,” he said. “And we found that our attendance in these trial classes actually increased because the students could then go and not worry about whether they were taking notes or not. Instead they can absorb what’s going on in the classroom, we think, better.”

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Petition

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Student-athletes with concussions do not practice for seven days and often walk around the fields while the team practices.

Leach was angry that James had a concussion, and told his staff that the diagnosis of a concussion was "a bunch of fucking bullshit."

Leach ordered a trainer to confine James in a dark place to stand for the entirety of practice on December 17 and 19, 2009.

Leach berated staff about James' diagnosis of a concussion and ordered the trainer to tell the physicians not to diagnose any more concussions (There is a more profane version of this instruction sworn to by the witnesses).

No other player in the memory of anyone connected with Tech football was ever placed in a pitch-dark room or shed.

The confinement in a pitch-black room for any length of time is not medically appropriate, according to world-renowned expert on sports-related injuries, Dr. Robert Cantu, who called the treatment "unconscionable."

O'Brien wrote that despite this evidence, the authors "undertake an orchestrated effort to recast Leach's actions as something other than punishment."

The most glaring falsehood, O'Brien said, is Leach's claim that he placed Adam James in a dark room to protect him, because of his sensitivity to light from the concussion.

Lanning wrote in "Double T - Double Cross" that Leach maintained James was placed in a dark room because of his sensitivity to light and that Leach wanted to protect him from further injury.

Head trainer Steve Pincock stated in an affidavit that Leach instructed him to place James in a dark place near the field.

"Leach further said something

to the effect that he wanted me to tell James that I was to 'lock his fucking pussy ass in a place so dark that the only way he knows he has a dick is to reach down and touch it,'" Pincock said.

In the affidavit, Pincock insisted that Leach gave specific orders to make Adam James stand for the duration of the practice.

"Leach ordered me to place James in the dark, enclosed area where he could not sit or lay down... I told James that he was to stand in the dark for the entire practice. He was not supposed to sit down (and all coolers or water containers were removed from the shed so James could not sit on them). Leach had also instructed me to have a student trainer sit outside the shed to make sure he was standing and that he did not leave."

Lanning said he did not include Pincock's above statements in the text of the book because he claimed Pincock made these statements after Tech administration put pressure on him. He said he covered both sides of the story and that he would be happy to speak with Craig James' attorneys.

Dicky Grigg, the attorney representing Tech in its lawsuit with Leach, said Tech did not put Pincock under any pressure, and that Pincock and his attorney prepared the statement without help from Tech.

"All I can say is bring it on," Lanning said. "I would be more than willing to provide a deposition because everything in the book is the truth."

Lanning wrote in his book, "James continued to fail to impress his coaches with his work ethic in practice and in the classroom."

James was one of two Tech football players to win All-Big 12 second team honors after the 2011 season. Tech had no first team award winners.

To further prove his point that Leach was punishing Adam James rather than protecting him, O'Brien gave examples of similar treatment

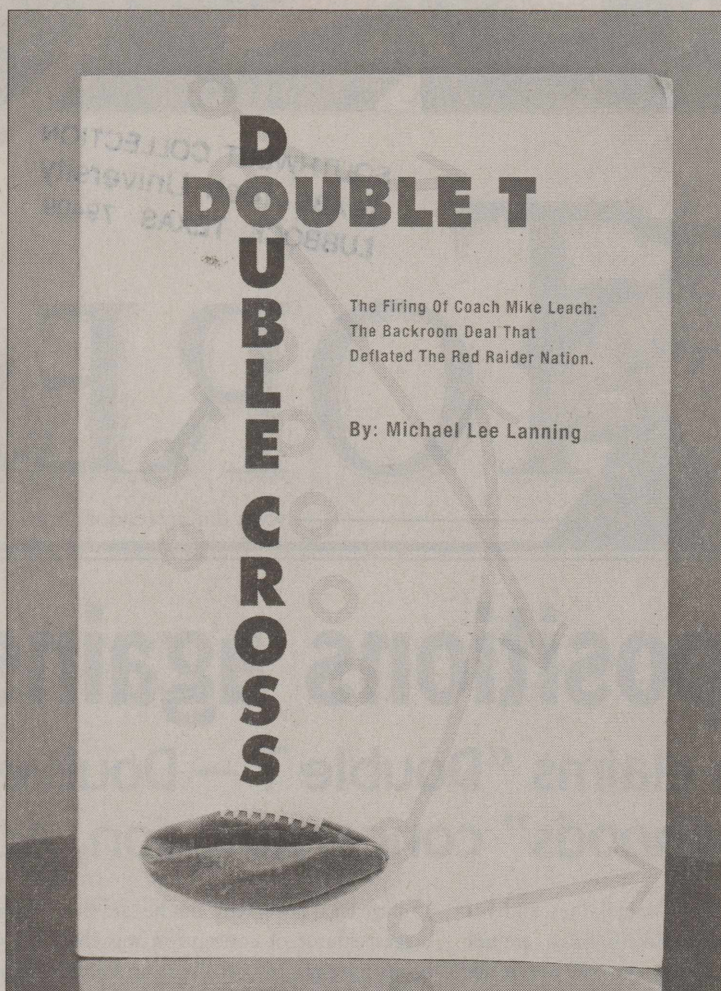


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THE BOOK "DOUBLE T — Double Cross," written by Michael Lee Lanning, talks about the firing of former Texas Tech coach Mike Leach.

of student-athletes by Leach, including Baron Batch, Louis Vasquez and Joel Gray.

According to O'Brien's petition, after Batch severely pulled his hamstring during a spring game in 2009, Pincock told Leach that Batch could not go back into the game.

"Coach Leach began angrily swearing and cursing at Batch questioning whether he was really injured bad enough not to play," the petition stated. "Coach Leach threatened Batch that if he did not immediately go back into the game, he would be demoted from a starter to third string."

James announced last week that he was officially running for the senate seat currently held by Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is not seeking reelection. Mike Leach's lawyer, Ted Ligggett, speculated that Craig James'

petition for the publishers' depositions is a campaign stunt.

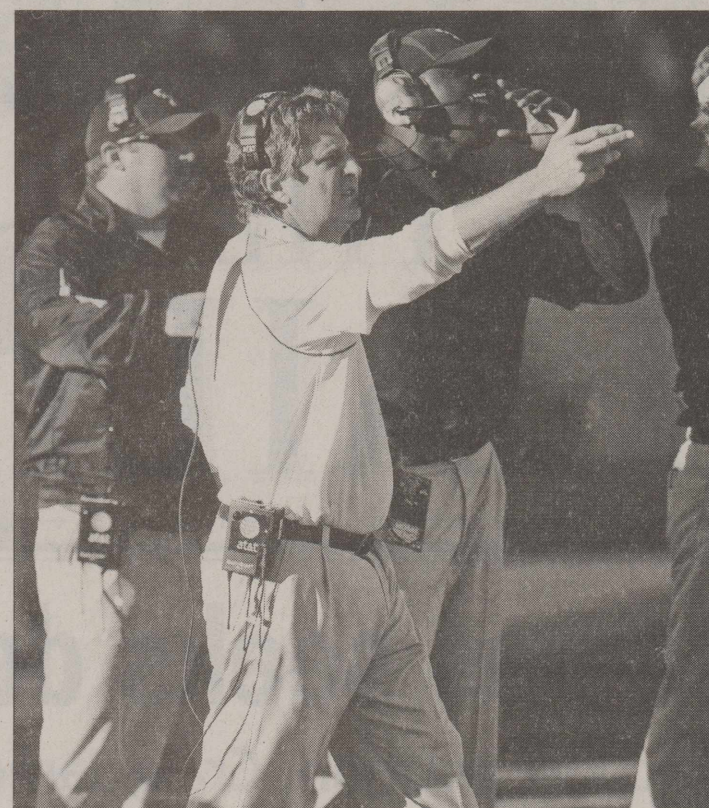
O'Brien disputed the speculation, claiming that Craig James wanted to wait to get his side of the story out until after his son finished eligibility.

A hearing will take place Jan. 31 to determine if Craig James can take the depositions.

In other legal action, Leach has sued Tech over his firing in 2009. A Texas appellate court ruled that Tech has sovereign immunity from such a lawsuit. Leach also has asked the Texas Supreme Court to overturn the lower court's decision. Leach has sued ESPN and a Dallas PR firm over statements made about his firing.

Leach was recently named the head football coach at Washington State University.

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FORMER TEXAS TECH head football coach Mike Leach argues a call during a game during the 2009 season. Leach is featured in Lanning's "Double T — Double Cross," which has been scrutinized by many.

Leach

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Lanning said he had a book proposal with a New York publishing company, but postponed it to write "Double T - Double Cross" because of Scottsdale Book Publishing's "huge" marketing budget.

"Five years ago I would not have talked to this publisher," he said. "But right now, with eBooks, the whole publishing world is changing. (Wegner) had a large budget to promote the book, bigger than any other New York publisher."

Scottsdale Book Publishing retained the copyright to the book instead of the author. This indicates it was a "work-for-hire" arrangement, with the publisher in control of all of the rights to the book.

"The major content of this book comes from the thousands of pages in the hundreds of documents related to this controversy," Lanning wrote in his book. "Much of it is from sworn testimony from

court records."

Lanning, a military historian and author of 17 books on military history, said he had no biases before writing the book, and that the book reflects the results of an objective and balanced investigation into Leach's career at Tech.

Dicky Grigg, the attorney representing the university in its lawsuit with Leach, said the author's bias is apparent in the book's "slanted" title.

"He may have used 8,000 pages of research," Grigg said, "but he selectively picked what supported his side of the story."

Wegner said he began the project without any biases. He said he was familiar with Leach's rise and the Tech story, and wanted to tell a story that would create a "viral buzz."

"Why would a university fire someone as great as what Mike Leach brought to the university," Wegner said. "That much attention, that much energy, that much passion. He united the university. He united an entire city, and then he got fired. It's really kind of a Cinderella story gone sour."

Lanning said he reached out to Mike Leach and Kent Hance for comment, but the only response he received from Leach was an email instructing him to refer to "Swing Your Sword," and the only communication with Hance and the other regents were statements drafted by Chris Cook, Tech's managing director of communications and marketing.

"Double T - Double Cross" lists the results of a survey of approximately 350 students and alumni conducted September 2-3, 2011, outside Jones AT&T Stadium, stating that 78 percent of all Tech students and alumni believe Leach should not have been fired, 67.5 percent feel Chancellor Kent Hance and the Tech administration badly mishandled the situation and never should have dismissed Leach and 72 percent have an unfavorable opinion of Craig James.

Kelly Kaufhold, an assistant professor of journalism at Tech, said the methodology used in the survey could have led to inaccurate results.

The survey was not a representative sample, Kaufhold said, because it was taken in one weekend in only one area, meaning it was not random.

"There is so much wrong with this (survey) I am not sure where to start," said Coy Callison, associate dean for graduate studies in the College of Mass Communications.

Wegner said neither Mike Leach or Team Leach made contributions to "Double T - Double Cross." Team Leach did not respond to messages from The Daily Toreador.

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A key component of the new space is its environmentally friendly role on campus. Built by the standards of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Certification, the university is striving for Silver certification with the new building.

For example, restrooms include waterless urinals and low flow toilets designed to conserve indoor water use. Recycled materials were used in the atrium's terrazzo marble floor and in carpet tiles, sinks and countertops throughout the building. Other "green" amenities include heating and cooling conservation, basins for storm water runoff and wireless technologies throughout the building instead of a computer lab.

There are also special features for energy conscious commuters, including more bike paths, racks and a shower in the building for people who commute via bicycle. Drivers who have fuel-efficient vehicles

have been reserved premium parking spaces as well.

"I would venture to say this is a leading business school building in the United States," McInnes said. "We thought through all the technology issues, we thought about what kind of students we were going to have and how we were going to teach them. We spent a lot of time thinking about the concept of (working) in the classroom, so it's a well thought out place."

"One of the things we ought to put on the front of this building is the word 'persistence,'" he said. "That's what people ought to learn, that it's really easy to quit, particularly if you have difficulties. But if you're persistent and do what you need to do, you can end up with something pretty nice."

Debbie Laverie, a business professor, said faculty members are thankful for the expansion of the college, as it is better adapted for teaching and learning, as well as prepping students for the business world.

Jim Wetherbe, a professor of

information technology, said he was excited to give the first lecture in a room named after himself and his wife for their donations to the college.

"I feel like I'm teaching better because of my surroundings," he said.

Ashley Grilz, a junior energy commerce major from Plano, said the building is definitely an improvement from the college's old space.

"I like when you walk in, how open it is," she said. "It's very inviting. I almost feel like it isn't even a part of Tech's campus because of how nice it is."

McInnes said he is glad to see the building up and running and hopes students will be able to take advantage of its resources for years to come.

"I feel good from this standpoint," he said. "I said I was going to do it and I did it. What I tried to do was say, 'Hey, let's not think about a building for today or tomorrow, let's think about a building that will be a valuable asset here in five to 10 years from now.' So everything was built with that in mind."

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CONSTRUCTION ON THE new Rawls College of Business Administration building has finished and it will be open for starting this semester.

School of Pharmacy dean, founder to retire after 18 years

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

Arthur Nelson, Dean of the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy, announced during the break of his plans to retire in July after 18 years of service to the university.

A 15-member committee, chaired by Steven Burke, dean of the Tech Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine, is conducting the search for a new dean.

"Dr. Nelson has been the dean since the beginning, he was the founding dean of the School of Pharmacy," Burke said, "so he has large shoes to fill. The search committee is larger than normal, representing all four campuses that the School of Pharmacy is a part of, and several prominent community members."

Nelson was appointed to the position of dean in 1994 to begin the two-year process of gaining state and national accreditation for the up and coming pharmacy program. The school officially opened its doors to students in 1996.

"I was given two years to prepare the school for opening," Nelson said. "Since the first semester, the School of Pharmacy has expanded to four campuses across the state, and is currently ranked number 32 in the nation."

Nelson said he plans to take a sabbatical and then return to Tech as a faculty member to continue research that his administrative duties have prevented him from doing in the past.

"I've reached the retirement age, and I knew that I wanted to retire sometime around now," he said, "This summer will be the best time to do so because the school will have just passed its accreditation renewal, giving the new dean ample time to move forward with new ideas before the next renewal in eight years."

The Tech Board of Regents approved a contract to use an outside executive search firm, the Atlanta-based Witt Kieffer,

on Dec. 12. "Witt Kieffer is one of the leading academic search firms in the country," Burke said.

Witt Kieffer is the eighth largest executive search firm in the nation, and is the only top ten ranked firm to serve academic medicine and higher education programs, according to a press release from the firm.

Along with hiring Witt Kieffer, the search committee has also placed ads in multiple pharmaceutical journals and on various websites, Burke said.

The firm's services will cost roughly 20 to 30 percent of the

new dean's salary, so the budget for the search committee will not be set until that number is decided, he said.

If the university sets the new dean's pay at Nelson's current salary of \$242,349, the cost of hiring an outside firm will be \$48,469 at 20 percent and \$72,704 at 30 percent.

"The amount of money for the search is very small when you look at

the School of Pharmacy's budget each year, which is about 30 million dollars," Burke said. "This is a very important person who will deal with the financial success of the school, so paying

for a search committee is well worth it to secure the financial future of the program."

The budget will include the contract with Witt Kieffer, as well as each of the candidates' travel expenses to Amarillo and the other School of Pharmacy, he said.

The committee has selected a number of candidates for the first round of interviews, Burke said, but the names of the potential will be withheld until the finalist are decided and have completed the second round of interviews.

"(Nelson) has set his retirement for July, or a few months after if need be, so we are working very intensely to find a replacement," he said. "This replacement has to be somebody who has very good interpersonal skills, is an expert in education, is skilled in the field of research because the School of Pharmacy has become a very research intense school, and

understands interdisciplinary education."

Burke said he is confident

that the committee will fill the position by the first of July.

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Craig James primed for November upset

Oh my, what a difference one year can make.

One year ago, Craig James was living large at ESPN, his professional life seemingly untouched by the Mike Leach scandal, while Leach could not find a school willing to give him a coaching job.

Now, Leach is preparing to lead the Washington State Cougars into relevancy while James is in some turmoil. He is running for the United States Senate and seems to have as good

of a chance of winning the election as I do of winning the Heisman Trophy.

Craig James, meet karma.

James' public and professional statures have definitely taken a turn for the worse. In the past year, not only has Leach's book "Swing Your Sword" become a hot

commodity, but Michael Lee Lanning's work "Double T-Double Cross" has also hit shelves. Both books have blown large holes in James' version of "the truth."

All of a sudden, the gruesome details of the events surrounding Leach's firing have come to light. Now the public sees a new side of Craig James. They see the helicopter parent

Andrew Gleinser



who hired a PR firm and used his position at ESPN to spread lies and half-truths about Leach simply because Leach would not give James' lazy, spoiled brat of a son enough playing time.

Add that to the fact that most college football fans see

James as a pathetic excuse for a football commentator and you have a perfect storm of negative feelings.

We also shouldn't forget his role in the SMU football program's downfall either. Though it has not been proven that James took significant money, his agent while in the

NFL was Dallas real estate developer Sherwood Blount, Jr., the same man who set up the slush fund that paid SMU players.

Then, of course, there is the urban legend that James killed five hookers while at SMU. Though it is almost certainly just a rumor, you've got to admit that it's pretty amusing.

With all of this negative publicity, it seems as though James

greatly overpaid for the services of Spaeth Communications.

As far as the election is concerned, James seems to be trying to paint himself as a Washington outsider and the epitome of the self-made man. The fact that James entered the race so late has already placed him at a disadvantage, as other candidates have a head start on fundraising.

It seems James' primary rival in this race would be Ted Cruz, the former Solicitor General of Texas. Cruz's attacks on the frontrunner, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, center on the idea that Dewhurst is a career politician while Cruz is the outsider. Cruz already has received endorsements from multiple senators and conservative groups.

James seems to be trying to convey the very same message, but stealing the Tea Party sup-

port from Cruz will not be easy. Cruz, or any other candidate for that matter, would simply have to point out James' checkered history to discredit his arguments.

While musing on the election, the thought occurred to me that James likely has multiple supporters with a great deal of money and political clout. The aforementioned Blount could very well be one of those supporters.

Additionally, it's widely known that James knows Chancellor Kent Hance. Hance stated in his deposition regarding Mike Leach's termination that he had prior contact with James and that James had mentioned that he was considering a run for the Senate.

A politician by trade, Hance doubtlessly has many connec-

tions both in Austin and in Washington. He was not named chancellor simply because he is an alumnus of Texas Tech. Hance is the only person to ever defeat George W. Bush in an election. A distinction like that does not come to a political novice.

However, I simply cannot see how the connections that James may or may not have would be able to drum up enough votes to make him a serious candidate. The public's overwhelming distaste for him is something that, in my estimation, simply cannot be overcome in an election.

Perhaps he should have stayed at ESPN. But if recent reports are to be believed, ESPN had already decided to decline having James back once his contract expires this coming April. Maybe he figured that a Senate

run would help him save face by avoiding being fired.

Regardless of his motives for running, James has seemingly fallen a long way over the last year. Removed from ESPN and facing an almost certain defeat in November, his time in the spotlight may mercifully be coming to a close.

The icing on the cake is that I can now watch Thursday night college football games without muting my television. James' state of affairs combined with the fact that the Red Raider football team blundered its way to its first losing season since 1992 means the Pirate is getting the last laugh.

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Tech alumnus scores third highest on Texas Bar Exam

By **PAIGE SKINNER**
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen-hour study days are what it took to pass the Texas bar exam for just one of the Texas Tech law school graduates.

Jason Jordan, a 2011 Tech law graduate, had the third highest score on the Texas Bar Exam out of anyone in the nation.

The bar exam is a two-and-a-half daylong exam consisting of short answer questions, multiple choice questions and essays.

Currently, Jordan serves as a law clerk for Justice Phil Johnson at the Texas Supreme Court.

Even though he didn't know any lawyers growing up, he said he has always had a curiosity for the law field.

"I've just always had an interest in it," Jordan said. "No one in my family is an attorney, no family friend is an attorney. I just really knew nothing about it, but I'd always kind of enjoyed debating; I've always kind of enjoyed reading and writing, so, so many people, growing up, said 'You're going to be an attorney someday,' and I was always intrigued by that idea."

After graduating from Colorado State University with a degree in animal science, Jordan took a couple of years off to work for an agricultural trade association in Washington D.C. before making the decision to attend law school.

He said that job is where he got to see what being a lawyer entails, and after seeing that he was interested in becoming one.

From there, he applied to several law schools around the nation, Tech being one of them, and got into a total of eight.

However, after living in D.C. for a couple of years, he and his wife, Amanda Jordan wanted to move back to the middle of the country, so he took an interest to Tech School of Law.

"When we visited Lubbock, I just really liked it," Jason Jordan said. "I didn't have any particular connections to Lubbock. I went to a visit day there and people were so friendly and down to earth."

Jason Jordan started law school at Tech in the fall of 2008 and said the people in Lubbock made a huge difference. "It was very clear that people were very serious about the education, but also very serious about being cordial to one another and helping each other get through the experience," he said.

After three years of law school, Jason Jordan graduated with his law degree in May 2011 and said it was the "most anti-climatic moment of my life," because while having a degree in law is good, passing the bar exam is imperative to become a practicing lawyer.

His bar exam review began the week following his graduation. He started with studying for eight hours a day, then to 10 hours a day and then finally in the homestretch, he was studying for 14 hours a day.

He said memorization was a huge part of the studying process and he had friends helping him study for the exam.

"I couldn't have done as well as I did without the support and help from these friends," he said.

As well as help and support from friends, Jason Jordan also had his wife by his side throughout the whole process.

"I did not help as far as material goes," she said. "I never quizzed him or anything, but I made him eat dinner."

She said she saw him stressed out the most two weeks prior to taking the exam, but she was there to stay positive and remind him

he would pass regardless of how well he did.

The pass list was posted online and Jason Jordan said he was relieved to see his name on the list.

But, he did not know of his ranking until he received a phone call.

He described the whole situation as a "funny story" because the woman who called him to talk about his ranking was right across the hall from him at work.

He said the Board of Law

Examiners is in the same building as where he works as a clerk at the Texas Supreme Court in Austin.

He soon realized the woman who he was on the phone with was sitting in her office right across the hall. He got up and walked over to her when she finally realized it was him she was talking to on the phone.

The entire office finally put it all together and began to congratulate him.

His wife soon learned about his high score, but said she was not that shocked.

"I was not overly surprised because of how hard he had studied and how much work he had put into law school," Amanda Jordan said. "But it was still surprising obviously, so I was really happy for him because he had worked so hard. He really put a lot of effort into doing well on the bar."

Brian Shannon, Jason Jordan's former law professor, also said he was not surprised when learning about his high score.

"I was proud for him, but not at all surprised knowing what a good student he had been when he was here at the law school," Shannon said.

The professor of law said Jason Jordan was a "great" student and was involved in a lot of activities.

After completing, passing and scoring top three out of 2,740 in the Texas Bar Exam, Jason Jordan said Tech's law school has helped him greatly and is viewed positively in the workforce and prepared him with real situations, not just theoretical ones.

"I think it's viewed as a very practical education," he said.

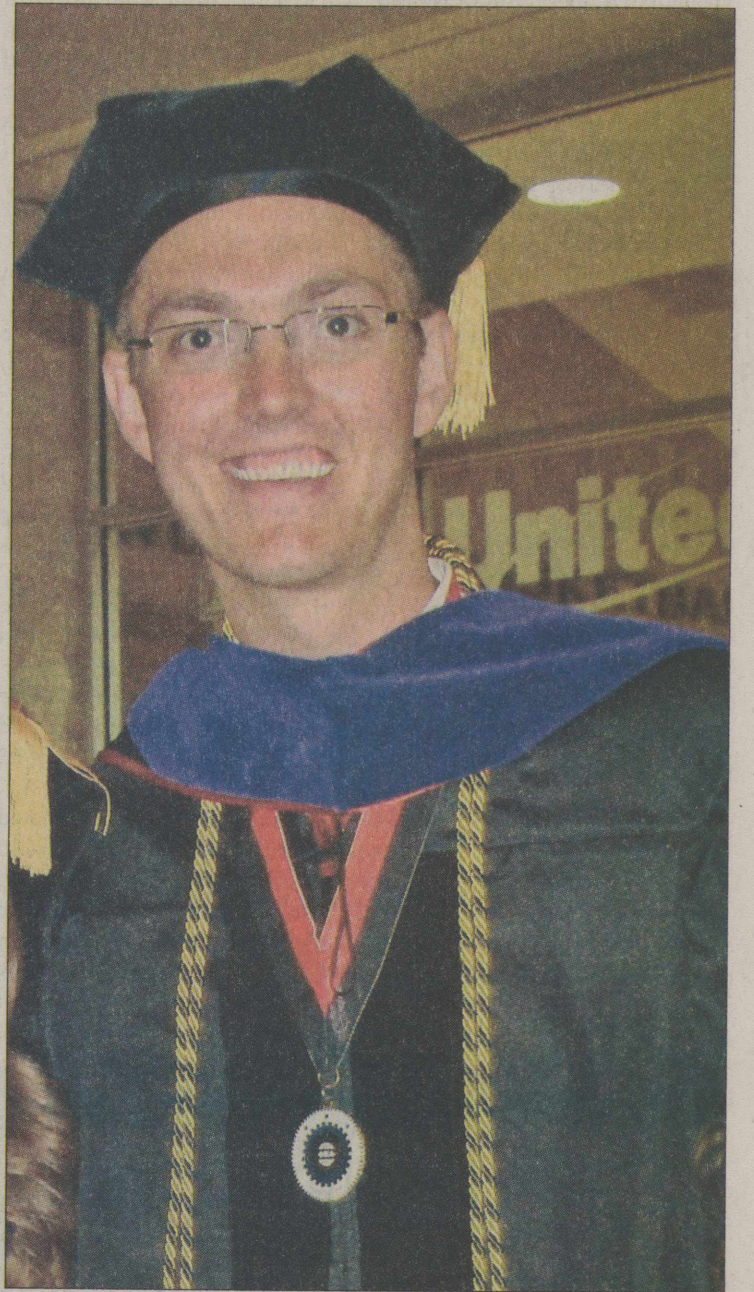


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JASON JORDAN, A Tech School of Law Alumnus, received the third highest score of the Texas Bar Exam out of 2,740 people.

"What I've heard others say, and what I hope is true about Tech law, is the legal education at Texas Tech arms you with the skills you need to graduate from law school, pass the bar exam and to start practicing law."

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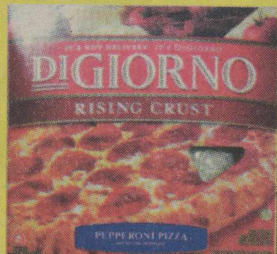
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MLK remembered for many reasons

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

In 1963, the Texas Tech Goin' Band traveled to Southern Methodist University with the football team like it does for most games.

Unlike most, though, this time they were not allowed on the field.

Tech had integrated years before SMU, said Stuart Williams, a senior history major from Lubbock, but the African American members of the drum line were not allowed on the SMU football field.

In a move of solidarity, the football team and the band refused to play, until the rule was changed and the Cotton Bowl could proceed.

Although Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Williams said the Students Organization for Students will present King's "I Have a Dream" speech at noon today with Lubbock officials to commemorate the holiday.

Williams has researched much of Tech's racial past as part of the task force for minority groups on campus.

He said Martin Luther King Jr. Day was important to remember at Tech for many reasons, one being because those at Tech realized King's ideals before he gave his most famous speech.

"Tech has believed in that dream for a long time," Wil-

iams said.

Since 1963, Tech and the rest of the country have made improvements as far as racial equality, said junior political science major Christie Mount.

Mount, from Boerne, grew up hearing stories of integration and racism from her mother, and said she and her mother were pleasantly surprised to see Obama get elected.

"I think (King) would be very proud to see how far we've come," she said.

His legacy lives on, she said, in the movements of today.

"He showed that non-violence really does work," Mount said. "It's much more than being violent and militant."

Along with non-violence, Aretha Marley, a professor and director of community counseling said King was humble despite his achievements.

"When you understand he won a Nobel Prize — that's not an easy accomplishment," she said. "(And he won the prize) before he died for all the work he had done, not just for black people, but for the world."

Though the day is dedicated to him, Marley said it could just as easily be in remembrance of any of the great leaders of the movement — or for any other race — who marched with King.

"He became a symbol of freedom to people all over the

world," she said.

That symbol has inspired today's movements, from Occupy Wall Street to any of the non-violent protests taking place around the world, said Karlos Hill, an assistant professor in history.

These movements in its planning and diversity can all be traced back to the way King was able to mobilize people, Hill said.

"He's influenced people," he said.

Were King alive today, Hill said, he imagines King would still be speaking out for social, economic and political justice.

These issues, like gender equality and the acceptance of the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender community, Mount said, are able to be the movements because of King. King was able to be peaceful, while still bringing about great change.

"He held America's feet to the fire," Marley said.

His inspiration to all movements makes this holiday one to be remembered by any group of people who has been oppressed, and people in general, Marley said, for many do not belong to just one specific group.

"Definitely, Dr. King would be excited about the progress," Hill said. "He would be optimistic about what has changed, but very busy with other issues."

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CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER Martin Luther King addresses students at Sacramento State College on Oct. 16, 1967. King told the students that the Vietnam War was unjust because it works against the drive for African American equality. He maintained that fighting a war thousands of miles away takes money from the domestic war on poverty.

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Abdul-Jabbar thrilled with ambassador appointment

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move to engage young people worldwide, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has named Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as a global cultural ambassador.

The NBA Hall of Famer and all-time scoring leader will promote the importance of education, social and racial tolerance, cultural understanding and using sports as a means of empowerment.

His appointment was announced Wednesday by the State Department.

"It's a great honor and I'm thrilled that they see me as the person that could get this done," he said in a phone interview.

The 64-year-old said he remembers a similar program under President John F. Kennedy where speakers came to his school in Harlem.

"So now I get to follow in the footsteps of one my heroes," he said.

Ann Stock, assistant secretary of state for education and cultural affairs, said Abdul-Jabbar will travel the world to engage a generation of young people to help promote diplomacy.

Stock said Tuesday the appointment is part of Clinton's vision of "Smart Power" that combines diplomacy, defense and development to "bridge the

gap in a tense world through young people."

Abdul-Jabbar said he will share his take on life in America, adding: "I'll be doing a few basketball clinics, too."

He will make his first official trip Sunday when he travels to Brazil for a number of events centering on education.

"I look forward to meeting with young people all over the world and discussing ways in which we can strengthen our understanding of one another through education, through sports and through greater cultural tolerance," he said.

Since his retirement in 1989, Abdul-Jabbar has been involved in projects focused on African-American history and socio-economic justice. His 2011 documentary, "On the Shoulders of Giants," sought to highlight these issues. He

has also launched the Skyhook Foundation, which works to improve children's lives through education and sports.

Last year, he received the Lincoln Medal for his commitment to education, understanding and equality and his contributions that exemplify President Abraham Lincoln's legacy.

His latest book, "What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors," was released earlier this month.

He says Clinton told him: "In Brazil, they would be shocked to find out black Americans were so much involved inventing so many useful items that we use today."

Abdul-Jabbar scored 38,387 points during his 20-year NBA career with the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers.

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Professors give advice for holiday problems

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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This New Year's Eve, people around the world made vows to have "a new year, a new me."

New Year's Resolutions to better one's self were posted on many students' various social media accounts, yet whether these commitments will stick is another issue.

One of the most popular resolutions people make each year is to shed some pounds.

Jamie Cooper, an assistant professor in the Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing in the College of Human Sciences, shares a few tips that will help make this resolution more attainable.

"What we recommend in terms of weight loss is to do both exercise as well as dietary modification because exercise alone does not typically yield as much weight loss if you're doing it in conjunction with healthier eating," Cooper said. "A lot of times what happens with exercising is people burn more calories so they get hun-

grier and eat more."

Cooper advises not to make drastic changes with dietary modifications or exercise. "Extreme weight loss diets in which people lose five to 10 pounds is mainly water weight being lost instead of actual body fat," she said. "As soon as you go back to the way you were eating, that weight is going to come back because you haven't actually lost fat mass."

Cooper said dietary modifications must be realistic to each person and they have to find enjoyment within it.

"Drink more water and cut back on liquid calories, maybe cutting down on snacks in the evenings, and cut down on portion sizes," she said. "We don't want to say if someone's favorite food is a cheeseburger that they can't have that because they probably won't stick with it, but if we say that they can have one every two or three weeks, then that is something more realistic."

The recommended weight loss is one to two pounds per week, and every pound of fat

contains about 3,500 calories.

Cooper said getting involved in group exercises and intramural sports will help keep students fit.

Another resolution students can make to help better themselves is to manage their finances more efficiently.

Vickie Hampton, a professor and department chair in the division of personal financial planning in the College of Human Sciences, said credit card use was on the rise this holiday season.

"Part of the greater use of credit during Christmas was that the big banks across the

country raised their fees on debit card transactions," Hampton said. "When the higher fees hit, some people

started using their credit cards rather than their debit cards."

Overusing credit cards during the holiday can leave some in a financial mess for the New Year.

"People tend to spend more than they planned to spend over the holidays," Hampton said. "The main disadvantage is

people are feeling generous and are wanting to give gifts so they spend more than they can. "This may or may not cause

higher balances in January and February because some of these people might have had the money sitting in their checking account and will have paid it off, but some won't."

Those who splurged with their credit cards during the holidays and find themselves in a financial bind can still get back into good shape this year, Hampton said.

"At this point, if you have done that in the past then you really need to come up with a plan to get that balance paid off as quickly as possible with the resources you have because the interest rates are just adding to the cost of the gifts, parties or whatever you charged," she said. "Then you need to look forward and plan for the next year so that doesn't happen again."

Hampton suggests students who celebrate Christmas start an account for the next holiday to avoid falling into financial trouble.

She said managing money by looking at a period of time and preparing in advance to pay for

expenses such as tuition and books cost will help as well.

"It's really just planning for what you want to do in the future rather than always being in the reacting mode," she said. "Usually, if you plan ahead it is less costly and you have more options than if you're just reacting to something that's already happened."

Hampton said keeping track of expenses religiously will help project the changes that need to be made for the next month.

"If you sit down every night and track, it changes your behavior," she said.

Students who need a resource to help them get out of their financial situations can benefit from free financial services with Red to Black, which is an outreach of the Tech University Personal Financial Planning program that provides financial planning education.

Students can visit <http://www.orgs.ttu.edu/r2b/> for more information.

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Organization fair welcomes students back to class, campus

Today marks the beginning of a new semester for students.

Some may be looking for a fresh start, while others may look to continue building the progress they have already made.

No matter what, the organization fair hopes to have something for everyone looking to be more involved on campus.

Texas Tech's Student Organization Fair is one of the many events taking place during Winter Raider Welcome Week. It will begin at noon today in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Kristin Teinert, a graduate assistant for the Center for Campus Life, said she helped put together this particular event.

"The Student Organization Fair is a great way for students,

whether they be freshman, sophomore, juniors or seniors, to get involved if they're looking for involvement opportunities," she said. "We have a lot of different organizations from social to academic to honors societies. There's a lot of variety."

Teinert said there are scheduled to be 75 organizations at this semester's fair.

She also said these events can get up to as many as 100 organizations looking for potential members.

"For the organizations it's really just another marketing, promotional tool for them to kick off the spring semester to help with their recruitment efforts for their organization and help accomplish their goals for the semester," she said.

Organizations unable to participate in this semester's fair can go to ttu.orgsync.com to sign up for future events, Teinert said.

"We have a database system for student organizations and it's called OrgSync and so that's where our forms to sign up for each of the organization fairs are on," she said.

Teinert said she expects a better attendance rate this semester based mainly on the success of the event last semester.

"We had a great fall attendance rate, so I hope that continues this semester as well as people coming to see the different organizations and for students to get more involved in the university," she said.

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Paula Deen teams with Nordisk on diabetes

(AP) — Celebrity chef and Food Network star Paula Deen is teaming with drug maker Novo Nordisk to launch a program that aims to help people live with Type 2 diabetes and promote a Novo diabetes drug.

The program is called Diabetes in a New Light and offers tips on food preparation, stress management and working with doctors on a treatment plan. Recipes and tips can be found at <http://www.Diabetesinaneewlight.com>.

Deen, a paid spokeswoman for Novo Nordisk, says she was diagnosed three years ago, but kept quiet about her condition until she had advice to offer the public.

"I wanted to bring something to the table when I came forward," she said Tuesday during an appearance on NBC's "Today" show. "I've always been one to think that I bring hope."

When asked if the high-fat, high-caloric recipes she champions can lead to diabetes, she hedged.

"That is part of the puzzle," she said, but mentioned other factors: genetics, lifestyle, stress and age.

"On my show I share with you all these yummy, fattening recipes, but I tell people, 'in moderation,'" she added. "I've always eaten in moderation."

Government doctors say that being overweight, over 45 and inactive increase the risk for de-

veloping Type 2 diabetes. Growth of the disease in the U.S. has been closely tied to escalating obesity rates. Roughly 23 million Americans are believed to have Type 2 diabetes, according to federal estimates.

Type 2 is the most common form of diabetes. The body either does not produce enough insulin or does not use it efficiently, allowing excess sugar, or glucose, to accumulate in the blood.

Deen has Type 2 diabetes and takes Victoza, a once-daily non-insulin injection. The website links to promotional materials for the drug.

The 64-year-old Deen, known as "the Queen of Southern cuisine," appears on Food Network.

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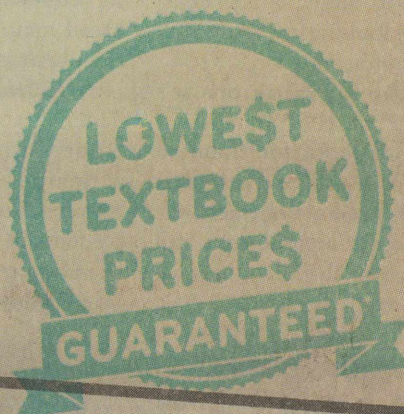
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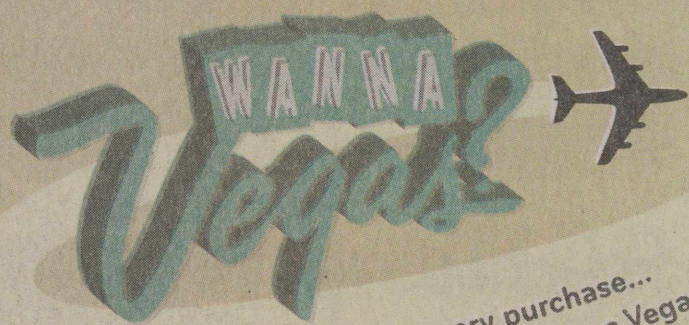
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Grambling State 59

Luke Adams' slight stature was an asset against Grambling State.

The 5-foot-9 freshman surreptitiously sank four three-pointers in the first five minutes in Texas Tech's 87-59 victory Dec. 18.

"He can definitely play," Grambling State head coach Bobby Washington said after the game. "He is the type of player you need in this league down the road."

Adams finished with 15 points in his first start of the season and also helped out with two assists.

"Luke is a great kind of spark player and he plays hard all the time," Robert Lewandowski said after the game. "And he's a great shooter."

The Red Raiders also ratcheted up on the defensive end, stifling the Tigers to a measly 30 percent shooting from the field in the game. A major piece of the defensive puzzle was Javarez Willis who applied consistent ball pressure throughout to disrupt Grambling State and keep them out of rhythm.

Dec. 22, Tulsa, Okla.
Oral Roberts 72
Texas Tech 56

Despite a second half surge, the Texas Tech men's basketball team could not overcome its first half struggles against Oral Roberts.

The Red Raiders dropped the non-conference contest 72-56 for their fifth loss of the season Dec. 22.

In the first frame, the Golden Eagles built an insurmountable lead when they went on a 19-2 run to secure a 17-point lead at halftime. The Red Raiders pulled within nine with less than seven minutes to play but could not climb out of the hole.

Dominique Morrison scored a game-high 26 points with 16 coming in the second half to clinch the victory for Oral Roberts.

Tech only made one three-pointer and missed all five three point attempts in the second half.

Dec. 27, Lubbock
Texas Tech 74
Cal State Bakersfield 58

It is unlikely Cal State Bakersfield will forget Jordan Tolbert.

The outstanding freshman bludgeoned, badgered and left the Roadrunners bereft of confidence in the Red Raiders' 74-58 victory Dec. 27.

The paint was a priority for Tolbert who scored a game-high 27 points, all of which came from the paint or the free-throw line.

"I gain a little bit more confidence every game," Tolbert said after the game. "We've been practicing well and I have great teammates and a great coach so I gain confidence every game."

For most of the season, Tolbert has been the leading scorer for the Red Raiders, consistently drawing the ire and attention of defenses in the form of double teams.

"He's getting better every single play and that's a freshman who's basically in his first semester on campus and asked to do way too much," head coach Billy Gillispie said after the game. "But he's responding very well."

Dec. 30, Lubbock
Texas Tech 62
Southeastern Louisiana 54

As the lone senior on Texas Tech men's basketball team, there is more than leadership that falls on the shoulders of Robert Lewandowski.

The 6-foot-8 center is responsible for protecting the basket and crashing the boards. The Overland Park, Kan., native did not get the chance to do that early during the Red Raiders Dec. 30 tilt with Southeastern Louisiana because he was forced to sit for most the first half after picking up two early fouls.

That did not stop Tech from building a four-point lead at half before finishing off the Bison in the second half to secure the 62-54 victory.

Lewandowski, along with the rest of his teammates, put the clamps on Southeastern Louisiana, keeping them to a paltry 28 percent from the field.

"If I score zero points but play well, if anyone on this team scores zero points but plays tremendous defensively, I think we would all be happy with that," Lewandowski said.

Jan. 4, Stillwater, Okla.
OSU 67
Texas Tech 59

Big-time Big 12 basketball is nothing new to Keiton Page.

The Oklahoma State senior has been a contributor since his freshman year, which is why it was no surprise he factored into the outcome of the Cowboys' 67-59 victory against Texas Tech.

With the Red Raiders mounting a comeback, trailing by two with less than three minutes remaining, Page stepped back and dropped a three-pointer to propel Oklahoma State to the win.

Page finished with a game-high 23 points and shot 50 percent from the field, garnering the utmost praise from Tech coach Billy Gillispie.

"I've watched him for a long time and he changes and stretches your defense because you have to be there on every shot," Gillispie said after the game. "It takes more than one guy to guard him. My respect for a player couldn't be any higher than what it is for Keiton."

The Red Raiders shot forty percent from the field, but could not match the Cowboys' poise and playmaking down the stretch, ultimately leading to a loss in their first conference game of the season.

Jan. 7, Lubbock
Baylor 73
Texas Tech 60

Make no mistake about it — the Texas Tech men's basketball team is not satisfied with simply being competitive in Big 12 Conference play.

Even though the Red Raiders built an early six-point lead and only trailed then-No. 4 Baylor by one point at halftime in their Jan. 7 matchup, the final score is all that mattered to Tech coach Billy Gillispie.

And the end result was not pleasant for the Red Raiders, who were defeated 73-60 by the Bears.

"I'm not really a hang-around kind of guy," Gillispie said after the game. "I couldn't care less about hanging around. I want to dominate. I'm a dominate kind of guy."

To complement the stellar frontcourt play, Bears point guard Pierre Jackson scored a game-high 19 points.

"Not taking anything away from them, but when (Jackson) came into the game, it was a totally different game," Gillispie said. "And he totally controlled the game like a point guard should."

Jan. 11, Lubbock
Kansas 81
Texas Tech 46

A promising start turned out to be a punitive defeat for the Texas Tech men's basketball team.

For the first five minutes of the Red Raiders' Big 12 tilt with then-No. 10 Kansas, the Jayhawks appeared flustered and flummoxed. Javarez Willis sli-

thered through the Kansas defense for three layups to give Tech an early 8-2 advantage.

Then, the Jayhawks found their stride and used a 10-0 run, eventually pummeling the Red Raiders 81-46.

"Just a real good whipping and I don't like it but it doesn't look like our players don't like it as much as I don't like it," head coach Billy Gillispie said after the game.

Thomas Robinson did nothing to discount the acclaim he has received as a potential John R. Wooden Award candidate. The junior tallied 19 points on 8-for-11 shooting and bullied the Tech defense with his strength inside.

Willis led the Red Raiders with 12 points and was the only Tech player to score in double figures.

Jan. 14, College Station
Texas A&M 67
Texas Tech 54

Billy Gillispie probably envisioned his return to Reed Arena, a place he trolled as the head coach at Texas A&M from 2004-07, turning out differently than it did.

The story did not end happily, with the Red Raiders losing 67-54 Saturday.

"I'm just disappointed all those people that know what we can do saw us not compete better than we did," Gillispie said after the game.

Tech got off to a rocky start and did not make a field goal until a Jaye Crockett dunk at the 9:44 mark in the first half.

The stifling Aggie defense kept Tech to 33 percent shooting from the field and the starters to a combined 14 points.

The Aggie trio of Khris Middleton, Elston Turner and Najji Hibbert scored 12 points apiece in the winning effort.

Jan. 17, Norman, Okla.
Oklahoma 64
Texas Tech 55

There is a stigma still attached to the Texas Tech men's basketball team.

The Red Raiders remain the only Big 12 Conference team without a win nearly a third of the way through the league schedule.

Tech was outlasted 64-55 by Oklahoma on Tuesday, dropping their fifth-consecutive Big 12 game.

Late in the second half, the Red Raiders narrowed the deficit to 48-47 when Robert Lewandowski missed a shot inside. The pivotal miss sparked a 6-0 run by the Sooners and dashed all ideas of a comeback.

The Red Raiders shot 32 percent from the field and leading scorer Jordan Tolbert was 1-for-10 from the field and missed his first nine attempts.

It was not a substantially better shooting performance by Oklahoma, which shot 39 percent, but it was enough to ensure the Red Raiders will still be chasing their elusive first conference victory.

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JAVAREZ WILLIS LOOKS for a teammate to pass the ball to during the Red Raiders' 64-55 loss to Oklahoma on Tuesday in Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.

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The Golden Rule of NBA: Superstars come first

At one time or another during your life someone has told you all about "The Golden Rule" of life. The most common version of the rule is, "do as you would be done by." However, the real golden rule of life is much different.

Those who have the gold make the rules.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the modern day NBA.

The NBA is ruled by an elite class of people in a way unlike any other in sports. There is less parity, even though it might appear as such with the amount of teams who are playoff contenders. It is a superstar-driven league when there really isn't a huge crop of stars to choose from. The cream of the

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crop make the rules in the NBA.

As Dwight Howard gives a list of teams he wants to be traded to — much like Carmelo Anthony before him — you start to think about how unfair this is. I don't get to choose where I work next, why should these guys?

Lamar Odom wasn't happy when the Lakers attempted to trade him to New Orleans in a deal for Chris Paul. He was heartbroken, even crying on ESPN

Radio, about the fact that the Lakers would move him for a star. The problem with Odom's stance is that he isn't a star and Paul is.

Howard and Anthony are stars and are allowed to dictate how they are treated. They make the rules, and the gold in this scenario is their talent. The superstars get to make the rules.

It works for the NBA.

The NBA holds a smaller roster than the other two big sports. The draft is smaller, so new stars are less frequent. It isn't like Major League Baseball where players can have a flashy two years and are quickly replaced with the next big thing. The NBA doesn't replenish the star cupboard quickly or easily.

The players who don't pan out

stick around too. Kwame Brown was a terrible No. 1 overall pick, but he still makes millions of dollars in the league. The Golden State Warriors is where he currently sits, so no need to Google it.

The NBA needs these stars to be happy and play well. The idea that all millionaire athletes are spoiled brats is not far off. Kobe Bryant cried when the Lakers failed to make the playoffs post Shaq. Vince Carter and Tracy McGrady have both assassinated trade deadline deals when they were unhappy with their situation. Currently, Deron Williams mopes around the court in New Jersey pretending to care.

The NBA is a star league and it has the drawbacks and positives

for all. Current players seem to be more welcome to the superstar team idea (see the Miami Heat) than the historic players.

One thing people learn is that you have to baby the people who make other people money. The trickledown effect of a star player not playing or not playing well affects everyone. If it takes letting them choose their own path, so be it.

Sports are not the real world, but there are lessons to be taken away from it.

The talented players will get to call most of their shots. Of course, hard work and individualism is rewarded. Derrick Rose and Kevin Durant stand out as not the typical star, but still an exciting and

important player in the league.

This won't last forever. Eventually basketball will change and the age of the superstars will move along. David Stern vetoing a trade showed the players won't always get their way. This too shall pass, just like the age of Michael Jordan passed.

The only question is, will the future of the NBA turn into a league of consummate professionals or continue to be watered down by grown up teenagers? The time being though, the price of gold is going up, and the NBA is cashing in.

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Darvish, Texas agree to \$60M, 6-yr deadline deal

ARLINGTON (AP) — Yu Darvish is coming to America to pitch.

Japan's best pitcher and the Texas Rangers agreed before Wednesday's deadline to a \$60 million, six-year contract. In addition to the salary, the Rangers will pay a posting fee of about \$51.7 million to pay to the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters of Japan's Pacific League.

The deal came at the end of a 30-day negotiating window that began Dec. 19 when the Rangers' bid to negotiate with the pitcher was accepted. Had a deal not been reached by the 4 p.m. CST deadline, Darvish would have remained with the Fighters and Texas would have kept the posting fee.

When the deal was reached in Texas by his agents Don Nomura and Arn Tellem, the 25-year-old Darvish was home in Japan, where he returned for offseason training after his first and only visit to Texas

two weeks ago. The Rangers plan to formally introduce Darvish on Friday.

Darvish had a 93-38 record with a 1.99 ERA over the past seven seasons in Japan. The 6-foot-5 right-hander was a two-time Pacific League MVP and a five-time All-Star. He led the league in strikeouts three times, in ERA twice and won two Gold Gloves.

Rangers President Nolan Ryan, a Hall of Fame pitcher and strikeout king who pitched a record 27 major league seasons, was impressed by Darvish's size and attitude about wanting to compete when they met for the first time earlier this month.

"To me, he represented all I had been led to believe, so I felt really good about it," Ryan said last week.

The deal surpasses what Daisuke Matsuzaka got when he left Japan and signed with the Boston Red Sox just more than five years ago.

Dice-K got a \$52 million, six-year deal and the Red Sox also had to pay a \$51.111 million posting fee that was the highest for a Japanese player before what the Rangers bid for Darvish.

When Ichiro Suzuki used the posting system in 2000 to get to the major leagues, the Seattle Mariners won the right negotiate with a bid of about \$13 million, then signed him to a \$14 million, three-year contract.

Through last season, 38 Japan-born pitchers had appeared in the major leagues. There were nine last season, including relievers Yoshinori Tateyama and Koji Uehara with the Rangers. Both are still on the 40-man roster in Texas.

Matsuzaka is 49-30 with a 4.25 ERA in 106 games (105 starts) in five seasons with the Red Sox since his high-profile move from the Seibu Lions to Boston in December 2006 when he was 26 years old.

He has had six stints on the disabled list, including last season when he had right elbow surgery and didn't pitch after May 16. He is going into the final season of his contract with the Red Sox worth about \$10 million.

Darvish, the son of an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, went 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA last season in Japan, when he made the equivalent of about \$6 million. He had 276 strikeouts to lead the Pacific League.

Darvish, who turned pro at 18, pitched in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and was a member of the Japanese team that won the 2009 World Baseball Classic. The right-hander has superb control and throws seven effective pitches.

Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux had dinner with Darvish earlier this month and has watched video of him pitching in Japan.

"The mix, he does a lot of things with the ball. His size too," Maddux said this week. "He's a big fellow. That's the biggest impression I got, or the most surprising thing that I saw was how big he is." Maddux's younger brother, four-time NY Cy Young winner Greg, is now a special assistant for the Rangers and is also impressed with what he's watched.

"He looks real good in the video. I know that," Greg Maddux said. "His command, his stuff, ability to pitch. ... If the ball goes where you want it to go, then everything's pretty good, and that's what I saw."

The Rangers lost their pitching ace in free agency after both World Series appearances.

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

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ACROSS
 1 Fair color?
 6 Skippy rival
 9 Gillette razor
 13 Moses' mount
 14 Like the Gobi Desert
 16 "House" actor Robert Leonard
 17 Nuts
 19 Agony, whose seal features a shock of corn
 20 First area to fill in on a form
 21 Harry Potter series ender?
 23 Up to, briefly
 24 Street Cry, to Street Sense
 25 Switching device
 29 "Here Come the ... 1945 college comedy
 31 Cover
 32 "Leda and the Swan" poet
 33 Swing voter. Abbr.
 34 Store sign
 36 "Yeah, right!"
 37 Keeps at it
 39 Jackie Chan genre
 42 Four-legged king
 43 Fruit often dried
 46 Novel opening
 47 Row of seats
 49 quon
 50 "We want you here"
 53 Targets
 54 Texas Rangers manager Washington
 55 Pat-down org.
 56 Gaffer's feat
 58 Table scraps
 60 Daily, and a literal hint to 17-, 25-, 37- and 50-
ACROSS
 64 Stringed instrument
 65 Bygone Dodge
 66 One may bring eternal bad luck
 67 Selection word
 68 William, to Charles
 69 Cold metal?
DOWN
 1 Egyptian cobra
 2 Umpteen, with "a"
 3 Not made public
 4 Came down
 5 Mozart's "k" Klein
 6 "Across container
 7 Tax-sheltered savings, briefly
 8 Effervesced
 9 SW school whose mascot carries a pitchfork
 10 Research site
 11 Give off
 12 Word with stock or market
 15 Yarn colorer
 18 Graduation filer
 22 Terra firma
 24 Phys., e.g.
 26 Jackie's designer
 27 Actress with six Oscar nominations by age 33
 28 Hard to grasp
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 35 One may not be intended
 36 WWII battle site, for short
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Lady Raider recaps of games during break

Dec. 7, Lubbock
Texas Tech 88
UT Arlington 48

No. 16 Texas Tech made its 88-48 victory against the Mavericks look easy. The Lady Raiders got out to a fast start and never trailed in the game.

Casey Morris scored a career-high 24 points while making six three-pointers in the process. Morris had 22 of her points in the first half.

Monique Smalls also contributed on offense with 11 assists in the game.

Tech was active on the defensive side of the ball, logging 19 steals and 4 blocks. The Lady Raiders limited UT Arlington to 15 points in the first half.

Dec. 17, Chicago
Texas Tech 70
Illinois 64

The No. 15 Lady Raiders defeated Illinois 70-64 in its second and final game of the Big 12-Big Ten Challenge.

The Lady Raiders scored first and never allowed the Fighting Illini to take the lead in the game. Texas Tech led by as much as 12 points in the first half.

Christine Hyde led the Lady Raiders on offense with a career-high 18 points.

Kierra Mallard contributed with 12 points and 10 rebounds in only 26 minutes of play. It marked her fourth double-double of the season.

The win gave Tech its first 9-0 start under coach Kristy Curry.

Dec. 21, Lubbock
Texas Tech 75
Western Kentucky 38

The No. 15 Texas Tech women's basketball team trounced Western Kentucky 75-38.

The win guided Tech coach Kristy Curry to her first 10-0 start of her career.

Tech had contributions from its entire roster as 11 Lady Raiders scored in the game. Every player on Tech's roster had at least one rebound.

Casey Morris was the only Lady Raider to score in double figures with 11 points.

Tech was solid on both offense and defense, and the Lady Raiders shot 53.3 percent from the floor while keeping Western Kentucky to

shooting 22 percent from the floor.

Dec. 29, San Diego, Calif.
Texas Tech 81
Cal State Bakersfield 63

The No. 13 Lady Raider basketball team beat Cal-State Bakersfield 81-63 in its first game in the Surf N' Slam Classic in San Diego.

Tech fell behind early in the game, but quickly bounced back and took a 35-20 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Shauntal Nobles' career-high 14 points helped Texas Tech to the victory. Nobles also led the Lady Raiders on the glass with 8 rebounds.

Kierra Mallard contributed with 14 points and 6 rebounds. Monique Smalls and Mary Bokenkamp both had 10 points in the game.

Dec. 30, San Diego, Calif.
Texas Tech 58
San Diego 57

The No. 13 Texas Tech women's basketball team had its closest margin of victory of the season when they defeated San Diego 58-57 to win the Surf N' Slam Classic in San Diego.

Tech senior Kierra Mallard made the game-winning shot off of an offensive rebound late in the game. Mallard had 12 points and nine rebounds in the game.

San Diego had a chance to win the game, but Felicia Wijenberg missed a layup at the buzzer.

The Toreros led by as many as 11 points in the first half before the Lady Raiders mounted their comeback.

The win was the 100th victory for Kristy Curry as a coach at Tech. Shauntal Nobles and Chynna Brown were named to the All-Tournament Team while Mallard was named Tournament MVP.

Jan. 4, Lubbock
Texas Tech 58
Oklahoma State 53

The Texas Tech women's basketball team opened Big 12 Conference play with a 58-53 victory against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

The matchup between the Lady Raiders and the Cowgirls featured defense where both teams were kept to less than 35 percent shooting from the floor.

Tech senior Kierra Mallard led the Lady Raiders with her fifth double-double of the season. She tallied 19 points, 11 rebounds and was the only Lady Raider to score in double figures for the game.

Following the game, the Tech players and coaches locked arms with the Oklahoma State players and coaches while the Tech Goin' Band played Oklahoma State's Alma Mater in honor of Oklahoma State coaches Kurt Budke and Miranda Serna, who died in a plane crash with two other alumni Nov. 17.

Jan. 7, Columbia, Mo.
Texas Tech 69
Missouri 63

The No. 13 Lady Raider basketball team remained undefeated after beating Missouri 69-63 in Columbia, Mo.

The game was Texas Tech's final time to play at Missouri as a conference opponent before the Tigers leave for the SEC next season.

The Lady Raiders had a nine-point lead late in the first half before a big run by Missouri gave the Tigers a six point advantage at halftime.

Chynna Brown helped Tech overcome this halftime deficit with a game-high 17 points. Kierra Mallard had 14 points while Casey Morris added 13 of her own.

Jan. 11, Norman, Okla.
Oklahoma 71
Texas Tech 68

The No. 10 Texas Tech women's basketball team lost its first game of the season to Oklahoma, 71-68, despite Christine Hyde's career night.

Hyde scored 21 points, but also had eight turnovers in the Lady Raiders' loss. Tech had 16 turnovers in the game.

Tech's largest lead in the game was seven points.

Kierra Mallard led the Lady Raiders on the glass with 11 rebounds. Mallard fouled out with 2:33 left on the clock, which is when Oklahoma started their rally. Tech had a chance to tie the



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH AND Penn State players fight over a rebound during a 70-66 Lady Raider victory Dec. 3. After this game, the Lady Raiders won seven out of nine games during winter break.

game but Jordan Barncastle missed a three-pointer with two seconds left in the game.

Jan. 14, Lubbock
Texas Tech 61
Kansas State 62

After starting the season 14-0, the No. 10 Lady Raider basketball team lost its second-straight game of the year, going down to Kansas State 62-61 in United Spirit Arena.

Tech senior Kierra Mallard led the team in scoring and rebounding with 18 points and eight rebounds. Christine Hyde and Casey Morris added 10 points each.

The Lady Raiders trailed by 10 points at halftime, but had a five-point lead early in the second half.

Tech had a chance to win the game, but Monique Smalls missed a jump shot as time expired.

The game snapped Tech's 13-game home winning streak.

The Lady Raiders had 16 turnovers for the second-straight game.

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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle is fouled during Tech's 69-43 victory against New Mexico on Nov. 11.

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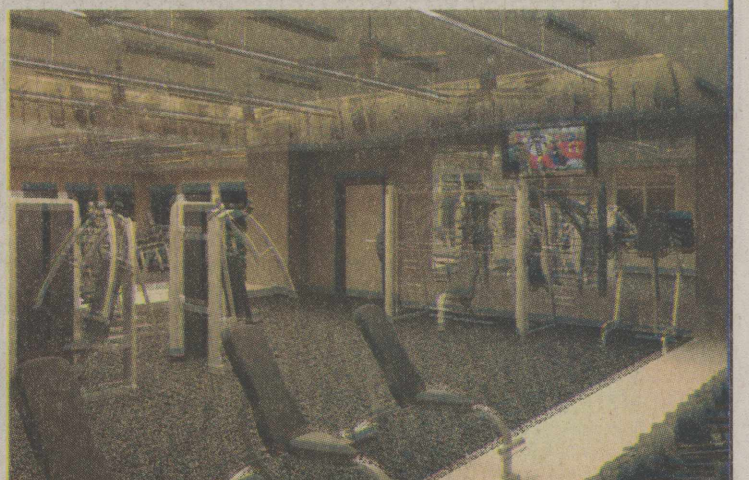
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