

Peace Corps M.A. program celebrates 5th year at Tech

Grad students have unique opp. for learning

By DEVIN GARZA STAFF WRITER

This year marks the fifth anniversary of partnership between Texas Tech and the Peace Corps' Masters International program.

The program gives the opportunity for graduate students in the Colleges of Education, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to earn two years of academic credit by serving in the Peace Corps overseas.

The service entails a 27-month commitment during which graduate volunteers work on projects in developing countries, designed to economically better the community in which they are stationed.

"Peace Corps' mission is to work with developing countries, to help them identify areas where they don't have enough people-trained for the jobs they need done," said Sandra Crosier, director of Tech's Study Abroad program. "Peace Corps helps them assess that situation and then trains

then sends them abroad."

In addition to the two years of academic credit graduate volunteers receive for their service, the benefits they will receive from Peace Corps while active in the PCMI program include transportation to and from their designated country, housing, medical and dental benefits, 24 vacation days per year and a \$7,425 readjustment allowance for the completion of their service.

Gad Perry, an associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management, sat on the oversight committee for Erin Hoelting, a Tech graduate who recently returned from her PCMI service in Zambia, Africa.

"International development is the primary experience," he said of the practical experience afforded by the program.

Perry also stressed how volunteers get the standard two years of foreign work experience international employers look for.

A Select Group





TechBriefly

Gov. appoints new regent for Texas **Tech system**

Gov. Rick Perry appointed John Walker, a member of the Texas Tech Foundation Board and advisory board member of the Rawls College of Business, to the Texas Tech University System's Board of Regents on Tuesday.

Walker, who received his bachelor's degree from Tech in 1968, is replacing Regent John Huffaker of Amarillo, who was appointed in Feb. 2009.

Study could save swine industry millions

Animal science researchers from Texas Tech and Iowa State have released a study claiming pigs need less bedding when being transported, which could benefit the animals' chance of survival, as well as save the swine industry an average of \$10.1 million a year.

John McGlone, a professor in the Department of Animal and Food Science, said at least 400,000 of the 100 million pigs transported to butchers each year face inadequate moving conditions. This includes heat exhaustion, stress and in some cases, death.

McGlone said his research team found prime bedding

levels for various weather

volunteers to do those jobs and

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Tech researchers discover new species of crocodile

By DEVIN GARZA STAFF WRITER

....genetics suggested they were more closely related to Cuban Crocodiles, but that they were also distinct ... " **Jeremy Weaver** Tech grad student

Texas Tech researchers have discovered what is known as the American Crocodile on the mainland, and throughout the Caribbean there may in fact not be just one, but several new species of crocodiles.

Lou Densmore, a chair in Tech's Department of Biological Sciences, along with his team of researchers, are leading the way in researching what they are tentatively calling the Antillean Crocodile.

Jeremy Weaver, a Tech graduate student, began his work as an undergraduate categorizing Cuban Crocodiles from 200 samples Densmore

collected throughout the 80s and 90s.

Weaver's findings were published in The Journal of Experimental Zoology in 2008.

"We were able to identify the Cuban Crocodile, but the American Crocodiles we were sampling, which were from the Caribbean - specifically the Greater Antilles - didn't actually look like American Crocodiles," Weaver said.

Although the size and shape of the crocodiles were similar, studies found they may not have been the same species, he said.

"The morphology did (show similarities)," Weaver said, "but the genetics suggested they were more closely related to Cuban Crocodiles, but that they were also distinct. That's what led us to ask, 'Is there an ancient hybridization event happening? Is the American Crocodile in the Greater Antilles the result of this interbreeding that appears to have happened 500,000 to 1,000,000 years ago?""

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PHOTOS BY SCOTT MACWATTERS / The Daily Toreador

TOP: LINDSAY MURFF, a junior public relations major from Fort Worth, leads a tour near the English building Friday. ABOVE: Lindsay Murff points out some facts about Memorial Circle.

two campus tours daily for prospec-

come to Tech," said Channing Mar-

tin, a senior public relations major

from Amarillo. "We direct them on

campus with the warmest hospitality

Select students answer questions

from prospective students and their

to hear more of the student perspec-

While on the tours, President's

Most people, Ramirez said, want

we can; it's their first impression."

tive students visiting the campus.

Student organization assists in recruiting prospective students

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

On a day-to-day basis, the President's Select members' number one job is walking backward.

The members answer phones in the visitors' center, travel to recruit for Texas Tech and represent the student body to donors and alumni at games and events.

"The first day, I was sore," said Breanne Ramirez, who has been with President's Select for nearly four years, "but it gets easier and easier."

tive and opinion rather than the facts about Tech and its history. Sometimes, they want to know more interesting things.

"I always get asked if I ride horses to class," said Ramirez, a senior speech and hearing sciences major from Lubbock.

People who are not familiar with Texas will frequently ask Members of the organization lead where the horses go, where they are "parked" and the like, she said.

"It's not boring at all," Martin "We want to make them want to said, "unless you've got a really quiet group."

> The questions range from the expected, like "How is dorm life?" to the unexpected and hard to answer, like "What charter was the school founded under?" said Berkley Iden, a junior agriculture communications major from Big Spring.

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conditions, including extreme heat and freezing temperatures. The team also found as air temperatures change so do pigs' surface temperature, which could cause negative effects.

Tech School of Law. **Bar Association to host** community law school

The Texas Tech School of Law and the Lubbock County Bar Association will host the first Community Law School for members of Lubbock who are interested in learning more about Texas and national law.

Attendees will gain insight about several legal topics from local attorneys who can answer any questions about the legal system and legal education.

The free classes will take place at 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 4, 11 and 18 in the School of Law's Lanier Auditorium. Special topics include health law, employment law, social security, child support, divorce and wills.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Poster Sale

Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Where: Student Union Ballroom So, what is it? Tech Activities Board is giving students, faculty and staff a chance to buy a variety of posters from their favorite bands, movies or scenes.

Study Abroad Fair

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Student Union Building So, what is it? The Texas Tech International Affairs will have Study Abroad program representatives from more than 300 programs available to students.

Dr. Lewis "Bob" Sorley Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: School of Law, Lanier Auditorium So, what is it?

The Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series presents its first speaker of 2012, Bob Sorley, a graduate of West Point and served as an executive officer in Vietnam for three years. He also served time as an assistant secretary of general staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, and commanded a tank battalion in West Germany.

Texas Tech Men's Basketball Time: 8 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it?

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Kansas State.

THURSDAY

Movie Festival Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" hosted by the Association of Chinese Students and Scholars at Lubbock.

Osher Lifelong Learning Insti-

tute Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? OLLI presents "Readers Circle" for the January book selection "Main Street" by Sinclair Lewis.

Free Movie Night

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Join Tech Activities Board for the viewing of the feature film "50/50."

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu. Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.





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RENEE ORRANTIA, A junior psychology and human development and family studies major from El Paso, gives hugs to students as they pass through the Free Speech Area on Tuesday. Orrantia was inspired by Juan Mann, the Free Hugs Campaign originator, to start having Free Hug Fridays on campus.

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what we have here."

Norman Hopper, who heads the Master of Agriculture program in the

Perry said students should understand it may not be an easy transition.

be alone in the country they go to serve.

"When you go," Perry said, "you go as a representative of the U.S. government. You get a lot of support from the government, you get an oversight committee, you don't go

Overall, Perry said it is a good experience for those who choose to

"You do good," he said. "There's

For Densmore, one of the main goals of his research is a careful characterization of the



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Impact Tech aims to keep students stress free

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

There are many times during the semester where a student may find him or herself overwhelmed, which is not unusual as the transition to college life can be stressful, but one organization hopes to help students with this change.

Thomas Schaeffer, a senior biology major from Waxahachie, said the main focus of Impact Tech is to make sure students on campus remain informed.

"We give the general student population health information that is relevant to them in their lives," he said. "We want to help them with how to approach and live a lifestyle that is healthy and stress free."

Impact Tech is a student organization affiliated with the Student Wellness Center. The organization consists of a group of peer educators dedicated to educating and promoting general health and welfare on the Tech campus.

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the tour guides will make sure it gets

answered when they return to the visi-

members also learn a lot about Tech

If they do not know the answer,

During their 6-10 weeks of training,

Iden said she had never noticed

the architecture on campus until she

began explaining it to others, and she

said she learned the campus in Seville,

Spain, has an identical administration

building, which she is looking forward

commerce major, said he spent most of

his life in Lubbock and around Tech,

but did not know much about the his-

he said he rarely talks about it because

he spends most of the tours interacting

As much as he loves the history,

tory until he became a tour guide.

Junior Jace McKenzie, an energy

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tors' center.

for the tours.

to seeing.

Schaeffer said the students involved with the organization are ogy major from Lufkin, said being a not licensed and do not give specific advice.

However, he said Impact Tech does have monthly awareness meetings in ent kinds of people on a professional which students can get whatever information they may be looking for.

"We're able to send them in the right direction, as far as student wellness goes, to somebody who could help them," Schaeffer said.

Chelsea Anderson, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Plano and a peer health organization member, said the roles of members within the organization include organizing events and speaking publicly about different types of awareness.

Anderson said she is responsible for planning the social events Impact Tech is involved with.

"We do community service, awareness events on campus, presentations on health topics and anything related to college or student living," she said.

Amal Soomro, a junior psycholmember of Impact Tech has helped hone her ability to work with others.

"It has helped me work with differlevel," she said. "If something goes wrong, (I know) how to handle certain situations on a professional level that will help me in my field."

Anna Lorenzi, the president of Impact Tech and a senior exercise and sports sciences major from The Woodlands, said the application process into the organization helped her conquer her personal fears of public speaking.

"I felt nauseous for days beforehand because I hated public speaking and I came, I did it, then I got into the organization, and so for me that was a major triumph," she said. "Public speaking still intimidates me, but now I know I can do it and Impact Tech helped me get more comfortable."

Lorenzi said Impact Tech is a group of regular students who give presentations on health ranging from stress



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador MEMBERS OF THE student organization Impact Tech discuss ideas of how to raise student awareness concerning health and wellness inside the Student Wellness Center on Tuesday.

on campus. "We're here to give factual, sci- or tell people what to do, but to give

and time management to eating habits entific based health information," information so that they can make she said. "We're not here to judge their own educated decisions." >>>>mdupont@dailytoreador.com

with the prospective students and answering questions.

"We don't want to feel robotic," Ramirez said. "We want (the students) to feel like they are already a part of Texas Tech."

She said her best advice on the tours is for students to end up at a college where they feel comfortable, and it was important to make them feel that way on the tours.

"You need a friendly personality," McKenzie said. "We want to show how welcoming Tech is."

And part of that is walking backward so they can face their tour group. "I've lost a few shoes, hit a few benches," Iden said, "but for the most

part it's good.' Ramirez said the groups often warn the tour guides if a curb or other obstacle is coming up.

"I've never fallen," she said. "Everyone knows we walk backward, they're expecting us to fall.' >>> hdavis@dailytoreador.com

Food Network, book take on weight in chef whites

NEW YORK (AP) - Paula food?

Deen's diabetes revelation pretty much sums it up: Kitchen pros at all levels struggle with obesity and its dangerous aftertaste in the highpressure, high-calorie world of food.

The queen of Southern comfort cooking, now a spokeswoman for a diabetes drugmaker's health initiative, announced last week that she hid her Type 2 diabetes for about three years while continuing to cook up deep-fried cheesecake and bacon-and-egg burgers between doughnuts on TV.

Choosing to digest her ill health privately all those years, Deen's story is familiar to those in chef's jackets who already had gone public with the question few in their world love to talk about: How do you stay healthy while trying to earn a living making

On Thursday, a dozen obese chefs, restaurant owners, caterers and others will search for the answer. That's when the Food Network premieres "Fat Chef," which follows participants for 16 weeks as they struggle to lose weight and learn a healthier way of life with the help of trainers, nutritionists and therapists.

"You have this abundance of food all around you," said pastry chef Michael Mignano, who's one of the dozen. "You're doing parties, you have weddings. There's always a lot of food left over. You're constantly tasting, working late hours, eating late."

Mignano, 36, owns a bakery in Port Washington, N.Y. At 6 foot 2,

he weighed about 500 pounds soon after he was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in 2010, before "Fat Chef" went into production last October. His resolve to do something about his weight grew stronger as the result of a different Food Network show on which he appeared in September, "Sweet Genius."

"I wasn't nervous about that show, but I was nervous about whether the jacket would fit me," said Mignano, who now weighs about 400 pounds and has a long road ahead to reach his goal weight of 250. "Watching myself on that show, I was the fat guy. That's all I saw. I felt almost like a drunk seeing himself on the floor passed out."

Going public with his weight loss

journey hasn't been easy for Mignano and others in similar unhealthy dire straits. As chefs, the constant food stimulation by sight, smell and taste was compounded by personal struggles and family obligations.

Art Smith, who doesn't appear on the show, is a child of fried chicken and other Southern staples like his old pal Deen. Like Deen, he was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes about three years ago.

Also 6 foot 2, Smith ballooned to 325 pounds while gorging on refined sugar, caffeine, PB&Js — anything that gave him an instant energy boost or filled him up at the end of an exhausting day as a chef for Oprah Winfrey.

Laura Kyle Baker, M.D. Family Medicine



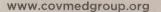
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Dr. Baker has 27 years Family Medicine experience that follows her Family Medicine residency at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas in 1984. Dr. Baker has been licensed with the state of Texas since 1981 and has been certified with the American Board of Family Medicine since 1984.

Dr. Baker treats the full range of patients seen in primary care - both adults and children. She sees patients for routine preventative care as well as acute injuries and illnesses.

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Political rhetoric too hateful

ecently, I saw a picture of Adolf Hitler someone posted on Facebook with a caption stated, "First (George W.) Bush was Hitler, now Obama is Hitler... all Presidents are going to have some bad ideas, but until they decide to kill six million plus people for having 'inferior genes' let's hold off on the name calling."

Name calling of this extreme caliber is not something limited to the blogosphere or the wonderful, intellectual world of YouTube comments. I have heard some of my fellow students call Obama and other politicians "Hitler," "Stalin," a "communist" and many other similar names and terms. Worse, these students see no problem with this.

People in the media are especially not immune to such colorful language. Rush Limbaugh recently compared Texas governor Rick Perry to Cuban dictator Fidel Castro due to his criticism of presidential candidate Mitt Romney's involvement with Bain Capital, which is a prominent private equity firm. I am in no way, shape or form a fan of Perry, but even I thought comparing him to a communist dictator was a bit harsh to say the least.

Politicians are also not above this level of discourse. In his speech after the conclusion of the Iowa caucuses, Rick Santorum compared the Obama administration to Benito Mussolini's fascist regime in Italy

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before and during World War II. I was definitely not aware Obama's policies were akin to a 1930s Italian police state.

This got me thinking, how did the United States

get to this ridiculous point? Perhaps one

can place some of the blame on the 24-hour cable news networks. Modern cable television news doesn't really allow a lot of room

for rational po-

litical discourse

to be played

out. Rather, it's

the outrageous

sound bites that

the most airtime.

differing political views. This climate of hate has appeared

in unexpected places. Last year, Republican Governor of Wisconsin Scott Walker pushed through policies that essentially diminished the powers of public employee unions in the state. Unprecedented protests occurred in the state involving those against as well as in favor of the measures. Ugly scenes erupted at protests between the two sides.

Hateful political rhetoric in this political rhetoric and discussion in nation has also resulted in tragic consequenc-

es. A year ago

this month in

Tucson, Ariz.,

an attempted

assassination of

Arizona Repre-

sentative Ga-

brielle Giffords

resulted in the

deaths of six

people. Gif-

fords nearly lost

her life and is

still recovering,

even recently

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stepping down from Congress goad people into reacting and garner to concentrate on her recovery.

iter to Win

In wake of the deadly shootings, many called for a toning down of political rhetoric. Sheriff Clarence Dupnik of Yuma County, where Tucson is located, believed heated

rhetoric and violence were related,

stating in a news conference after

the event that, "The anger, the hatred, the bigotry that goes on in this country is getting to be outrageous." I completely agree.

In 2012, we live in a political climate of hate and malice. Instead of simply disagreeing and debating these ideas, efforts are to marginalize and ostracize the other side simply for the crime of having a different opinion.

Don't get me wrong, I consider myself politically minded and enjoy a good debate of politics and government. We live in a democracy after all, where political debates and discussions are and should be the norm. But when calls of communism and tyranny are made in response to differing ideas and the political establishment does nothing and even encourages hateful rhetoric, there is something fundamentally wrong.

We as Americans should allow no room for hateful political rhetoric and those who encourage it, especially in an election year such as this. If we are to take any lessons a year after the tragedies in Tucson into the 2012 Presidential campaigns it is that we must tone down the rhetoric and hate. Otherwise, democracy will be undermined and, God forbid, we may face more violence.

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But cable news has been around

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and people that happen to espouse

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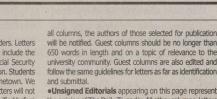
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Tech travels to KU looking to snap losing streak

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

A recent slide has done nothing to rupture Kristy Curry's optimism toward her team's season and current path.

The No. 21 Lady Raider basketball team will try to stop its 4-game losing skid against the Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kan., today.

"It's a brand new day we're blessed with," Curry said, "and we've got to wake up today and do our best. And if you do your best, at the end of the day we can live with the results."

Tech (14-4, 2-4 in Big 12 Conference play) is trying to rebound from its latest loss against Iowa State on Sunday. The Cyclones were 0-5 in Big 12 play prior to the win against the Lady Raiders.

The team has looked beyond the losses and has been working hard in practice to prepare for the Jayhawks, Curry said.

"I'm really pleased with their effort and their energy and their approach, and we're getting ready

to go for KU," she said. "You know, easy baskets in transition - evthe good thing is when you're in this situation, you get to play again."

Kansas' Caroline Davis is one of the toughest players to deal with in the Big 12, Curry said.

Davis is averaging 18.1 points per game and is shooting 62.6 percent from the field.

"We've got to do a great job on not letting (Davis) bury us deep," she said, "not getting easy baskets in transition and not giving up layups in the half court. We have to do a great job defensively."

The Jayhawks (15-3, 4-2) have a strong backcourt to compliment their frontcourt, Curry said. In fact, Kansas possesses a commander on the court that reminds Curry of Tech's very own Monique Smalls.

"They have a healthy Angel Goodrich who reminds me so much of (Monique) Smalls," Curry said. "I think it's going to be a great matchup at the one spot, both of them are doing so much for their team as far as really being that floor general getting some

erything starts with Angel."

The Lady Raiders have focused on the team's goals more as they prepare for their battle in Kansas, Tech guard Christine Hyde said.

"We don't like to continue to look at the past," she said, "but we need to correct for the future, and that's what we're doing. We're not sitting down and dwelling on it and harping on it, we're just going to continue to practice and work towards to improve every day."

The sting of losing has motivated Tech to get back on track, the junior guard said.

"We hate losing more than we like winning," Hyde said. "I guess you can always forget what winning feels like, but you never forget what losing feels like."

Hyde has been a positive during Tech's losing streak, averaging 12.5 points per loss. The Lady Raiders' confidence,

like Curry's, has not been shaken at all, Hyde said.

"Our confidence is great," she said. "You know, we don't lose



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls tries to dribble around Baylor guard Kimetria Hayden during the 72-64 loss against the Lady Bears on Jan. 18 in United Spirit Arena. The Lady Raiders will travel to Kansas today to take on the Jayhawks to try and snap a four-game losing streak.

anything. And I know a lot of not doing that. We're staying municating in a positive way, and and blame each other, but we're to each other. We're still com-

teams would probably fall apart together and we're still talking

I think that's what we need to do." »»-cwoodman@dailvtoreador.com

Long lines to bid farewell to JoePa

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) -Decked out in Penn State hats and jackets, students and townspeople stood in a line more than a quartermile long Tuesday to pay their respects to Joe Paterno, the coach who for nearly a half century was the face of their university.

Mourners stood in a line along a main campus artery for the chance to file past Paterno's closed casket at the campus spiritual center during a 10-hour public viewing session.

They were preceded by Paterno family members — the coach's son, Scott, was seen going in and out of

public viewing, athletic department spokesman Jeff Nelson said.

"He left us too early and I think about the impact he could have made once he retired from coaching," Nelson said.

The 85-year-old Paterno, the winningest coach in major college football, died Sunday. The cause, lung cancer, was disclosed in November, just days after he was fired.

Earlier Tuesday, a line of explayers stretched around the corner and down the block. Among the mourners were former Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers great FranSeafood board may use BP cash to rename N.O. arena

Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board might use some of the \$30 million it got from BP PLC to buy naming rights for the New Orleans Arena, where the NBA's Hornets play.

Ewell Smith, the board's executive director, said Tuesday that he and other board officials have been working with Jac Sperling, who was appointed by NBA commissioner David Stern to oversee the Hornets when the league bought the club in late 2010.

The name change to the Louisiana Seafood Arena would be only a small part of a campaign to bolster Gulf of Mexico seafood in the aftermath of the 2010 oil spill, Smith said in an interview.

Smith said he would also like

keep the Hornets in Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal said.

"We know the seafood and marketing board has been having their own discussions about what to do with the BP money. Our only guidance to them is that those stakeholders should decide what's the best use of that money to help that industry," Jindal said Tuesday.

The marketing board is appointed by the governor and under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Asked whether anyone from the state or the Hornets was talks are between the Hornets and worried that the naming rights Zatarain's," Smith said. purchase might appear to be a

The BP money is in \$5 million increments over three years, and the seafood board must account for previous spending each time it asks for another installment, Smith said. Asked what the board would do to pay for naming rights after that, Smith said he couldn't go into details but "we are also working on future funding sources beyond the three years for our overall marketing efforts."

Smith confirmed a report from WVUE-TV that Zatarain's Brands Inc., which makes New Orleansstyle seasonings and food mixes, also is discussing naming rights for the arena and might be paired up with seafood in the name. "Those

Zatarain's did not return a call

state NFL team asked about making Louisiana seafood the team's official seafood, Smith said.

"That's the kind of opportunity we want to leverage," he said.

Team spokesman Harold Kaufman would say only, "Naming rights have been a focus for the team for the last few seasons and although it's not appropriate to identify who those discussions are with, we are very excited about our progress.'

The proposed name could open the arena to ridicule, said Thomas "Tommy" Karam, who teaches sports marketing at Louisiana State University.

"I think it would be a name that could be risky," he said.

A private company name alone would be best - and Mercedes-

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The nothing to do with the state's continuing negotiations with the NBA about a long-term lease to

the event — and the Penn State football team, both present and past. Players wore dark suits and filed out of three blue Penn State buses, the same buses that once carried Paterno and the team to Daryll Clark. games at Beaver Stadium on fall Saturdays.

Among that group was Mike McQueary. As a graduate assistant to Paterno in 2002, he went to the coach saying he had witnessed former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky assaulting a boy in the shower at the Penn State football building. Paterno relayed that to Wednesday at Pasquerilla Spiritual his bosses — including the head of campus police — but university trustees felt he should have done more, and it played into their decision to fire the longtime coach on Nov. 9. That came four days after Sandusky was arrested on multiple child sex-abuse counts.

tie with a white shirt, the school though there was a two-per-person colors, McQueary was among thousands of expected mourners at an event that was to stretch late into Tuesday night.

One current and one former team member will stand guard over the casket for the duration of the

co Harris. Others there included NFL receivers Deon Butler and Jordan Norwood, Norwood's father and Baylor assistant coach Brian Norwood and former quarterback

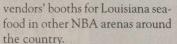
The event marked the start of three days of public mourning as the Penn State community in State College and beyond said goodbye to the man who led the Nittany Lions to 409 wins over 46 years and raised the national profile of the school.

There is another public viewing Center, and after that Paterno's family will hold a private funeral and procession through State College.

On Thursday, the school's basketball arena will be the site of a public service called "A Memorial for Joe." Tickets were quickly Dressed in a blue coat and snapped up for the event, even limit for those ordering.

> Former players began arriving shortly after members of Paterno's last team filed in. Some players hugged, and new Penn State coach Bill O'Brien shook hands with others at the curb outside the center.

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He declined to comment on what the board might spend for on television, billboards or other naming rights. The New Orleans traditional media, he wrote from Arena opened in 1999 and the a conference in Florida, but "we Hornets relocated there from are simply looking at opportuni-Charlotte, N.C., in 2002.

The naming rights talks have

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state subsidy, Smith wrote in an email, "At the end of the day, this is a marketing buy for us."

The money could be spent ties that can be leveraged beyond a traditional buy.'

for comment.

Smith said the seafood board is waiting on information from the Hornets, and could decide in 30 to 90 days.

He said a trade journal article about the seafood board and the Hornets already has revved up interest in the board. An out-of-

Benz, which bought naming rights to the Superdome in October, has boosted the value of the arena's naming rights, both by its own prestige and its use of those rights, Karam said.

He didn't think much of a double-barreled name pairing Louisiana seafood and a company.



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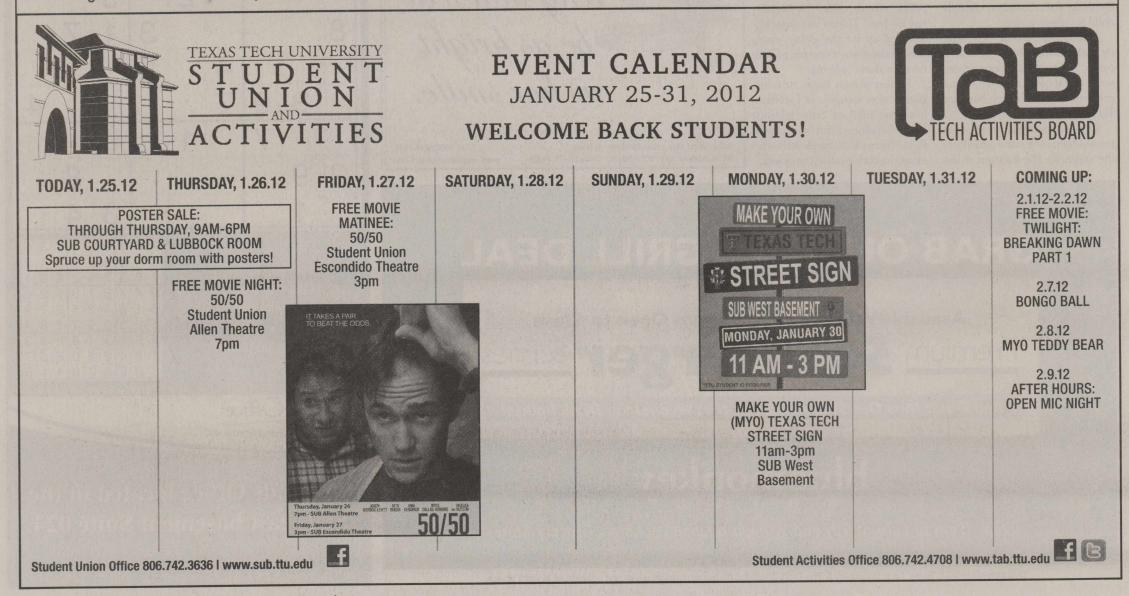
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Hays, Red Raiders continue working toward season opener

By MATTHEW VILLANUEVA STAFF WRITER

After a successful 41-16 season, third-year head coach Shanon Hays looks to continue improving the Texas Tech softball program and make another push toward postseason play.

the short time he has been at the helm of the softball team. He has won 70 percent of his games, with an 80-34 record, and is six wins away from 200 career wins.

Under Hays, Tech has made the postseason in consecutive seasons - the Red Raiders had not made NCAA Regionals since 2001, before Hays' arrival.

Besides boosting Tech's national ranking to a high of No. 19 last season, the program's best ranking ever, Hays has also brought an offensive identity to the team, producing one of country's most productive lineups.

The Red Raiders finished fourth in the nation in both batting average and runs per game, along with finishing ninth in hitting percentage.

Senior second baseman Logan Hall has been a key part of the reason for Tech's offensive success. The trio of Hall, senior Cydney Allen and junior Sandy James, became the first trio in school history to each record 50 RBIs in a single season.

Hall said the offensive philosophies of Hays and assistant coach Kristie Fox have helped Tech's approach at the plate significantly.

"Everybody is hitting really well Hays has accomplished a lot in (in the preseason right now," Hall said, "and hopefully we can just transfer that to the games."

> The Big 12 Conference is coming off a record year of achievements, as half of the eight-team field at the Women's College World Series hailed from the conference. Add the fact that the Big 12 features three pitchers who were on the USA Softball team and another on the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team, and Tech will undoubtedly be counting on its offensive arsenal if it hopes to make a deeper run into the postseason.

Tech was recently picked to finish seventh in the Big 12 preseason coaches' poll, and coach Hays said he agrees with the team's ranking so far.

"I'd pick us seventh too," Hays said, "just because our pitching is unproven compared to the other teams in our conference."

The team started practice Jan.12, and has been preparing for its first game at the Kajikawa Classic where they will face the No. 41 San Diego State Aztecs at 4 p.m. CDT on Feb. 9 in Tempe, Ariz.

The Aztecs boast senior pitcher Bailey Micetich, who was recently named preseason Mountain West. Pitcher of the Year on CollegeSportsMadness.com.

Hays said it will be difficult to simulate a pitcher like Micetich, but will have to depend on in-house pitching to best prepare against her.

"She's a stud... Basically, just get as much live bats as we can here," Hays said. "We've beat good people like her before, but it's going to be a tough start, no question."

One of the pitchers helping imitate Micetich will be Tech's left-handed senior Kelsey Dennis, who finished last season with a 13-6 record and a 2.93 ERA.

Dennis said Tech is approaching the game like they would any other.

"They're just another team, you know," she said, "just nine other players on the field out there that we're playing against." »»mvillanueva@dailytoreador.com



TEXAS TECH THIRD basemen Emily Bledsoe runs to tag out Baylors' Megan Turk as she runs to home plate in the fourth inning during a 5-1 loss against the Bears last season at Rocky Johnson Field. After one of their most successful seasons in school history last year, the Red Raiders look to have a strong 2012 season.

NFL still finalizing Super Bowl seating capacity

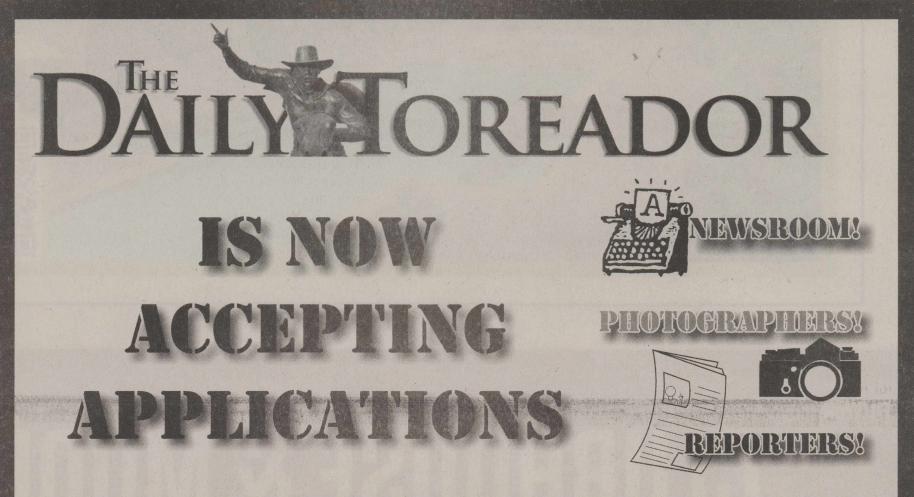
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The NFL is trying to avoid another super snafu.

One year after hundreds of ticketed fans were left without seats at Cowboys Stadium, organizers have added only 254 temporary seats to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for the Feb. 5 game between the New York Giants and New England Patriots.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy said officials decided in March the capacity for a stadium that normally seats about 63,000 for football games would be expanded to roughly 68,000 for the Super Bowl -- with most of the additional capacity coming from standing-room only tickets.

The league still could add some padded seats to camera platforms, standingroom only availability to stadium suites and perhaps additional seats near the auxiliary media area, but no more tickets are going on sale.

"What we do is take a hard look every year," McCarthy said Tuesday. "As we get closer to the game, our event planners will sit in each of the sections and fill in other areas that would not be used for a regularseason game. In general, we are taking a very fan-first approach, which is to deliver to our fans the best from the NFL."



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