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James hearing in Collin County postponed by judge

Both sides say they are ready

By CAROLINE COURTNEY STAFF WRITER

An attorney for United States Senate candidate and former ESPN analyst Craig James asked to postpone a hearing requesting to take the depositions of the authors and publishers of Mike Leach's book, "Swing Your Sword," and Michael Lee Lanning's book, "Double T - Double Cross.'

One of James' attorneys, Mike

O'Brien, argued in a court petition filed in December that both books contained falsities. O'Brien said he wanted the truth to come out in a deposition.

Lawyers for James, authors Leach and Lanning, and publishers Diversion Books in New York and Scottsdale Book Publishing in Arizona convened at the preliminary hearing 9 a.m. Tuesday in Collin County to determine whether or not depositions could be taken.

However, at the hearing, one of

James' attorneys, Michael Farris, asked to postpone the hearing after Monica Latin, an attorney representing Scottsdale Book Publishing, filed a brief pointing out alleged flaws in James' petition.

Latin's brief claimed James' petition was not only filed in the wrong court, but that it was asking to review information that was proven true by court documents.

"I think they don't have a case," Latin said. "Their petition has technical flaws and substantive flaws, so I don't think they can overcome them, but the court allowed them to try."

Latin submitted the motion 44 minutes before the hearing. The motion can be found on The Daily Toreador's website.

"We had to postpone the hearing because of a last-minute sand-bagging technique from the publishers' lawyer," O'Brien said. "They waited until 8:16 in the morning to file their response. I had no opportunity to respond to it, so the whole thing had to get reset."

Latin said she filed the "garden-variety" motion out of professional courtesy for the other party to demonstrate why James' petition lacks any merit, even though she said she could have argued

the same points at the hearing. The court rescheduled the hearing for March 7.

Leach's representative at the hearing, Ted Liggett, said the law states the petitioner, James, must file his petition in the witness' home county, so the petition should have been filed in New York for Diversion Books and in Arizona for Scottsdale Book Publishing.

"I'm disappointed that James' lawyers turned tail and ran, because I wanted there to be a record of what a joke this whole proceeding is and that we've already released all that data that proves everything is true," Liggett said. "This is nothing more than James bringing bad attention to his Senatorial race.'

But James' attorneys did not see it that way. In the original petition, O'Brien wrote both books portrayed former head football coach Mike Leach as protecting James' son Adam from a concussion, when according to court documents, O'Brien said Leach was punishing him.

"We're prepared," O'Brien said, "but we needed time to respond to their allegations. Now we just have to wait until March."

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Intoxicated manslaughter charges pending for driver

Crash victim in accident was architecture major at Tech

By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

University officials confirmed Arturo Almaguer, 23, was enrolled at Texas Tech as a junior architecture major when he died Sunday morning after a collision on University Avenue and Glenna Goodacre Boulevard.

Representatives could not confirm if the driver, Brian Cody Hawthorne, 26, and the other deceased passenger, Kendrick Johnson, 27, were or have been students at Tech.

"The university is always saddened by the loss of one of our students, or the loss of anyone's life," said Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing at Tech. "We send our sympathies and prayers to their families and friends during this troubled time, and to the people who were involved in the accident.'

Hawthorne — the driver in a crash that killed three people — is still a patient at University Medical Center and has been upgraded to satisfactory condition, said Lance Lunsford, director of marketing at UMC.

While Hawthorne was arrested on possible charges of intoxicated manslaughter, he was released so his injuries could be treated.

An official with the Lubbock Police Department said Hawthorne was traveling south toward Tech campus in a 2001 Toyota Tacoma and tried to avoid hitting 68-year-old cyclist Courtland Whitmore as he was crossing the street. Hawthorne's truck hit Whitmore

and flipped on its side. The truck then ran into a fire hydrant, the officer said. Whitmore and truck passengers

Almaguer and Johnson were declared dead at the scene. An LPD official said Almaguer was the only one wearing a seatbelt at the time of impact.

Whitmore, an employee of Overton Hotel, was hired through the Ready Labor Temp agency.

"The banquet and kitchen staff, as well as all of our employees, are upset at this loss," said Kurt Metcalf, the Overton Hotel's general manager, in a statement. "Courtland worked with us often and our deepest condolences go out to his family.'

Members of the Lubbock Police Department would not release information about the status of autopsy reports or Hawthorne's arrest.

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Understanding Unity



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

DIEGO TORRES, A senior mechanical engineering major from Lima, Peru, speaks to members of Unidos por un Mismo Idioma, "United by the same language" in the Livermore Center on Friday.

SGA prepares for founding Graduate Student Council elections

By STEVIE DOUGLAS STAFF WRITER

Elections for the Texas Tech Student Government Association sub-committee, the Graduate School Association Council will take place Feb. 8.

"This group of officers will be the founding board," said Peggy Miller, dean of the Tech Graduate School. "We didn't want to just hand them a constitution, we wanted to elect a representative group and let them work through the rest together."

The primary goal of the GSAC is to reach out to the graduate community by focusing on issues such as busing and childcare that affect them more than undergraduate

students, Miller said.

"The graduate students didn't really have a voice on their particular issues," she said, "and there are a lot of issues that need to be settled, like does the bus go to all of the places that you actually live?"

One of the main roles of GSAC will be to provide representation of graduate student interests to the university administration, according to the SGA website. Graduate student representatives will work with Miller on resolving issues that heavily affect graduate students. GSAC representatives will serve on university-wide committees to alert other campus entities to areas of concern to graduate students.

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Student organization united by same voice

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

One week out of the month, the members of Unidos por un Mismo Idioma gather in the Livermore Center to their native culture.

translates to "united by the same voice" in English.

Francisco Debaran, staff adviser of UMI, said the awards UMI has won have helped the organization remain focused on the goals they

House," said Dina Jeffries, executive

they have raised over \$99,000 in Lub-

book to raise money for the RMHC."

by the sales of this special edition

of the Southern Living Christmas

The donation was made possible

Unidos por un Mismo Idioma set each semester.

"We really define ourselves not only through our weekly meetings by speaking primarily in Spanish, but also by all the activities we plan and execute,"

UMI was awarded most improved organization for the last three years. They also were awarded best adviser two years in a row and best multicultural organization.

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Lovin' it: Dillard's makes donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities

By NICOLE MOLTER STAFF WRITER

A check presentation of \$24,545 was made to the Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday.

Clara Ellison, store manager for Dillard's Lubbock, presented the donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest.

"Dillard's has had a close partner-

ship with the Ronald McDonald "The book was filled with recipes, director at RMHC. "Since 2000, entertaining ideas and decorating tips for the holidays," said Vicki Shires, bock. For the past four years, Dillard's assistant store manager at Dillard's has sold an exclusive edition of the Lubbock. "The book was a fresh idea Southern Living Christmas Cookthat offers special ideas for a special

> The Dillard's cookbook is a reflection of how a good meal can do wonders in healing and bring families

together, Jeffries said.

"This generous donation will go to support our Ronald McDonald House program, which provides families a home away from home while their child is receiving treatment in the local hospitals allowing families to focus on what is most important - their child," Jeffries said in a news release.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Spring Festival: Year of the Drag-

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: Student Union Building So, what is it?

Enjoy an event hosted by the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center to celebrate the 2012 Lunar New Year "Year of the Dragon."

Movie Matinee: "Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part I"

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre

So, what is it? Join Tech Activities Board for a free viewing of this feature film.

Sorority Spring Recruitment Information Session

Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Matador Room So, what is it?

Learn more about Greek Life at Texas Tech and the opportunities to join a sorority. Recruitment events will take place by invitation from participating sororities at the time and location of the sorority's choice. Spring Recruitment is more informal and relaxed than fall.

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Texas A&M Time: 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Where: United Spirit Arena

Support the Lady Raiders as they

compete against the Aggies.

So, what is it?

Daniel Kukla: Captive Land-

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it?

Enjoy Daniel Kukla's photographs of the interior of animal living quarters taken from eight zoos across the U.S. and Europe.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it?

Anyone interested in joining OLLI and new members are invited to attend a special orientation.

Artist Talk: Nancy Kienholz Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry So, what is it?

Internationally-acclaimed artist, Nancy Reddin Kienholz will choose a piece from each decade of her collaborations with her late husband, Ed Kienholz, to

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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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RMHC is a non-profit charity, which raises money locally and keeps that money in local programs, including the Ronald McDonald House, three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. an upcoming RMHC event. The surrounding Lubbock community supports these programs with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

Many Texas Tech organizations are among the volunteers assistant of RMHC programs. that serve at the RMHC, said Sharon Cook, a receptionist at RMHC.

Tech Honors College students — including those involved in the Passport Program—practicum students and members of sororities and fraternities have volunteered by serving meals

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and bringing supplies.

"People appreciate homecooked meals served here and our supplies go fast," Cook said. "Young people see our name for community service and recognize the name. It really gives you a good feeling to work here and be here."

The Red Shoe Shindig is The gala is new this year and will include an auction and benefit dinner. The event will take place on March 30, said Val SoRelle, administrative

The charity always benefits from the work of volunteers who care for the people they are helping, Jeffries said.

"It's a proven fact that when people are surrounded by those they love they heal faster," she said.

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Occupy Lubbock still going strong

By DEVIN GARZA STAFF WRITER

Occupy Lubbock members will host a general assembly today at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue to discuss group goals and methods of action.

Melissa Borrett, a 26-year-old Lubbock local, is a single mother and part-time Occupy live-in who said she spends about three days a week at

"If you want to get a bigger picture of how the collective really works," Borrett said, "it's definitely a good idea to show up to the general assembly."

Borrett said she expects community outreach to be the primary topic of discussion today, specifically the planning of teach-ins and lectures.

She said she directs her personal efforts for the Occupy movement toward reaching out to local artists.

"There are definitely ways that (Occupy) does reach into politics, but it's just a human thing. It's a people thing," Borrett said. "It's about freedom and liberty and we're going to express that through our art. I want to see other people's visions for a better world, for a better humanity."

David Sloan, a local attorney who has lived in Lubbock for seven years, said he visited the Occupy campsite to find out what the cause is about.

"I think it's great that people come out and exercise their first amendment

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graduate student representation

include the Strategic Planning

Committee, fee committees

and the Student Government

wants than undergraduates,"

develop something where they

"Graduate students have

Association, Miller said.

those ideas across."

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the general assembly.

THE OCCUPY LUBBOCK camp continues to be a presence on the southwest corner of 19th street more than two months after it began.

unemployed hippies looking for a job

or for a handout or for big government

help," he said. "The beef seems to be

about government corruption, which I

think we can all agree is a huge problem,

and the undue influence of corporations

Sloan said the popular view of

in what our government's doing, and I

Occupiers as uninformed is wrong,

at least among the Occupy Lubbock

agree wholeheartedly with that."

movement.

rights —what's left of them — to protest," Sloan said. "I think that a lot of what I've lost in the media coverage of this is what they're protesting, what it's about, and that's what I've come over to figure out."

Sloan said his understanding of the Occupy movement as portrayed by the media was challenged by his visit.

"I think that the media likes to paint a picture like it's a modern day Woodstock with a bunch of discontented,

to about two, Gunn said. The Both amounts are funded by council would ideally be com- student service fees paid by prised of 20 representatives, graduate students, Gunn said.

ternally appoint their own executive officers after the election.

different needs, desires and candidates submitted the said Mike Gunn, director of documents SGA. "It seemed natural to required to be elected as can actually have a voice and of Tuesday, an organization structure to get the last day to enter the There are currently nine election.

graduate student legislators in GSAC the SGA senate, but with the will work with an operating advancement of this program budget of \$20,000 and an orthe number will be reduced ganization budget of \$50,000.

It seemed natural to develop something where Only 16 they can actually

> **MIKE GUNN** DIRECTOR SGA

have a voice...

The con-

cept of a separate governing body for the graduate students has been in the works for several years, said SGA president Tyler Patton, but it was not until the push for tier-

one status

that the idea

developed

into a reality. "Once we started to shift our primary focus to tier one, and

movement has lost a little bit of momentum, but we're trying to get that all back," he said. >>> dgarza@dailytoreador.com

"These are not people who are

Andrew Garcia, a senior at Lubbock

"The whole Occupy Lubbock

uneducated or ill informed," he said. "It

seems to me like they pretty much know

High School, said he plans on attending

growing the graduate school and our doctoral program, there really was a renewed focus on our graduate representation,' Patton said. "Out of that kind

of evolution is when we started

the discussion on what the role

of student government is in rep-

resenting graduate students." The 2010-2011 student senate voted to separate the graduate student council in the last

"They do not take the place of student government," Patton said. "It is still under our umbrella of SGA, but it is there to really fine tune their policies and their programming as they

The GSAC election polls will open online Feb. 8 and close Feb. 9.

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Lecture series on modern Africa to be hosted in February

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Department of History will host a five-part lecture series on modern Africa beginthrough Feb. 9.

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OPENING IN 2010

Paul Bjerk, assistant professor of African history, said he started the lecture series to bring awareness to the Lubbock and Tech communities.

"I teach African History, so I'm ning Monday and will continue always interested in ways to bring

African history to Lubbock and ment, that's just how it is." Texas Tech audience," Bjerk said. "Africa tends not to be covered significantly in the news. We don't tend to read about it, hear about it very much."

The series covers four lecture ment and governance. topics, Bjerk

said, and then a panel discussion will be hosted in which all four speakers host an open debate about U.S. policy in Africa. Bierk said

the speakers for the lecture series will be Douglas Jones, Ahmed Samatar, Senator Robert Krueger, and U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia and Guinea, Tibor

"I think we

have a lot of experience in those four speakers," he said, "and I think that will be a very interesting discussion." Lecture topics will cover Ameri-

can policy in Africa, war and peace in Sudan, conditions in Somalia and genocide in Burundi. "We want to help people under-

stand what are the conditions in which war and violent conflict tends to arise," Bjerk said, "but just as importantly, how do we contribute to creating the conditions for peace. And I think the United States could make a positive contribution toward peace in Africa."

Nagy said he will give a lecture called 'Priorities for American Policy in Africa Today.

Nagy, vice provost for the Office of International Affairs, also teaches contemporary Africa during fall semesters in the Honors College.

"One of the unfortunate things about Africa is that it has consistently been, from the U.S. government point of view, our lowest priority," he said. "And that's not a value judg-

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PAUL BJERK

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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Nagy said he has spent more than 25 years in Africa from 1979 to 2003 serving as an ambassador to the U.S., and in that time saw U.S. policy in Africa evolve into targeted develop-

"Our policy has, unfortunately, been somewhat paternalistic," he said, "and we have not been very demanding in our expectations."

Nagy said he is optimistic about the series and hopes it will peak students' interest in Africa. "It should

be a wonderful conference," he said.

Tech Student Demo-

crats, an organization on campus, is helping to sponsor the event, Bjerk said. Bjerk is a faculty adviser for the

organization, and said the group helped raise funds to bring in Samatar, one of the speakers for the

Tony Cardone, president of the Tech Student Democrats, said Bjerk was the one who inspired them to help sponsor the event.

"He kind of started us on the right track," he said.

Cardone said he hopes the event will open the community's eyes to not only the issues, but also the culture and people as a whole.

"I hope that if they come they will be able to get a different perspective on Africa," he said.

Lectures will take place Feb. 6, 7 and 9 at noon in room 129 in Holden Hall. The panel discussion will be hosted at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building.

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Student organization provides water to tribe in Panama

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

Engineers Without Borders is taking on a task many people will never have the opportunity to do in their lifetime.

non-profit organization is working on a water filtration project in Solong, Panama for a tribe of 380 people.

"These people have a current water system installed, but there's so many flaws with it," treasurer Svante Rocabado said. "There's two reasons why we're going — to give them clean

water and (to) teach them the mainly taking Spanish speakers, importance of clean water, keeping up with it and taking care of it so they understand that they have a sense of responsibility."

completely student-run, has been are already planned to help the on two assessment trips to Panama organization achieve its goal of in 2009 and will take the third one this summer. The implementation trip is set for next summer or fall.

"We're trying to figure out This international and local as much information as possible

> they speak is Spanish, so there's communication barriers,' Rocabado said. "We try our hardest though, and we take surveys of the land, measurements and samples of the water."

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"We're

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Up to eight memhelping." bers will get the chance to travel to Panama for this unique service op-

"We are a very dedicated and passionate group of people with good intentions who are interested and passionate about Engineering Without Borders," President Zach Grubbs said. "We are all very good people, and I admire each and everyone of one us because of that."

The organization, which is each projected to raise \$10,000, clean drinking water in Panama. The EWB 5K Run for Solong will be hosted March 3, and the EWB First Annual Golf Scramble will be hosted April 21 in the Rawls

> During the 5K run, those participating will have the option to run the last mile with a gallon

"It's to kind of simulate the people we're trying to help because they live in a village in a very rural area and it's hard for them to get a hold of clean water," Tait said. "They have to travel a long way from the village to get access to that water and then bring it back, so this is a way to get people to realize the hardships they have to go through and to appreciate what we have. We want to familiarize ourselves with the people we're

The organization is open to students of all majors. There are currently 45 members, who belong to design, fundraising, marketing and recruiting teams.

in the field. "It's really got me to understand how to go about designing," Internal Vice President Elliott Hita said. "Being able to get involved in this has really opened my eyes up, seeing how it will be in the real world. There's not very many times you can be in a group like this and

Borders have the opportunity to

work with professionals, listen to

guest speakers and gain experience

Members of Engineers Without help people in the community. It's very unique."

Without Borders trip to Panama in May during their meeting Tuesday in the Civil Engineering building. The

group is designing and building a water filtration and distribution system for the community of Solong, Panama.

Students are encouraged to join Engineering Without Borders regardless of their major.

"Honestly, it has really developed me as a person," said Edward Zhang, external vice president. "I feel like it has made me more responsible and more on task. I would encourage anyone who wants a future in any field to be a professional to get involved."

Those interested in joining can attend the meetings hosted at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Civil Engineering building in room 211.

"I would definitely encourage others to join because there are billions of people around the world who are out of drinking water, and you as a student are helping a small community," Hita said. "To have that on your back is a great feeling." >>> atubbs@dailytoreador.com



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador WESLEY TAIT, A senior environmental engineering major from Southlake, discusses plans for the Engineers

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manager.

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"It's definitely something we're proud of," Debaran said. Membership for UMI, an official Tech student organization,

is open and encouraged by the group to all students interested. Diego Torres, a senior mechanical engineering major

from Lima, Peru, said one of the many activities UMI is planning this semester is a kermes. "It's an outdoor event that

is celebrated each year," he said. "This would be the first organization."

Torres also said he plans said. on inviting any local bands to play at the event, and it will be hosted sometime in March.

everyone on campus that has interest in anything that involves the Spanish way of life.

but also motivated, well-invested

people," said Wesley Tait, project

Two major fundraising events,

"One of the goals of the organization is to promote a culture and atmosphere on the Tech campus that is inviting to other groups who are interested in learning the Spanish culture,"

Debaran said he would like to see UMI pair up with other organizations to plan events

Spanish culture is what remains most important to him.

"Our purpose is to promote year and we'd like to make it a the Spanish language and cultradition for our school and our ture throughout the Tech campus and the community," he

Torres said he hopes people that face the same difficult adjustments he faced can come to Debaran said UMI is for a meeting and hear stories about other people that have dealt with the same issues.

'We're here for anybody with an appreciation for Latin culture," he said. "We come here and we feel a little out of place. The culture is a little different, the language is new so, for those people, we offer a little piece of home.'

Debaran said students who come for the first time usually came back for another visit.

Heriberto Jasso Jr., a fresh-Torres said promoting the man mechanical engineering major from Killeen, said UMI is a great place to be overall.

> "UMI is an organization based on Spanish-speaking students enjoying the culture and making friends," he said. "You don't necessarily have to speak Spanish. A lot of students come just to work on their Spanish and make new friends."

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Panhellenic hosts spring recruitment information session select sororities

By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

The sorority spring recruitment information session will begin at 6 p.m. today in the Student Union Building's Matador Room. During the information session, the panhellenic council will describe the spring recruitment process as well as announce the sororities participating in spring recruitment.

If a sorority is under the chapter total of 192 women, it is eligible to participate in spring recruitment.

Caitlin Moore, recruitment chair of the panhellenic council, said not every sorority will participate in spring recruitment.

"We'll give a list of the sororities that are eligible to take women, but just because they are eligible doesn't mean they have to," said the junior marketing and apparel design major from Garland. "It's kind of their prerogative whether or not they want to invite women for spring recruitment.'

Moore said any woman interested in spring recruitment is allowed to go to the information session, but then the sororities invite the women to its recruitment.

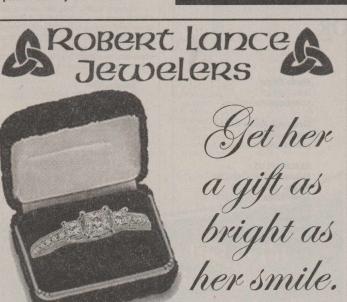
"It's by invitation from the sororities," she said. "At the information session, we will get the contact information of the women that are there, and the chapters can use that as a resource if they want or they can take recommendations from within the chapter, but they invite the women."

For each sorority, the recruitment process begins and ends at different times, unlike fall recruitment, which

"Fall is a formal process," Moore said. "During the fall, you'll get a chance to visit every chapter. It's based on a mutual selection process, so it's very formal. In the spring, not every chapter is eligible to take women, but the chapters who are — it's their prerogative whether or not they want to, and so the women might not get a chance to meet every chapter. We really kind of recommend going through in the fall, but the spring is a good option."

For spring recruitment, chapters are allowed to recruit members throughout the spring semester as long as school is in session. Spring recruitment officially started Jan. 19th.

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'Reaganomics' proved failure for US

midst all the rabble of the republican nomination race, you can count the nostalgic references to Ronald Reagan like clockwork.

Frankly, I find conservatives' worship of Reagan and his ideas disgusting. I also think the GOP lacking the second coming of their political messiah is a godsend to the United States.

The biggest parts of Reagan's presidency conservatives like to tout as "genius" are the economic policies he promoted. Colloquially dubbed "Reaganomics," these economic policies are credited with bringing the United States out of one of the deepest economic downturns since the Great Depression.

With his advocacy of reducing government spending, regulations and taxes, Reagan's purpose was to restore the country back to the "free-market" ideals of the pre-World War II era.

There were several inherent flaws with this system none of its proponents seem to be willing to admit. First, supporters experienced in the 1980s were classes by essentially eliminating don't water the base of the tree



don't seem to realize it was a lack of government regulation of the stock market that caused the crash, which made the Great Depression possible in the first

Secondly, what conservatives conveniently forget to tell you about the economy under the Reagan administration is that its recovery was, in fact, a cyclical result from the recession in 1982 created by the Fed to break the price-wage spiral and end the stagflation crisis of the 1970s. This classic Keynesian remedy for high inflation brought the inflation rate in the U.S. down from its peak of 13.5 percent in lower tax brackets. In fact, tax 1981 to 3.2 percent in 1983.

This means the factors underlying economic growth we in place before Reagan even sat down in the Oval Office.

Moreover, the whole idea of "trickle-down" economics is ridiculous (unless, of course, you are in the top tax brackets). The basic idea of Reaganomics is to lower taxes on the upper classes, who control the vast major-

ity of the nation's wealth, in hopes that they will spend more, thus boosting the economy and, in turn, the

Not only does this make the wealthy and severe income gap in the United States even

more so, it actually harms the ganomics in a country is like reforms instituted by Reagan actually increased the tax burden on the middle and lower

deductions for those who owned where the roots are, it will die subsequent conviction of war homes, had children or lived in states with high income taxes.

Lowering taxes on the upper class also left the federal government with less revenue to pay off the national debt. The Reagan years saw a three-fold increase in national debt — \$712 bil-

lion in 1980 to \$2,052 billion If another Reagan in 1988, according to the can't be found in Congressional Budget Office the GOP's pool of and one of the largest candidates, we, as expansions of peacetime mila nation, are better itary spending in our counfor it. try's history. I always like

> to say implementing Reatrying to grow a tree by pouring water on the top branches. Sure, some of the water will reach the

bottom of the tree, but if you

and come crashing down on you.

Not only were Reagan's economic policies inherently flawed, but also his foreign policies only perpetuated the United States' reputation as a meddlesome nation. One of the defining characteristics of his presidency was his massive expansion of the military and his repeated use of it to violate international and

domestic law. In fact, the bombing of Libya and the invasion of Grenada both of which were conducted essentially to quash revolutionary governments independent of the United States influence were formally condemned by the United Nations.

Moreover, if these incidents weren't enough to sow anti-American sentiments throughout the world, the Reagan administration's complete disregard for domestic and international law was best manifested by the selling of arms to Iranian terrorists in order to fund anti-communist Nicaraguan rebels. The crimes in an international lawsuit of the U.S. by the Republic of Nicaragua further undermined the credibility of U.S. criticism of terrorism, according to terrorism expert Magnus Ranstorp of the Swedish National Defense

Contrary to what conservatives will tell you, Ronald Reagan was not the greatest president in American history. Between his trickle-down economic policies that benefited the rich (and not much else) and his zealously anti-communist, almost imperialistic trigger-happy foreign policies, it's no surprise there is as much anti-American sentiment as there is in the world

If another Reagan can't be found in the GOP's pool of candidates, we, as a nation, are better for it.

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School lunch: preventing health risks key

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By DAILY IOWAN EDITORIAL **BOARD**

THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

There is no more primal instinct than the one that drives parents to care for their children. The extraordinary lengths parents will go when the well-being of their children is at risk can be awe-inspiring (and sometimes a

little annoying). So it is not surprising that area parents voiced extreme dissatisfaction upon the revelation that some area elementary schools allocated just 15 minutes for lunch. Opponents argue that short lunch periods lead to unhealthy eating

Though this might be a worthwhile debate for the future, if parents are genuinely concerned with the nutritional well-being of their children, they should focus on the quality of the food their children eat more than how much time they have to eat it. Childhood obesity rates in the United States are alarming, and the country will be certain to pay for it with the world's only two certainties: death and taxes.

Given the projected healthcare costs associated with Type 2 diabetes, federal and state governin higher-quality food supplied to and from the National School Lunch Program.

As The Daily Iowan reported Monday, 21 percent of low-income children in Iowa risk malnutrition. This is especially important when you consider these children are overwhelmingly likely to rely on school-sponsored lunches as a source of nutrition. Moreover, it is standards for many fast-food resimportant to distinguish between taurants, including McDonald's,

the caloric and the nutritional substance of food. Even though the poor are disproportionately at risk of malnutrition, they are 70 percent more likely to

This would lead one to believe that

school lunches are associated with higher rates of obesity. Several studies over the past decade confirm this suspicion. A 2003 study sponsored by the American Journal of Agricultural Economics found that while school-sponsored lunches were associated with

ments should look into investing higher vitamin and mineral levels, they were also associated with higher fat and saturated fat intake. A 2009 study published in the Journal of Human Resources concluded that National School Lunch Program participants were more likely to be obese than nonparticipants.

A 2009 investigation conducted by USA Today found food

Burger King, and KFC, to be higher than those of the lunch program. A different USA Today article reported that the government spent more than \$145 million on spent-hen meat for schools over the last decade.

Campbell's stopped using spenthen carcasses in its soups well more than a decade ago because of "quality considerations."

As of the last year data were available, nearly 32 percent of America's youth were either overweight or obese, of whom more than half were obese — in 1980, only 5 percent of American children were obese.

In Iowa, that number is 26.5 percent. No Iowan should take pride or solace in that fact. While the obesity rate in Iowa is comparatively low, no one should find comfort in the fact that 26.5 percent of children in the state have become more likely to develop Type II Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and numerous forms of cancer. And, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 70 percent of obese children exhibit at least one high-risk factor for heart disease.

Moreover, the costs of obesity are not solely borne by any one individual. Obesity has very real and measurable societal costs. The Society of Actuaries found that, in 2009, the average annual cost of obesity in the U.S. was nearly \$300 billion in additional medical costs and lost productivity. That cost is expected to surpass more than \$340 billion a year before the decade is out.

Lest anyone think that the costs are only borne in old age, the CDC found that the costs of hospitalizing children for obesity-related issues rose from \$125.9 million in 2001 to \$237.6 million in 2005. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that children treated for obesity-related issues are liable to cost either their parents or the government (if they are covered by Medicaid) \$2,500 to \$4,200 more than a normal-weight child

By failing to make the right argument for the right reason, the implicit issue at the heart of this controversy — the alarming degradation of children's health in this country — has turned into a debate over minutes and seconds when it should be a debate over vitamins, minerals, and calories. If parents are genuinely concerned about the health of their children, there is no room for error. The individual costs are too high and the societal costs too grand for parents to waste boundless time and energy making the wrong argument, regardless of whether it is for the right reason.

It would be wise to spend a fraction of what would be future health-care costs on our children's nutrition today. Fighting to extend lunch hours is fine, but a community doing so for penny-wise, pound-foolish reasons speaks to a very fundamental problem.

Take chance to unplug from laptop, cell phone

By MINNESOTA DAILY **EDITORIAL BOARD** MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

In our fast-paced society, it's important to stop for a moment and take a look at what our multi-tasking habits may be doing to us. While the Internet has numerous benefits, it has also changed the way we as humans think and process information. Our changed brains are not necessarily worse, but they are different.

tinuously connected. Today, we have to worry about checking Facebook, Twitter, email, Tumblr and text messages. People are hooked to the web, which allows easy access to other people but at the same time creates stress and anxiety — our attention is constantly strained.

Students commonly multitask while studying. If the homework requires a laptop, the access to everyone else through social network-

Facebook, YouTube, cell phones and TVs distracting students, it creates an extremely difficult atmosphere to concentrate in.

People want information fast and to the point. We want our news quickly. This has changed our calm, focused minds. Nicholas Carr notes in his book "The Shallows" that it's difficult for people to sit down and read a large chunk of a book for class now because of technology. Even Carr himself said he isn't able Constant access to the Internet to concentrate on reading books and to others has our society con- anymore, and it's because of the fast-paced Internet world.

We now think differently and have different habits because of technological advancements, and we should be wary of its consequences. It's important to live in the real world and experience life outside of the laptop. It's important to have real interactions with other people, without computer mediation.

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OSU hands Tech ninth straight loss

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders notched their ninth straight loss, as Texas Tech lost 80-63 against Oklahoma State on Tuesday night in Lubbock.

Tech is still winless in Big 12 Conference play.

Tech has to play smarter as a team if it wants to win in the Big 12, Tech coach Billy Gillispie said.

"We just made so many dumb plays, I mean just dumb plays," he said. "I'm trying to bite my tongue as much as possible, but man alive so many dumb plays. Fouling at the end of a shot clock, coming out of a time out and missing the ball — I mean those kind of things, it's just, it's just frustrating to make those kind of plays where you don't think enough."

Though Tech did not turn the ball over as much as they have in some games, there were too many turnovers that could have been avoided, Gillispie said.

"You're going to have some said, "but the careless turnovers have to be eliminated and they definitely haven't so far."

work in practice and build that," Brown said. bonds between the teammates, Tech senior Robert Lewandowski said.

"It's a constant battle, it's hard too," he said, "but at the same time, we've got to come together as a brotherhood right now and really pick each other up, and get back to working from the charity stripe. in practice. When we work in of practices in a row where we Gillispie said. know we've put in everything



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH CENTER Robert Lewandowski tries to dribble past Oklahoma State guard Brian Williams during the Red Raiders' 80-63 loss against the Cowboys on Tuesday in United Spirit Arena.

just got to keep working in practice."

Merkel Brown, who came turnovers in the game," he into the game averaging 9.1 points per game, led the Cowboys' offensive attack with a game-high 30 points.

The Red Raiders need to up, and I felt like I can do

Brown also led Oklahoma State on the glass with seven rebounds and was a perfect 13 for 13 from the free-throw line.

One major advantage the Cowboys had against Tech was their free-throw shooting. Oklahoma State shot 33 for 35

Tech did not respond well practice and we get a bunch and get to the foul line enough,

them stop me, and let us get to on every day." the foul line," he said.

Jaye Crockett led the Red Raiders with 16 points and 14 rebounds. It was his second-"We needed players to step straight game with a doubledouble and third of the season.

"I got to the line a couple of times — that helped," Crockett said. "(Lewandowski) was doing good in the inside and they were doubling down on him and it was opening up some stuff. I was rebounding pretty good."

Tech lost the battle down low, Lewandowski said.

"We've got to own the paint," he said. "That's where the game is won and lost, and "When there is 35 shots we lost it today. Nine in a

we've got into it, then games taken from the foul line for row now. We've got to own will be even easier, so we've one team, you have to realize the paint. When we own the what I need to do is I need to paint, then we'll win. And it's drive it to the basket and make something we constantly work

Lewandowski had 14 points in the game.

The team has to learn to play a full game, he said.

"We're better than we played today, and we keep saying that," Lewandowski said. "We play well for 20 minutes, not for 40."

The team is facing adversity this season and has to learn how to handle it, Crockett

"You have to be mentally tough when stuff happens like this," he said. "It's a tough situation, you've just got to be tougher as a person than the situation is.'

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Solving the Super Bowl: XLVI is Greek to kids

NEW YORK (AP) — Kids as an actual numbering system? LOL and OMG each other all might as well be talking Greek.

They may know what X means, or V and I, but Roman numerals beyond the basics have largely gone the way of cursive and penmanship as a subject taught in the nation's schools.

Students in high school and junior high get a taste of the Roman system during Latin (where Latin is still taught, anyway). And they learn a few Roman numerals in history class when they study the monarchs of Europe.

But in elementary school, "Roman numerals are a minor topic," said Jeanine Brownell of the early mathematics development program at Erickson Institute, a child-development graduate school in Chicago.

That's not how Joe Horrigan remembers it.

"I went to Catholic school. I still have bruised knuckles from not learning them," said the NFL historian and spokesman for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

What's wrong with good ol' 46 to describe this year's Super Bowl between the Giants and the Patriots on Sunday?

"'Number 46,' it just kind of sounds like an inventory. 'Inspected by Joe," said Joe, who is LX years old. "Those Roman numerals, they're almost like trophies."

Any football fan worth his weight in nachos will find a way to figure out the Super Bowl number from one year to the next, but shouldn't kids have some sense of the Romans four Super Bowls.

"My son is in first grade and the livelong day, but ask them this recently came up when to decipher the XLVI of this we were clock shopping," said year's Super Bowl and you Eileen Wolter of Summit, N.J. "He couldn't believe they were real numbers. They only ever get used for things like copyrights or sporting events, which in my humble opinion harkens even further back to the gladiatorial barbaric nature

of things like the Super Bowl." Gerard Michon isn't much of a football fan, either, but he keeps a close eye on Super Bowls over at Numericana. com, where he dissects math and physics and discusses the Roman system ad nauseam.

Starting with Super Bowl XLI in 2007, he has been getting an abnormal number of game-day visits from football fans with a sudden interest in Roman numerals. On the day of last year's Super Bowl XLV, so many people visited that Michon's little server crashed. When the dust cleared, he had logged 15,278 hits, more than 90 percent landing on "XLV."

"Last year was total madness," Michon said, in part "because so many people were wondering why VL isn't a correct replacement for XLV." When the Super Bowl started, the games were assigned simple Roman numerals "that everybody knows," he said. Now "it looks kind of mysterious."

The use of Roman numerals to designate Super Bowls began with game V in 1971, won by the Baltimore Colts over the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 on Jim O'Brien's 32-yard field goal with five seconds remaining. Numerals I through IV were added later for the first

New owner says he won't change Astros' name

HOUSTON (AP) — New Houston Astros owner Jim Crane says he won't change the team's name.

Crane said last week he was considering a switch. But he emailed a video message to season-ticket holders on Monday saying, "one thing that we are not going to change is the name."

He says he made the decision after receiving "strong feedback and consensus among season-ticket holders and many fans." He then added that "the Houston Astros are here to stay."

The team was established in 1962 as the Colt .45s and has been called the Astros since 1965 when the name was changed to coincide with the move to the Astrodome.

Crane and his staff have been looking for ways to improve the team, which finished a franchiseworst 56-106 last season, and the fan experience since the sale from Drayton McLane was completed in late November.

Hernandez, Astros agree to contract

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have agreed to a minor league contract with former World Series MVP Livan Hernandez.

The 36-year-old pitcher was invited to major league spring training. Hernandez was the opening day starter for Washington last season and started 29 games for the Nationals, going 8-13 with a 4.47 ERA.

Hernandez has pitched at least 200 innings in 10 of his 15 major league seasons. He last reached the mark in 2010 when he went 10-12 with a 3.66 ERA for the Nationals.

The two-time All-Star, who led the Marlins to the 1997 championship, is 174-176 with a 4.39 ERA in a career that also includes time with the Giants, Expos, Diamondbacks, Twins,

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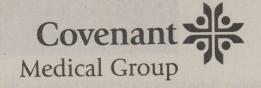


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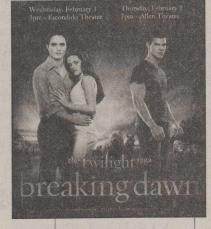


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No. 25 Tech hosts No. 18 A&M for last time as Big 12 opponents

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

No. 18 Texas A&M visits United Spirit Arena for the last time as a member of the Big 12 Conference on Wednesday, putting an end to a longstanding rivalry between the two programs for the foreseeable future.

Texas Tech is hoping to send the Aggies out of Lubbock with a loss one last time time before they leave for the SEC, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

Ultimately, though, Curry said A&M's departure from the Big 12 is something that does not benefit the conference.

"I think we'll miss them a lot," she said. "I think we'll miss them in every sport, but obviously it's a decision beyond a lot of our control, so you just make the best of it and focus on what you can control and not on what you can't."

The players are excited to try and knock off the defendsenior Jordan Barncastle said.

"This is it," she said. "We want to go out on a bang and leave it on a high note. Not have any regrets or what might have been because we won't get them again here."

Tech is trying to promote the blackout theme against the Aggies, as it has against A&M in every home game in every sport this year.

The Lady Raiders are coming off a 75-71 win against Texas that snapped a five-game losing streak.

Barncastle led the Lady Raiders against the Longhorns in her first start of the season. Barncastle scored a season-high 19 points and added 10 rebounds for the second doubledouble of her career.

"We all want to win," Barncastle said, "and we all have that competitive nature, and I think we all have the capabil-

The team was a little more

ing national champions, Tech chipper in practice this week bench all the way from the after the win, Curry said.

"It was good, you know, we had a good day today," she said. "And we've had good days up to that point. It's good to see your kids have that little extra smile in the corner of their face. It's just good to see them happy a little bit."

The rivalry with the Aggies is exciting, but Tech knows no game on the schedule is more important than another, Curry

"A sense of urgency is what matters right now," she said. "It's not about who we're playing, it's about what we need to to understand you can't dwell do to be successful."

The Lady Raiders are a tough team to beat when the entire team is contributing, Tech junior Monique Smalls

"I feel like we could be unstoppable when we're all playing like that," Smalls said. "With good tempo and everybody contributing from the starters.'

The Lady Raiders proved to have a balanced attack against Texas as senior Kierra Mallard has been sidelined for the last two games because of an undisclosed injury, Curry said.

"I'm so happy for our balance," she said. "I thought that between (Kelsi) Baker and (Shauntal) Nobles and Barncastle, it was just heart

The win against Texas is in the past and the team is focusing on A&M, Curry said.

"I think the thing we have on success or failure," she said. "We're just concerned about today, and we've got to be able to handle today. What happened last week is over; what happened the past three weeks is over. It's just concerned about today right now, so we've got to be consistent with those efforts."

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PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle tries to make a shot during the Lady Raiders' 75-71 victory against the Longhorns on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

Texas feeling dejected after another close loss

AUSTIN (AP) — Halfway through the Big 12 schedule, the Texas Longhorns have the look of a desperate team.

Losses are mounting and coach Rick Barnes and his players are struggling to find ways to explain close games that end in defeat. Texas is 0-7 in games decided by six points or less and has lost five of its last six.

Now one of the most consistent programs in the country — 13 consecutive NCAA tournaments—is looking at the very real possibility of being left out of the party in March.

The good news? Texas may finally have a chance to turn things around.

A stretch of five ranked opponents in six games is over and the Longhorns (13-9, 3-6 Big 12) get to wallow around in the bottom of the league standings for a while in search of a couple of wins.

Four of the Longhorns' next five opponents are currently under .500 in league play, starting Saturday at Texas Tech (7-13, 0-8).

"It is always disappointing when you are losing. We are going to stay together and we are going to smile," said junior guard and team leader J'Covan Brown. "At the end of the day it hurts ... It starts with me. I have to find a way a defensive stop to win. to get wins."

Texas certainly had its chances. Losses to Kansas, Kansas State, Baylor and Missouri have come down to the final seconds. Monday night's 67-66 loss to the No. 4 Tigers was the latest. The Longhorns rallied from 13 points in the second half and took the lead in the final minute on a basket

But Texas couldn't stop Missouri's Michael Dixon Jr. from driving to the basket for a late layup that ultimately proved to be the winning basket. Freshman Myck Kabongo missed a baseline jumper to win.

"For some reason, they're just not turning into wins right now," Kabongo

Texas players, particularly Brown, looked dejected after letting another potential upset get away and suffering another blow to their NCAA tournablaming game officials for not calling a possible foul on Kabongo's final shot.

Barnes did too, but softened the complaints about the non-call by pointing out Texas already had a lead in the final minute and couldn't make

"We had two games here, against both Kansas and Missouri, when we needed to get a stop on the other end, and we didn't get it. It's tough when you're trying to get over the hump. It seems like plays like that don't go your way," Barnes said.

While an optimist could note that Texas played some of the best teams in the county down to the final seconds, a pessimist might note that all those losses could leave Texas forgetting

Texas knew a rough season was possible but the Longhorns are off to their worst start in Big 12 play in 14 years. The Longhorns had to replace all five starters from a team that rose as high as No. 3 in the rankings last season. A roster full of freshmen has shown flashes of talent but can't seem to pull out a win.

Most of Texas' struggles have been ment hopes. They also resorted to on offense. While Brown is capable of putting up 30 points or more in a game, he has struggled at home and Texas has vet to find another reliable scorer. The offense was so ragged against Missouri that Texas played nearly 25 minutes before registering its first assist.

A&M uses role players to fill in for injured stars

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — With Texas A&M starters Khris Middleton and Dash Harris out with injuries Saturday, the Aggies had several role players step up to help get a win over Oklahoma State.

Coach Billy Kennedy wants to get similar production from those players on Wednesday against No. 6 Baylor with the status of Middleton and Harris still uncertain.

Leading that group on Saturday was senior walk-on guard Alex Baird. Baird didn't score, but had four rebounds, three assists and a steal in 21 minutes. Before Saturday he had played just six minutes in his two-year career.

Freshman Daniel Alexander had a career-high 11 points and Zach Kinsley and Jordan Green helped out with eight points apiece to pick up the slack.

Kennedy said Middleton is likely to miss his third straight game with swelling in his right knee. But he is hopeful that Harris, the point guard who injured his right foot last Monday against Kansas, can play.

"We don't know what the lineup will be like, we'll evaluate it to see who gives us the best chance against Baylor," Kennedy said. "The positive thing is all those guys have a lot more guys need to come in and play."

confidence than they did a couple of weeks ago. We're going to need all that against Baylor.'

The Aggies started leading scorer Elston Turner at point guard and Green at Turner's normal spot at shooting guard on Saturday. Kennedy thought Turner was "pushing too hard" with that lineup and soon inserted Baird to play point guard.

Everyone was impressed the performance and poise of Baird, who didn't have a turnover, after he had played just two minutes this season before Saturday.

"We've always had confidence in him and have seen him play (in practice)," Turner said. "He was just waiting for his time. He finally got it and used the best of it." Kennedy had challenged his re-

serves to do more against Oklahoma State after his bench scored just six points in the loss to Kansas. They responded by combining for 25 points against the Cowboys.

"It shows you how much your bench can have impact on games," Baird said. "If everyone goes hard in practice, including the guys who don't start, then it's good when the bench

Green, a freshman, has played regularly off the bench this season. Kennedy thinks his improvement defensively has helped him define his role on the team. He spent much of Saturday guarding Keiton Page and helped limit him to nine points.

"He's been consistent with his effort and attitude all year," Kennedy said. "He's going to be a guy we can build this program around."

Kennedy being forced to rely on players like Baird wasn't anything new to him after a career where he's coached at smaller schools like Centenary and Southeastern Louisiana. Still, seeing players like Baird contribute is one of the joys of his job.

"They're not looking for how many minutes, they're not worried about going to the NBA, they're not worried about how many points they score," Kennedy said. "When those guys have success, it brings a lot of purpose to what I do, and it's very valuable and enjoyable to see."

While A&M's role players will certainly be important until Middleton and Harris get healthy, Turner will have to continue to lead the team. He has scored a combined 70 points in A&M's last three games.

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