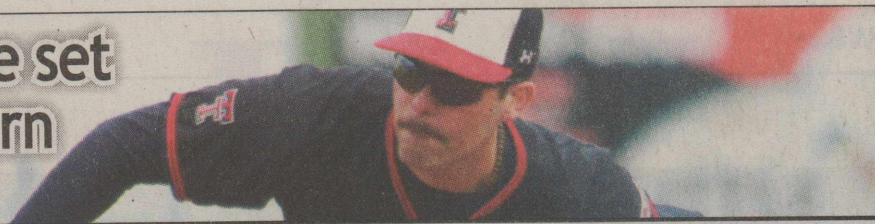


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Tech yearbook wins more than 20 awards

Awards come to *La Ventana* from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, 21 categories

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

La Ventana, Texas Tech's yearbook, received 27 awards in 21 categories for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's 29th Golden Circle Awards program for yearbook and digital media.

This year's competition attracted 4,956 entries from universities and colleges across the nation. Entries were accepted from published works from Nov. 2, 2010 to Nov. 1, 2011. Staff members from *La Ventana* chose from 42 categories to submit individual and staff entries.

Awards were presented for multiple writing, photography and design categories. *La Ventana* received first place in Feature Writing: Student Life, Theme and Concept, Cover Design, End Sheets, Feature Photo and People Spreads Without Mug Photos One Spread.

Lauren Watkins, editor-in-chief for *La Ventana* said it is nice for the yearbook staff to have its work recognized in such a powerful way.

"It feels amazing. It shows that what we do is worthwhile."

LAUREN WATKINS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
LA VENTANA

"It feels amazing," she said. "It shows that what we do is worthwhile."

Because of the recognition, Watkins said she is striving to make this year's book even better.

"Last year's book was my first book (as editor)," she said. "I'm excited for this book and to make it top the previous one."

The 2010 yearbook also received high recognition for the 2011 Golden Circle Awards, with 25 awards in 22 categories.

According to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Gold Circle Awards were first given in 1984, but follow a long tradition of CSPA awards for individual achievement by student editors.

Many students do not realize how much hard work goes into producing a yearbook, Watkins said, but the final product is worth it.

"We don't make a yearbook for the awards, but it's nice to get them," she said. "We make it for the students so they can look back years from now and see that they were a part of something at Texas Tech."

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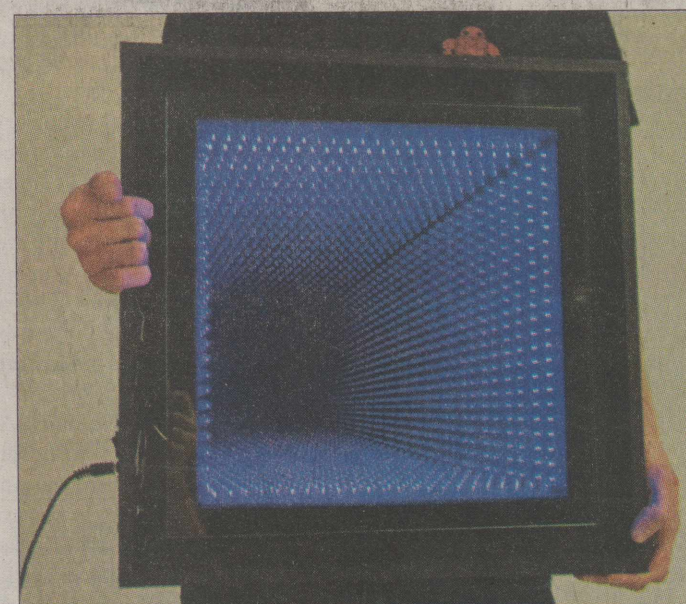
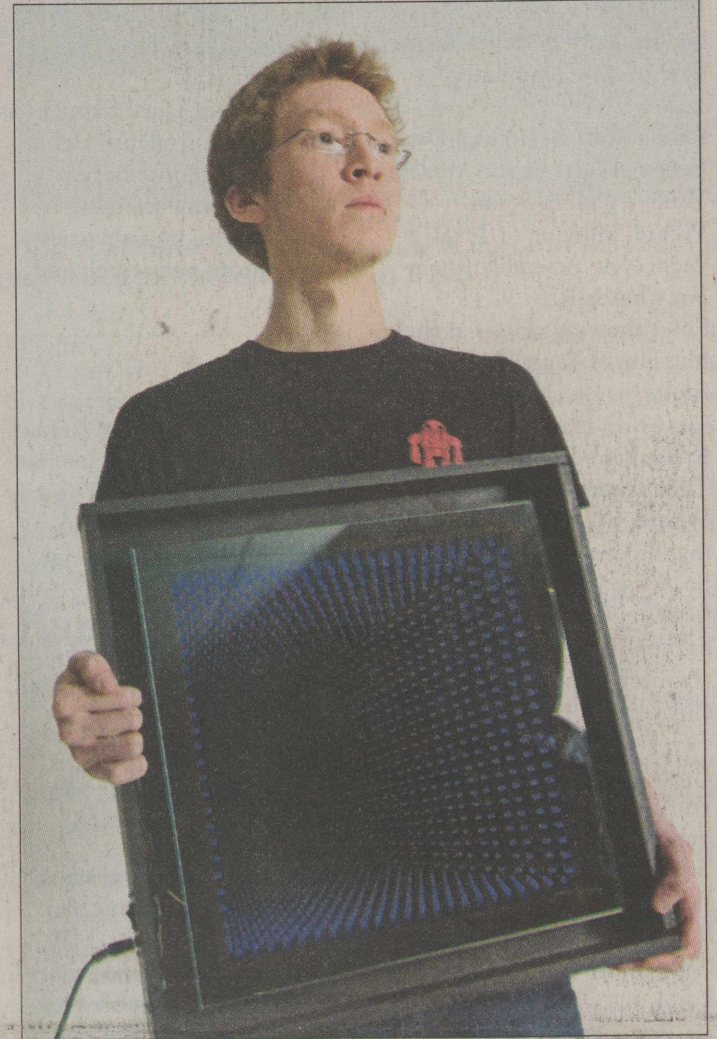


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TOP LEFT: MARK TOWER, A junior computer engineering major from Midland, creates duct tape objects including flowers and satchels. Tower intends to sell and display his creations at the inaugural Mini Maker Faire on April 20 in United Spirit Arena. TOP RIGHT: Alan Aragon, a senior electrical engineering major from Richardson, created an infinity mirror using LED lights, a mirror and double paned glass.

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DATE - OPPONENT - LOCATION

Sept. 1 - Northwestern State - Lubbock

Sept. 8 - Texas State - San Marcos

Sept. 15 - New Mexico - Lubbock

Sept. 22 - BYE WEEK

Sept. 29 - Iowa State - Ames, Iowa

Oct. 6 - Oklahoma - Lubbock

Oct. 13 - West Virginia (Homecoming) - Lubbock

Oct. 20 - TCU - Fort Worth

Oct. 27 - Kansas State - Manhattan, Kan.

Nov. 3 - Texas - Lubbock

Nov. 10 - Kansas - Lubbock

Nov. 17 - Oklahoma State - Stillwater, Okla.

Nov. 24 - Baylor (Cowboys Stadium) - Arlington

Lubbock Mini Maker Faire conducts search for 'makers'

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Asking for anything interesting and new, the upcoming Lubbock Mini Maker Faire is sending out a call for anyone who could be considered a "maker."

A "maker" is someone who makes just about anything — from food to robotics — and is excited about it. The Maker Faire will be an exhibit of all sorts of talent Lubbock has to offer.

"It's a place, where if someone has a unique project they are working on, (something) they wouldn't normally be able to show, like on the street," said Bill Mischke, a senior electrical engineering major from Flower Mound. "The Maker Faire allows people to come together with the community to show off what they have made."

Anyone with any kind of project is invited to

apply, Clark said people are rarely turned down. Applications are simply needed to coordinate logistics for requirements like power and size.

One project being presented will be a Tesla coil, which will be able to shoot six-foot plasma streams to make music. Another exhibit will present various duct tape creations.

Scott Clark, a senior electrical engineering major from Vernonia, Ore., said these are the sorts of things "makers" are proud of, but rarely have a venue to show.

It is not just showing off though, Clark said. The goal is for "makers" to share their knowledge, and be able to explain to attendees exactly how they do what they do, whether it be making felt, food or flame throwers.

Lubbock's Mini Maker Faire is an offshoot of a movement started by O'Reilly Media, the company

that publishes magazines like MAKE and CRAFT, both dedicated to the do-it-yourself spirit.

"There's a culture to it, and we like it," Clark said. "This is an opportunity for people who have that mindset to get together in the community and share that knowledge."

O'Reilly Media has hosted several Maker Faires, said Bridgette Vanderlaan, Maker Faire's representative for event and community marketing.

Many have been hosted in large cities by the company, Clark said, with hundreds of exhibitors and up to 100,000 attendees and have been featured on CNN.

The Maker Faires are sourced from the community and, Vanderlaan said, the platform provides a great creative outlet, but is not the central focus.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Engineering Job Fair

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

So, what is it?

The Whitacre College of Engineering Job Fair is giving students of all classifications the chance to meet companies and find out what careers in engineering are all about.

It's All Greek To Me

Time: 11 a.m. to Noon

Where: Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, Room 151

So, what is it?

Elizabeth Massengale will facilitate a student panel discussion titled, "It's All Greek To Me: Ethical Issues Facing Students Involved in the Greek Life Community."

Studio 360: Beginning Drawing for Adults at the Museum

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Museum of Texas Tech, New Assembly Room

So, what is it?

Enjoy drawing classes at the Museum of Texas Tech for adults.

Know Your Rights Week

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre

So, what is it?

Join Student Legal Services as they discuss concerns about your web image and how it can affect your job search.

Heritage Ecologies at the World Heritage Site of Teotihuacan, Mexico

Time: 5:35 p.m.

Where: English Building, Room 001

So, what is it?

Enjoy a presentation from speaker Timothy Webmoor, an anthropologist of science, technology and design.

Alternative Fuels (Improv Comedy)

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre

So, what is it?

Enjoy a night of improv comedy presented by the Tech Activities Board.

THURSDAY

Lifestyle of a College Professor

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room

So, what is it?

Explore your academic career through a panel discussion led by professors at various stages.

Know Your Rights Week

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre

So, what is it?

Join Student Legal Services as they discuss students' rights during police interaction, DWIs, alcohol offenses, expunctions, house parties, traffic stops and search and seizure.

Brad Paisley

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Enjoy Brad Paisley's "The Camobunga! 2012 World Tour," presented by Chevy.

Symphonic Band Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?

Enjoy a symphonic band concert presented by the School of Music.

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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HEART ATTACK



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STANGEL/MURDOUGH RESIDENCE Hall decorated the Wall/Gates Residence Hall office with paper hearts for Valentine's Day on Tuesday.

POLICE BLOTTER

Student commits self-harm through medication ingestion

Monday

11:15 a.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at Weymouth Residence Hall. A student was ill and was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

7:41 p.m. — A Tech officer

detained a student for an emergency detention in Gates Residence Hall. The student ingested over-the-counter medication and indicated she wanted to harm herself. She was transported to the UMC Emergency Room by EMS technicians.

10:00 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency

in Weymouth Residence Hall. A male student was having breathing problems and was transported to the UMC Emergency Room by EMS technicians.

11:01 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated an accident, without injuries, after a driver struck a highway fixture in the R15 parking lot. The

vehicle struck and damaged a sign.

11:01 p.m. — A Tech officer detained a student in Chitwood Residence Hall. The student was released pending the filing of charges possession of marijuana.

Information provided by B.J. Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

American Airlines workers protest job, pay cuts

FORT WORTH (AP) — Flight attendants and ground workers marched in picket lines Tuesday to protest American Airlines' plans to outsource jobs and cut pay and benefits under a bankruptcy reorganization.

Several of the protesters acknowledged having little hope of

changing the company's course. Some said that they expect to be laid off soon.

There appeared to be 200 to 250 protesters at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. A few passengers disembarked from cars and rolled their bags into the international terminal while avoiding contact with the pickets.

The event was a reminder of the long and bitter divide between labor and management at American, the nation's third-largest airline. There may also be differences — at least in style — among the workers themselves. The pilots' union skipped the protest, preferring to take a less confrontational approach.

American and its parent, AMR Corp., filed for bankruptcy protection on Nov. 29 after running up billions of dollars in losses over the past decade. Two weeks ago, AMR laid out a plan to cut 13,000 jobs, kill its pension plans, reduce

benefits and make other changes such as longer hours for some of its 88,000 employees.

Under bankruptcy law, the company can try to negotiate new labor contracts with unions. If that fails, it can ask the bankruptcy judge to impose the company's plan.

"I don't think this is going to do anything to change management's opinion as far as our (contract negotiations), but it's something we can do to show support for each other," said Angelica Abrams, a Dallas-based flight attendant with 30 years at American.

Laura Glading, president of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, also predicted that the company is determined to walk away from previous labor contracts. "We're here today to show we're not going to back down without a fight," she said.

American said the event didn't disrupt passengers at DFW, one of its five major U.S. hub airports.

Company spokesman Bruce Hicks said that restructuring American "is a difficult but necessary process." He said every employee group, including management, would be affected.

"Our goal is to exit as a growing, profitable company that preserves tens of thousands of jobs," Hicks said.

On the picket lines, there was much anger — and a few rhymed chants — aimed at new CEO Thomas Horton and other senior executives, who in past years received stock-based bonuses while front-line employees lived under terms of pay cuts approved in 2003, when the company barely avoided bankruptcy.

"They want to outsource our jobs overseas," said Tulsa, Okla.-based maintenance worker Greg Greene. "They need to outsource their jobs. You could bring in bright young people who can manage this company for a lot less."

Report gives new detail on Texas school shooting

McALLEN (AP) — A police sergeant gave the order to "take him out" and an armed teen was fatally shot after he turned toward another student in the hallway of a Texas middle school, according to a report released by the state attorney general.

The new report provides the most detail yet on the death of Jaime Gonzalez, 15. He was shot Jan. 4 by Brownsville police who responded to a call about a student at the school brandishing a handgun.

Texas requires police to file a report with the attorney general's office within 30 days of someone dying in police custody. The report on Gonzalez was first obtained by The

Brownsville Herald.

Two officers with semi-automatic rifles fired in response to the sergeant's order, and Gonzalez was hit twice, in the chest and the abdomen. He had been holding a realistic-looking pellet gun.

The report confirms officers' earlier statements that Gonzalez pointed the gun at them but also raises the possibility that he fired. The other student told investigators he believed Gonzalez had fired at police, and crime scene technicians recovered evidence that suggested Gonzalez fired at officers during an initial encounter near the school entrance. The report does not specify what the evidence was.

Police said Gonzalez did not appear to be intoxicated or exhibit mental health problems, but he repeatedly ignored their orders to drop his gun.

When police first peered through the school entrance and saw Gonzalez in the hall outside the office, the gun was tucked in his waistband. An officer approached, and Gonzalez pulled out a "black semi-automatic pistol, resembling a Glock handgun." Only later did police discover it was an air gun that fired pellets.

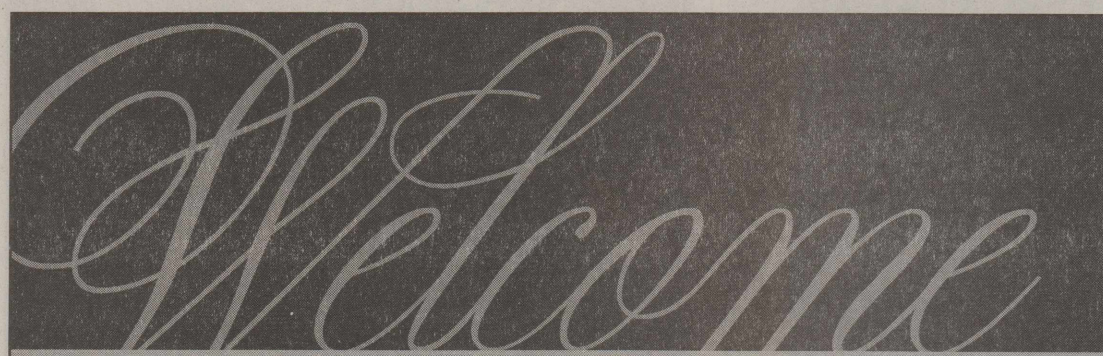
At one point, Gonzalez pointed the gun at his temple and then aimed it at police. One officer fired a shot high into the glass of the school's locked door. Officers believe Gonzalez fired too before retreating down a hallway. Officers turned down the hallway and saw Gonzalez at the end. Another student, identified only as "JG" in the report, was in a corner about 13 feet to Gonzalez's left.

"He (the student) was terrified because he was right against the wall, palms touching the wall along with his entire body; his eyes looked really big as he looked back and forth between us and the suspect," Officer Raul Cazares wrote in his report.

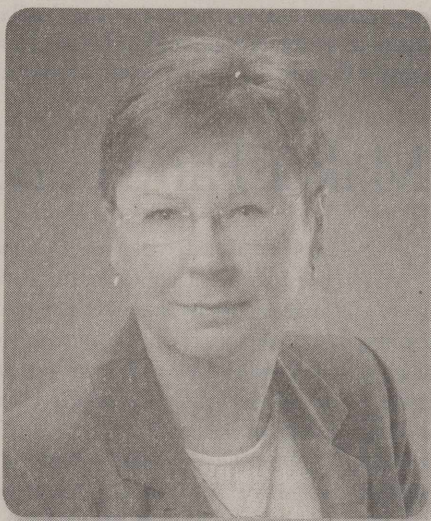
Officers continued to order Gonzalez to put down the gun.

"I feared for the child against the wall and/or that the suspect would run off into the school and hurt the students or the staff," Cazares wrote.

As officers approached, Gonzalez swayed back and forth, sometimes with the gun at his side and once up toward his head.



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Guest panel offers advice during Know Your Rights Week

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

The first guest panel for Know Your Rights Week, opened Tuesday, to talk to students about different issues they may face.

The members of the guest panels will speak from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Today and Thursday in the Student Union Building's Escondido Theatre.

Jay Killough, director of the Career Services Center, will speak on the live guest panel today, which will focus on social media.

Killough said his biggest piece of advice is for students to monitor their social networking pages.

"80 percent of employers will look at the social media site of a potential applicant," he said. "There are numerous case studies where people have been let go due to their status updates or their tweets. Employers look at these things."

Sometimes, whether knowingly or not, the information on a person's social networking page can cause employers to reconsider his or her application

in a negative way, Killough said.

"There was a girl who was going to get kicked out of her residence hall, so her friends started a group on Facebook to keep her from getting kicked out of her residence hall," he said. "The potential employer saw the group, wondered why she was being kicked out of her residence hall, and didn't want to hire her anymore."

Killough said LinkedIn is a networking site that can really help students in the future and recommended students create an account before graduating.

"Having a site like LinkedIn can really benefit students in the job market," he said. "There's only one picture, and the only way people show up on your wall is if they recommend you, which is a good thing. It's a networking site meant strictly for finding jobs."

Killough also recommended students who do use Twitter maintain a professional account that is open to the public, but make their personal account private.

Sofia Rodriguez, director of Student Judicial Programs, said

she plans to speak mainly on the issue of students sending emails with abusive language to other students or professors.

"If there's an issue that they want to resolve or that they're upset about, whether it be with another student or teacher in the classroom, there are services we offer through the Counseling Center," she said. "I recommend that these students not come across aggressively via email or even through text message."

Fred Stangl, an attorney, said the panel he is scheduled to speak with Thursday will be an informative session in which students will be able to sponge information from different representatives of the criminal justice system.

"We've got various folks from the criminal justice system here in town: a judge, a prosecutor, members of law enforcement, and myself," he said. "I'm a criminal defense lawyer."

Stangl said one of the main focuses of the discussion Thursday will be students' interaction with the police.

"We're all raised to cooperate with law enforcement and that's



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
A PANEL OF experts advise students how to effectively rent and own housing at the Leases and Landlords workshop as a part of Know Your Rights Week at the Escondido Theatre on Tuesday.

perfectly fine," he said. "Folks just need to understand that they're not required to consent the police to search them, their cars, their houses or their dorm rooms, just because they feel

like it." Stangl said he thinks other campuses have successfully hosted Know Your Rights Week and said it is important students come out and get informed.

"We just want to let kids know what their rights are," he said. "It's completely up to them whether they want to exercise them or not."

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Professional Convention Management Association plans parties

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The Professional Convention Management Association is a Texas Tech organization that gives students the experience of planning events, but Tech does not foot the bill — the members do.

Kimberlee Ablahat, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Houston, said this year is a new beginning for the organization, and she would like to see students more involved.

"We had a fresh start this semester when I became president and we'd like to get more membership in the future," she said. "We meet on Wednesdays in the Human Sciences building in room 173 at 7 p.m., twice a month."

The number of groups planning events is slim, Ablahat said.

"Our slogan is: we plan the party," she said. "There's not a large group of event planners in our major, so our goal is to get as many people together as possible to work and get experience."

"Our goal is to be more of a family this semester," she said. "We also want people to be as professional as possible. We want you to succeed, but we want you to know what it's really like to be an event planner because it's a lot of work."

Ablahat said the group tries to help its newest members when they first get started.

"We want our members to be organized," she said. "We provide them with calendars and contact information so that they can be as prepared

as possible."

Ablahat said the main focus of this semester is planning a fundraising dinner at Skyviews restaurant on April 13 with Shane Blum and Kelly Phelan.

"PCMA is really going to jump in and get our hands dirty with whatever we can do to help," she said. "That should be something to look forward to this semester because it's the first time we've planned something this big, tied to the school."

Blair Bohny, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Sugar Land, said she too would like to see growth in the organization.

"I would like for PCMA to grow," she said. "The most important thing for us is to not only practice, but also to create a community within PCMA, joining all of the event planners so

that we can act as one."

Bohny, who is also the vice president of the organization, said the organization is for students who are interested in event planning and as an outlet for those students to learn from everyone's ideas.

"PCMA is a really great place for students with great ideas, in regards to event planning to bounce those ideas off of other people and get ideas from other people," she said. "It's really

good to have each other together to learn off of."

Phoebe Barrett, a freshman restaurant, hotel, and institutional management major from Hawaii, said living in Hawaii sparked her interest in event planning.

"Hawaii has such a big hospitality industry," she said. "It's all hotel and restaurant and living there has definitely made me interested in the industry."

Barrett, who is also the treasurer of PCMA, said the organization is a great chance for students to get experience in a field that can be difficult to find a way into.

"It's really tough to find internships in this field," she said. "It's something that you really have to go out of your way to find, so this is a great opportunity to get experience in the field."

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Maker

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"The secret is the makers themselves," she said.

No matter the size of the Maker Faire, she said, there will be plenty of amazing things.

Mini Maker Faires are hosted by outside groups; in Lubbock's case the Texas Tech Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Branch is facilitating the event. Both Clark and Mischke are involved with IEEE, and Clark said it was a perfect fit.

In fact, he said, with the Maker Faire's focus on education for all, students are a great source of "makers."

"We want to engage youth," Clark said. "We want the university to be there, representing every college in some form or fashion to show kids, it's not all boring. There's a lot of fun to be had."

Clark said the event might encourage students to explore education opportunities and creative outlets.

Ultimately, Vanderlaan said, it would be great to have a student, who is in high school now, choose an engineering major because of the Maker Faire, and go on to host it when he or she is a senior in college.

"It's great to have support of these communities and colleges," he said. "Our goal is to have makers around the world."

The Maker Faire will be completely family friendly, Clark said, with plenty of hands-on activities and projects to learn about.

While it was difficult to explain, he said, it is not an art show and it is not a trade show, though there will be art and there will be businesses.

"It's a definitely something where there are so many opportunities," Mischke said. "I don't think you could walk out without finding something cool and interesting to you."

Makers can apply online at LubbockMakerFaire.com until March 2. The Faire will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 28 in the United Spirit

Arena. Sponsorship opportunities are available, more information can be found on the website.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Kurt Krauss

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8 Unreturnable serve
9 Sea, in Paris
10 Out yonder
11 Actress Flockhart
12 "Rosie's role"
13 Puzzle solver's smudge
18 Commonly decorated tree
22 Consumed
24 Columbus, by birth
25 "Mi casa _ casa"
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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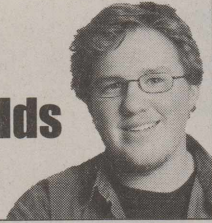
In what seemed to be a fleeting moment of remembering why many of his supporters in the last presidential election voted for him, President Obama rejected, for the time, a proposal that would allow the Keystone XL pipeline extension to be built.

Had it passed, the extended pipeline would transport crude oil from tar sands in Canada to refineries along the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Though the temporary rejection of the proposal took place on January 18, many media pundits and writers are still debating whether or not it was a good decision. However, I don't think it's as difficult of an issue it's been made out to be.

Proponents of the pipeline project tout claim it would create 20,000 American jobs and significantly reduce our dependence on oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Creating jobs that will mostly

Jakob Reynolds



disappear when the project is finished, boosting the economy and being less dependent on OPEC (of which many members are not big fans of the United States) sounds great.

However, the sad truth of the matter is that building the pipeline would essentially put the economies of eight states, along with the environmental and public health of millions of Americans, at risk — for dirtier energy than we are currently using.

Tar sands are named so because the natural mixtures of sand, clay and highly viscous bitumen (a form of petroleum) have the same obnoxious, smelly stickiness. The environmental stress caused by

the extraction and refining process of tar sands alone should've been reason enough for lawmakers to reject the pipeline.

The high viscosity of natural bitumen found in oil sands means after they are strip-mined (usually assisted by steam) and carried to processing facilities in giant, oil-fueled trucks, they are then heated by steam to a temperature at which they will flow freely and can be chemically processed to remove impurities. The processed bitumen is then diluted with other hydrocarbons so it can be pumped to refineries. These processes not only require the burning of massive

amounts of other fossil fuels, but also millions of gallons of fresh water, of which a mere fraction of the Earth's water is composed.

The proposed Keystone XL pipeline extension would cover 1,700 miles of the American Midwest. Underneath those 1,700 miles lies the Ogallala Aquifer, which provides almost 30 percent of the ground water used for irrigation in the United States and approximately 80 percent of the drinking water for the people in that area. More than \$20 billion worth of crops rely on that irrigation water. For those of you who don't know, Lubbock happens to draw

its water from the Ogallala; so if you think our water is bad now, try to imagine how much worse it would be if it was contaminated by benzene, a carcinogenic and highly soluble chemical contained in bitumen.

The proposed pipeline also passes over a seismically active area in Nebraska, which experienced a 4.3 magnitude earthquake in 2002. TransCanada, the company that owns the pipeline, tried to cut corners and applied to Congress to use thinner steel — saving them almost \$1 billion — and pump at higher pressures and temperatures, yet still swears they will adhere to the highest safety standards and a leak or spill is unlikely at best.

At this time, I would like to invite readers to look to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 and the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in 1989 as prime examples of how trustworthy the oil industry is when it comes to adhering to safety standards.

If all of this isn't enough to show how much the oil industry cares about the people it impacts, TransCanada also threatened 56 landowners with confiscation of their private lands through eminent domain actions before they had federal approval to begin construction, according to the *New York Times*.

President Obama only postponed the decision on whether or not building the Keystone XL pipeline was in the U.S. national interest until next year, citing the 60 days Republicans in Congress gave federal agencies to assess its impact as inadequate. However, I think it's obvious that if we plan on truly developing energy independence and sustainability, pandering to the oil industry and building this pipeline will do nothing but hold our nation back.

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Overturn Citizens United decision

By MINNESOTA DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
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Two representatives in Wisconsin's state Legislature recently introduced a resolution that calls on Congress to start the process of amending the constitution to end corporate personhood and the treatment of money as political speech.

New Mexico and Hawaii have already passed similar resolutions. If Congress doesn't act, two-thirds of the states can call for a constitutional convention under Article V of the Constitution, where amendments can be introduced.

Amending the Constitution to end the legal precedents of corporate personhood and money equating political speech is more important than any other issue right now.

It's not an exaggeration to say our democracy is at stake. If Minnesota considers itself a progressive state, and if Minneapolis considers itself a progressive city, they need to take the lead on this issue.

The Minneapolis City Council and Minnesota state Legislature can pass resolutions in support of a constitutional amendment to overturn these two dangerous

precedents.

These resolutions are reactions to the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, which determined that since corporations are legally considered people protected by the First Amendment and because money also counts as speech protected by that amendment, limits on political contributions were unconstitutional.

The decision has already had massively negative consequences for our political system, but neither the precedent of corporate personhood nor counting money as speech was set for the first time in *Citizens United*.

Corporations were first considered people protected by the 14th Amendment — designed to protect freed slaves — in the 1886 case *Santa Clara v. Southern Pacific*. But while corporations were given the same rights as people, they have none of the same responsibilities as people.

They are protected by the legal concept of limited liability,

and they can't be killed or jailed. The most compelling argument against corporate personhood, though, is common sense. Corporations, by definition, are not human beings, and they should be treated differently.

The more damaging precedent is considering money to be political speech, set in the 1976 case *Buckley v. Valeo*. Money is market expression, but it is not democratic expression. This ruling treats our democracy as a supermarket and elections as shopping decisions.

In a democracy, all men and women are created equal and have equal power to rule themselves. Considering wealth as democratic expression makes citizens inherently unequal. Furthermore, it means that the power to make laws — having become dependent on wealth — can be inherited, a problem we fought

the American Revolution to rid ourselves of.

Passing a constitutional amendment to overturn these precedents is not a left or right issue; it is about protecting our democracy, our Constitution and the values of our Revolution. Members of the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street should be equally active on this issue, as should Americans of every other political stripe.

The road to a constitutional amendment might be a long one, especially if Congress fails to act soon. Cities and states passing resolutions can put pressure on Congress, and a constitutional convention can be called as a last resort.

There is significant grassroots support for an amendment: 84 percent of voters in Madison, Wis., supported a referendum to this effect in the most recent election. Money being treated as democratic speech and corporate personhood are eroding our democracy — ending them should be priority number one for everyone no matter where they are on the political spectrum.

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Tenure breeds lazy lectures, stagnancy

By TARA VERDEROSA
THE NEVADA SAGEBRUSH (U. NEVADA)

With the Nevada State budget in a perpetual downward spiral, education has been under attack. Nevada's talking heads have proposed everything from eliminating extracurriculars (such as sports and music), to redirecting all operational costs (which normally pays for building maintenance and electricity bills).

Student-teacher ratios have reached unrealistic proportions, and schools can no longer accommodate the masses they try to seat.

As a future teacher, I strongly support providing quality public education, one that delivers more than just the bare minimum. But there is one major change, brought to attention by the budget, of which I have become a supporter — eliminating tenure.

Perhaps I'll regret saying this four years down the line when I'm living out of my car after losing my meager teaching salary to budget cuts, but hear me out.

While I believe fairness and job security is important (especially my own), I think the education system (both general and university) need to reevaluate keeping teachers staffed based primarily on their seniority.

In most education systems, tenure is defined as padded job security, which ensures that a teacher cannot be fired unfairly. While this is great in theory, “unfairly” seems to have lost its true value.

At U. Nevada, Reno, for example, it takes a tenured professor two years of consecutive unsatisfactory remarks to even be considered for dismissal.

In other words, even if a teacher is abysmal, it will take 730 days (in other words, approximately 12 college classes) before that teacher

can be removed and replaced with someone more adequate.

That means that, for two years, students will be receiving instruction that is considered less than satisfactory.

And in the grand scope of the budget, that is two years of wasted salary pay.

In an ideal world, teachers would get better as they spent more time in the classroom.

The real world, however, couldn't be any further from the truth.

Nevada is full of teachers who have become ingrained in their old ways, refusing to adapt to the changing personalities and learning styles of students.

Teachers become comfortable in tenured positions and lose their desire to contribute and put their best effort into the classroom.

At the university level, we continue to employ professors based on their research, despite poor ratings from students and only satisfactory teaching skills.

In any other profession, the idea of tenure is ludicrous. Jobs in marketing, journalism and even engineering can be lost in an instant based on one poor judgment call.

Only teachers are given a two-year window for messing up. And it's an important place to clean up the flack.

For every day a poor teacher is in the classroom, there is a student who is likely not understanding the material.

Don't get me wrong. I support education to the fullest — but not the type that focuses on keeping its employees more than educating students.

And while I agree that every employee deserves job security, it should not impede our ability to keep the most able and flexible teachers in the classroom.

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Tech blows halftime lead as A&M finishes on 15-2 run to win 47-38

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech hosted Texas A&M on Tuesday night and dominated the Aggies. Then there was the second half.

After going into halftime with a 26-17 lead, the Red Raiders fizzled out and lost to the Aggies 47-38.

Tech did not play like it should have with the lead, Tech coach Billy Gillispie said.

"We haven't been up that much on anyone in a long time," he said, "and we just didn't handle the lead very well defensively."

One of the keys to the Red Raiders loss was rebounding, he said.

Tech gave up 20 offensive rebounds to the Aggies, and was outrebounded 41-23.

"They dominated us on the boards like crazy," Tech sophomore Jaye Crockett said. "We just gave up too many rebounds that we should've had."

The Red Raiders had no excuse for being outrebounded, A&M just had a stronger will on the glass, Crockett said.

"They were just more aggressive than us," he said. "We weren't boxing our man out, and balls were going over our heads, and sometimes like on free throw rebounds we weren't pinching. We just weren't aggressive going towards rebounds."

Crockett led Tech in scoring with 12 points.

Along with rebounding, there were several other factors as to why Tech could not come away with the win, Gillispie said.

"We defended well enough to win," he said. "You give up 47 points, you're supposed to win at home. But we just didn't score, we got two foul shots is all we did. We had a lot of wide-open shots in the second half, when we were playing conservatively, with wide-open shots. We went 2 for 10 from three, missed a lot of little seven, eight, 10 foot shots and you've



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Billy Gillispie yells at Jaye Crockett during the end of the Red Raiders' 47-38 loss against Texas A&M on Tuesday in United Spirit Arena.

got to make those shots to try to win."

When Tech started to gain a large lead, the Aggies were able to use the three-point shot to get back in the game, Tech sophomore guard Javarez "Bean" Willis said.

"We was up 24 to 9, I gave up a three, Ty (Nurse) gave up a three, and that just gave them hope," he said.

After A&M climbed back into the game, Tech played too conservatively and did not attack enough, Gillispie said.

"It was my fault," he said. "We probably got a little bit too conservative in the

second half. At the end of first half, we just didn't make any shots, and after we got out to a lead we started wanting to play conservative, that wasn't my doing. But in the second half, I probably made them play a little bit too conservative."

The win was the first conference road win for the Aggies.

The loss hurt Tech because the game was within reach, Willis said. "We know we should have won that game," he said. "We could have easily won that game by 30."

Tech shined at certain times throughout the game, but the Red Raiders did not play a complete game, Gillispie said.

"We had some moments where we played really well — didn't play good enough for 40 minutes," he said. "They definitely started hitting some shots and playing better. And then when it got right down to it, we weren't tough enough in the lane to beat them."

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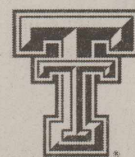
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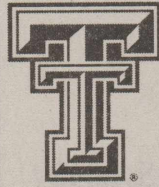
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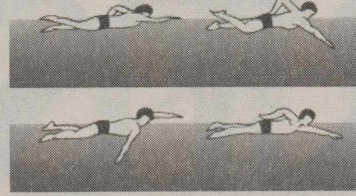
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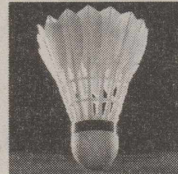
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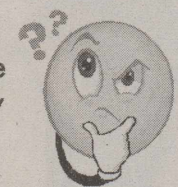
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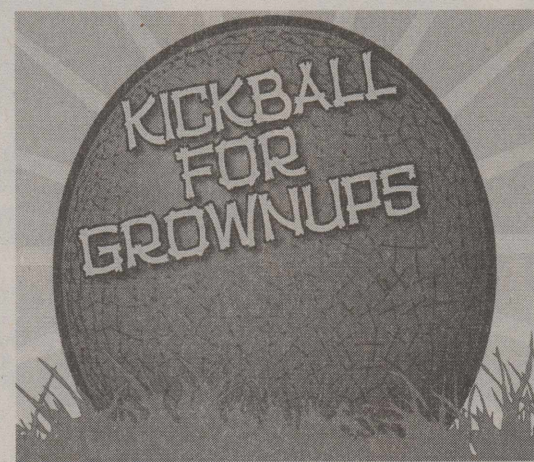
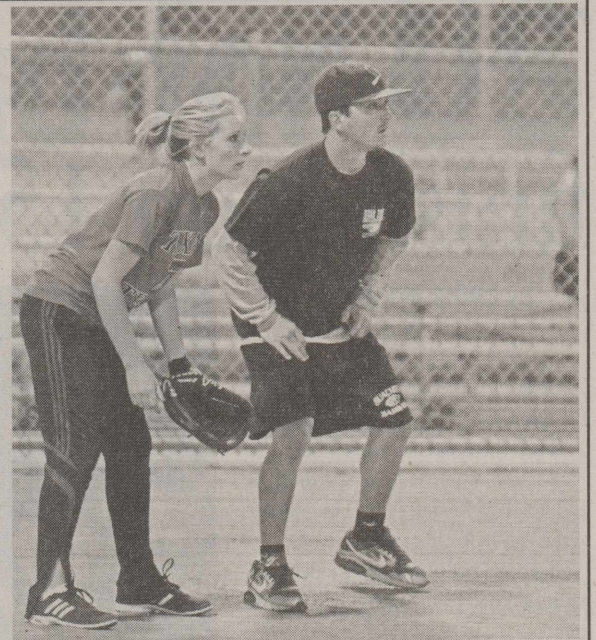
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 Wednesday, February 28, 8:30pm to 8:45pm
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Movie Presentation: THIN
 Wednesday, February 28, 8:45pm to 8:45pm
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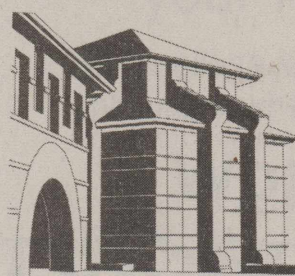
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Lady Raiders go for season sweep against Longhorns

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Raiders will try to sweep the season series against Texas for the first time since 2006 Wednesday night at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Texas Tech defeated Texas 75-71 in Lubbock on Jan. 28.

Tech would love to get the sweep against its rival, but is more focused on winning one game at a time, Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"It's not so much about Texas — that would just be icing on the cake to know that you did that against Texas — it's more about a sense of urgency, like I said," she said, "and the fact that we need to continue to win to put ourselves in position for March, the way we want to be."

The Lady Raiders have not won in Austin since 2006.

With it being her final trip to Austin as a player, Tech senior Jordan Barncastle said she wants to win at Texas before her collegiate career is through.

"I'd like to make a change," she said. "It hasn't even been close the past couple of games, which I don't know why. We're very capable of beating them, and I think that

we're the better team. We've just got to go down there and get it done."

The Longhorns are 10-4 at home this season, but they have lost four out of their last five games.

Texas has some momentum coming off a home win against Oklahoma State on Saturday and will be a tough opponent, Curry said.

"It's always been a tough place to play," she said, "just like it's been tough on them coming to Lubbock. Certainly, because of the situation we're in, that sense of urgency, hopefully the past isn't a predictor of the future with this one."

The Lady Raiders will be successful against the Longhorns if they play the way they did in the first game against Texas, Tech junior guard Chynna Brown said.

"I feel like if we go down there and do what we need to do as far as rebounding and just playing that Texas Tech defense, we should be OK," Brown said. "I haven't gotten a win at Texas since I've been here, so I'm looking forward to getting a W on the road."

Tech is coming off a 51-41 win against Iowa State on Sunday.

Brown got her first start of the

season and led the Lady Raiders with 19 points against the Cyclones.

Being in the starting lineup does not change her mindset at all, Brown said.

"Even though I'm starting now," she said, "I still want to be that spark, still want to get loose balls, rebound — just do anything and everything I can to help my team win."

Tech senior Kierra Mallard went down with a knee injury in the game Saturday, and Curry said she was relieved to learn Mallard's injury was not as bad as it could have been.

"The MRI showed no damage as far as a season-ending situation," Curry said. "It's a hyperextension and we're just going to take it day-by-day. We're very thankful because it could be a lot worse."

Since Tech already beat the Longhorns this season, the team knows it has the ability to beat the Longhorns, Barncastle said.

"I think that gives us the confidence and the encouragement that we know we can do it," she said. "We're definitely capable, so hopefully we'll go down there and get the job done."

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TEXAS TECH GUARD Casey Morris tries to avoid Iowa State center Anna Prins, as she tries to shoot the ball during the Lady Raiders' 51-41 victory against the Cyclones on Sunday in United Spirit Arena.

Oklahoma, Texas, WVU highlight home portion of 2012 football schedule

Texas Tech's mobile application leaked a 2012 football schedule last week, revealing a slate that featured the Red Raiders going more than a month without playing a game at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tuesday, however, welcomed the release of Tech's official 2012 football schedule, which is highlighted by the month of October — a month in which the Red Raiders host Oklahoma and West Virginia, and then travel to TCU and Kansas State, all in consecutive weeks.

"We are going to have the opportunity to host probably three top-10 teams at Jones AT&T Stadium, and I don't think any other school in the country can say that," said Tech coach Tommy Tuberville. "With Texas, Oklahoma and West Virginia all coming to Jones AT&T Stadium, we couldn't ask for a better home schedule. The Big 12 Conference is as challenging and difficult as it gets."

"Our coaches and players are excited for the challenges that this schedule presents, and we are ready to get back on the field for spring practice to begin our preparations."

Tech receives a bye week following games against North-

western State, Texas State and New Mexico. The bye week is set for the week of Sept. 22.

The Red Raiders' first road test is against Texas State in San Marcos, while their second road game does not occur until Sept. 29 when Tech faces the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa.

Tech's official schedule and the leaked schedule did share one thing in common: The Red Raiders are set to play the Baylor Bears at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on Nov. 24.

Tech's Homecoming game is set for Oct. 13, as the West Virginia Mountaineers make their Jones AT&T Stadium debut as the newest members of the Big 12 Conference.

The Big East Conference announced its decision Tuesday to end West Virginia's membership in July.

West Virginia, along with TCU, will replace Texas A&M and Missouri, both of which are set to join the Southeastern Conference this summer.

TCU hosts Tech on Oct. 20 in Fort Worth. The Horned Frogs are considered by many to contend for a conference championship, despite being new to the Big 12.

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Big 12 releases 2012 schedule with W.Va clearance

IRVING (AP) — A Baylor team adjusting to life without Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III will play its first two Big 12 games next season against league newcomers West Virginia and TCU.

West Virginia will make its Big 12 debut on Sept. 29 at home against Baylor, which two weeks later will host former Southwest

Conference rival and new Big 12 foe TCU for the second year in a row. Baylor is the only Big 12 team that will play the two newcomers in back-to-back games, and will be the first to complete both of their games against them.

TCU is also set to play in the first Big 12 game of the season. The Horned Frogs make their conference debut with a Sept. 15 visit to Kansas

and new coach Charlie Weis in the only Big 12 game scheduled that weekend.

The Big 12 finally released its 10-team, round-robin schedule Tuesday after West Virginia announced it had settled a lawsuit with the Big East that allows the Mountaineers to begin play in the Big 12 next season.

TCU, coming off its third consecutive Mountain West Conference

title and a No. 14 final ranking, will play at West Virginia on Nov. 3. The Mountaineers finished ranked 18th last season.

While the Big 12 said dates are subject to change and adjustments are expected to accommodate its television partners, at least now the matchups are set for the league's first season after Texas A&M and Missouri leave for the Southeastern Conference.

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LeJeune set to make his return for the Red Raiders

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
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In 2010, Texas Tech's Scott LeJeune started all 56 games accumulating a .323 batting average while driving in 58 runs and led the Big 12 Conference, all as a sophomore.

Therefore, he was an easy addition to the Preseason All-Big 12 team as a junior in 2011. He started in left field and batted cleanup on opening day against Western Michigan. He went 0-for-4, and then he was gone. Gone from the team. Gone from school. Gone from Lubbock.

But he wasn't gone for any of the "typical" reasons. He wasn't injured during the game, he wasn't ruled ineligible by the NCAA for any sort of violation and he didn't have any sort of falling out with the coaching staff. But, something was wrong.

However, no one knew what was wrong. Not LeJeune. Not his teammates. Not even his doctors in Lubbock.

In order to try and figure out what was going on with him, LeJeune said he had to remove himself from the baseball team.

He said the decision was hard for him, but he knew his health was more important than baseball.

"At that time, I didn't know exactly what was going on — sometimes I still don't," he said. "It wasn't even dealing with baseball. It was just a time in my life when I couldn't control what I was doing. I had a lot of questions that had no answers. As much as I hated to say it, I really needed to step away from the game

and just look at my life. That was the most important thing — baseball was a second issue."

LeJeune decided to leave not only the baseball team at Tech, but his academic studies as well.

He said he did not feel as if the doctors in Lubbock were doing a good job in determining what was really wrong with him, so he went back home to Austin to be evaluated by doctors there.

"I wasn't really trusting the doctors here in Lubbock," LeJeune said, "so I needed to get off all of my medicine, go back to Austin, get under the right care and it was just a waiting game. It was one of the worst times in my life just sitting there waiting, and you have no control over it."

With the help of his doctors in Austin, LeJeune said, he was diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder.

According to PubMed Health, generalized anxiety disorder is a pattern of frequent, constant worry and anxiety over many different activities and events with the main symptom being an almost constant presence of worry or tension, even when there is little or no cause.

LeJeune said once he was diagnosed, it made him feel a little better and he started getting the help he needed from the doctors to facilitate him coming back to Tech.

Red Raider head coach Dan Spencer said he was glad LeJeune was able to take the season off and determine what was going on, because it was beyond anything he could help him with.

"There was a lot of things that he

had to handle on his own," Spencer said. "There wasn't a lot of help because it was kind of out of the realm of what a layman, like myself, could help him with."

LeJeune said he eased his way back to Tech and began only with academics. He returned to Lubbock last summer taking classes, and then started to get back in the weight room in efforts to get back in shape for the baseball team.

He is now projected to be back in the starting lineup for the first time since Feb. 19, 2011.

Barrett Barnes, LeJeune's teammate and roommate, said he is happy to have him back, both in the lineup and in his life.

"It's awesome," Barnes said. "It's a blessing. He overcame some very difficult situations and things like that, and overall as a team we're just glad to have him back. He's a big part of our lineup, he's one of our family members, he's a brother of mine and we're just really happy he's back with us this year."

Spencer said he is thrilled to have the same person back he had during the 2010 season.

"He's been the Scotty LeJeune we knew," he said. "The kind that shows up and gets straight As and drives in a bunch of runs, so we're really excited to have him back."

The Red Raiders also could have this production for two more years, as LeJeune was given a redshirt due to his lack of appearances during the 2011 season.

LeJeune is expected to make his return to the Red Raiders on Friday, as Tech takes on Missouri State in its season opener at Rip Griffin Park.



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TEXAS TECH INFIELDER Scott LeJeune throws the ball to first during the Alumni Game on Saturday at Rip Griffin Park. LeJeune left the team last year due to anxiety problems, but returns to the Red Raiders this year and is a projected starter in Tech's first game of the season Friday.

He said he is looking forward to the opportunity, but considers being back on the diamond as just icing

on the cake.

"I'm just happy to be here," LeJeune said. "I'm blessed to even

be back in school. It's just a bonus I'm playing baseball."

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West Virginia settles Big East lawsuit, will join Big 12 Conference in July

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia University announced Tuesday it has settled a lawsuit with the Big East for an unspecified amount, clearing the way for the conference power Mountaineers to join the Big 12 in July in time for the fall football season.

Athletic Director Oliver Luck

said the terms of the deal were confidential and WVU wouldn't release details. But Luck said no state, taxpayer, tuition or other academic dollars will be used in the settlement.

A person familiar with the agreement said the settlement totaled \$20 million but did not know how much money would come from

the university and how much the Big 12 may contribute. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because financial terms were not announced with the agreement.

Luck said the funding will come only from private sources and money that athletics raised independently. WVU has already paid half of the required \$5 million exit fee.

Luck said the new relationship puts WVU among peers that are also large, public, flagship institutions for their states and have strong academic and research programs. Athletically, it's a "challenging and competitive" group, he said, populated by schools with "tremendous legacies, passionate fan bases."

It's also lucrative: Luck said

WVU should get about \$18 million to \$19 million a year in television payouts, about double what it gets from the Big East. Payments are being prorated for the first three years at 50 percent, 67 percent and 87 percent, he said, reaching 100 percent in the fourth year.

"It's a very healthy television payout, and it's important we main-


tain our self-sufficient status," Luck said. "With this move, we'll be in an excellent position to do so."

A spokesman for the Big 12 didn't immediately comment, but the conference released its football schedule about an hour after the announcement. West Virginia makes its Big 12 debut Sept. 29 at home against Baylor.

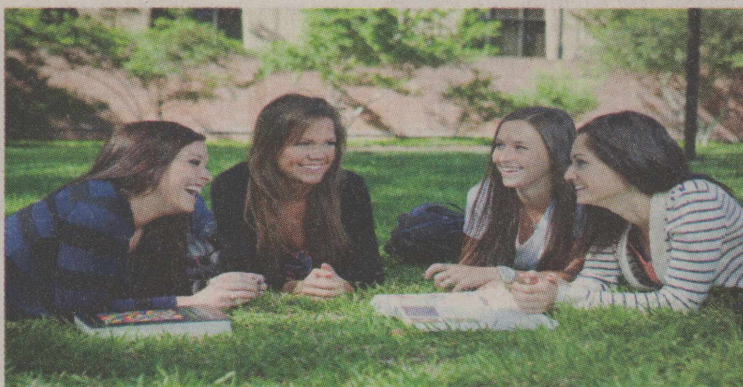
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