

## **SGA candidates petition students for votes**

Online voting opens today, lasts through Thursday

> **By EMILY REYES** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students have campaigned all week in order to convince the student body why they should be elected as executive officers to the Student Government Association.

Voting opens today and ends Wednesday. Executive officer positions being voted on are student body president, internal vice president and external vice president. Elections for student senators will also be open.

Students running for student body president are Zach West of Houston and Alex Alston of San Antonio, candidates for internal vice president are Matt Pippen of Monahans and Noelle Trotter of Odessa and candidates running for external vice president are Reed Young of Abilene and Alexis King of Lubbock.

Alston said as student body president he wants to focus on improving diversity on campus. He said he plans to do this by working closely with student organizations and with students involved in coalitions, so the student body will have a voice.

"We're focusing on improving diversity," Alston said. "I very

much believe that our multicultural students do not have an adequate voice in this school and we really need to change that."

West, an accounting major, introduced new ideas for improving student relations. He envisions a close community for Tech students and faculty members by creating a strong community on campus.

West said he would be introducing new concepts to campus, including a Craigslist-type server specifically for Tech students. He also said he wants to be the student voice to Tech President Guy Bailey and include new SGA members to work through social media to connect with the student body.

"One of my key fundamen-

tal responsibilities is to be the student voice and connect with President Bailey," West said. "I will allow 15 students to come with me to a meeting where they can open up those lines of communication to have both student government and administration in hand."

Pippen, a mechanical engineering major, encourages the students at Tech to unite as a community. As internal vice president, he envisions a strong student organization with support from the rest of the student body.

"As far as recognition and awareness goes, we have to start first with communication," he said. "No longer can we let one voice — or one certain area — be

the dominance of student senate. It has to be representative of the entire student body, and the only way we do that is by going and reaching out to students through things like meetings. They're going to be crucial because we can actually have the discussions and conversations that we need to have to bring the student voice back to SGA."

Pippen said he also plans on working with the Residence Hall Association to make all dorm parking lots 24-hour parking, for convenient access to students on campus. He also mentioned trying to install a Redbox video rental on campus and increasing bicycle-friendly areas.

### **TechBriefly**

### **Tech baseball** ranked No. 24

The Texas Tech baseball team made its first appearance in the national rankings for the first time this season. The Red Raiders debuted at No. 24 in this week's Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll Tuesday.

This is the first time Tech has been ranked in any national ranking since the 2005 season in which Tech was ranked No. 25 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches poll March 28, 2005.

This is also the first time the Red Raiders have made an appearance in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll since March 7, 2005, when it had them ranked No. 27 in the nation.

After receiving its ranking, Tech went on to win its fifth-consecutive game via a walk-off triple by Tim Proudfoot to push the Red Raiders record to 8-1.

#### **Personal Financial Planning honors** past members

The Texas Tech Department of Financial Planning recently named two past members with the 2012 Distinguished Alumni and Young Guns Alumni awards. The 2012 Young Gun

### **Escaping Expectations** events help students gain better body image Students also encouraged to donate old, skinny clothes

**By ASHLYN TUBBS** STAFF WRITER

Fat. Unattractive. Not good enough. These are a few of the terms some

The week kicked off at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center with an introductory Zumba class, in which students worked out by dancing.

Students who participated were encouraged to bring an item of cloth-



students use to label themselves. That is why Texas Tech is hosting

concerning eating disorders, body im-

age and soulful

living. The annual Feed Your Body and Soul Week began Sunday and will continue through Saturday. It is occurring at the same time as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week and the daily activities are each aimed toward over-

"It's basically geared

coming these

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around being healthy when it comes to body image and making sure that mentally you're taken care of and physically taken care of," said Amal Soomro, Impact Tech vice president, "So it kind of encompasses you feeling good and being healthy as a person."

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ing to donate to the Skinny Clothes a week dedicated to raising awareness Challenge, which began Mondy and will continue through Saturday. The challenge is to practice body

acceptance and donate clothes that no longer fit to the Women's Protective Services. Donation collection areas are located at the Student Union Building, Horn/ Knapp lobby, Human Sciences building,

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> Impact Tech members went to Greek Circle on Monday, to the sorority houses, with donation baskets, encouraging sorority members to give up as many clothes as they could for the cause.

Student Well-

ness Center

lobby and the

Rec Center.

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PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/ The Daily Toreador

NEVIL SHED, STARTING center for the 1966 National Champion Texas Western basketball team, spoke at the Allen Theatre on Monday night about being part of the first all-black lineup to start and win a national championship game, his past events in his life and how the motion picture "Glory Road" came to be.

### 'Glory Road' based character speaks at Tech

#### **By PAIGE SKINNER**

STAFF WRITER

He made history by being apart of the first all-black starting lineup for a NCAA championship game, as portrayed in the Disney movie "Glory Road."

Nevil Shed, one of the five black starters for the Texas Western Miners in the 1960s, spoke as a part of the TAB Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

Before Shed spoke, a video was shown consisting of old clips of Shed and his teammates playing and clips from the Disney movie "Glory Road."

walked onto the stage. He thanked the audience for being there, but quickly didn't see 'Glory Road."

Shed shared his faith in Jesus Christ, even saying he has not reached his "glory road" yet, by saying, "Glory Road is when God takes me home."

He recalled a story about playing basketball with his neighbor, Elliott, when they were 13 years old. A stranger approached the two boys and gave them "hot shots." Shed said the "hot shots" were

heroin. Elliott took the drugs, but Shed did not.

He said one day while they were

The audience applauded Shed as he playing a game of basketball, Elliott collapsed and Shed held him in his arms as Elliott died. From then, Shed joked and said, "Shame on you if you" said he made a promise to himself to warn people against taking drugs.

> Shed went on to tell the audience about his father's impact on his life, and how he had a "culture shock" when moving to the South and all the racism he encountered.

He said while living in the South, he experienced having to drink out of water fountains just for "colored people," having to go through the back entrance of a movie theatre and having to avoid eye contact with white people.

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Alumni Award was presented.to Amanda Lott, a 2008 Tech graduate who currently works as a Regent Atlantic Capital financial adviser in New Jersey.

The 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Alvin Murgai, a 1990 graduate.with more than 20 years of personal financial planning experience. He currently is the first vice president and senior resident director for Merrill Lynch in Houston.

According to a news release, Distinguished Alumni Awards are given based on an individual's professional accomplishments, career advancements, community service or Texas Tech advocacy, as well as advancing the reputation of the university's personal financial planning department.

The release also stated the Young Guns Award is given based on an individual who has graduated within the past five years for their commitments to the department through their achievements since graduation.

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### Community Calendar

#### TODAY

Feed Your Body Fair: Feed Your Body and Soul Week Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: Student Union Building

So, what is it? Come out to this event to learn more about intuitive eating, media literacy and activism, and health at every size. There will be free food, T-shirts and more.

PreLaw Program Q&A Event Time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Where: Holden Hall, Room 129

So, what is it?

If you have any questions about law school be sure to come out to this event where Tech PreLaw Program Ambassadors will help you with any questions or concerns you may have about the law school admission process. This is a come and go event, so come by whenever is convenient for you.

SDS Student Success Seminar: Study Skills Techniques **Time:** 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: West Hall, Room 246 So, what is it? If you need a little help with honing your study skills be sure to check out this seminar that will give you the insight on how to study smarter, not longer.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Skinny Clothes Challenge:** Feed Your Body and Soul Week Time: All day Where: Various locations So, what is it? Practice body acceptance and donate your skinny clothes in the Student Union Building, Horn/Knapp lobby, Human Sciences building, Student Wellness Center lobby and the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Donations go to Women's Protective Services.

Free Car Clinic Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Commuter West C17 Parking Lot, TTU Parkway and Indiana So, what is it? Receive a number of services before you leave for spring break from Scott's Complete Car Care, the Student Government Association, Student Health Services, Broadway Bikes, Bike Tech, the Injury Prevention Coalition and University Parking Services.

Texas Tech's Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma Time: 7 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Sooners.

Rossitza Jekova Goza and Ani Gogova Time: 7:30 p.m. Where: The Legacy, Great Hall So, what is it? Enjoy a violin and piano performance at this guest artist recital.

Graduate Brass Quintet Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy a performance from

this graduate brass quintet.

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

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

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STORM SHELTER

#### STUDENTS BOARD A bus in the mist outside of Holden Hall on Monday.

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Trotter, a mechanical engineering student and active member of Raiders United, said she stands by the Raiders United philosophy of unifying Tech and being a diverse, committed and effective representation of students at Tech. The main platforms of the Raiders United are students, academics and safety, she said.

"Student outreach is important," Trotter said. "We need to learn how to do that so we can pull more students into the organization."

Trotter wants to focus on students

ganizations. She said being a student is important and the SGA needs to listen to what the population is saying, instead of not knowing how to reach out to students or knowing how they feel about a

"Student proactivity is important

Young, an economics major, said as external vice president he wants to increase student safety, on and off campus. Young wants to increase lighting on campus, due to the increase of incoming and student involvement in Tech or- freshmen and students living on campus. He also wants to work with Tech's Department of Information Technology to create a real-time reporting system for on-and-off campus crime.

"We need to come up with innovative ways to get students from point A to point B," Young said, "(by) increase biking on campus, re-paving lanes, creating more shared paths and also creating more signage so people will be safe on campus."

population with the City of Lubbock and

dent transportation and relationships between current students, alumni and future students.

"Part of an external president's job is involving yourself with the Lubbock community and being the liaison between the Tech students and the Lubbock community," she said.

King said she will focus on improving the bus routes and minimizing the frequent amount of stops at certain times of day. This includes installing a GPS system in buses so students have the convenience of tracking the buses via cell phone and having more buses available to students.

Also, King said, she will push for more funds to increase the quality of Tech facilities in an effort to achieve tier-one status and improve research on campus. » ereyes@dailytoreador.com

## NYPD head not sorry about NJ Muslim surveillance

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Police Department's top official reiterated his defense Monday of the department's aggressive intelligence-gathering operations, saying there's no need to apologize for keeping tabs on some Muslims if that's what it takes to protect the city.

New York Daily News, Kelly said the criticism was a knee-jerk reaction by some New Jersey lawmakers to news that the NYPD had done surveillance in Newark.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez and Newark Mayor Cory Booker were

In a newspaper column in the second-guess the NYPD's methods. He was responding in Albany to a letter sent by a civil rights group demanding a meeting to discuss the attorney general's decision not to investigate the department.

> "I don't believe there is any reason to second-guess the attorney general," Cuomo said.

in the wake of the anniversary of the first attack on the World Trade Center, on Feb. 26, 1993. Then, the bombers came from New Jersey in a van full of explosives, parked it in a garage and detonated it. Kelly said it would be wrong to focus only on the city's five boroughs.

"It should've been a major wake-

particular issue. within the organization (through) word of mouth and constantly keeping the

SGA website updated so students can see what kind of events that we will be holding," she said.

Young also wants to connect the Tech

increase the relations between the two. King, external vice president candidate and an energy commerce major, said she has visions of improving stu-

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Watch the little things; a small leak will sink a great ship. ~Benjamin Franklin

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"Not everybody is going to be happy with everything the police department does, that's the nature of our business," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. "But our primary mission, our primary goal, is to keep this city safe, to save lives. That's what we're engaged in doing."

Kelly's comments to reporters Monday were the latest in a recent string of public statements in response to reports by The Associated Press about the NYPD's surveillance on Muslims across the Northeast following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

On a radio show on WOR, Kelly said some local politicians and potential candidates to succeed Mayor Michael Bloomberg who have criticized the counterterrorism efforts were pandering because of the upcoming election season.

wrong to question the department, he said. The elected officials were responding to the recent disclosure that officers devoted several months in 2007 to surveillance of Muslim communities in New Jersey's largest city. The result was a 60-page guide to Newark's Muslims, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Kelly said he had no plans to apologize. Christie has called the report "disturbing" and his spokesman said Monday he had nothing to add. A spokeswoman for Booker said he wasn't available for comment Monday. A spokeswoman for Menendez did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Both have called for investigations into the department's actions.

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Bloomberg already has given strong public support for the police department's efforts. And a recent Quinnipiac University poll showed many New Yorkers approved of the NYPD.

Kelly was echoing Bloomberg's stance. Last week, the NYPD took the unusual step of holding an hourlong briefing for reporters during which department and city lawyers spelled out the legal guidelines they say allows monitoring of mosques and other locations within the city and elsewhere.

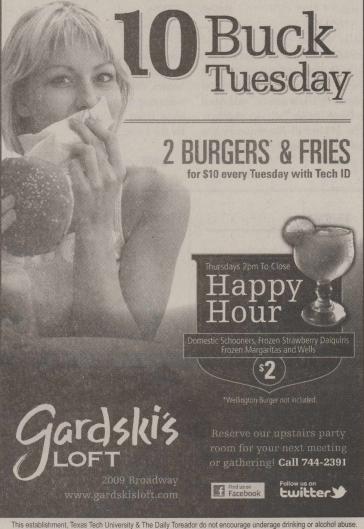
'The mayor is committed, I'm certainly committed to doing what we have to do, certainly as long as we're doing it pursuant to the law," Kelly said. "We're going to continue New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to vet and examine all of these this city safe."

His comments Monday came

up call for the country and the city. It wasn't," Kelly said. "It was sort of written off as a being an inept group of individuals, it wasn't seen to be tied to an international movement. We paid the price.'

He said he's doing everything he can — under the law — to make certain nothing like the 1993 bombing or the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by members of radical Islamist al-Qaida. Since then, have been at 14 other failed terrorist plots in the city.

The poll earlier this month found 60 percent of New York City voters believe police are "appropriately" dealing with Muslims, while 24 percent say police have unfairly targeted this group. Overall, 77 percent of New York City voters say police effectively combat terrorism. The poll questioned 1,222 voters and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.





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**Two Tech students create Facebook app** 

#### **By KASSIDY KETRON** LA VIDA EDITOR

idea as "clearly a scam," but Texas Tech students Kaleb Niven and James Lott said one day the investor would regret not taking a second look.

Niven, a junior general studies, philosophy, psychology and computer sciences major from Lubbock, and Lott, a senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, created an application called "Look-a-Likes" for the social networking website, Facebook, in January.

"I was really surprised that it didn't already exist," Niven said. "And I'm sure someone had the idea, but they just didn't put in the effort to do it. People have ideas all the time, but doing them of a guinea pig. is a different story because it took a long time and it was some work."

Basically, he said, the app takes people with similar "likes" on Facebook and brings them together and shows the percentage of similarities between them.

Initially, Niven said, they only released the app to a small group, in order to work out any kinks or bugs.

"We really wanted the design One investor dubbed the pair's to look really good and that took a little bit of time, at least three weeks just to get that done because we had to find a designer," he said. "There's always one more thing that's wrong with it and always one bug that you've got to fix that, and that messes something else up, and so once you get it working you're like, 'All right, leave it."

Niven said he and Lott have personally contacted people who use the application for feedback.

Brooks Jones, a junior computer science major from Lubbock, said he has been using "Look-a-Likes" for a few weeks now.

When Niven and Lott were still working on creating the app, Jones said, he served as somewhat

"It was a really neat process and it was a really good learning process for them," Jones said. "They had a good time throughout that process, but it was a long process.'

Jones said he would give the two feedback on how the page was running and any problems he saw with it.

teresting to find out how much one person has in common with another through an app.

"Who doesn't want to know what other people like," he said, "especially with their close friends because you might learn something new.'

Since its release, the app has an estimated 80 active users.

"It has that mass appeal of, you know, hobbies that you have, something unusual that no one else really likes," Jones said, "and it can find those people like that and it'll find lots of them, if there's lots of them out there. It allows a level of connection that's never been done before."

Lott said they began discussing the idea of the app last summer and by the time they started work on it in October, it took almost three months to complete.

Niven said he and Lott often would discuss ideas and the plan for the Facebook app seemed to be the most realistic.

"One night we were just talking about ideas that we had and I had had this one idea for a Facebook app, and it was just an idea to be

He said he thought it was in- able to connect people," Niven said, "and it didn't exist yet, so I was searching for it on the Internet and couldn't find it anywhere. And I was like, 'Surely, this has been done before?' and I couldn't find it at all, so I was like, 'I don't know, maybe we should do that."

Lott said he is in charge of the business side when it comes to the app, like purchasing the server they use to work on and hiring a web designer.

"I came up with a few things," he said. "I had a lot of input on some of the stuff that I wanted it to do, but (Niven) did more of, like, the designing."

By the time the "Look-a-Likes" app was released, he said they had spent at least \$1,200 creating it.

Niven said — on average — he worked on the app about two hours every day, depending on whether he was waiting to hear back from people or not.

He said his family was concerned about whether the app would get in the way of his schoolwork, but it did not, Niven said, and Lott made the Dean's List last semester.

"We just wanted it to exist,"

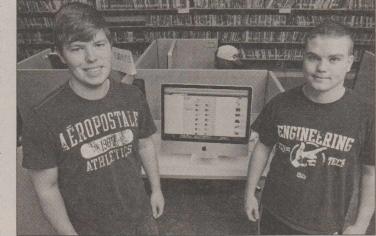


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador KALEB NIVEN, A junior philosophy, psychology and computer science major from Mesquite, and James Lott, a senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, created a Facebook app to help people meet each other based on common interests.

Niven said. "We actually had a good idea and we were like, 'This needs to happen,' and I feel like it would have happened. Eventually, someone would do it, but we were like, 'Let's just go ahead and do it."

In the future, Niven said, they would both like to add facial recognition to "Look a Likes," which will allow people to search for other users that look like them or their friends.

But, he said, in order for the app to be successful, its user base must grow because the more people who use the app, the more people it will be able to connect.

"The value is in the app itself," Niven said. "What the app does is valuable. It allows you to find people who you share a connection, who you would probably never meet otherwise."

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## For blacks, mix of 'Help' emotions throughout Oscar night

Despite torrents of debate bivalence tinged the reaction: Beamong African-Americans over sides regret that the ranks of black the merits of the segregation-era Oscar winners remained small, movie "The Help," most still many felt relief that a role viewed hoped that Viola Davis, who plays as stereotypical was not honored. a maid, would become just the second black winner of the best nooooooooooooooo," wailed Robactress Oscar.

And so there was widespread disappointment when Davis lost the Academy Award to Mervl Streep on Sunday night. Still, am-

"Oohhhhhhhnnnninne Lee on Twitter.

Lee, a black actress who has appeared in films such as "Seven Pounds" and "Hotel for Dogs," said in an interview that Streep emwin. "But Viola had so much hype this year, and there was so much excitement, and it conjured up so much controversy in the black community about this role . so (the loss) was disappointing."

Yet Lee felt a mix of emotions, since she is eager to see more diverse movie casts in a wider variety of roles. Adding to the conundrum was the best supporting

who played another maid in "The Help.'

Prior to Sunday, only 13 black actors had won Hollywood's highest honor in the Oscars' 84-year history. Only Halle Berry had been chosen best actress, for playing a wounded soul who finds solace in the arms of a white man in "Monster's Ball."

In 1940, Hattie McDaniel be-

to win an Oscar, for a supporting role as a maid called Mammy in the Dixie-glorifying "Gone With the Wind." Since then, a high percentage of black Oscar nominees and winners have played characters such as slaves, African despots, welfare recipients, dysfunctional mothers, drug-addicted musicians or drug-dealing cops.

With Spencer's award, maid could soar."

bodies excellence and deserved to actress victory of Octavia Spencer, came the first African-American roles are responsible for two of the six Oscars won by black actresses. Streep, meanwhile, earned the third Oscar of her transcendent career for playing former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Which made Lee wonder: "How inspiring would it be if we could be nominated in roles where we are playing kings, queens, politicians, writers, artists, dancers. we

#### Shed **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

After being offered a full scholarship to Texas Western University, he said he did not hesitate moving to El Paso.

"Texas: A place I didn't know anything about except Texas: oil wells and cows," he said. "That's all I thought was there until my first flight and I saw mountains and desert. It was truly a culture shock for me, but something that was the best thing in my life."

Shed said the movie "Glory Road" was 85 percent accurate. He said there was not a lot of negative attention or comments while playing in El Paso. However, when the Miners played the University of Kentucky for the national championship game, one teammate pointed out people's skin color.

"One of our ballplayers said the crowd was predominantly white, the referees were white, the media were white," Shed said. "It could have been an intimidating environment, but that's not what we looked at. We looked at it just as a game."

He said he gets asked a lot if people were waving rebel flags in the stands. He said at the time he did not remember seeing any rebel flags, but after watching clips of the game, he did see people holding them.

People used negative language toward Shed and his teammates, he said.

"It hurt to be called anything other than athlete or a player playing for Texas Western," Shed said.

Even with all the negative attention, Shed said he and his teammates were just focused on the game.

"A lot of myths were destroyed or removed," he said about playing in the national championship game. "People said, 'They can play under pressure. They are players who are determined. They are players of character. Why not take a chance again?"

"We saw this as just another game. Even during that time, people asked me if the coach or team was racist. I really didn't know. To be honest with you, I didn't care. I did not know who Adolph Rupp was. I did know this team had won the national championship four times before, so that was not a team that we could take light or like it was going to be a pushover."

After being a part of the national championship team, Shed was drafted by the Boston Celtics. During profes-

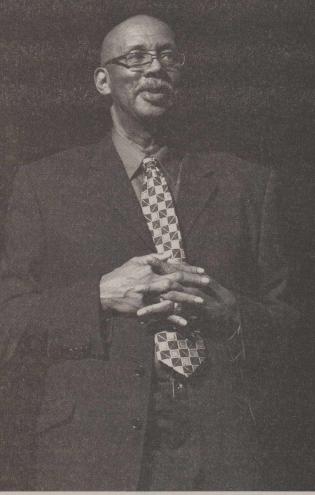


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sional play, he injured his knee and could not play anymore.

Shed said he was heartbroken, but his mother reminded him of what he had.

"I was freaking out and she kept on saying, 'Calm down. What do you have Nevil Shed," he said. "And I said, 'Mom, what do I have? I can't play basketball anymore.' She says, What do you have?' And then I had to slow down and I guess myself and many other people hate to see parents right and I said, 'I have a college degree.' And she said, 'That's right. You have a college degree, something we talked about. You no longer can play, now you go out there and teach."

Shed coached basketball for several years, even coaching alongside his former Texas Western University coach, Don Haskins.

After Shed spoke, the audience asked him questions, to which he

answered them all.

Albert Nkansah, a junior sociology major from Houston, said he is a big sports fan and thought Shed was very inspiring."

"I marked it on my calendar and made sure I came here," Nkansah said about the event. "I'm glad he came. I felt his story is something that everyone should hear, something that - no matter what race you are - it's something that's very important to know about."

Lee Blasingame, a Lubbock resident, 'said he had seen "Glory Road" before and enjoyed the event.

"I thought it was very impressive and very thought provoking," he said about Shed's speech.

Shed ended the event with his six "nutritional facts" which included Christ, family, culture, proper preparation, execution and to follow through. >>> pskinner@dailytoreador.com



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lot of people glance at the word "economics" and are immediately turned off by the subject.

Granted, labeling the field a "dismal science" doesn't do much in way of marketing the discipline positively.

Ironically, the study of economics, as well as its nearscientific application to the management of nations and their resources — the United States paving the way in this respect is the very reason we enjoy our lavish standards of living.

Widespread adoption of automobiles, mass-production of high-quality clothing and the saturation of smartphones are incredible feats of human endeavor. While technological ability make these products possible on a relatively marginal level, the extent of their creation and distribution would not be fundamentally possible without the implementation of modern economics and its ability to efficiently allocate



resources throughout a system of production.

Modern economics is precisely the reason we've seen exponential growth in human advancements in the last 250 years, as opposed to preceding creation (and millennia of relative mediocrity. It has brought billions of people out of poverty and given humans things we had only dreamt of, and even many we couldn't.

It's also the reason that -while finance will be my degree that pays the bills — economics was chosen as my secondary major, as opposed to the fine scorekeeping ability of accounting.

That being said, the vast majority of teachers, practitioners and observers miss the forest for the trees when it comes to economics. That is, economics

is only a means to an end, not an end in itself.

The use of economics is meant for exactly what I've previously described: to illustrate efficient ways to organize resources in order to make lives better. The key phrase in that sentence being, "in order to make lives better." This whole notion of sanc-

tifying "free markets" as if their ties of the situation. mere existence

was the purpose of their as if truly "free markets" even existed) is completely absurd. It's abso-

lutely ridiculous this ideology is late. When you misalign your bought into and perpetuated by the populace.

Economics exists to serve the people, not to serve itself. Furthermore, it exists to serve the broadest reach of people it possibly can, not the relatively few who comprise ownership of "capital," roughly 30 percent of the production function.

promote the end-goal sanctity of "free markets" as either poor chaps who don't see the bigger picture, or people simply trying to keep the tables of production tilted in their favor. Please try not to stoop to viewing these statements through political lenses, as these are simply reali-

> The dehumanizing of economics is one of the prime reasons we're experiencing so many of the problems of

system of production and wealth creation away from the bulk of society, you get lopsided, unsustainable largess and pissed-off masses.

In terms of economics of financial markets, this is very visible in Greece. While it's probably true Greece should never have entered the European

You should view people who Union and its government spent gela Merkel would be more retibeyond its means, the people who made loans to this country were making investments. Investments only pay rewards because risk is involved, and just to clear up any confusion, risk means there is a possibility that you will lose your money.

Currently, the EU - Germany in particular — is imperiling the generational livelihood of an entire country of people so that investors may receive 45 cents on the dollar for their poorly chosen gambles. Greece is now embarking on its fourth year of economic contraction due to restrictions placed on its economy. Thousands of people are being laid off and rioting in the streets as bailouts are passed to pay off bondholders at the expense of further indebting the country.

One would think after Germany's experience with draconian World War I reparations, and the subsequent economic travails of the Weimar Republic and the ultimate rise of Hitler, that Germany's Chancellor An-

cent towards imposing similar financial evils on Greece.

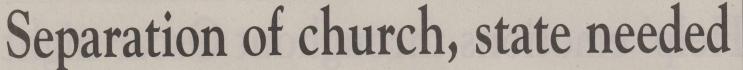
While throwing Hitler's name into a conversation is typically unwarranted extremism, it would only take one Greek politician to rise up and gain the popularity of the people by promising freedom from these injustices.

In short, we need to put the well-being of humans back into economics. Economics exists to make us better off as a whole, not to enjoy some theoretically "pure" existence.

I never understand why Austrian, Hayekian, "free-market" laissez faire "economists" exist. If your solution is to always do nothing and let markets work it out, then why does your profession even exist?

It's about the people, stupid.

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ecently on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," Republican Presidential candidate Rick Santorum stated he "almost threw up" while reading John F. Kennedy's famous 1960 speech on the separation of church and state.

Santorum went on to say he did not believe in an absolute separation of church and state and that Kennedy was advocating the removal of religiousminded people from voicing their opinions in public.

One problem: it was not at all what Kennedy was advocating. Let us actually take a look at Kennedy's speech:

"I believe in a President whose views



basis of his own personal beliefs. He also seems perfectly content with letting those beliefs dictate how

others should live, whether it is con-... politicians traception or the issue of gay marshould remember The separation

Even James Madison, one of the Founding Fathers and framers of the Constitution, observed, "The devotion of the people has been manifestly increased by the total separation of the church from the state."

But in addition to Rick Santorum, many other political candidates have been using their own personal religious beliefs to dictate and base their platforms and policies. These beliefs are dictat-

ing every kind of policy from social issues such as abortion, to other issues such as war and national defense.

But all politicians

should remember

they are serving

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believes his or her platform is divinely inspired and therefore completely infallible.

This line of thought is extremely dangerous for democracy, a system within which compromise is necessary for it to function at all.

Even the godfather of modern political conservatism, Barry Goldwater, warned against the mixing of politics and religion when he stated, "Mark my word, if and when these preachers get control of the (Republican) party, and they're sure trying to do so, it's going to be a terrible damn problem. Frankly, these people frighten me. Politics and governing demand compromise. But

## Contraception quarrel not about birth control

Defore President Obama's healthcare bill passed in 2010, a British commentator warned if we passed a universal healthcare bill, we would face a future in which every election would center on healthcare and how the government would handle and change everyone's healthcare plans.

Now that Obamacare is law, his prediction has started to come true.

This issue has shown itself in the guise of the contraception debate. In the first presidential debate of 2012, George Stephanopoulos took all of



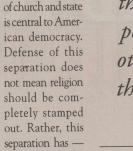
with the help of a complicit media.

The president should not have the kind of power to suddenly change healthcare policy on a whim, without additional consent of Congress. This is the kind of power that teaches future generations the government rules the people, rather than the people running the government. It also has the power to manipulate any election at the drop of a hat. Part of the reason our founders made the legislative process so difficult was to keep changes from happening rapidly, to allow time for debate and discussion and to prevent tyranny. With the power to alter government policy that affects Americans in our everyday lives, President Obama can quickly shift the debate in the United States — as he did in this situation — and fully institute the ability of an incumbent president to keep himself in power by always being one step ahead of any rivals. This becomes even more of a problem when members of the media switch from being watchdogs to lapdogs. The fact that a member of the media was given information ahead of time about what was coming from the administration, in order to set up the Republican candidates, demonstrates the answer to the old question of media bias. With that one question, Stephanopoulos exposed the inside link the media has with the administration and the fact they will do whatever they must to keep the one they want in power.

on religion are his own private affair, neither imposed upon him by the nation, nor imposed by the nation upon him as a condition to holding that office. I would not look with favor upon a President working to subvert the First Amendment's guarantees of religious liberty; nor would our system of checks and balances permit him to do so."

Basically, President Kennedy was trying to state any potential president is entitled to his or her own personal religious beliefs. The problem is when those beliefs are imposed on a nation and are used to dictate policy decisions.

This is something that makes me quite apprehensive about Santorum, who seems to be completely content with governing an entire nation on the



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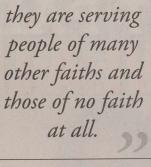
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and continues to allow - many different beliefs and religions to flourish in this nation.

In my hometown, you can find a church, a mosque, a synagogue and even a Baha'i temple within a few miles of each other. Could this have been possible without the separation of church and state? I do not believe so.

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other faiths and those of no faith at all. When a political candidate bases a platform on personal religious beliefs;

it also allows no room for compromise. This is due to the fact that the candidate

Let me be clear. these Christians believe they are acting in the name of God, so they can't and A president or any other political won't compromise. I know, I've tried to candidate should deal with them." not have to check As a disclaimer, I consider myself to be a man of faith and of God. But never his or her religious beliefs at the door.

would I allow myself to use those very beliefs to tell other people who do not share my beliefs how to live. Not only is that undemocratic, it is downright un-American.

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the Republican candidates off-guard by asking them a question about their thoughts on contraception.

The candidates, as well as the audience, responded as if Stephanopoulos had asked a question from a different interview or debate, as the question seemingly came out of nowhere. They responded that no one was talking about the issue, contraception was legal and should remain that way, and then tried to get back to the issues they thought important, a battle they would have to fight for the next two months.

What the candidates - nor the audience — understood was Stephanopoulos had information from inside the Obama administration that a new mandate was about to be issued ordering all insurance carriers to provide oral contraception to women at no charge, without a co-pay, or being compensated in any way.

What most pundits and politicians seem to miss in this debate is the fact that the real issue with Obama's decree isn't the merits of contraception towards society, or even if women should have to pay for it.

While there are important debates to have on the issue of if the government should be able to force a company to give a product away for free (it shouldn't), the real issue at hand is the fact the real power given to the president was the ability to issue such a decree in the first place, and to completely change the debate on a whim,

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## 'The Artist' earns best picture, lead-actor Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Artist" won five Academy Awards on Sunday including best picture, becoming the first silent film to triumph at Hollywood's highest honors since the original Oscar ceremony 83 years ago.

Among other prizes for the black-and-white comic melodrama were best actor for Jean Dujardin and director for Michel Hazanavicius.

In a night of few surprises, the other top Oscars went to Meryl Streep as best actress for "The Iron Lady," Octavia Spencer as supporting actress for "The Help" and Christopher Plummer as supporting actor for "Beginners."

"The Artist" is the first silent had lost 12 times in a row since

winner since the World War I saga then. Streep also has a supporting-"Wings" was named outstanding picture at the first Oscars in 1929 had a silent film earned the top prize.

put money in the movie."

"When they called my name, I had this feeling I could hear half "I am the happiest director in of America go, 'Oh, no, why her the world," Havanavicius said, again?" But whatever," Streep said,

vs. Kramer."

thanking the cast, crew and canine laughing. "I really understand I'll never be co-star Uggie. "I also want to thank up here again. I really want to think the financier, the crazy person who all my colleagues, my friends. I look The other wins for "The Artout here and I see my life before my eyes, my old friends, my new ist" were musical score and art direction. Martin Scorsese's Paris friends. Really, this is such a great honor but the think that counts the adventure "Hugo" also won five Oscars, all in technical categories. most with me is the friendship and the love and the sheer job we've Streep's win was her first Oscar shared making moves together," in 29 years, since she won best actress for "Sophie's Choice." She said Streep, the record-holder with

17 acting nominations.

actress Oscar for 1979's "Kramer

### **GREEN SCREEN DREAM**

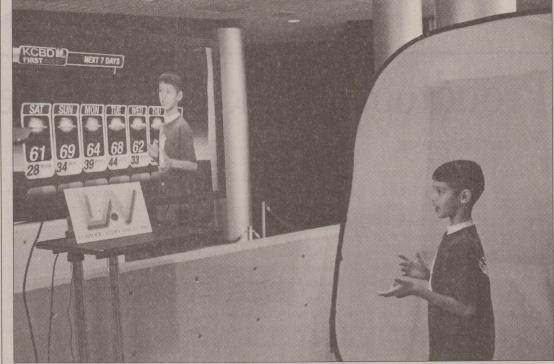


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SEAN RADLE, A 10-year-old, practices being a meteorologist in front of a green screen demonstration the during the 6th Annual Severe Weather Awareness Day on Saturday at the Science Spectrum.

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Soomro said participating in this challenge shows how all people are different and unique.

'We're all different and that's what makes us who we are and no one can change that," she said. "As long as you are healthy and your well-being is safe, that's really what matters. Not the false pretenses you strive for."

Desirée Markham, a health

educator at Tech and an Impact Tech advisor, said donating clothes that no longer fit, benefits students' health because it gets rid of an unrealistic expectation.

"The challenge is to get rid of it and donate it so that someone who can wear it will get it," she said, "and you won't have that lingering in the back of your head that you cannot live up to the unhealthy expectation you have for yourself.'

Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SUB. Students in attendance will learn more information regarding healthy eating habits, media literacy and activism and health at every size. There will also be free food, T-shirts and other gifts while supplies last.

Wednesday, an introductory belly dancing class will be taught at 5:30 p.m. at the Rec Center, room 114.

Following the belly dancing

p.m. a free movie will be shown in the Rec Center, room 205. "Thin" encompasses the theme of Feed your Body and Soul week by dealing with the topic of eating disorders. Concluding the movie, a brief discussion will follow. Free popcorn and t-shirts will be available for those in attendance.

Celebrate Recovery, which is at 7:00 p.m. March 1 at the Center for the Study of Addiction Today, the Feed Your Body workout, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 and Recovery, Serenity Center.

Students will hear the personal testimony of a person who overcame an eating disorder.

Klinton Hobbs, a staff psychologist, said even if some students do not suffer from eating disorders, they should still expose themselves and learn something new.

"The theme for this year is The last event of the week is everyone knows somebody, and I think that's true," he said. "Even though you don't think you know someone who struggles with this, you do know someone who struggles with this. It's that common.'

Markham encourages students to attend the events to figure out how to be healthy the way they are.

"We're raising awareness about that and trying to get people to think about that healthy perspective, especially that mental perspective," she said, "and that's why we teamed up with the student counseling center on this."

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## Professors use plagiarism detection site to check students

#### **By PAIGE SKINNER** STAFF WRITER

Professor Randy Reddick, chairman for the Texas Tech Department of Journalism, said he heard during a 2003 journalism convention that 70 percent of college graduates admitted to plagiarizing at least once during their college career.

Reddick said another panelist followed the statistic with, "Yes, and the other 30 percent were lying."

Plagiarism is a growing prob-

have pulled from somebody — it tin.com, he has caught students will highlight it and you'll know." Gardner uses turnitin.com in

the two classes she teaches, PR Campaigns and a graduate advertising class.

She said she uses the site as a prevention tool, rather than a catching device.

"To be honest, the biggest reason I use it is to encourage people to be honest on their own," Gardner said. "As I explain in class, I don't use it to catch people. I don't use it so much as a policing tool, I use it as a prevention tool."

who plagiarized entire papers or documents.

"Oh, yes," he said about seeing entire papers copied. "The funny part about it is in the classes that I've used it in — which have been primarily the law class - I go through the process of describing to them what's going on, why we're doing this, and we would talk about plagiarism and what it is and why it's important.

"We go through this whole thing and then I have a very clear statement of, 'This is what you

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lem among college students and the Internet nowadays, Reddick said. However, one website is helping cut out some of the copying.

Turnitin.com, a branch of plagiarism.org, is a site where users can upload their work and receive an originality score. If the user has plagiarized, the questionable part of the paper will be highlighted.

Liz Gardner, an assistant professor of public relations, said she mainly knows about the site from being a teacher.

"Basically, it is a site where people submit original work and what the site does is it has a database of all the work that's been submitted to it," she said, "but it also crawls the web — things like academic journals, newspaper reports, even web pages — basically any public, available, searchable content. And so, when you submit your own original content, it compares that to the universe of content that already exists, and that way if you have something that's not original — that you

Gardner uses the site for her own research, she said, because "people don't always know they're plagiarizing intentionally."

"It's not always malicious," she said. "Sometimes we make mistakes. I use it not just in the classroom, but I use it for my research as well.'

Gardner said she is not reinventing the wheel every time she writes, so she uses turnitn.com to check herself.

"I'm using the same definitions, even the same set-up for an experiment, and it's really easy to plagiarize yourself," she said. "But, what I don't want to do is publish the exact same paragraphs in multiple articles. So, what I do is every time I'm going to submit a paper to a conference or a journal, I upload it to Turn It In to check myself."

Gardner has never had any student copy an entire paper before, she said. But, when she does catch plagiarism, she deals with it on a case-by-case basis.

Reddick said with using turni-

#### need to do.' And I set it up so they can turn it in and find out what their similarity rating is and I say. 'You can turn it in as many times as you need to, if you have a hard time figuring that out.' And I still have students (who plagiarize). I guess the most egregious example was a paper lifted in its entirety from the University of Illinois."

Both Gardner and Reddick said plagiarizing is easier with the Internet. Reddick blames students plagiarizing partly because of the way professors teach.

"Teaching to the test is a prime example," he said about flaws in the education system. "I've literally had students ask me for the test questions ahead of time, so they know what the test is. And I try to explain to them, 'I'm sorry. The idea is we want you to learn the material.' I see students who highlight if they were plagiarized don't understand the concept that they're supposed to learn something and be able to apply it and this is just a product of some of how we're teaching things today.

"I think that process and the if it took it word-for-word or just



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TEXAS TECH PROFESSORS use anti-plagarism websites, such as turnitin.com, to discourage students from using information that is not their own. Turnitin.com searches the web for articles similar to students' work.

idea that it's real easy to clip something here and paste it there and everything. I think we are really doing a disservice to our students.'

Hailey Meyer, a junior education major from Hawley, said she used turnitin.com for her introduction to cinema class.

"I thought it was easy to use," she said. "(Our professor) showed us the first day how words would — if they came up on the Internet —and so, I never plagiarize, but I was like, 'I hope nothing is ever similar or hope nothing is ever in question.' Because, I didn't know

ideas, but after just using it, it was easy to use and I never had any problems with it.'

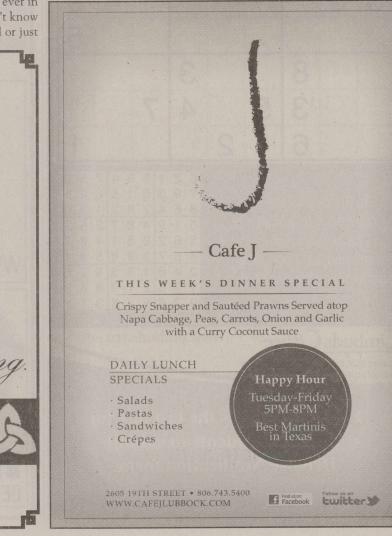
After submitting a paper, Meyer's professor had it set up where the students could not see their originality score. Meyer said that worried her.

"I was kind of a little bit paranoid because I didn't know if you did research, I didn't know if anything would show up, like similar ideas, even if it's worded differently, but I never got called in for anything," she said.

Gardner said she applauds students who are able to resist the temptation of plagiarizing.

"It's not that I think there's a whole bunch of bad, terrible cheaters out in this world," she said. "It's that students have a lot of pressure to produce these days and somewhere in that pressure, I think it becomes easier to make mistakes. I use turnitin.com to prevent those mistakes and to help students learn to prevent themselves."

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## Texas district embarks on widespread iPad program

#### McALLEN (AP) -

A Texas school district is trying to close its digital divide by distributing thousands of Apple tablet computers in a move that could make it the largest iPads program for students in the nation.

McAllen Independent School District in the southern part of the state began distributing 6,800 devices this week — mostly the iPad tablet computers, but also hundreds of iPod Touch devices for its youngest students.

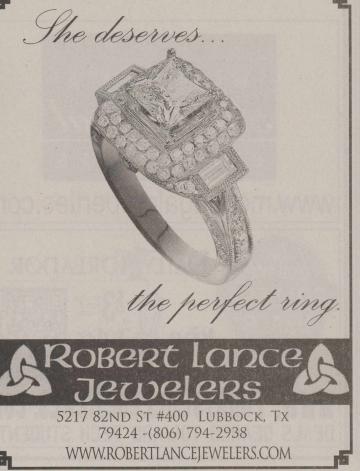
By this time next year, the district says every one of its more than 25,000 students in grades K-12 will receive an iPad or iPod Touch. The district believes it's the largest to try for complete coverage and while Apple would not confirm that, other districts the company noted as having made large investments have not - \$200 apiece.

made ones as big as McAllen's.

Educational use of the tablet computers is so new that there's little evidence available on their impact. Superintendent James Ponce said the district wanted to change the classroom culture, making it more interactive and creative and decided Apple's devices — even at \$500 retail for an iPad2 — were the best investment.

"We're just choosing to invest differently going forward," Ponce said.

The district's typical classroom is outfitted with three computers for students and one for the teacher. Going forward those technology investments will be supplanted by the iPads. For now, McAllen's iPads don't carry its textbooks, but eventually they will and at much lower cost than the hard copies that can cost



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# SPORTS

## Proudfoot's walk-off triple leads Tech to fifth-straight win

#### **By BRETT WINEGARNER** MANAGING EDITOR

The No. 24 Texas Tech baseball team won its fifth consecutive game Monday night by defeating Northern Illinois 3-2, but there was much more to this game than the final score.

Three outs.

That's all the Red Raiders (8-1) needed to secure its first no-hitter against a Division I school since it did so against Baylor on April 23, 1971.

It would have taken five pitchers to complete the task, but it still would have left Northern Illinois (0-7) with a zero under the hit column.

However, All-American John Neely not only lost the nohitter, he also gave away the shutout and save, all with a two-run cushion in the top of the ninth.

At one point Neely had Northern Illinois down to its final strike, but its third baseman Troy White roped a double over the head of Jamodrick McGruder to send the man home from first to tie the game up at two.

Despite the fact that Neely couldn't close the game out, Tech head coach Dan Spencer said he still thought Neely was sharp and that the Huskies just got some good hits.

Spencer said he knew about the no-hitter, but he was a little more worried about the final score than keeping Northern Illinois out of the hit column.

"I was aware that they didn't have a hit," Spencer said, "but I was also aware that we only had one run and then two. So I was a lot more concerned about the runs than the hits."

But as the veteran — in the form of Neely — let the game slip away from Tech a bit, it opened up the opportunity for a Red Raider freshman to be the hero of the night.

With Brennan Moore standing on first base, Tim Proudfoot knocked a fly ball over the right fielder's head and the ball bounced up against the wall.

Moore was sent around from third and slid his hand across home plate, just before the tag was applied, to win the game for Tech. Meanwhile, Proudfoot was busy getting mauled by his teammates at third base after the walk-off triple.

The celebration didn't stop

there though. While addressing the media after the game, the 18-year-old shortstop received a little bit of initiation from Scott LeJeune who rubbed a towel full of shaving cream across Proudfoot's face.

With a face and mouthful of shaving cream, Proudfoot said this moment is at the top of the list so far in his short career at Tech.

That was the best feeling," he said. "The best feeling I've had so far here."

Proudfoot said it was helpful for the team to face a little bit of a bumpy finish in order to help the team get better.

"It was good for us," he said. "We got some adversity to face. So far this season we really hadn't had much of that yet, so we all knew that we could do it and overcome this adversity and it turned out good for us and we ended up winning."

Reid Redman — who helped keep the no-hitter going in the eighth with a diving stop and throw to get the second out of the inning — said it was great to see Proudfoot get the shaving cream to the face, but that there is a little bit of irony to it.

"It was awesome," he said. "The funny part about that is he doesn't even shave yet, so that's the first time he's had shaving cream on him."

The beginning of the game didn't feature much excitement offensively, as the only run scored in the first seven innings was off of a balk by the Huskies starting pitcher, Tony Manville, to score McGruder from third in the third inning to give Tech a 1-0 lead. In fact the only extra

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Trey Masek pitches the ball to Northern Illinois second baseman Jordan Huffman during the Red Raiders' 3-2 victory against the Huskies on Monday at Rip Griffin Park.

base hit in the first innings of action was a double by Barrett Barnes that put McGruder on third base.

Both starting pitchers shut the opposing offenses down. Northern Illinois' Manville went seven innings while giving up the one run on five hits, while Tech's David Paiz went five innings and didn't allow a single run or hit. Paiz was limited to 60 pitches due to this being his first pitching performance of the year and his numerous starts in the field in previous games.

Spencer said he was thankful to have Paiz come out and start and be effective while doing so.

"Thank goodness we got a guy like Paiz who hadn't thrown yet, who started for us on a number of Fridays for us last year," he said. "So we're fortunate that we have some depth.'

However, Jerad McCrummen, Andre Wheeler and Trey Masek came in and picked up where Paiz left off. The win looked then to be all but sealed for Tech after a LeJeune double scored Redman to push Tech's lead to 2-0.

It was then that the Huskies rallied to score two in the top of the ninth, but then Tech answered with the winning run in the bottom inning.

Redman said the strong

pitching gives the offense a little more confidence and that the bats will get it going eventually.

"Yeah, we haven't been swinging the bats well at times," he said, "but as long as (the pitchers) keep going up there and putting up zeros then we don't have to press because we know that we're going to be in it at the end of the game and the bats will come around sooner or later.'

The Red Raiders will be off until Friday when they play their first game in the Houston College Classic, as they take on Arkansas.

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Tech student takes first at **USA Indoor Championships** 

took first place in the 400-meter dash at the 2012 USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, N.M. on Sunday.

for Tech during the outdoor can't get caught up in it. This is season, tied a personal-best time only the beginning for me and of 45.39 seconds, running unat- I now I'm looking forward to tached at a nearly sold-out Albu- competing at the world chamquerque Convention Center to pionships, doing my best and claim the 400-meter champion- competing for my country."

Texas Tech senior Gil Roberts the competition at the championships.

"I'm definitely happy with the win," he said in a news release. "It gives me a good understanding of where I stand Roberts, who will compete nationally indoors, but I really

Roberts will represent the



STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders were in sixth first round. Tech shot a seven- ment, Sands said.

Tech was happy to beat con- this spring with a five-under, 211 place in a 24-team field after the ference opponents in the tourna- to finish fifth place individually.

Sordet was coming off a win

ship. This time currently ranks second in the world this year.

Head coach Wes Kittley said it was a great win for Roberts.

"It's a great win for our program and for Texas Tech University," he said. "It marks our U.S. in 2009 at the World second U.S. champion in two years."

Roberts said it was important for him to run well against all of

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The Red Raider golf team earned a second-place finish after a slow start in the Desert Invitational on Sunday at the Classic Club in Palms Springs, Calif.

The team bounced back and rode a wave of momentum after a slow start in the first round, Texas Tech coach Greg Sands said.

"We've got a lot of confidence going," he said. "I feel like we kind of kept the momentum going. We didn't really particularly get off to a great start in round one, but things picked up from there and I feel like the guys are all playing really well right now."

under par 281 in the second round to surge into second place. The Red Raiders were never able to catch No. 12 UNLV as the Rebels held on to win the tournament by seven strokes.

Sands said he was proud of the way the team has been playing lately.

"We feel like we're one of the best teams, we just haven't played like it until recently," he said. "That's our expectations, but I feel like now we're starting to produce some results."

Tech defeated seven teams ranked among the nation's top 50, including No. 2 Auburn, No. 13 Texas A&M and No. 29 Baylor.

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"We obviously want to play well, but it's nice to beat conference opponents," he said. "Of course, you know, A&M is played well at the Desert Inviranked pretty high, so it's nice to beat them — and not just beat them barely, but beat them by 11 — it was nice."

The freshmen on the team are starting to settle into place after a slow start in the fall season, Sands said.

"Getting adjusted to school," he said, "getting adjusted to having success and getting more comfortable on the golf course — that certainly shows."

Tech freshman Clement Sordet led Tech on the course for the third straight tournament

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Sands said the entire team tational

"To have four guys pretty much in the top 20 is what it takes to finish high," he said.

Tech will have to continue to work hard in practice if it wants to continue its winning ways, Sands said.

"We've got to continue to work hard and do the things that we've been doing," he said. "Work hard on our short game continue to believe in ourselves. We have to not look ahead, but just play it shot by shot." >>> cwoodman@dailytoreador.com



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## Tech softball wins all but one in tourney

#### **By MATT VILLANUEVA** STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Red Raiders continued to build off their winning streak from Las Vegas into Waco this past weekend at the Texas Shootout, winning four straight and making it to the tournament championship game.

Brittany Talley allowed just five hits and struck out four batters Friday afternoon, helping Tech shut down the Texas State Bobcats 6-0.

Up 2-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Raven Richardson cemented the win for the Red Raiders, cranking a three-run home run to bring in Emily Bledsoe and Kermitria Ward, both of whom were pinch running for Sandy James and Adriana Perez.

After seven scoreless innings by both Tech and North Texas - also on Friday — the Red Raiders erupted in the extra eighth inning, scoring 10 runs to win 10-0.

Perez broke the offensive silence with a bases loaded hit to center field, which brought in Mikey Kenney and Emily Bledsoe. Cydney Allen later hit a single to left center, recording two RBIs by bringing in James and Perez. Taylor Powell pounded the final blow to the Mean Green with a three-run home run past right center field.

Cara Custer (6-3) recorded her fifth straight victory, allowing four hits. The shutout marked the second of the season for the freshman's career.

The shutout win became the largest margin of victory in extra-innings in school history.

Tech was up and active early at bat Saturday morning, scoring five runs within the first three innings to lengthen the winning streak to nine and defeat UTEP 5-2.

The Red Raiders scored two in the first inning with a run-in from third base by Kenney off an error by the Miners in an attempt to throw out Bledsoe stealing second base and later a Bledsoe steal from third.

The second inning featured a hit to center field by Kenney that brought in Powell and Ashley Hamada. The final run was scored by Melisa Ryba off an error by UTEP catcher Kayleigh Wells.

Custer picked up the victory, making it her sixth straight. She matched her season-high of seven strikeouts and allowed seven hits.

"She's starting to do well," said Tech coach Shanon Hays, in regards to Custer's past performances. "She's controlling her pitch better, with more pitches in the strike zone. She's got to get away from those freshman mistakes, but we certainly do trust her more."

Later that day, Tech won its 10th straight game in extra innings versus Stephen F. Austin, 2-1, earning the first spot in the championship game.

Playing in her hometown, Ward was responsible for the first run of the game in the fifth inning, slapping down an infield hit just inside the first base line to let Richardson score from third base.

The Lumberjacks evened the score the bottom of the seventh to send the game to extra innings.

A successful bunt by Hamada placed Ward on third base, allowing Kenney to hit a ground ball to bring in the winning run by Ward, who just narrowly beat the tag out.

The Red Raiders had a date for the championship with Texas State Sunday morning, which shocked the host team, the No. 9 Baylor Bears, 1-0.

Tech attained the early lead with a single by James, allowing Kenney to

of the seventh. High winds coming in through left field halted Tech's bats the entire game, resulting in 13-of-21 outs being caught

in the air. "We hit three balls that would've

been home runs any other day, but we

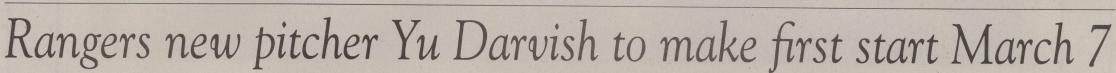
just didn't get enough done to win the game," Hays said.

Talley took the loss for the Red Raiders after replacing Custer at the beginning of the sixth inning.

The loss snapped Tech's 10-game winning streak, which started with a win against Ohio State on February 17 at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic.

"We beat some pretty good teams along the streak," Hays said. "We expect to play well and hopefully we'll start another one.

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SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Yu than \$107 million for Darvish, who Darvish faced two Texas Rangers minor leaguers in a spring training practice session Monday. On March 7, he will face big league hitters from another team for the first time.

The Rangers said Darvish will get the start against the San Diego Padres in Peoria, Ariz. He would likely pitch two innings.

The Rangers signed Darvish, a 25-year-old right-hander who was was 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA and 276 strikeouts last year with Hokkaido.

Darvish threw 34 pitches on Monday to Mike Bianucci and Vince DiFazio, who have not played above Class AA. Bianucci said the two talked about going deep off Darvish in batting practice, but it did not happen.

"It would have been great to do it, but a guy with a movement

where you can get the ball out of with the same velocity, but a splitthe ball park."

DiFazio said Darvish was "very impressive."

"I'm just happy I made contact a couple of times," said Bianucci, who hit .232 last season for Myrtle Beach. "I saw a pretty good firm I have to give him that one. He sinker, low 90s, and he backed it up doesn't make too many mistakes."

ter. It was pretty nasty. He didn't and hit 30 home runs last season tip it at all. It was pretty hard to for Frisco in the Texas League, said pick up. He threw me a pretty nasty slider. It looked like a fastball out of his hands. By the time I started my swing, it was almost in the dirt.

Bianucci, who went to Auburn everything Darvish threw had "a lot of late, late movement."

"I noticed he never backed up the same pitch twice," Bianucci said. "That breaking ball I swung through, it's got such good move-

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ment, where it starts off high and looks like it is going to stay up a little bit. It almost looks like an illusion. It stops three quarters of the way and just falls."

While early in camp, most clubs want their pitchers throwing about 80-90 percent, Darvish said he was working at "120" percent.

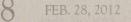


TEXAS TECH PITCHER Ashley Brokeshoulder pitches the ball during a 9-5 loss against Kansas last April at Rocky Johnson Field.

reach home.

The final inning belonged to the Bobcats, as Selena Hernandez was able to connect on the ball twice and bring in two runners. The Red Raiders could not respond, retiring James, Perez and Richardson in the bottom





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