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Alston, Young, Trotter win SGA elections

New officers plan improvements for student body

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

crowd that was gathered Thursday in the courtyard of the Student Union Building as the results of the Texas Tech SGA elections were announced.

of president, Reed Young won the vote for external vice president,

and Noelle Trotter was named internal vice president.

Alston, a junior restaurant and Applause exploded through the hotel institutional management major from San Antonio, said he could hardly believe the election

"Honestly, I was shocked," he said. "I was running against an Alex Alston won the position awesome competitor, and he's just as qualified as I am, and I'm just, I mean, I'm thrilled.

The first thing Alston said he plans on doing with his new position is restructuring the student government and reforming the constitution to better suit the Tech student body.

"We definitely want to make this student government for you," he said to the crowd. "We want to give students more of a voice, allow you guys to have a say with policies and implementation within

the student government. We definitely feel like this student government is for you, and we' want to serve

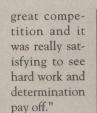
Policy changes will also be implemented during the summer, he said, so students can come back to Tech and have the new policies already in effect.

One of Alston's running mates,



the start and

admired his team's competitors. "I was really excited, you know," he said. "It was a great campaign ran by both sides and, you know, it really came down to the wire yesterday. We ran against some



Young's

platform during the campaign was based on ideas to improve transportation and safety, including increased lighting on campus.

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Bailey releases longterm tier one goals

Plans include increased faculty, staff, tuition, research funding

By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech Board of Regents met Thursday to discuss major changes to the university over the course of the next 10 to 15 years, including additionspace and more scholarship funding.

plans to increase tuition rates starting this fall, with an extra \$88.75 for 15

credit hours. Tech President Guy Bailey presented his "Stairway to Tier One," member of the Association of American Universities, much like Rice University, Texas A&M University and University of Texas.

In 2004, Tech received Emerging Research University (ERU) designation. Between 2010-11, Tech had \$24,373,549 through the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP).

Tech is currently waiting to hear al faculty and staff, increased research if the university will receive National Research University Fund (NRUF) The university also presented designation. The Texas Higher Education Governing Board is currently reviewing Tech's audit to see if the goal is achievable.

Regent Jerry Turn the university will have no problem the top of which has Tech becoming a achieving approval for NRUF status or any of its other goals.

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Sonic Sanctuary



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/ The Daily Toreador

AMY DEVOGE, THE sound engineer for the Crossroads Recording Studio, plays back a recording of drums played by Alex Sanchez, a junior business marketing major from Odessa, as part of his song, "Words Can't Explain," in the Crossroads Recording Studio on Wednesday. It is located in the basement of the Texas Tech Library.

thew Powell, the investigation into the death of Mason Vanstory

Vanstory investigation ongoing

Texas Attorney General from the Lubbock District Attorney Matis still open, and the Lubbock Police Department is objecting to the release of investigative documents to The Daily Toreador.

Sept. 25, 2011, from Raider Park parking garage, located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Vanstory was a 19-year-old student from Dallas in the College of Mass Communications and was an active member of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta.

The Daily Toreador asked the Lubbock Medical Examiner's office for all documents related to Vanstory's death, which the ME ruled a suicide.

The Lubbock District Attorney cited an exemption in the Texas Public Information Act,

According to a letter to the which states the release of the information "would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime," and sent The Daily Toreador's request for records to the Attorney General for an opinion.

The letter, written by Donna L. Clarke, assistant criminal Vanstory fell to his death district attorney, stated LPD investigator Tad English said "this death investigation case is still open, is under investigation, that the enclosed documents are law enforcement records and evidence in the case."

> The Attorney General has 45 days to issue an opinion.

The autopsy was conducted Sept. 27, 2011. However, the report was not released to The Daily Toreador until approximately five months later.

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Tech library becomes crossroads for music artists

By NICOLE MOLTER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Library is no longer strictly a quiet study place.

The library hosted its grand opening of the Crossroads Recording Studio on Saturday in an attempt to attract more media

"Recorded information, to me, is just another kind of information," said Donald Dyal, dean of the Tech library. "You

know what the library is about? reasons about problems that they We gather information. It doesn't really matter whether that information shows up in film, or a map

or in a recording studio." Dyal came up with the idea of having a recording studio in the library. Construction began last summer, and the studio began testing in the fall.

"When I first came, I traveled around talking to people," Dyal said. "I knew a bunch of students who approached me for diverse perceived in their ability to get a job. A lot of these students were students in the music department.'

The cost for making a demo CD was about \$2,000 a decade ago and has more than doubled since then, he said.

"Why should students have to pay thousands of dollars just to get a job?" Dyal said. "It's one thing to recognize that there's a problem. It's something else to figure out a solution."

After speaking with a Tech alumnus, who owns a profes-*sional studio in Austin, the idea of having a recording studio on campus became a reality.

"I spent some time with him, a day with him," Dyal said. "I said, 'What would it cost to buy the equipment?' He gave me some numbers and I talked to some people. It became doable."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

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.

Senior Student BFA Group Exhibition Time: All day Where: School of Art So, what is it? Enjoy the artwork from 34 graduating art majors.

Texas Tech Softball vs. Binghamton/UT-Arlington Time: 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Where: Rocky Johnson Field So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Binghamton at 1 p.m. and again when they compete against UT-Arlington at 3:30 p.m.

A Night in Africa Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy "A Night in Africa," hosted

by the African Students Organization, in order to educate people and portray the African culture via dances, singing, poetry and drama.

SATURDAY

Texas Tech Softball vs. Binghamton/UT-Arlington Time: 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Where: Rocky Johnson Field

Support the Red Raiders as they compete against UT-Arlington at 1 p.m. and Binghamton at

Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Missouri Time: 3 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Tigers.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Softball vs. Binghamton/UT Arlington Time: 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Where: Rocky Johnson Field So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Binghamton at 10:30 a.m and UT-Arlington at 1 p.m.

Celtic Ensemble and World Music Ensemble Concert Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: The Legacy, Great Hall So, what is it? Enjoy this Celtic Ensemble and World Music Ensemble concert presented by the School of

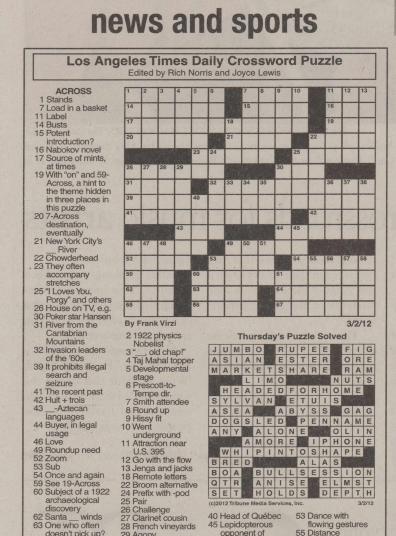
Romanticism Revisited: Lora Deahl

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it?

Enjoy this faculty chamber music recital with chamber music by Benjamin Britten, York Bowen and Samuel Barber, presented by Lora Deahl.

To make a calendar submission e-mail 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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Crossroads ←

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Fundraising was the biggest part of the project, he said. The lead gift was given by Todd and Linda Smith, who have children attending Tech. The Bob Knight Fund also contributed.

"There's no studio like it on the High Plains," Dyal said. "You would have to go to Austin to find something like this. It's a high quality studio that's ready to rock 'n' roll."

The studio is available to all Tech students, staff and faculty, regardless of department or major.

"I realized that it wasn't just music students who may have a need of a recording studio," Dyal said. "What if you're a business major and you have a

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we've got fuel contracts coming

up with Citibus," he said. "We

need to get into renegotia-

tions with Overton apartment

complexes, and a couple other

things that I really want to look

into are alternative transporta-

tion through campus, and re-

ally trying to be able to extend

relations to the City of Lubbock

Young said he was excited to

start the new semester working

"Some of our first plans are

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presentation and want to practice your presentation? It's one thing to do it and have people give you feedback. It's something else to provide your own feedback because you can hear what you sound like in that presentation."

There is no charge to record at the studio, besides bringing your own CD or DVD, he said.

casts, practice presentations or interviews are all services available upon appointment with Amy Devoge, the Crossroads sound engineer.

good creative outlet and support for

Devoge has 15 years of experience as

istration and music theory, but South

Voice-overs for theater majors, pod-

"I love what I do," she said. "It's a

a sound engineer. "I went to Tech for business admin-

with his fellow executives.

"They're great people," he said, "and both of them have visions for these students and the student body here at Texas Tech, and I really look forward to being able to do stuff with them."

Trotter, a junior mechanical engineer from Odessa, expressed she was relieved to hear the news after spending months of worrying about the campaign.

"I could have not asked for anything that could make me more happy," she said.

Trotter plans to bring the SGA senators together during a

senate retreat to organize their schedules in order to figure out how to best reach the students.

"Amy is fabulous to work with," said

Jenni Dale Lord, a senior music major

from Austin. "She's very creative and

has a fantastic ear and a lot of great

ideas. She recognizes that the music is

the baby of the artist that records. I get

to do what I want, but I also respect her

rently working on an album at the studio.

bum," she said. "My manager likes to

refer to it as alternative country. I just call

it my own style. I do some things that are

Lord is one of the Tech students cur-

"This is my second full-length al-

opinion a lot."

She said she also hopes to make a university calendar by the end of summer, which will allow student organizations to post meeting times and announcements on, that will be available for access to the student body.

Julie Kole, a sophomore personal financial planning major from Oklahoma, said she was excited about the final results.

The plans for bus system reforms, new judicial policies and efforts toward a safer campus

Plains (College) has a sound tech prokind of loose, bold, country and rock." gram; so I went there for that," she said. Alex Sanchez, a junior business marketing major from Odessa, is an-"I moved to Branson and had a studio there. I did a lot of theater shows. I also other student artist creating an album went on the road with Glen Campbell." Devoge came back to Lubbock a

"Right now I'm working on this project called Emotion Control," he said. "I have 12 songs on there. It's about my life as of 2011. I captured songs throughout the whole year and wrote this whole CD."

Emotion Control is the fifth CD Sanchez has made as a college student.

"Everything else I've done has been instrumental," he said. "I never thought I was going to be a songwriter or even a vocalist. I've been playing guitar, bass, drums and piano almost every day for the past 10 years. I can't get away from music. It's a beautiful curse.'

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were all ideas she said she found proactive and favorable.

Trotter said her team's biggest hope is to represent the student body fairly and that she and her teammates were grateful for the opportunity to do so.

'These truly are the people that want to help you out, the people that have our eyes for you," she said. "We're here for you. We are students for students. That's what Raiders United is all about. And we thank you so much for voting, and participating, and supporting.

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through my job.'

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"To reach the destination they have in mind for this university - which this Board, I think, is completely rallied behind," he said. "We cannot get where we want to get without additional revenue to attract high-quality faculty and selective students. We audited our numbers for NRUF very conservatively and we're very confortable with those numbers."

With NRUF designation, Bailey said, becoming an AAU university is logically the next step.

'We think that the business plan really lays out a great future for our students and for the whole Lubbock community," he said.

To be a member of — or to be similar to - AAU, total research expenditures must exceed \$450 million and federal research expenditures must exceed \$250 million. Endowment assets must be greater than \$1 billion and annual giving must be greater than \$175 million. There must be more than 450 doctorates and postdoctoral appointees awarded each. There must also be more than 25 faculty awards and more than 25 National Academy Members, including other awardees, such as Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize winners.

Tech must have nationally recognized colleges and institutions, with a student faculty ratio of 18 to one and a selective, high-quality student body.

According to university data, besides meeting these AAU suggestions, for Tech to be established as a tier-one university, it also must meet other standards like: Being ranked among the top 50 universities in U.S. News and World Report, a member of a Bowl Championship Series athletic conference, ranked in the top 50 of Carnegie Classification for top-notch research, must provide some of the top doctoral education and research in the nation and must be "engines of economic and cultural development."

Bailey said there are a number of benefits to achieving tier-one status for Tech. For example, it will enhance the value of a Tech degree. Tech will be a first choice for a number of high-performing students, it will decrease the number of students per classroom, will provide a greater number of educational experiences for Tech's students — such as undergraduate research — and it will make Tech a more significant player in the larger world of higher education, including athletics.

Achieving tier-one status will also have a significant impact on Lubbock and the West Texas region. University officials' preliminary estimates show the move will have more than a \$2.3 billion impact on the economy, Bailey said.

Bailey presented a business plan which included tier-one investments based on a 10 to 15 year timeline.

"It's ambitious," he said, "but we've got a long time frame. We're excited. We think this'll be a great thing for our community and our students. We think it will fulfill the dreams of the people who founded this university almost 100 years ago."

The plan included human capital investments, including 500 additional faculty, 300 additional staff and 1,000 additional graduate assistants to support increased research and enrollment. This includes annual merit pay raises of 2 percent for faculty and staff.

Infrastructure and equipment investments include one million square feet of additional research space involving the Mass Communications building, the Petroleum Engineering building and the Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences building. Weeks Hall and Doak Hall will be renovated for additional offices, studio and teaching space, and there will be 90,000 square feet of additional teaching lab space. New faculty will receive equipment and upgrades as well, including start-up packages.

Besides moving into the top 50 universities in U.S. News and World Report rankings, Bailey also has the goal of moving into the top 50 in six categories in the Center for Measuring University Performance

"If we follow this we'll increase our faculty size by 50 percent over the next 10 years, and we'll add support staff and graduate assistants and facilities," he said. "And all of those we think will pay off handsomely for students in terms of improving the

quality of their education."

Tech plans to recruit new faculty members from around the world to bring prestige to the university, Bailey continued.

The university plans to achieve the funds for additional personnel through an average 2 percent increase of tuition and fees, as well as salary savings from extramural grants, endowment funds, efficiencies and reallocations of revenue from non-core activities.

Tech is one of the top 10 universities in the nation for low debt among its graduates, Bailey said.

"Tuition increases we expect to be minimal," he said. "We do a pretty good job helping our students minimize their debt. But I know one of the goals of every college is to increase their scholarship fund

Additional facilities will be funded through tuition revenue bonds, the Higher Education Assistance Funds, NRUF assistance, Renewable Development Fund grants, Competitive Knowledge Fund grants, private gifts, public and private partnerships and reallocations of revenue from non-core activities.

University officials expect \$1.035 billion in additional revenue through this business plan, with total personnel costs equaling \$700 million and total available debt service equaling \$335 million. Through this business plan, uni-

versity officials are assuming state appropriations will not increase, tuition increases will be minimal — with increases being offset by reductions in mandatory fees whenever possible — and the mandatory 20 percent set aside for designated tuition will continue. Increasing scholarship funding is also expected.

Regent John Scovell said currently \$768,000 has been pledged to the Regents Scholarship Fund, which will be used to recruit and provide for Tech students.

"This scholarship is a great opportunity," he said. "We really hope this thing grows into something really special.' Bailey said he still expects Tech

to grow to 40,000 students by 2020. Of the additional 8,000 students, he is pushing for 4,500 to be graduate

tinue to look for cost efficiencies and

new methods to reallocate funds to

core areas of teaching and research. "We went though a two-year period where we didn't hire anyone. We were trying to adjust to all the budget cuts," he said, "and we've done that now. We've got ourselves ready to move forward and to the future.'

The university expects enrollment growth at 2.5 per year, with a 2 percent increase in tuition per year. It is assumed the NRUF payout — if granted — will be an estimated \$9 million, with an additional \$2 million allocated each year from the RDF as of Fiscal Year 2014 and an additional \$4 million in Fiscal Year 2019.

It is also assumed an additional \$4 million will be allocated from the CKF in Fiscal Year 2014, with an additional \$1 million per biennium thereafter. It is assumed there will be an increase of \$5 million during the next five allocation cycles from HEAT and \$125 million in Tuition Revenue Bond allocations in Fisca Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2018.

The university assumes external partnerships will yield \$6.25 million annually as of Fiscal Year 2015, and each new faculty member will produce an estimated \$128,000 in indirect cost recovery revenue from external grants.

The university also is working to increase admission standards through higher SAT and ACT scores and high school rankings, as well as increasing graduation rates overall.

According to the business plan presented to the Board of Regents, "The benefits of becoming a tier-one university to Texas Tech and its students and to the larger community are enormous."

"I think it's great," Turner said. "I think it's absolutely the correct thing to do. We're so well positioned because our many accomplishments over the past, - growth, funding, endowment raising — we're positioned and now we have to decide what we're going to do with it."

Bailey said the primary barriers to the university becoming tier one

"This is something we can do," he said. "It is our time — we should take advantage of it."

Bailey also said Tech will con- >>> cosborn@dailytoreador.com

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Students use resources to choose professors, courses

By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

Every semester when registration rolls around, Texas Tech students are given choices of what professor to take with what course.

Many students use a website called ratemyprofessors.com to help make the decision easier.

The website states it is the "largest online destination for professor ratings." It states, "RateMyProfessors.com

is built for college students, by college students. Choosing the best courses and professors is a rite of passage for every student, and connecting with peers on the site has become a key way for millions of students to navigate this process."

Tanner Ford, a sophomore engineering major from Wichita Falls, said he uses the site every time he registers for classes.

"There's different categories and I usually look for overall teaching," Ford said. "I cross-reference their overall performance."

As well as using the site as a reference, he said, he also talks to older mechanical engineers to hear what they have to say about different professors.

Ford said he considers a professor for a course more heavily than the time slot.

"I choose my schedule off of teachers," he said. "Some people do it on the times, but I'd rather have weird times and good teachers and a better GPA than have crappy teachers and a good time and a bad GPA."

Cathe Brooks, lead academic adviser for the department leadership team, said she and her advising team never make judgments on professors when advising

instructor evaluations and GPA distributions in Raiderlink."

Students can log onto Raiderlink and click on the "TTU MyTech" tab. From there, students can click on course and instructor evaluations.

Students can view evaluations on professors at the end of each semester.

"What's on Raiderlink is from those anonymous course evaluations that are done at the end of the semester," Brooks said. "Those become public record within the next semester, typically. It depends on how long it takes to get it uploaded."

Courtney Bray, lead academic adviser, said she advises students to use Raiderlink, opposed to ratemyprofes-

"I don't recommend it," she said. "I don't not recommend it, though. When we have a preference though, I'd prefer them use the Texas Tech tools that they have, talk to folks who may have taken the class before, ask them specifics like, 'Does the professor use Blackboard? What kind of teaching tools do they use? Does it fit with the way they learn?""

Students should find a class and a professor who fits the way a student learns, Bray said.

Brooks said she trusts Raiderlink more because it is a Tech system.

"The data that is in Raiderlink is from course evaluations and that kind of data and is immediate and I don't have to worry about whether or not it's been compromised," she said. "What we suggest is when a student brings up the course evaluations, we suggest that they look at the questions and how those questions were answered, not just, 'Is this 'We suggest they use the tools they course difficult,' but 'Did the instructor

have available," she said. "Including the allow for questions? Was the instructor available after class?""

> Some students use ratemyprofessors. com as a resource, but do not submit reviews or comments onto the site.

> Austin Baker said he has submitted a review for the website twice.

"I submitted a review for a teacher who had just come," said the junior retail management major from Conroe. "She had just graduated and was teaching English part time and she was one of the best professors I had ever had. Nobody knew about her, so I went online and submitted the first review. I also submitted a review for a political science professor that I had and he was just awesome. I didn't like the subject, but I could sit in his class every day."

Baker uses ratemyprofessors.com along with the Raiderlink course evalu-

ations, he said. "I use them in conjunction with each other," Baker said. "The one online (Raiderlink), it's really cool. They don't update the semesters as frequently, so I guess you can only see a year or a year and a half ago what happened, but being able to select the college and department and seeing the grades the students gave and the end-of-the-year evaluations is important because you can always tell on the evaluations who was the kid who didn't go to class and rated the professor horribly and it stands on their evaluation."

While he uses them both, Baker said, he trusts the Raiderlink system more.

"I probably trust the Texas Tech system more, only because it's unbiased," he said. "It's just the grade they were given and the university puts it out there. You can really see if the professor gave this many As versus Bs and Cs and



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

RAIDERLINK AND RATEMYPROFESSORS.COM are just two websites students use to choose professors or courses for the next semester.

Spencer Anderson, a junior electronic media and communications major from Sugar Land, said he uses sites like ratemyprofessors.com and myedu.com to learn more about a professor.

He said he uses those sites around registration time, but did not find help with the Raiderlink system.

"I've used that before," Anderson said about Raiderlink's course evaluations. "But, it's a bit tedious looking for the type of professors because you have to sort through."

Brooks and Bray said they also advise students to talk to students who have taken the course to find out what professor is best for their style of learning. "A lot of students are already friends

in their major, so those students are going to have a shared experience and common bond," Brooks said. "But, we also suggest they talk to upperclassman, maybe in the residence halls or nearby."

But no matter the resources, Brooks said, students should gather as much information as possible before signing up for classes.

'We tell them communication and gather information," she said. "And the more information you can gather from the more sources, the better you can determine valid information. Gathering >>> pskinner@dailytoreador.com

all your information from one source isn't any more valid than getting your political opinions from one newspaper.

"So, you use a variety of resources, you gather a variety of information and then you begin to instill it into what you're looking for. So, we suggest they use a variety of tools. Talk with the instructor, talk with people who have taken that professor, talk with the advisor in the department. Who knows who is teaching that class more than anybody else than the adviser who's scheduling it? Talk with the instructor."

Professor, students share opinions on texting while drinking

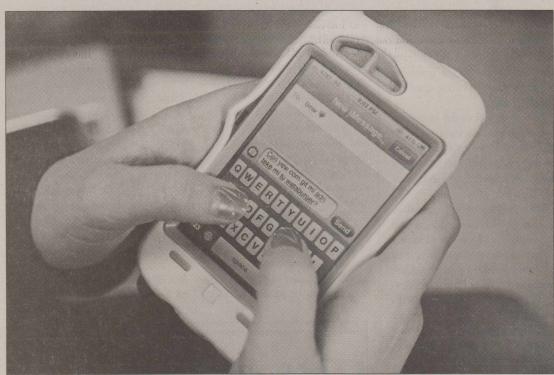


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador TEXTSFROMLASTNIGHT.COM IS A website people use to post text messages they've sent or received

after a night out.

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

Late nights can turn into

awkward mornings. After staying out all night, many students will grab for their

phones — if not lost — first thing after they wake in order to search night entailed.

The results can be devastating, humiliating or flat-out sue among students.

that my party was the most epic party they ever crashed."

This quote was pulled from the website textsfromlastnight. com, in which people share their unforgettable moments, if even remembered.

Linda Kaye Larrabee, an infor evidence of what the previous structor of sociology, said texting and talking on the phone while under the influence is a huge is-

She said alcohol intensifies

"(781): I was just told by a cop emotions and causes people to send messages they would never sober.

> "You can send someone something and never look them in the eye or hear their voice," she said. "There's more freedom to a text."

Larrabee said one of her male graduate students has shown her messages from another female graduate student who sends him sexual invitations while intoxi-

She said these types of mes-

because recipients can save the messages and share them with others.

'When you talk to someone and they hear what you say, maybe they're drinking too, and the next day you can go, 'Oh, I don't know what was wrong with me," she said. "But when you've got ugly or sexual stuff in interpreted the wrong way or more serious.'

Larrabee said students have developed a habit of hiding behind technology. Instead of faceto-face interaction, she said, her students have testified to ending relationships and admitting their sexually transmitted infections to sexual partners through text messages. She worries about students ruining current and future relationships through this process.

Larrabee also said her students have admitted to sleeping with their phones in case of an emergency.

"That's not the reason," she said. "It's so they can get those text in the middle of the night, or those booty calls or whatever. Past a certain time, you probably shouldn't text or probably shouldn't answer the phone."

One student who understands the hazards of texting under the influence is Aren Dobbs, a junior history major from Houston.

He said although the website is funny to read and repost on

sages can cause problems forever, Facebook, there is a huge duality present.

> "Granted, so often you get one that is autocorrected or a bunch of gibberish and that's funny," he said, "but at the same time I think people also need to realize how destructive texting people when you're drunk can be, and how things might be relationships."

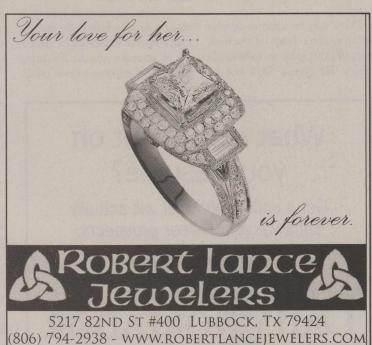
Gavin Haynes, a freshman computer science major from Houston, is another student who disagrees with drinking and

"Texting while drinking is misleading and unsafe," he said. "It can make somebody believe something else and cause bad

Larrabee said the only way for students to stop texting under the influence is for phones to have breathalyzers.

"I think students will learn writing, it makes it seem much said incorrectly and how it is from their mistakes because divisive towards friendships and that's how we all learn," she said. "However, if I could fix it to where no one could text when they're drunk, it would make me

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'Idol' semifinalists perform same song

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There she closed the show with her rendition, wasn't only one performance of Adele's "One and Only" on "American Idol."

Elise Testone, the soulful 28-year-old teacher from Charleston, S.C., and Jen Hirsh, the soaring 25-year-old singer from Agoura Hills, Calif., both tackled the same jazzy Adele tune during Wednesday's performances from the top 12 female semifinalists on the Fox singing contest - and both were lauded by the judges for their take on the Grammy darling.

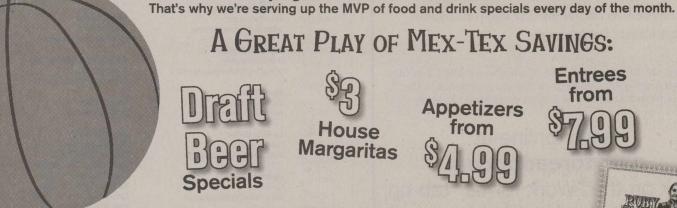
Hirsh was the first to perform "One and Only," compelling Randy Jackson to note that she was "one of the greatest singers in the competition this year." Testone was seated behind a piano when

prompting Jackson to repeat himself. He told Testone she has "one of the best voices in the competition."

"For me, you're one of the best singers, maybe the best singer here," Jennifer Lopez echoed to Testone.

Several other contestants also felt the love from the panel, including 26-year-old disc jockey Erika Van Pelt of South Kingstown, R.I., with Heart's "What About Love," 18-year-old Hollie Cavanaugh of McKinney, Texas, with Christina Aguilera's "Reflection," and 16-year-old shopaholic Jessica Sanchez of San Diego with "Love You I Do" from "Dreamgirls."

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Celebrities' lives

are so appealing to

us because of the

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they are offered at

no cost to them.

I had an uncle who traveled all the time, often flying.

If you have seen the movie "Up in the Air" you understand the perks that come with frequent flying. Front of the line in security, upgrades on seats and a swanky President's Club await you as long as you have a ticket resembling the golden ticket in Willy Wonka.

It's like everything sparkles when you are a frequent flier (even the bathrooms). Life is one big orb of golden sunshine. I got to travel as an "elite" member once and it's the only part of the trip I liked. However, that was a short-lived dream and the only time I've ever been of any significance at the airport.

Let me bring us back down to earth on what I have experienced every other time I have flown: security lines longer than an unveiling of the new iPhone, being frisked down and triple body scanned to the point that Transportation Security Administration begins to look like perverts, five-hour delays and three babies sitting in front taking turns crying to make sure I get no sleep.

Skip forward five years to earlier this week. I noticed I had a few erroneous charges on my bank account, so I went to my bank to talk to someone.

I explained my situation to Janice as she politely sat behind



her computer, pretending to really care about my plight. But soon Janice would say four little words showing me she really did care about me: "You're a Platinum Member." And just like

She gave me a number that was my own personal line to my bank and soon I would have a small army fighting off fraudulent online pirates.

All of this illustrates why we want to be celebrities. Their lives are constantly

filled with perks, upgrades, I could do with a team of pubhandouts and attention.

They have their agents call ahead and ask for five million thread count Egyptian cotton sheets and inform the front desk of the hotel they are staying at they are allergic to baby's breath and to make sure there are none and Julia Roberts. in sight. If I were to call the hotel and ask for that, they would pealing to us because of the ma-

est La Quinta, 45 miles away.

None of us want to be followed around by paparazzi, sleep with directors so we get the good roles in movies or spend time brownnosing the Academy so we can get an award. But, we do want to be dressed in milliondollar clothing that we didn't pay for and have people fawn over us as if we were the last drink of water in the Sahara.

The perks that come with being a celebrity far outweigh that, my problems were erased. the negatives they are always

> complaining about in magazines. However, they continue to give themselves as items to be auctioned off.

> my mom complete about half of my appointments and schedules, so I can almost imagine what

licists, assistants and makeup

It must be nice to just wave your hand and suddenly be in Paris at the Cannes Film Festival enjoying cocktails on the French Riviera next to George Clooney

Celebrities' lives are so apgive me the number to the near-terial things they are offered at >> adoughty@dailytoreador.com

no cost to them. They are walking billboards and free advertisement for many companies, so they are priceless commodities in the industry.

Personally, I would find it exhausting picking which company I would want to endorse, probably the one that let me sleep in past 10 a.m. every day.

I have never looked at a celebrity and said, "Man, I really want their personality" but what I have said is "Man, I really want their seven-million-dollar mansion, six cars and two jets."

It is nice being treated as if you were the crown jewel but, for most of us, much smaller perks in life will have to suffice. We will make do with being spoiled by the President's Club at the airport or the bank's I still have platinum program and never experience what it feels like to have them install an extra seat cushion into our chair at the Oscars because we have spinal problems.

However, we will probably be more gracious about our subtle upgrades in life and enjoy the finer things a lot more than someone who gets pampered regularly. Also, we are a lot less likely to remarry 17 times and have all our money stripped from us. So, there's a perk.

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Dating violence must be stopped

By JOE BIDEN

More than twenty years ago, I read a study of junior high school students in Rhode Island that included one finding I've never been able to get out of my head. Students were asked if a man who spent money on a woman during a date was entitled to force her into sexual activity. An astounding 25 percent of the young boys said yes and even more astounding, 17 percent of the junior high school girls agreed.

You may think that sounds like a long time ago – and it was. But, sadly, dating violence remains a very real problem in our country - especially on college campuses.

Today, while in college, nearly one in five women will be a victim of sexual assault and one in ten teens will be hurt on purpose by someone they are dating. These aren't just statistics, these are people you know: your roommates, your friends, your sisters, your classmates. This is a problem we all have to face.

My dad used to say that there's no worse sin than the abuse of power. Whether it was raising a hand to someone weaker, or using any advantage to push people around, he taught me that if you saw abuse, you had an obligation to attempt to stop it. It's a lesson to remember every day, but especially this February, during Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Awareness is the first step to pushing back against a problem this big. When I held Senate hearings on violence against women more than two decades ago, domestic abuse in American society was rarely spoken about in public. I'll never forget the stories of abuse I heard in over a thousand hours of hearings. The brutality of family members, acquaintances, and strangers against the women in their lives was absolutely devastating.

It was those hearings that led to and since then annual incidents of domestic violence have dropped by more than 50%. But for women in college and younger today, the risk is still much too high.

That's why I joined with Education Secretary Arne Duncan last April to announce historic new guidelines for colleges and universities about their responsibilities under Title IX to prevent sexual assault. Under the federal civil

rights law, schools have an obligation not only to respond appropriately when an assault occurs, but also to create a climate on campus that makes such violence unacceptable.

I also started an initiative called 1 is 2 many to help reduce dating violence and sexual assault among teens and young adults. We harnessed the power of technology to get our message out, launching a national contest to develop "Apps Against Abuse." The two winning apps – which will be available later this spring - will let you get in touch with your friends quickly and safely so you can call for help if you need it and stop violence in its tracks. We've also made sure the National Dating Abuse Helpline can be reached by text, online, or phone 24/7.

Last month, the FBI changed the way the federal government defines rape. The narrow, outdated definition unchanged since 1929 - said the assault had to be forcible and against a woman's will to be classified as rape. It's just not true, and it's a point that I make on college campuses all across the country. Rape is rape and no means no. No means no whether drunk or sober. No means no whether in the dorm room or on the street. There is never an excuse. Young women and men alike need to understand this. Under the new definition, rape occurs when there is no consent, and it also includes sexual assault against boys and young men in national law enforcement reporting.

These are important changes, but ending dating violence and sexual assault isn't just a matter of laws and legislation. It's about education. It's about attitudes. It's about your participation. I need your help to address this issue in your dorms and on your campuses. Studies show that men's ideas about what other men think is one of the strongest determinants of how they act. So guys, you need to speak out.

The ultimate measure of a civilized the Violence Against Women Act, society is how its laws and culture treat the abuse of women. Attitudes can change. Violence can end. But it can't happen without universal understanding that dating violence and sexual assault will never be tolerated anywhere, at any time, for any reason. Period. That's all of our responsibility.

> Joe Biden is the Vice President of the United States.

Truth, honesty always best option

from a young age, most of us are taught to always tell the truth. The reality is many of us lie at one point or another. Some of us even make deception a habit.

While the most honorable thing to do is to always be honest, someto do. Is there any situation where lying is understandable or even the

Is omission a lie? Yes! You are deliberately withholding information. If you have knowledge someone else should know and don't reveal it to them, you have, in fact, lied. Some people try to play the "don't ask to tell" game. You're still not being honest.

There may be some of us who believe we don't always tell the truth in an effort to spare an individual's feelings. The typical "Do I look fat



in this dress?" question is one many of us might deem to be acceptable to fib about.

By attempting to not hurt someone's feelings perhaps we are only prolonging the pain and only making the pain they will eventually feel greater. After all, as the saying goes, anything done in the dark will eventually come to light.

Nothing stays a secret forever. It may be decades before the truth is found out, but it will be announced. So, in actuality, you are hindering yourself and stressing yourself out by

On the other hand, is it possible the truth could be more detrimental to the person who is hearing it? I once heard that sometimes when people tell the truth they are being selfish.

While telling the truth, you have cleared your conscience, but now the other person has to deal with sleepless nights. You have now transferred your negative energy to an innocent party.

For example, if you have a friend who constantly cheats on his or her significant other, do you tell their boyfriend or girlfriend? Is it your place to give this information?

Most people would probably side with their friend and not tell, but what if you saw your friend's significant other out with someone else? Would you tell then? Most of us would tell our friend.

What we have now done is place a gray area on morals. Right is right and wrong is wrong. But the way we often do it is by saying right is right and it's only wrong if it hurts or effects

We all want honesty; at least we say we do. Can you handle the truth? Although there may be information that may hurt us to our very core, I am doubtful that there are any words that any of us cannot live through.

Yes, it may hurt. You may cry. You may even feel like you have lost hope. Knowledge is surely powerful. With your new awareness, you can pick yourself up and move on. Usually when you move on it will be to bigger and better things.

An ex boyfriend and I had an hon-

esty agreement. He'd tell me things and I'd tell him things. Some were really bad, but we always bounced back. We'd both ask any questions we had so that everything would be out on the table. The openness served more pur-

poses than just us wanting to be nosey. Because we told each other horrible and sometimes seemingly unforgivable things, trust never came into question. Many people may find it question-

able that absolutely everything was an open book, but take my word for it. Because we were so honest with

each other, a third party couldn't reveal any dirt he or I had ever done. We both knew everything worth knowing about the other.

You can always respect an honest individual. You may not like it, but you have to respect the truth.

Without trust you have no real relationship. Sometimes without the ugly truth, your relationship has not yet been tested.

We are all human. Our truths will not always be pretty. But I'd rather have someone in my life that will take me with all of my horrible mistakes. No one will ever be perfect.

In a world where so many things are artificial or enhanced, don't live like that with the ones you love. Take them as they are. Accept them for everything that is real.

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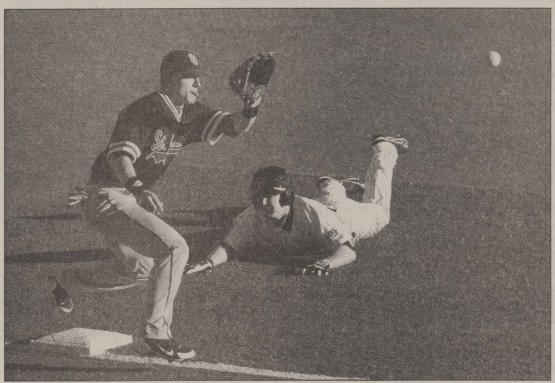
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Tech set to face strong competition in Houston



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TEXAS TECH SHORTSTOP Bryant Burleson slides into third base during the bottom of the second inning against St. John's on Feb. 24 at Rip Griffin Park. Tech went on to beat the Red Storm 4-1.

By BRETT WINEGARNER MANAGING EDITOR

The No. 24 Texas Tech baseball team has started off hot, as it boasts an 8-1 record and has jumped into the polls for the first time since 2005.

However, the Red Raiders will face their toughest opponents yet this weekend in the Houston College Classic in Minute Maid Park.

Tech will face No. 7 Arkansas

and No. 4 Rice and the unranked Houston Cougars, in that order.

Despite the high level of competition and a 5-13 overall record in the tournament, junior center fielder Barrett Barnes said Tech won't back down at all and is expecting to come away from each game as the victor.

"We're going against some good

and that's what we look forward to

"And we aren't by any means scared or afraid of any of those teams, and we're going to come out and play our game and play a good nine innings and hopefully come out with three (wins) this weekend."

Tech's first opponent, Arkansas, comes into the weekend with a 9-1 record — its only blemish this season is a 10-9 loss in extra innings to Valparaiso.

The Razorbacks have a potent offense, having scored more than five runs in eight of their 10 games. In a Feb. 19 game against Villanova, the Razorbacks managed to plate 17 runners in a 17-1 win against the Wildcats.

The Razorbacks also feature five players in their starting lineup that have a batting average of at least .400, which will make life a little bit harder for the Tech starting pitchers who are giving up an average of just more than two runs per game.

The pitching matchup between the Razorbacks and Red Raiders could have hitters baffled all game, as Tech will put Duke von Schamann on the mound to counter Arkansas' Ryne Stanek.

Stanek, a sophomore right-handed pitcher, has given up only two earned runs and has struck out eight batters in just 10 innings of work this season. Von Schamann has equally impressive numbers — in his first two starts of the season, von Schamann has yet to allow an earned run and has struck out 11 while doing so.

Von Schamann said he knows the team didn't perform up to par the last time it played in the tournament, so he wants to show that this team is different.

"We had a bad showing at the Houston Classic two years ago," he said. "We're here to show that our team is for real this year and we can do things against those top ranked teams this year; so definitely really

excited to get things underway." Tech will face another ranked op-

ponent at 7 p.m. Saturday as it takes on the Rice Owls. This baseball powerhouse comes

into the tournament with a perfect 9-0 record. At the beginning of the season, the Owls were picked by Conference USA coaches to finish first in the league, and feature four players on the projected All-Conference Team.

Rice is the only team in the tournament Tech will face in which the Red Raiders have a winning record against. Although Tech owns a 56-54 all-time record against the Owls, Rice has a 13-game winning streak against the Red Raiders that spans across the past 15 years.

Tech wraps up the weekend tournament at 2:30 p.m. Sunday

against Houston.

The Cougars have gotten off to a slow start this season with a .500 record, but have dominated the Red Raiders in this tournament, going 4-1 against Tech.

Tech's Barnes said it is always good to play in front of the home crowd, but going out on the road is a good experience.

"Playing in Lubbock's a lot of fun but traveling and seeing different ballparks and different cities and things like that — playing in front of different people - it's always exciting," he said.

The Red Raiders will play in their first game of the tournament at noon Friday against Arkansas, which also marks Tech's first road game of the 2012 season.

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competition, but we love that," he said. "That's the love of the game. You get to play against good people

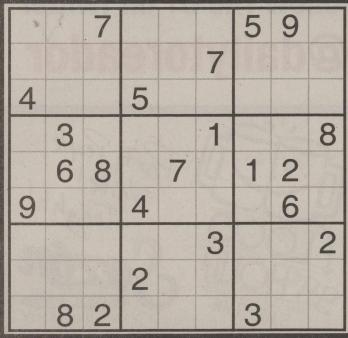


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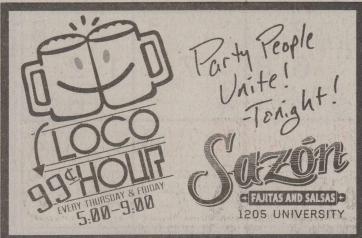
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NO. 20 TEXAS TECH'S Kenna Kilgo returns a serve during her doubles match with Samantha Adams against No. 12 Baylor's Nina Secerbegovic and Megan Horter on Thursday at the Don and Ethel McLeod Tennis Center. Kilgo and Adams' match won a tie break that resulted in an overall victory for the Red Raiders. This marked the first win for Tech against a top 20 team in school history.

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Tech softball set to play in first home games

By MATT VILLANUEVA STAFF WRITER

After finishing as the runnerup at the Texas Shootout tournament in Waco, the Texas Tech softball team will play its first home games this weekend at the second annual Jeannine McHaney Memorial Classic.

Already three weeks into the season and boasting an 11-5 record, the Red Raiders are thrilled to finally be playing in Lubbock, head coach Shanon Hays said.

"It's nice to finally get to play at home," he said. "You know, the past couple of years we've been able to have a couple of tournaments by now — so going on the road was a good experience for us."

The past three tournaments in Tempe, Ariz., Las Vegas and Waco have shown the positives and negatives the team intends to

both build and improve on. An area that has shown a vast

improvement compared to years past has been pitching.

The two-headed starting rotation of underclassmen Brittany Talley and Cara Custer have pitched well so far this season, compiling a combined 10-5 record, 57 strikeouts and a 2.27

With 55 innings pitched in 11 appearances, two of which were shutouts, Custer has become the pitcher Hays goes to the most.

Hays spoke high praise of his left-handed freshman, as, he said, she is the hardest thrower he has had in his time as head coach of

"Her ball moves and she's hard to line up and the ball goes down a lot," he said, "and that's what you need in a ballpark like here in Lubbock."

Custer said her first few games playing were definitely an adjustment from her high school days, but the support from upperclassmen has been a major confidence boost for her.

"Sandy (James) has been talking to me a lot, saying 'Relax, breath. We're all behind your back. We're a good defense,"" Custer said, "and I believe that and just go out and try and pitch it, and I trust them behind me.".

An area Hays said he has been dissatisfied with is the team's lack of offensive production.

Tech finished last season ranked fourth in the nation in batting average and runs per game, but has yet to show its potent bat across the lineup on a consistent game-to-game basis.

Hays said players such as Adriana Perez and James carried the team offensive load for certain

stretches, as the two have the highest batting average in the starting lineup, respectively. But, he said, he is not satisfied with the overall team's performance.

"The thing that's disappointed me is we haven't swung the bat near as well as I thought we would right now," Hays said. "I'm waiting on our offense to kind of take off a little bit ... We've had just enough hitting to get us by."

This week, Tech welcomes Binghamton and UT Arlington to play in the three-day round robin Jeannine McHaney Memorial Classic. Founded last year, the tournament is named after Tech's first female athletic director.

Tech will open the tournament today with a doubleheader, as it plays Binghamton at 1 p.m. and then UT-Arlington at 3:30 p.m., at Rocky Johnson Field.

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AP sources: No deadline for deal on MLB playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Braves are remembered for one of baseball's epic collapses.

Too bad for Atlanta the playoffs weren't expanded a year earlier.

Negotiators for baseball players and owners are working toward an agreement to increase the postseason field to 10 teams this season. They had hoped to reach a deal by Thursday, but both sides said talks could continue if they needed additional time to deal with the details of adding a second wildcard team in each league.

The sides spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the talks have not been public.

If there had been additional wild-card teams last season, the Braves would have made the play-

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Unlimited Mileage All Star Rent-a-Car • 698.8511 offs in the NL, while the Boston according to Hudson. Last season, Red Sox would have qualified in the AL. Instead, each missed the postseason by a game, both going down with historic September

"I would've taken it last year," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez said Thursday.

The sides have said for weeks a deal is likely. When players and owners signed their agreement for a new labor contract in November, the section covering the postseason established a March 1 goal for deciding whether the playoffs would increase by two teams for 2012 or 2013.

The deal would establish a new one-game, wild-card round in each league between the teams with the best records who are not division winners, meaning a third-place team could win the World Series.

Don't count on it, said Brayes pitcher Tim Hudson.

The wild-card winner would face a major disadvantage going through the rest of the playoffs,

St. Louis passed the Braves for the wild card on the final day and went on to capture the World Series. Hudson said it would've been much harder for the Cardinals or the Braves to advance if they had played an extra game against each other first.

"The only good thing about it is one more team (in each league) gets in the playoffs," he said. "But it totally handicaps the wild-card team. Both teams will probably have to expend their best pitcher to win that game. Plus, it's another day they have to use their bullpen. Even if you get by that one game, the chances of winning the next round are not very good."

The Cardinals became the fifth wild-card team to win the World Series since the playoff field doubled in 1995, going from two division winners in each league to three division winners and a wild card. Other wild-card champions were the Florida Marlins in 1997 and 2003, Anaheim in 2002 and

Adding two more playoffs teams this year has been complicated because the regular-season schedule was drafted last spring and summer, and the extra game has to be put in place in a manner that doesn't disrupt the World Series schedule. In a further complication, the sides reached a consensus that ties for division titles would be broken on the field with a tiebreaker game under the new format, and not by head-tohead record.

Head-to-head record has been used since 1995 to determine first place if both teams are going to the postseason. But the sides decided with the start of a one-game, winner-take-all wild-card round, the difference between first place and a wild-card berth is too important to decide with a formula and that a tiebreaker game should be played.

"It's our answer to March Madness where you have single elimination, I guess," agent Scott Boras

