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## University officials say tuition increases necessary for Tech

### Money to go toward hiring new faculty, creating smaller classes

By CAROLYN HECK  
 STAFF WRITER

Though Texas Tech students will face an increased tuition next semester, university officials said it is the best option for Tech, for it to achieve tier-one status.

Students will be looking at an increase of 1.95 percent in tuition costs, as of next fall, due to a motion passed Friday by the Board of Regents.

Chris Cook, the managing director of communications and marketing at Tech, said the motion was presented and approved by the finance committee Thursday, and approved by the Board of Regents as a whole Friday.

The tuition fee will be increased by \$88.75 per every 15-hour semester, Cook said, which totals \$177.50 per year.

Overall, he said, the estimated cost of total tuition and fees for a 30-hour academic year will be \$9,242.

The tuition increase is the second lowest in 20 years, he said; the lowest being in Fall 2008, when there was no increase in tuition.

Cook said the administration tried to make the increase as small as possible, while still being effective enough to accomplish its goal.

"I think there's always a con-

cern," he said, "but the one thing that we tried to do — and I think accomplished — is to increase it ever so slightly to where we don't create a huge additional burden on our students; but at the same time, it allows us to conservatively put additional resources toward hiring faculty and supporting infrastructure, which in turn supports the students' educational experience."

The increase in fees will be put to use in hiring new faculty, he said.

"One thing we want to do is we need to invest in more instruction in order to retain and hire faculty and reduce the student to faculty ratio," Cook said. "So, this will help us invest in faculty, to give our students the best learning opportunity possible."

The current student to faculty ratio is 23-to-1, he said, which the administration would like to change.

"I don't know if there's a magic number, but we'd like to be lower than 23-to-1," Cook said. "We want to allow our students the best learning opportunity and also to allow our faculty the best teaching opportunity. By reducing that ratio, we're able to accomplish that."

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## Students participate in Tech Cash Bus event

### Tech Activities Board surprises Tech students with game show-like activity

By PAIGE SKINNER  
 STAFF WRITER

What is the bench behind the Texas Tech Administration building? What is the recognizable Tech logo that appears on football jerseys? What is Tech's mascot that travels to away games?

These are just some of the questions students were asked unsuspectingly on Tech Activities Board's Tech Cash Bus on Tuesday.

Members of TAB joined Tech students on different buses, to surprise them with a trivia game.

Alyssa Singleton and James West were two of the TAB members who hosted the game for Tech contestants.

After Singleton asked bus riders to play the game, West read off the rules of the Tech Cash Bus. Participants were allowed one shout-out to

other bus riders if they didn't know the answer to a question and no cell-phones were allowed while playing.

The game was inspired by the Discovery Channel's game show, "Cash Cab," but TAB's version consisted of Tech trivia questions.

Singleton, a senior biology major from San Antonio, began by asking Eunice Opoku if she could recite three lines from the "Matador Song."

While Opoku didn't know three lines from the "Matador Song," she answered a question about Saddle Tramps correctly.

"I was surprised about the 'Matador Song' because being here for like two years and still not knowing it, is bad," said the senior human development and family studies major from Houston.

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# Young's Year



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

REED YOUNG, A junior agriculture and applied economics major from Abilene, was recently elected the 2012-2013 external vice president of the Student Government Association.

## Reed Young elected as new SGA external vice president

By HALLIE DAVIS  
 STAFF WRITER

With a grandfather who taught at Texas Tech, two alumni parents and an older brother and sister who attended Tech — Reed Young has loved the Red Raiders for a long time.

"Choices were not limited by any stretch, but there was a definite favor to one over any other," said Reed, a the junior agriculture and applied economics major. "It was never a hard decision for me to make."

From Abilene, the newly elected Student Government Association external vice president said he got involved with SGA when an-

other senator encouraged him.

Since then, he has put most of his time and effort into the organization, where he currently sits on three committees: the transportation fee advisory committee, the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center fee advisory committee and the academics committee. He is also in the Safety Working Group.

His focus on safety carried over to his campaign ideals, which include increased lighting on campus and finding a more effective way to communicate emergencies and threats.

"If people understand what's going on," he said, "they are able to prevent themselves from being vulnerable."

Another part of the EVP job is working hand in hand with the Lubbock community. This is what Young most looks forward to, he said, because he loves meeting new people and working with others.

"He's a rock star," said his older brother, Josh Young, a 2003 alumnus. "He loves people; he's a natural born leader. This is a perfect fit for him."

His ability to talk to anyone is one of his best skills, said Jake Bray, a junior business marketing major from Fort Worth, who has known Reed Young since their freshman year.

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

**Mid-Day Music**

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building Courtyard  
**So, what is it?**  
 Join Tech Activities Board for lunch and live music.

**The Magnificent Peutinger Map: Roman Cartography at its Most Creative**

**Time:** 5:35 p.m.  
**Where:** English and Philosophy building, room 001  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy the Joukowsky Lecture featuring Richard Talbert and William Rand Kenan Jr., a history professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Celtic Ensemble and World Music Ensemble Concert**

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Legacy Great Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy "Gypsies, Tinkers and Travelers: Song of the Wandering Tribes" from the Celtic Ensemble and World Music Ensemble.

**Free Movie Night**

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy the feature film, "The Muppets" presented by TAB.

**Love Game Show**

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building, Senate Room  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy the Love Game Show and participate in games like "The Dating Game," "Battle of the Sexes" and "Family Feud Men vs. Women." Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 and proceeds go toward a mentor program for Estacado High School.

**Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble Concert**  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy this tuba-euphonium ensemble concert, presented by the School of Music.

### THURSDAY

**Graduation Fairs**

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Frazier Alumni Pavilion  
**So, what is it?**  
 Texas Tech students can shop for class rings, caps, gowns and hoods, announcements, invitations and diploma frames hosted by the Texas Tech Alumni Association, in conjunction with the University Bookstore, University Career Services and the Graduate School for the Spring 2012 Graduation Fair. The fair will last through Friday.

**Feminist Forum: A History of Women's Leadership**

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, room 153  
**So, what is it?**  
 In recognition of International Women's Day, this forum will discuss current strategies to promote forward movement of women's rights on a global scale.

**Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert**

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Enjoy this symphonic wind ensemble concert presented by the School of Music.

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## FILTER FILTRATION



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ERIC WINTER, A senior petroleum engineering major from Lake Travis, tightens a filter press while doing a lab in the Petroleum Engineering building on Monday for his drilling engineering class. By tightening the filter press, Winter was able to measure the quality of filtration of different clay samples added to drilling mud.

# Saudi Arabia expects to find 100 billion barrels of new oil

HOUSTON (AP) — Saudi Arabia is beginning an oil exploration push that it says is expected to turn up 100 billion barrels of new oil in existing fields in the Kingdom and in unexplored regions including in the Red Sea.

The effort is also expected to increase the company's natural gas production by 40 percent by 2014.

Saudi Arabia has 267 billion of so-called proven reserves, about one-fifth of the world's total. "Proven reserves" is an

industry term that means oil or gas that has been discovered and could be produced with today's technology.

The world consumes about 89 million barrels of oil per day, or 32.5 billion barrels per year. The industry describes a field as giant if it has 500 million barrels of oil or more.

Amir Nasser, a senior vice president in charge of exploration for Saudi Aramco, the Saudi state owned oil company, outlined the plan in a speech Tuesday at CERA Week, an annual energy conference in Houston.

He said geological surveys suggest that the oil will be found in "frontier" areas in the Kingdom, including in the shallow

and deep waters of the Red Sea. Nasser said shallow water drilling has begun already and that deep water drilling will begin later this year.

"We are very optimistic about the potential for significant discoveries," he said.

He also said improved oil extraction techniques will allow the country to pull 70 percent of the oil from its existing fields, up from 50 percent.

The natural gas push is being made to handle strong growth in Saudi Arabian power demand. Nasser said power demand is rising 7 percent a year.

Nasser announced that Saudi Aramco will improve its research and development capabilities by doubling the number of scientists who work for the company and opening research centers around the world. The first new research center will be in Houston, he said, though he did not say when it would be established.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Tal Mahal city
- Merry
- One doing serious crunching in 29-Down
- Perurb
- Hang on a clothesline
- One of a swiveled pair
- 1981 Richard Pryor film
- Sit... protests
- Ancient Greek theater
- Merry old king
- In a funk
- Managed
- Band whose frontman passes through the audience in a plastic bubble, with "The"
- Typical "Twilight" fan
- Billy of "Titanic"
- Daisylike blooms
- Pipe dream
- Bartlett, e.g.
- Distress signal
- Pop
- Bunch" girl
- Chew out
- Chic
- "How steak is done" sauce
- Like a battery needing a charge
- "Everything but" item
- "Don't... 2005 R&B hit
- Dull discomfort
- Chess ending
- Cultural values
- King of Spain
- Jolly Roger fliers
- The word, as suggested by the saying formed by the ends of this puzzle's four longest answers
- Cab rider-to-be
- Sheltered, at sea
- Mimic
- Lover of Tristan
- Student's stressor

**DOWN**

- Shady alcove
- Dutch cheese
- Gotten up
- Choir member
- "The Brady Bunch" girl
- Tim Woodman's saving grace
- Auto race noise
- Puts on a pedestal
- Arms supply
- Caustic substance
- It's measured in alarms
- Man cave hanging
- Church areas
- Suss out
- Leading a charmed life
- Guitar great Paul
- Novel-sounding beast
- Outdoor dining spot
- Busy month for 11-Acrosses
- Notice
- Percussive dance
- Homer call?
- Charged particle
- Like 2011, e.g.
- Ant's cry
- Plot outline
- "Delightful!"
- Causes of pallors
- Phil Rizzuto's number
- Fall implements
- Tried to lose, in a way
- Fate
- Freeze, as a road
- Herb in a bouquet gami
- Slot in a stable
- Country that's nearly 25 times as long as its average width
- Crosses one's fingers
- Liability's opposite
- The other one
- Key letter
- Before, to a bard

By Erik Agard 3/7/12

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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### Tuition

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Tyler Patton, former SGA president, said increasing the faculty size will allow the university to create more class sections and make more class times available to students.

"I think there is definitely a concern by President Bailey, and is shared by the provost, that our class sizes are expanding almost too big," he said.

Patton said though the increase in fees is a disappointment for most, there was no other viable choice for Tech.

"No one wants an increase in tuition. No one wants an increase in any of that," he said. "But whether you're an administrator, a regent or a student government representative, the people that are elected to the legislature for the state of Texas have not given anybody any good options."

The fees and extra faculty will be pushing Tech closer to gaining tier-one status, Patton said, as well as toward being considered a national research university.

"It's really tough to be in the position of being the next tier-one research institution in the state of Texas," he said, "and hopefully in the next 10 years we'll be a potential candidate for membership in the American Association of Universities, which is the most prestigious research universities in the country."

Grant Eason, a freshman undeclared major from Houston, said even though it is extra money out of student's pockets, he thinks the increase is a good thing.

"I would say that though it's hard to agree with a change in the amount we pay," he said, "overall it's going to be very beneficial to us, to have more staff and more teachers."

Eason said he thinks Tech's attempts to reach tier-one status will improve the university's image.

Stuart Aron, a junior vocal music education major from Houston, said he thinks the increase in tuition could not have come at a worse time.

Compared with the University of Texas, A&M University and other major Texas universities, Cook said, Tech has the third lowest tuition in the state.

Alongside the tuition increase, reductions to other student fees will be made, he said, including a \$10 reduction in the library fee, a \$5 reduction in the Student Union Building fee and a \$3 reduction in the Student Services fee.

While SGA had a hand in helping decrease the student fees, Patton said, it could do nothing concerning tuition.

"We only really coordinate the advisory committee," he said. "And I definitely wish we had feet at the table when it came to tuition, but right now that really hasn't happened, so we can kind of only provide as much input as we're allowed in that regard."

Though he was grateful for what he called a relatively small amount of increased fees, Patton said, it will affect him as well.

"I certainly don't like it more than anyone else," he said. "I pay my bills to go to school. I'm definitely going to feel it and I know that everybody else is."

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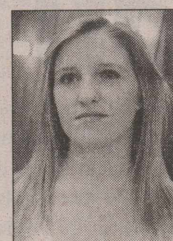
### THOUGHTS ON TUITION INCREASES



"I would say that though it's hard to agree with a change in the amount we pay, overall, it's going to be very beneficial to us to have more staff and more teachers. I think being tier-one is always a good idea, hopefully bringing in better students and more students, making the college look better overall."

- Grant Eason - freshman undeclared major from Houston

"I just think that it's really ridiculous, just because I'm already on every kind of financial aid, and loan, and scholarship, and grant I could be on, and still struggling to stay here, basically. If they don't help me out, I'm going to have to end up going to a different school, which is not okay. I would like to stay."

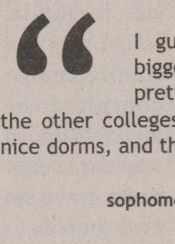


- Kelsi Curry - sophomore vocal performance major from Houston



"If you say that you're just taking 15 hours, which is usually my average, I think it will discourage people from taking more than 15 hours. I, personally, would be discouraged to do that."

- Isamar Marmolejo - senior sociology and spanish major from Eagle Pass



"I guess the new buildings are the biggest part because the dorms are pretty bad here compared to some of the other colleges. I know Angelo State has pretty nice dorms, and they're a sub-school of Texas Tech."

- Travis Stieb - sophomore exercise and sport sciences major from San Antonio



"I think with the decrease in the amount of money we're getting from financial aid that this is an extremely poor idea, in that they're making it harder for us to go to school at a time when they're trying to increase student population so as to attain tier-one status."

- Stuart Aron - junior vocal and music major from Houston

Compiled by Carolyn Heck/The Daily Toreador

## Minority students face harsher punishments

WASHINGTON (AP) — African-American or Hispanic students may be more likely to be suspended, expelled — or even arrested — than their white peers. What's not clear is why.

Is it discrimination, as some civil rights groups contend, or are minority students committing more infractions? Or are minority students receiving tougher punishments than whites for similar incidents?

What is known, from an Education Department civil rights report released Tuesday is that Hispanic and African-American students comprise nearly three quarters of students involved in school-related arrests or cases handed over to police. The report also found that black students are more than three times as likely as their white peers to be suspended or expelled. And,

that a disproportionate number of black students with disabilities are strapped down or subjected to other restraints.

"The sad fact is that minority students across America face much harsher discipline than non-minorities, even within the same school," said Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

Neither Duncan nor the report provided the details behind the numbers.

Civil rights activists said they weren't surprised by the results. They blamed get tough, "zero tolerance" policies that they say contribute to a "schools-to-prisons" pipeline. The problem, they say, is that zero tolerance applies more to minorities than white children. They say it's time for a dialogue on appropriate and fair discipline.

### \$2,500 in Scholarships Available For Graduate and Undergraduate Students

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TFLAA was formed in 1985-1986 when then President Lauro Cavazos sought to replace the existing tenure system with a system of rollover contracts. The scholarship was created with money contributed by many faculty members to a fund that could be used to challenge the proposal in the courts. Since that proposal was later modified, and tenure and academic freedom are still protected, interest from the fund has been used to fund the scholarships.

Typed entries must be no longer than 1,000 words with a cover sheet that indicates the name of the student. The essay should be submitted in three copies by Tuesday April 10, 2012. The entries with a cover sheet that includes the name of the student should be submitted to the campus mail box of Prof. William G. Hartwell III, School of Music, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tx, 79409-2033.

A faculty committee will judge the essays. The winner will be announced by April 25, 2012. Erin Trauth of Lubbock was the 2011 winner Zhongyi Xiao of Chong Qing, China was the 2010 winner Deanna Kramer of Spring was the 2008 winner Eric Braden from Katy was the 2007 Winner

Application forms are available online at www.scholarships.ttu.edu or apply online at the Financial Aid Office 305 West Hall, 742-3144

## \$7B swindle may keep Stanford behind bars for life

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford spent more than 20 years charming investors, who handed him billions of dollars they had spent their lives accumulating through hard work and saving.

Stanford promised them safe investments that would help fulfill their dreams of being able to retire comfortably or pay their children's college tuition. All the while, he

was pulling their money out of his Caribbean bank to pay for a string of failed businesses and a jet-setting lifestyle.

Stanford, once considered one of the wealthiest people in the U.S., with a financial empire that spanned the Americas, was convicted Tuesday on charges he bilked investors out of more than \$7 billion.

Prosecutors said his business acumen was nothing more than an

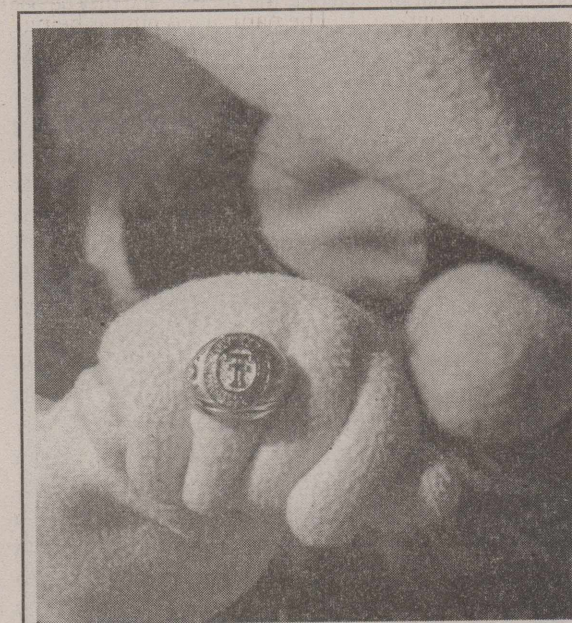
old-fashioned Ponzi scheme, and jurors convicted him on 13 of 14 charges, including conspiracy, wire and mail fraud. He was acquitted on a single count of wire fraud that accused him of bribing a regulator with Super Bowl tickets.

Stanford looked down when the verdict was read in federal court in Houston, where his financial empire was based. His mother and daughters hugged one another, and one of his

daughters started crying.

"We are disappointed in the outcome. We expect to appeal," Stanford attorney Ali Fazel said after the hearing. He said he couldn't comment further because of a gag order Hittner placed on attorneys in the case.

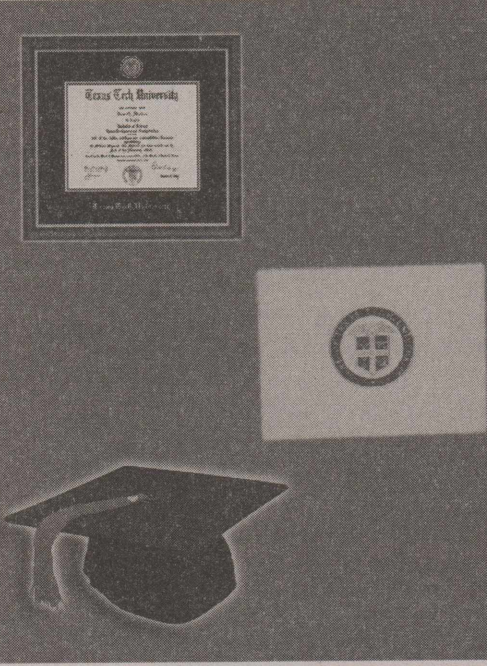
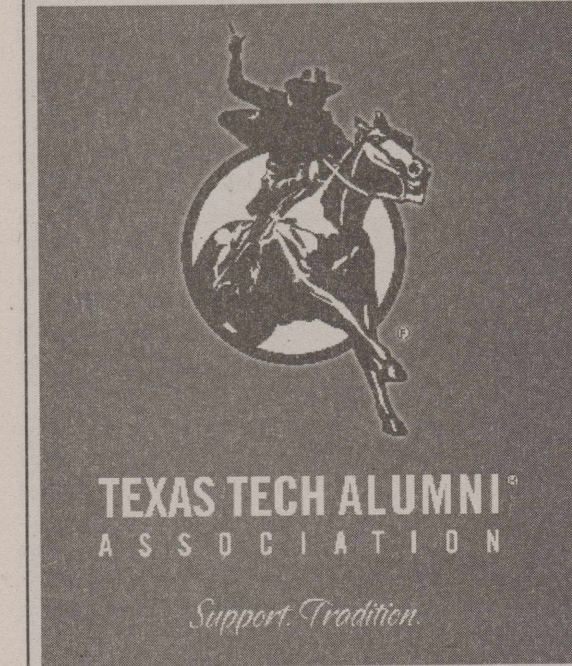
Prosecutors and Stanford's relatives declined to comment on the verdict, but former investor Cassie Wilkinson found comfort in it.



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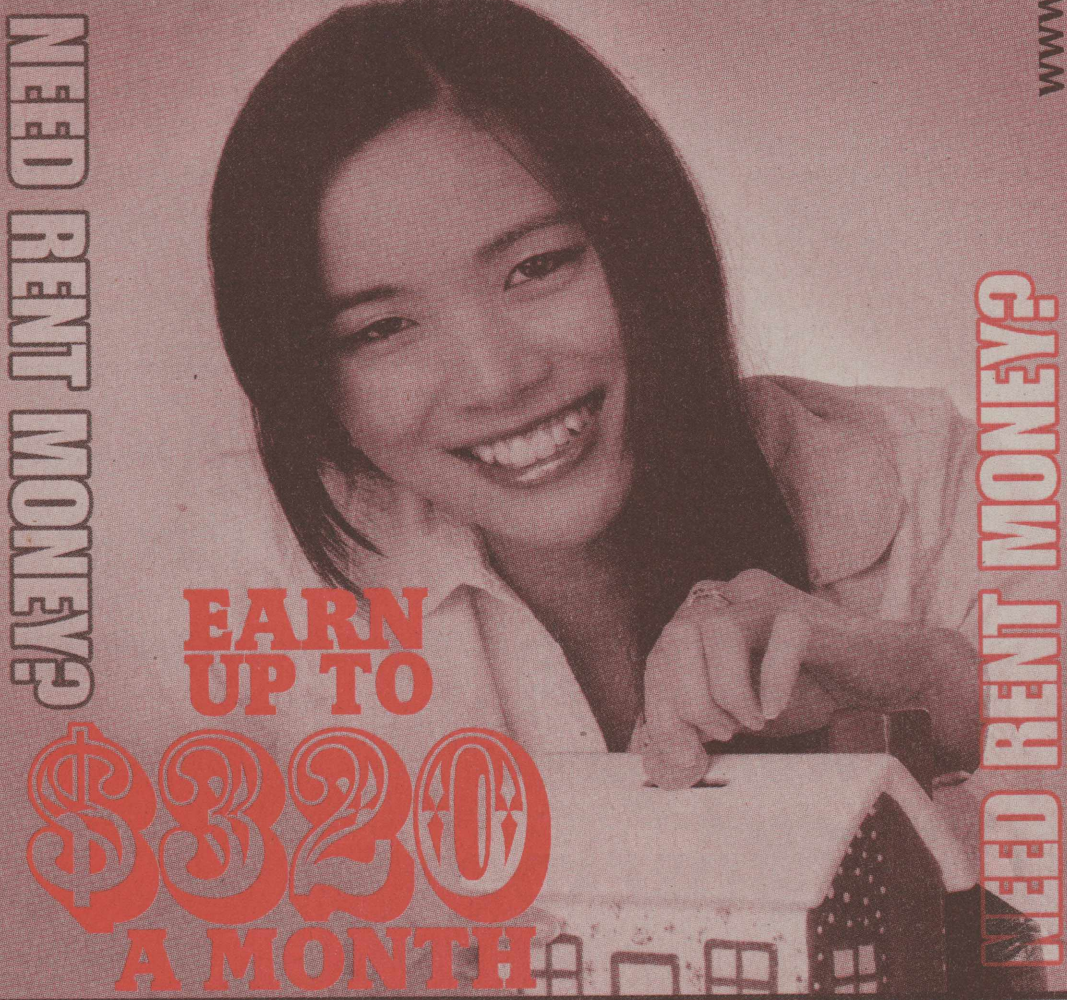


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## War with Iran not what US needs

In an interview with Atlantic magazine on Friday of last week, President Barack Obama outlined what he intended to discuss with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in their meeting that took place Monday.

The meeting was held to discuss the United States and Israel's intentions to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon, in which President Obama warned the Israeli prime minister of the dangers of a preemptive strike on Iran. He did, however, give assurance that the U.S. is willing to use military force as a last resort.

The possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran has been one of the biggest, and most controversial topics of speculation for the past several months. Israel has already stated they will not tolerate Iran having the capability of building a nuclear weapon and they aren't afraid of using military force without warning to contain Iran's nuclear ambitions.

**Jakob Reynolds**



However, I think this widespread paranoia, though not totally unfounded, is still a bit excessive.

In a hearing with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on Jan. 31, both David H. Patreus, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and James R. Clapper Jr., Director of National Intelligence, stated there is no hard evidence showing Iran has decided to begin work on developing a nuclear weapon.

In fact, in the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate, all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies stated that Iran had halted its efforts to build a nuclear weapon in 2003, though they still had the technical ability to design one if they so chose.

The 2010 NIE reaffirmed

these conclusions while still making sure to take into account the second uranium enrichment facility secretly (until its discovery in 2009) being constructed, which had raised several international eyebrows.

The facility in question is too small to provide regular fuel reloads for civilian energy plants, but still garners criticism from Iran's detractors and conspiracy theorists as an effort to keep an option open for eventual weapons production.

Even so, there are several key facts invoked by those who insist Iran's nuclear intentions are not as benign as its leaders might suggest and needs to be dealt with soon.

First, nuclear weapons are

frowned upon by Iran's conservative leaders. The religious and political figurehead of Iran's conservative leadership, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, said in a television appearance in late February, "The decision makers in the countries opposing us know well that Iran is not after nuclear weapons because the Islamic Republic, logically, religiously and theoretically, considers the possession of nuclear weapons a grave sin and believes the proliferation of such weapons is senseless, destructive and dangerous."

President Ahmadinejad has also stated repeatedly that Iran's leaders have no intention of building nuclear weapons, saying, "Our religion prohibits us

from having nuclear arms and our religious leader has prohibited it from the point of view of religious law. It's a closed road."

Furthermore, the current increasingly divided political state of Iran means that there is a possibility of change in their leadership relatively soon, whereas a strike from the outside would not only do away with that dissent, but it would also accelerate any weapons development they may have.

Several U.S. military officials have made numerous recent statements suggesting the only way to really keep Iran from ever manufacturing a weapon of mass destruction would be to occupy the country, which is the last thing the U.S. needs right now.

One of the biggest causes of suspicion toward Iran's nuclear ambitions has stemmed from their uncooperative attitude toward international sanctions from the United Nations and inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Association. Prime Minister Netanyahu sug-

gested that Iran is acting like it has something to hide and now is the time to strike.

However, U.S. intelligence agencies were saying the same thing about Iraq before the 2003 invasion and later discovered they had not touched their halted nuclear weapons program for a little over a decade. This was a mistake we're still paying for.

Hopefully, western nations and their allies can learn from our past mistakes. Paranoid suspicions and itchy trigger fingers are not basis for attacking an already unstable area of the world.

The U.S. and Israel need to realize that using military force to prevent a nuclear Iran will not keep them from reaching their goals; which, considering the facts at our disposal, are probably not to build nuclear weapons. This would only make them more difficult to deal with in the long run.

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“President Ahmadinejad also stated ... ‘Our religion prohibits us from having nuclear arms ...’”

## Voters must evaluate debt policy

In a few months, polls will open for the nomination of the Republican Party candidate who will face President Obama and possibly become the 45th president of the United States. Voters will have their attention set on certain policies such as health care, the Middle East and constitutional interpretation.

An issue also of great concern is the increasing national debt that continues to generate problems economically and politically for the U.S.

However, this issue is not new to our country and has been something our policy makers have dealt with since the Revolutionary War. Until recent decades, whenever our country has been in debt, the administration at the time has been successful at clearing outstanding payments to its citizens and other countries.

Voters should be wary about a recurrence of the administrations of President Reagan and President George W. Bush. During these presidencies our national debt was at record highs due to their economic policies.

Reagonomics seemed like a potential improvement from

**Nick Maggio**



past administration's policies; for instance, the Ford administration. Supply-side economics proposed that lower marginal tax rates would generate higher tax revenues. Yet, the tax cuts enacted actually hurt the middle class and helped the highest bracket of tax payers.

Deregulation also created a gap between the government and its ability to control the climbing unemployment rate. There is no question that during the Reagan presidency the economy was the worst it had been since the Great Depression.

The Clinton era saw the budget deficit begin to improve and by the end of President Clinton's term the U.S. economy was in the green. Two wars and a \$1.35 trillion tax cut later, the national debt was again at an all-time high. Although President Bush increased funding for several national education programs and environmental acts, the tax cuts

were too much for an economy struggling to pay for the situations in the Middle East.

The crisis of the national debt is most relevant to the college student who desires a well-paying job, an affordable home and a decent retirement fund. These assets all depend on our government's ability to fix this never-ending dilemma.

If not dealt with properly, multiple situations will arise that will put the United States in disaster mode. Currently, the U.S. has the worst trade deficit in the world and owes China, in particular, \$477 billion. China could potentially begin a financial war by selling off our debts, which would destroy the dollar.

The path our economy is on will lead our debt to double by 2040. This means social security would be non-existent and tax rates would have to double as well; so much for our future livelihoods.

The GOP candidates each have their own outlook on how to deal with the deficit, which is why I am not recommending my own opinion on how to fix

our situation. I am simply noting which administrations struggled with correcting our debt and what their policies were. More simply, don't make the same mistakes others have made in the past.

The focus of GOP voters, especially those in their twenties, must be to analyze the candidates from the standpoint of their debt policy. Hopefully, GOP voters will recognize the mistakes their party has made in recent years in terms of economic management and elect a candidate with a newly innovative plan. This can also be said for the senators and representatives who we tend to point the finger during government meltdowns.

The future of our country depends on the ability of our government to balance the budget and begin to solve the deficit problem. If not, we will see our country begin to decline and the freedoms we value begin to disappear.

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## Tumblr will censor self-harm websites

**By CATHERINE WIRTZ**  
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

Tumblr, an online blogging community, announced last week that it will implement a new policy against blogs that promote self-harm, eating disorders and suicidal thoughts.

Since Tumblr's launch five years ago, it has encouraged users from all walks of life to share their stories. This freedom, however, has allowed several blogs to emphasize negative material that can be detrimental to readers' perceptions and self-esteem. The trending topic of "thinspiration" has grown increasingly popular on Tumblr.

On thinspiration blogs, users glorify dangerously thin girls, share their experiences with eating disorders and confess their harmful habits.

The proposed plan of action is to monitor tags and prohibit posts that encourage self-mutilation, anorexia, bulimia and suicidal thoughts and to provide bloggers with links to hotlines or treatment websites.

By putting forth this policy, Tumblr has made a bold and necessary move.

Any frequent user of Tumblr has encountered thinspiration posts in some form or another. As a Tumblr user, I at times feel barraged with images of "ideal" women.

These types of blogs dominate fashion, photography and beauty threads; often, Tumblr seems like a community centered on pictures of pretty people that reinforce damaging notions of perfectionism.

Such an overbearing presence of thinspiration blogs exposes impressionable teens to a deluge of content that provokes low self-esteem and could lead to unhealthy behaviors or eating disorders.

Our society is already full of images of so-called perfect women and men; Tumblr is making a significant

effort to make sure these messages don't seep into its blogosphere.

Content that promotes eating disorders to such an extent can trigger relapses. Aimee Liu, a staff writer at Ms. Magazine who struggled with an eating disorder for years, said that "perfectionism is common in people with all eating disorders. These traits precede the disorder, and they do not go away when you recover."

A large constituency of Tumblr bloggers argue that the new policy sweeps self-harm issues under the rug and prevents users from expressing themselves. Tumblr recognizes that simply eliminating these posts is counterproductive.

Instead, by acknowledging self-harm posts and providing users with resources to seek help, Tumblr is encouraging awareness. This awareness will motivate users in need of treatment to seek help, or at least discover sites that offer valuable information about dealing with eating disorders.

Critics of the new policy also argue that blogs promoting self-harm provide a support system to users who are otherwise completely isolated by their disease. Without them, freedom of expression becomes limited and inter-group discussion ceases.

But the new policy seeks to limit this discussion as a means of discouraging glorifying discourse about serious mental diseases. Inhibiting the onslaught of triggering content can make a difference in the lives of many.

The censorship of thinspiration blogs aims to limit posts with implications of self-harm as opposed to the general expressions of niche communities.

The website ultimately has the right to protect the well-being of its users. And it has made a significant stride in creating a positive environment. This policy is only going to increase the standard of content on Tumblr.

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## Raider Rash: The reputation that does not wash off

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**  
STAFF WRITER

Some people have heard rumors of it, others have experienced it firsthand.

It is a source of bad reputation — one that does not wash off.

This is Raider Rash: A slang term for rumored sexually transmitted diseases that come from Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Whether this term originated from rivals — or as a simple joke around campus — is unknown, but this known fact remains true — STDs are a current issue in Lubbock County.

Beckie Brawley, a public health coordinator with the City of Lubbock Health Department, said the rate is not primarily due to Red Raiders, though.

"They're not just Tech students who come here," she said. "We have people from all walks of life, students, people who are working every day and everybody you can imagine."

In fact, Kelly Bennett, a medical director of Student Health Services, said being in college actually helps students take more preventative measures against STDs.

"If you compare a 22-year-old college student to a 22-year-old not in school, the college student is generally going to be much more healthy, less likely to drink heavily, less likely to commit suicide, less likely to be severely depressed and more likely to use protection against pregnancy and STDs," she said.

Statistics provided by the Lubbock Health Department showed the total STD numbers in Lubbock County dropped from 2,534 recorded infections in 2010 to 2,431 in 2011.

The most common STD in Lubbock County is chlamydia. Last year, a total of 1,737 cases were reported.

"Chlamydia is considered a silent sexually transmitted disease because

you can be infected and never have a symptom," she said. "Most generally, people are infected and they don't know, and the way they find out is someone came in and got tested and they were named as a contact. Then they come in and get tested and they're positive."

In 2008, the American College Health Association pulled data from a voluntary, informal data-share that administrators of student health clinics in the Big 12 participated in, concerning STDs. Bennett said the results prove Tech's STD rate is not much different from other schools in the Big 12, excluding male chlamydia. She said another data-share of this sort is due this year.

"When we test for chlamydia in girls, they're not having symptoms, it's just a screen," she said. "When we test boys, they are actually having symptoms; that's why you're always going to find the rates in the males higher because of what you're testing."

Other statistics for Lubbock County involving STDs reported last year include: syphilis — 43 cases, down from 47 in 2010; gonorrhea — 627 cases, up from 618; AIDS — two cases, the same as in 2010; and HIV — 22 cases, down from 33 in 2010.

Bennett said the term Raider Rash is a misconception and Tech numbers are comparable to any other school in the nation. She said University of Texas is bound to have the "Longhorn Lop."

Kwayne Bryant, a senior university studies major from San Antonio, said the first time he heard about Raider Rash was his freshman year, from the community adviser in his residence hall. He blames the STD rate among college students on living in a small college town. He encourages students to reduce this rate — and improve Red Raiders' reputations — by not engaging in sexual activity with unfamiliar partners.

"Hooking up is just not a thing you should do," he said. "If you're going to do that, just be careful. Ask questions and get comfortable with that person before you take action. The only way to reduce the STD rate is to start with yourself."

Brawley said the STD numbers for this area are a little high, but not by much. She said this could partially be due to the highly effective reporting systems in Lubbock.

"Now is that why our numbers are higher? I can't tell you that 100 percent, but I can tell you it plays a part in that," she said. "We established a very good disease surveillance department in 1995, and it has continued to be very strong throughout the years, with very good relationships with the labs, physicians, hospitals — which are the people who report."

Brawley said in this region, disease intervention specialists, who are part of the state staff, work to notify people who test positive for STDs, as well as their sexual partners, then bring them in for treatment and testing.

"When you have a good response in interviewing the person who's infected and you have a good response in contacting their partners, then yes, you're going to have higher numbers because their partners are going to come in and get tested and treated," she said, "and that all goes together and can increase your numbers."

Brawley said abstinence is the only way to avoid STDs, and encourages students to get tested. To get tested at the health department it costs \$20. Last year, the health department changed its testing procedure to where students just have to urinate in a cup instead of having cervical exams or urethral swabs if they do not show any symptoms of STDs. Rapid HIV tests are also performed in the clinic, which lets clients immediately know their results.

"People are more apt to come in

when they know that they don't have to have a cervical exam or a smear if they are not having any symptoms," Brawley said.

To get checked at the Student Wellness Center, it may take less than two weeks wait time, but less than two days for those with symptoms. Bennett said she loves hearing the common story from male students who come for checkups, saying they met someone at the pool and a week later are wondering why it hurts to urinate.

"They tell me, 'Well, she said she was clean' and I say, 'A girl would never lie to you to get what she wants, would she?'" Bennett said, sarcastically.

Linda Brice, an associate professor for nursing and the cofounder and director of Teen Straight Talk, said there are some STDs that can be treated with antibiotics, but others are incurable and deadly. She said the best way to prevent against STDs while engaging in sexual activity, is condoms, but urges students to learn how to put them on properly. She said only 30 percent of Tech students know how to correctly put a condom on, according to a survey.

"We want our college students to know what is out there that will harm them, how to protect themselves from it and make sure they use protections every time," she said. "That will help protect them from most STDs."

Brice said many people who need to be tested are couples about to begin their relationship. She said this is a good idea to ensure neither person is infected before engaging in sexual activity, especially since 75 percent of females show no signs of STDs.

Brice smiled and said she encourages making this a first date.

"If it is someone important to you, you both need to go down and be tested to make sure you both start out with a clean slate because when

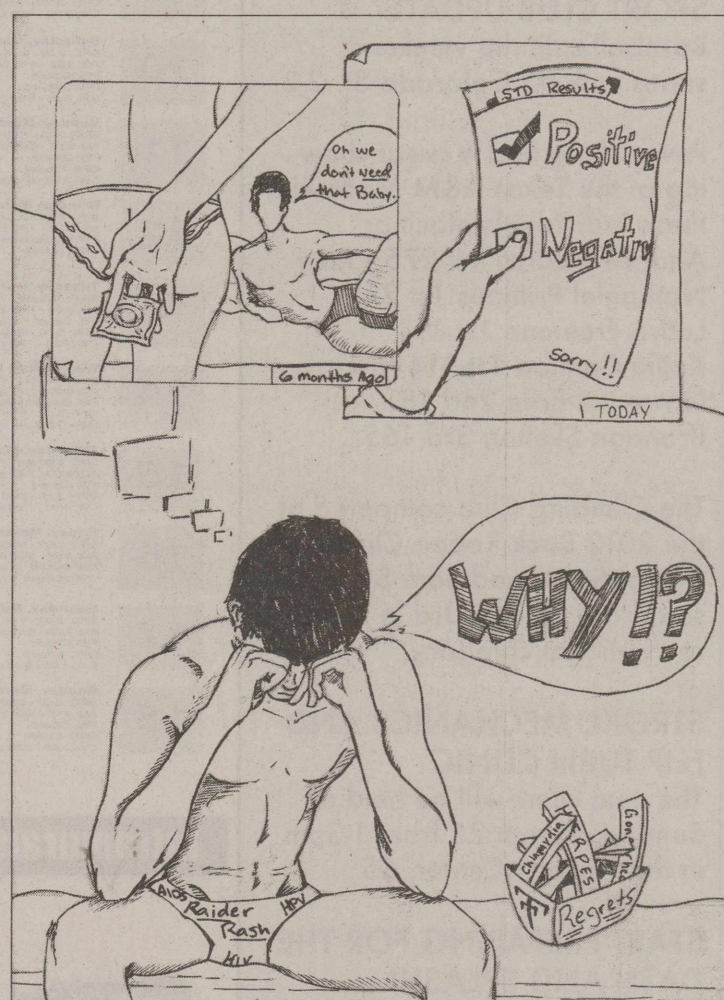


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you have sex with someone, you're having sex with all the people they had sex with and all the people that those people had sex with," she said. "So when you get in bed with someone, you may be getting in bed with 200 people."

Brice said students need to be educated about STDs and if they are not, they can learn more by contacting Teen Straight Talk by calling 806-241-3652 or emailing linda.brice@ttuhsc.edu.

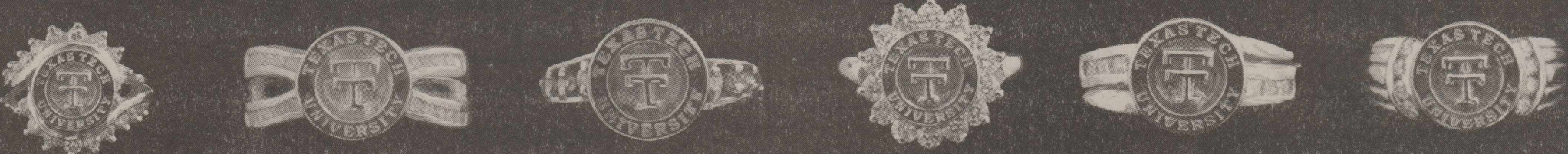
"Know how your body works and understand about the different STDs that are out there," she said. "Part of

being sexually active is being responsible and knowing the consequences."

Bennett said students should have no shame in coming to get checked.

"People don't realize that STDs aren't really much different than getting a cold," she said. "They're all from human-to-human contact and they're just a part of life, unless you want to go live in a nunnery. If you don't want to live in a monastery, then STDs are something that you're going to have to deal with or prevent, which I recommend the latter."

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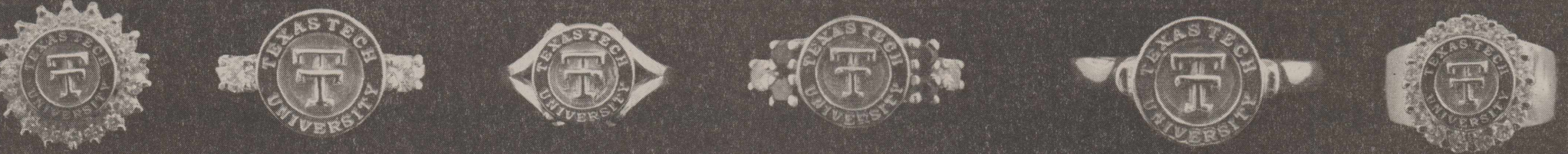


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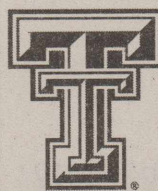
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A quick look at what is going on in the Rec Sports world

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Nathaniel Primous 1st 242  
Laura Freeman 1st 114  
Kailin Cannon 1st 114 raw  
Lawrence Brite 2nd 181  
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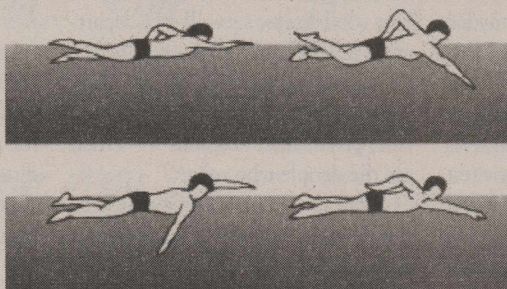
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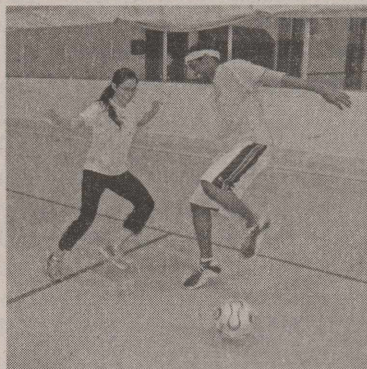


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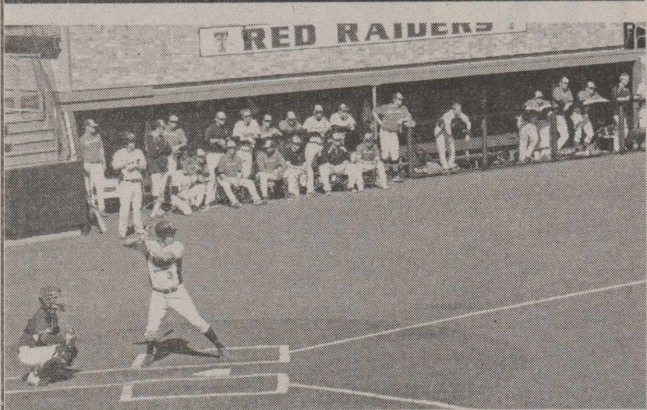
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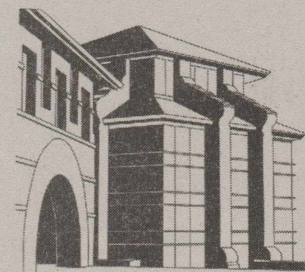
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**THE MUPPETS**

# Young

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Working with the community outside of Tech will help with safety goals as well, Reed Young said, because he hopes to get the Lubbock Police Department involved in the new alerts system. Aside from that, he said, he hopes to simply get Tech more recognition.

"Tech makes up a lot of Lubbock's population," Reed Young said. "We ought to have a seat at the table."

Along with reaching out to Lubbock, Young said, he also wants to reach out to students as well. Reed Young is credited with the idea of Raiders United, the coalition he ran his campaign with.

At an SGA event with other Big 12 schools, Reed Young said, he saw Kansas State had a group with a similar approach and knew it would translate well to Tech.

"It effectively made an impact on student government and student body as a whole," he said. "I was like, 'That's a beautiful idea, why aren't we doing that?'"

Upon returning to Tech, Raiders United was created. It is not a political party, he said, but it is not a student organization either.

"I see it more as way for people to directly communicate to us," he said.

The coalition makes up much of the new senate, and the team hopes to be able to work closely with students, Reed Young said, by easing the lines of communication between officers, such as himself, senators and students.

"It's for the students and by the students, as cheesy as that sounds," he said. "I'm a student, everybody here is on the same

level as me. I'm ready to represent students in the best way that I know how."

Josh Young said he knew his younger brother was prepared for the job and is not only a hard worker, but a "momentum maker."

This will help him a lot, said senior Mike Uryasz, the current EVP and a senior political science major from Lubbock.

"He's an incredibly hard worker, and he's ethical," Uryasz said. "Not many people understand the amount of work, this is a full time job."

The Raiders United team got a taste of the amount of work leading up to the election. Young said he enjoyed working on the stressful, but fun, campaign.

By the end, Reed Young said, he was just ready to hear the results. He said he was proud of the whole campaign, on each side, and he would have been happy with whatever happened.

"Everything was run very fairly this year," he said. "Our competition was very strong in everything that they did."

Still, he said, he did not think he could have been elected with anyone better than Alex Alston and Noelle Trotter.

"They work really well together," said Bray, campaign manager. "There will be some big changes in student government."

With the stress of not knowing the results behind him, Reed Young said, he cannot wait to get to work. He will finish this year out shadowing Uryasz, and then he will officially fill the position, he said, though he is already ready to reach out to students, helping everyone he can.

"I'm ready," he said, "and I'm open to any ideas."

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# Cash Bus

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One of the other participants was Colby Ortega, who had some trouble with one of the questions.

When Ortega used one of his shout-outs for help with the question, "Who was the first Tech football coach," no one else on the bus — including the bus driver — knew the answer.

"Some of them were pretty cool," said the junior mechanical engineering major from Plains about the questions. "Some of them were a little bit harder than I expected, but you know it goes back to a deep history of Tech."

Singleton said she was surprised at how little students knew about Tech's history, but remains hopeful.

"Depressing," she said about students' Tech knowledge. "I personally thought they may have been easy but, unfortunately, I guess students just don't know as much about Tech as I thought. But, if anything, people did learn something today."

Participants were given a goodie bag of prizes if they answered questions correctly and then were able to sign up for a chance to win a bigger prize.

Some of the bigger prizes were a Barnes and Noble gift card and a parking pass given by Parking Services, which would allow the student to park anywhere on campus free for a week.

Singleton said if they choose to host the game again, they might try a different ap-



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ALYSSA SINGLETON, A junior biology major from San Antonio, asks Faith Wilson, a senior English major from Clovis, N.M., questions during the Tech Activities Board's "Cash Bus" event Tuesday on a campus bus. Members of the Tech Activities Board road buses and asked students trivia questions about Texas Tech, giving out prizes to those who participated.

proach to talking with students.

"I think it went over well," she said. "People thought it was interesting, so that's good feedback. People were a little intimidated by us, I think, or people just don't like talking to others, so maybe we will find another way to approach people."

Even though Ortega was surprised by the game, he said, he enjoyed playing.

"I thought it was very interesting," he said. "I was shocked to be playing but, oh my gosh, it was so much fun."

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# SPORTS

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## Tech to face Texas in opening round of Big 12 Tourney

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and Texas will meet for the third time this season when they meet at the Big 12 Conference Tournament on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo.

The Lady Raiders are going into the conference tournament with a goal to win it, Tech senior Jordan Barncastle said.

"I think that we know that this is anybody's tournament," she said. "This is your time to shine and kind of take what we've been successful with in the past and what we need to improve upon and we get another chance. Another opportunity, and I think that it's important for us to stay positive and use Saturday night as an energy swing in momentum and keep it going."

Tech is coming off a 64-63 win at Kansas State that snapped a five-game losing streak.

The Lady Raiders were able to knock down shots in the game against the Wildcats, Barncastle said.

"We were hitting shots," she said. "We've outrebounded teams and lost. We've outthrustled teams and lost. We've defended teams well and come up on the short end. It's just all about hitting shots and being consistent and staying with it. I think that we did all of those things Saturday night and got the ball rolling. Hopefully we will just use this momentum and keep it going."

The team has a boost of confidence after getting the win in Manhattan, Kan., Tech junior guard Monique Smalls said.

"Getting a win like (Barncastle) said, it's an extra boost," she said. "Use

that momentum to go in — all the emotions you had in that game — to go into the next game."

The team with the most desire will win the tournament, Smalls said.

"It's big because it's a win or lose," she said. "It's one of those things that shows where your heart is. It shows where your mind and your mentality is. And just the tournament is just going to be about who wants it more, and I know my team wants it more, so we're going to show it."

Smalls was named to the All-Big 12 Defensive team Monday afternoon, but said the entire team deserves credit for her individual award.

"It's a good feeling," she said, "but I'm not satisfied with it because I know my whole team, they deserve an award for the amount of effort we put in, so we just need to take that and go on to

the Big 12 and the post-tournament."

The honor recognizes the hard work Smalls has shown on defense all season long, Lady Raider coach Kristy Curry said.

"That's certainly the ultimate compliment when you have coaches that recognize your talent on the defensive end, and she's definitely deserving," she said. "When you look at the company that she's in with (Brittney) Griner and (Odyssey) Sims and (Ashley) Gayle and (Sydney) Carter — that's a pretty amazing five, so that's a great complement to Monique (Smalls) and well deserved."

Tech junior Kelsi Baker went down in practice with a severely sprained ankle in practice last Thursday and is still questionable for the game against Texas, Curry said.

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TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S basketball forward, Kierra Mallard, gets blocked during a loss to Oklahoma in United Spirit Arena on February 29. Tech will open up its conference tournament play today against Texas.

## NFL should not hand down harsh punishment to Gregg Williams

Move over New England Spygate — there is yet another earth-shattering scandal looming over the NFL's billion dollar shoulders.

This past week, it was revealed by unnamed sources that Gregg Williams, current defensive coordinator of the St. Louis Rams, had set up a bounty system that rewarded players for specific plays during his time in the NFL.

The plays ranged from knocking a player off the game to stopping the opposition behind the 20-yard line. If a player did so, they would collect money from team fines or higher paid players donating to the cause out of their own pockets.

Williams was the Jabba the Hut of coaches, turning his players into his personal army of Boba Fetts. Williams' most infamous assassination hits took out the likes of Brett Favre and Kurt Warner during the Saints historic Super Bowl

**Matt Villanueva**



run. For many eyes, the once regarded "America's Team" during its inspiring run is now tarnished with blood money.

This week, it has come to light from numerous NFL players — retired and active — that this sort of behavior has been a common occurrence in many locker rooms. I'd be interested to see how far the NFL chooses to dig into how long this custom has been around. My guess would go as far back to before the salary cap was enacted in 1994.

So, why must I make so bold a defense of a man who encouraged over-the-top, violent hits? For starters, quite simply, money talks. Call me cynical,

but it's all the more incentive for a player who makes the minimum salary — between \$375,000 to \$900,000 — to pocket this cash while ensuring their spot on the roster by being known for their physical play.

And for many of these players — let's be honest — there is dim hope for financial success after they hang up their cleats. In 2009, *Sports Illustrated* reported on why athletes are going broke. The statistics were shocking. The percentage of NFL players who go bankrupt or are under financial stress due to unemployment or divorce after two years of retirement? 58 percent.

Do I believe the actions to be morally right? No. It's rewarding violent, and sometimes unnecessary, behavior that could potentially end a player's career.

According to [www.businessweek.com](http://www.businessweek.com), the average NFL player gets paid \$1.9 million a year. If a cool \$1,500 were given to you, it would arguably be one

of the best days of your year. But to your average professional football player, it is mere toilet paper.

With the recent safety reformation the NFL is currently undergoing, this scandal couldn't have come at a worse time.

Studies on the brains of deceased players show significant higher damage than initially expected, specifically resulting in dementia and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain condition that cannot be tested for on a living person. The average length of an NFL career, according to the Bloomberg Businessweek website? 3.5 years.

While I firmly understand the value of preserving an athlete's health and well-being past their professional careers, I must ask: What has this league turned into? Famous deceased head coaches like Paul Brown and George Allen would headbutt NFL commissioner Roger Goodell if they were to see how

much this game has changed. You're expecting a large, physical specimen running full speed to tackle a person with similar characteristics and carefully maneuver their head to avoid the other player's head? Sorry, but sometimes heads are just going to collide.

Professional football players understand what they are getting themselves into once they strap on the pads. They have since their YMCA or Pop Warner days, and they can just as easily walk away from the game now as they could have then. But, they signed the dotted line and decided to make a living by earning an exorbitant amount of money to entertain America on Sundays.

Williams was not doing any wrong in rewarding his players for their aggressive, physical hits — by yesteryear's standards.

Compare these NFL bounties to steroid usage in the MLB. Up until the turn of the millennium, steroids were

considered acceptable performance-enhancing supplements by the majority of MLB players. Today, any current player found guilty of usage is essentially ousted from any conversation involving the Hall of Fame.

Williams got caught with the short straw in this scandal. A successful defensive guru with an arrogant reputation, Williams will be a sacrificial lamb to make an example of to the rest of the league that this kind of incentive will no longer be tolerated.

But if a drastic measure is taken, such as a year-long suspension or firing, it would be in the league's best and fair interest for a committee to be assembled to go on a witch hunt after other coaches who initiated bounties as well.

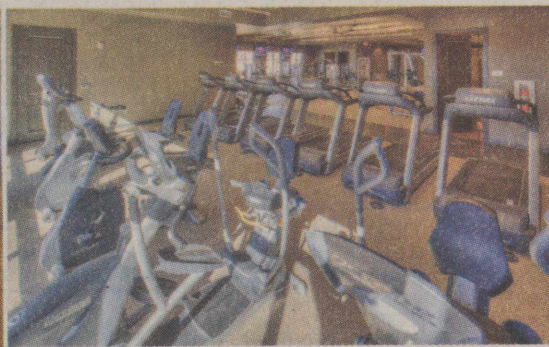
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