## Lubbock Lake Landmark to host bat awareness celebration 2011-12 declared by United Nations as "Year of the Bat"

As part of a two-year awareness the website for the campaign. campaign, the Lubbock Lake Landmark, a division of the Texas Tech Museum, and South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, will host an event to celebrate the Year of the Bat.

The event will occur from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Lake Landmark.

Susan Rowe, education program manager for the Lubbock Lake Landmark, said the celebration is part of a worldwide campaign.

"We found out that the (United Nations) had declared 2011 and 2012 as the Year of the Bat," she said, "and we decided that we would have (an event) just to bring awareness to that."

The Year of the Bat, an initiative developed by U.N.'s Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and The Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS), was implemented in order to bring attention to the more than 1,000 bat species in the world, according to http://yearofthebat.org,

The South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will give those in attendance a chance to see a live

"(The center) has bats there that have been rescued and (they) will talk about all the neat things bats do for the environment," Rowe said.

While this event will have several activities for children and families, Rowe said she thinks Tech students will enjoy the event as well.

"It's open to anybody. We're trying to get people outside and get people aware of the environment; that's what our goal is," she said. "(For Tech students), I would think, there are not a lot of places that will allow you to go do things that don't cost anything. It's a way to get out, get off campus and have a completely different environment to look at."

There is no charge for admission to the event. For more information, call 806-742-1116 or visit http:// www.depts.ttu.edu/museumttu/lll/ visitus.html

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# Spring Safety



## Tech Criminology Club hosts speaker from U.S. Attorney's Office Students became informed about careers after law school

STAFF WRITER

Denise Williams, a deputy criminal chief assistant for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock, spoke at the Texas Tech Criminology Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Holden Hall, informing students about life of law students after graduation.

Williams, a graduate of Texas Tech Law School, discussed her education, the work she has done in her 28 years of experience and encouraged questions among the students present at the meeting.

"I went to college, wound up at Sam Houston State, and eventually planned a major in law enforcement and criminal justice," she said.

After leaving Sam Houston State, Williams was accepted at the Tech School of Law.

"I changed my major to psychology and got accepted to the Tech law school," she said. "I came to law school thinking, 'I want to be a prosecutor."

Williams explained the hard

work and perseverance needed to complete a law school education.

After graduating from law school, Williams pursued her career as a prosecutor.

"At the U.S. Attorney's Office, we prosecute a wide variety of cases," she said. "We do immigration crimes, guns, drugs, bank robbery, bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, health care fraud, counterfeiting, credit card fraud, child pornography, terrorism. We kind of cover the spectrum."

Commitment to justice was a topic Williams discussed.

"Our job is to see that justice is done, but you don't become a trial lawyer if you're not an overachiever," she said. "We all hate to lose, worse than anything.

When a jury comes back with a not guilty verdict, I know in my heart and in my soul, I would not be there if I didn't believe in every fiber of my being that the person I was prosecuting was guilty. I put my whole self into what I do."

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## Students should consider a few things when going abroad for break

By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

Some spring breakers will be crossing country borders or jet setting to a foreign nation to experience something new for the week.

Texas Tech students traveling outside the United States for spring break should be cautious of some dangerous factors.

Donna Wright, coordinator for the International Cultural Center, said she would assume Mexico is the most popular destination for Tech students this spring break.

international affairs, said he wishes Mexico was not popular because of the recent travel warnings the U.S. Department of State has issued.

"They had, what, 14,000 people killed last year in the cartel violence," he said. "The cartel violence has increased other criminal activity, kidnapping, assaults, sexual violence, carjackings, shake downs. Mexican law enforcement is preoccupied with fighting the drug gangs, so they are not as preoccupied with other crime."

Nagy said there are drug gangs in Mexico who wear police uniforms and pretend to be the police.

people who only want people's

"What they mostly want is pocket money," Wright said about law enforcement in Mexico. "Not to give you a ticket, but because their pay is such a poor standard they get most of their money from stopping people."

Nagy encourages students to read the state department website or any other travel notices on the destination where they are headed.

As well as researching, he wants students to check-in and Tibor Nagy, vice provost for register with the American embassy.

Wright has a list of things and procedures students should do before leaving the country, to ensure safety. She advises students to scan their passport, driver's license, credit cards and ATM cards and send it to their email inbox or a parent's email inbox.

"Make copies of important documents," she said. "What we advise our students is when you make the copies to scan them, save them to your inbox and also send them to a parent because if you do lose your passport, that's a bad thing, but if you can go to your email and you've got a copy in your inbox, it helps you."

But, Wright said, there are Wright also advises students sudden become a heck of a lot also legitimate law enforcement to notify their bank and credit more handsome just because card company of the dates of their travel and what country they are visiting.

> A problem a lot of people run into, Nagy said, is once arriving in a foreign country there is not an ATM machine to get local Wright advised students to

> exchange dollars for foreign currency before arriving at the airport in order to ensure safe travel in the host country.

> But, most of all, Nagy and Wright tell students to use common sense when traveling

> "The other secret — which has saved my life a number of times — is if you feel like something is wrong, then there usually is," Nagy said. "Because people do have God-given instincts and they're really stupid if they don't listen to them."

> Nagy said students should not appear rich. Students, male or female, should not drink something given to them by a stranger and should not go anywhere that looks "seedy."

> People in foreign countries are looking to separate an American from their money, Nagy said.

"Guys, when they leave the United States, don't all of a

local girls make a play for them and vice-versa," he said. "People should just not leave their brains at home."

Wright warns women about carrying a purse. She said it would be better if women wore tight jeans and kept their belongings in the front pocket.

Jesse Malone, a senior counselor for study abroad, said she was pickpocketed in Rome at age 15.

She said her money was in her wallet, which was in her purse and her purse was completely zipped shut.

"They're so good," Malone said about pickpocketers. "So, always have your bags in front of you and keep an eye on them."

Like Nagy and Wright said, Malone recommends students research their destination before traveling.

"You can't just treat another town or destination as you would Tech or the town where you're from," she said. "People respond differently, they socialize differently, they may stay out later and don't drink as much or whatever. There are just some things you have to think about and I think that's where doing research is something good to do."

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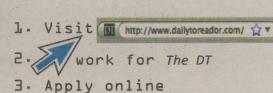
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Texas Tech Men's Tennis vs. Louisville Time: 1 p.m. Where: McLeod Tennis Center So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Louisville.

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Open Book Sunday for "Speaking Volumes — Books and Ideas From 1250-1862" Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Museum of Texas Tech So, what is it? Get up close and personal with an-

cient are rare books, documents and manuscripts in this exhibition.

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## **POLICE BLOTTER**

## Non-student banned for viewing pornographic material in library

10:33 a.m. — A Texas Tech officer responded to a medical call at the Exercise Sports Science Center. A female student was feeling ill and was transported to Covenant Medical Center by Lubbock Emergency Medical Services for further evaluation.

2:48 p.m. — A Tech officer issued a criminal trespass warning for all Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Science Center property to a non-student at the request of Texas Tech Library staff due to the non-student viewing pornographic material in a public area.

Wednesday

10:29 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, at the intersection of 15th Street and Boston Avenue.

2:25 p.m. — A Texas Tech Officer investigated damaged property at the third floor of Murdough Residence Hall. A window was broken.

4:47 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated damaged property in the Z5C parking lot. A vehicle had a dent to the rear quarter panel.

6:08 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, in the C-16 parking lot.

7:20 p.m. —A Tech officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle in the Z-1B parking lot.

8:07 p.m. —A Tech officer documented an emergency at Gordon Residence Hall. A student was transported to the Covenant Medical Center emergency room by Emergency Medical Services personnel for further treatment, due to him having suicidal

### **VOLLEYBALL SO HARD**



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

NICK CAMPBELL, A freshman chemical engineering major from Weatherford, serves the ball at the beach volleyball court near Urbanovsky Park on Wednesday. Campbell was helping Abrar Mahmud, a freshman electrical engineering major from Dallas, learn some different styles of shots to use in future games.

## Criminology

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Getting a job is the hardest part, Williams said.

"When you get your foot in the door, you have to work your tail off," she said. "In my office, we go up against a lot of really high powered defense attorneys, who are paid to be difficult with us, but there is one thing they cannot do. They can never outwork me. No one can outwork me. You be the one they can't outwork."

Williams enjoyed speaking with students pursuing a career in law enforcement.

"Everybody was so attentive," she said. "I'm passionate about my job and I don't expect everybody to want to be a federal prosecutor. I just want everybody to find their passion



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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES attorney, Denise Williams, was the guest speaker for the Criminology Club Wednesday evening in Holden Hall. Williams talked to students about her experience at the Texas Tech Law School and what her job entails.

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do and to enjoy their career." Speakers who attend criminology meetings are helpful, said Eric Luster, a senior sociol-

ogy major from Aledo. "Learning about it in class doesn't really give you the up close, personal experience," he know this, but anybody with said. "You want to know how to a bachelor's degree can go apply, then they tell you how to into law enforcement or some

They might end up helping you

in the future."

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The main focus of the Tech Criminology Club is to focus on introducing students to experienced professionals, said Tyler Sims, a senior sociology major from Lubbock.

"A lot of people don't apply. You get to know them. legal aspect of the world," he said. "The Secret Service love people with culinary degrees, because somebody has to cook the president's food, and somebody's got to watch and make sure nothing is poisoned. We're open to anybody, all the students."

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# Students do not have to break their banks over break

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

It is finally spring break — the week many students have anticipated since the beginning of this semester.

Yet there are some students who are actually concerned about the break, because of their wallets.

As students take trips across the state or across the country and beyond, the risk of spending too much money is high.

Luke Einerson, a Red and Black graduate assistant and personal financial planning graduate student, said although students should have already prepared their finances for spring break, there are still options available to conserve money while having fun.

"To be prepared for spring break, what you should really be doing is planning for spring break and looking at your income and your spending plan," he said, "figuring out prior to what you want to do for spring break, how much it will cost and budgeting that in so that you can go spend that money and have fun and not have to worry about pinching pennies the whole time."

Einerson said having a staycation, which means staying closer to home and not in a hotel room, is also a way to save money. He said students know how to have cheap fun in their hometowns and should take advantage

One student taking this advice is Kayla Piers, a sophomore public relations major from Lewisville. She is one of seven children and said her family is very important to work at her old job in an office

make additional money.

"It's not the most exciting break," she said, "but it'll be

Piers said other than recouping and relaxing while at home, making money is a great opportunity because of her previous expensive spring break vacations.

"Last year I went to Mexico and spent a lot of money," she said, "so it's a good alternative, I think."

the break is optional depending on students' personal financial situations and obligations.

"Personally, I've had to do that my whole time going through school," he said. "I never had anyone to help me through school, so anytime I wasn't in school, I had to work. If you're getting help through school and you know where you are financially and you know you don't need it, then you might not want to do that and you probably need a break because I know I don't like working over spring break."

Einerson said for students planning to road trip over the break, carpooling will save gas and money.

Zach Guba, a senior construction engineering major from Denton, said he has carpooled with multiple friends on previous spring break trips. He plans to do the same for this break, as he travels to Austin for South by Southwest and 6th Street on Saint Patrick's Day. He also stressed the importance of package deals and how much money they can save.

"The larger the group, the out a debt plan." cheaper it is," he said.

Einerson said coupons, such to her. While at home, she plans as those found on http://www. groupon.com, will also cut back

said many places offer discounts, but only if asked about them. Discounts for military personnel, military personnel's spouses and college students in general are common ones offered.

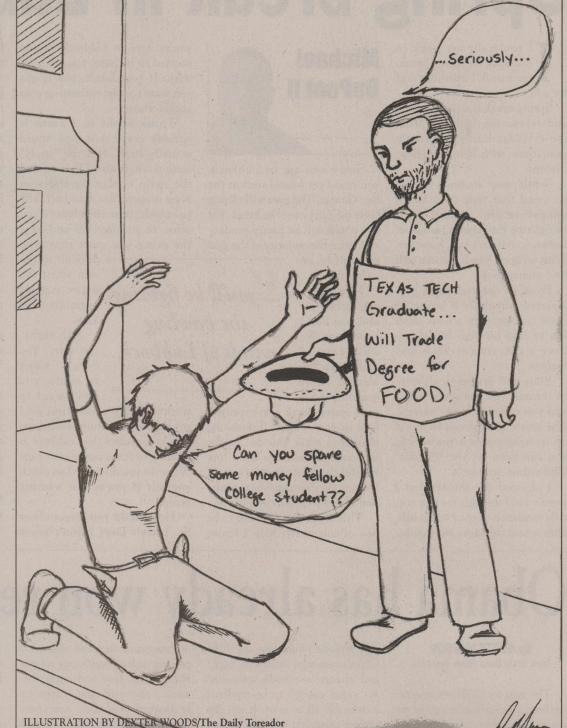
Einerson said in many spring break situations, professional students who come from different financial demographics will feel obligated and fall to peer pressure and try to keep up with a person who has an abundance Einerson said working over of money, spending it heavily and irresponsibly. This type of person can dictate the activities participated in, many of which are expensive. Einerson encourages students to speak up if they are financially unfit for this type of spending.

"Best way to save money is to know how much you have and how much you can or cannot spend," he said. "If you have predetermined that, it's fine to speak up or suggest something else."

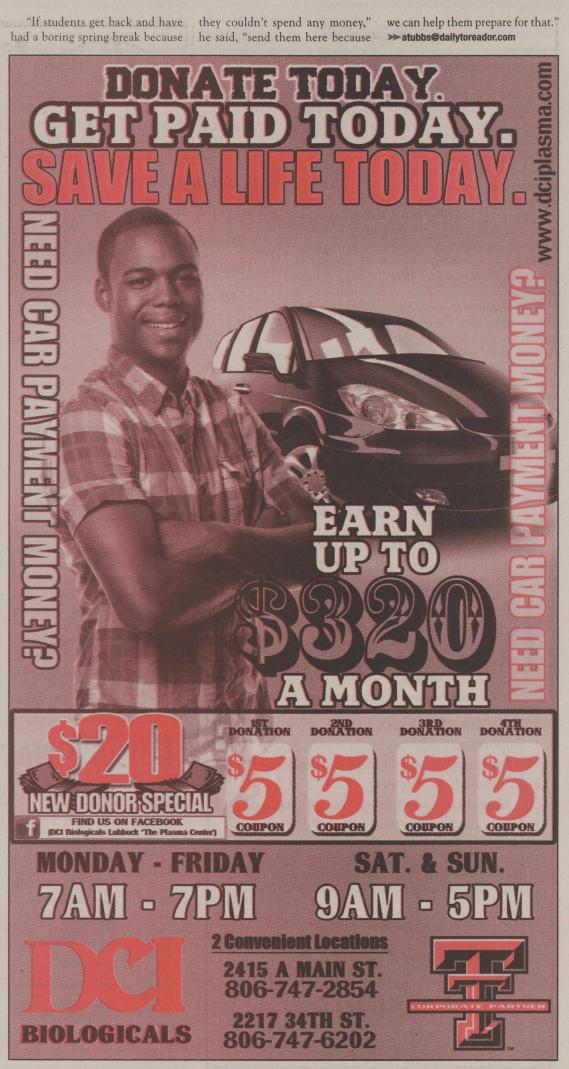
Einerson said students need to have a spending plan and if they do not, he suggests students attend the Red to Black 7th Annual Financial Education Week, which will begin March 26 and continue through March 30. For more information, visit the Red to Black website at http://www. orgs.ttu.edu/r2b or visit Twitter at https://twitter.com/ttu\_r2b #FEW2012.

"We're here to help," Einerson said. "There's a lot of people who don't have a spending plan, and we do that for free here. It's confidential and we sit down with them, create a spending plan and look up credit history to figure

One scheduled event during the week, on March 29, will teach students how to prepare themselves financially for spring







# **PINIONS**

# Spring break in Lubbock Determine what

If you really are stuck in Lubbock for spring break, my friend, I definitely feel

Spring break is a time for rest and relaxation, a break from the everyday hustle and bustle that comes with being a college student.

While most students choose to spend that time on a beach somewhere near a coast, you'll be fighting the howling winds of Lubbock. All isn't lost, however. With an open mind, you can still find plenty to do.

From an entertainment perspective, obviously if you're 21 there is going to be a little more fun to find for you. But if you have a car. We have a car, try out Stars and

Stars and Stripes is a drivein theater, you pay seven bucks and you can watch two movies. The movie listings can be found on its website and if you're bold you can even try the "famous" Chihuahua sandwich.

I enjoyed the theater, but I

Michael **DuPont** I

Since you are in Lubbock, you could get a head start at the Rec Center. The gym will close a little bit early over the break, but you could still be pretty productive since the majority of the gym the peace and quiet that is so rats will be on

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spending money so spring break won't spring a work out, it's a vacation — I leak in your wallet. If donating plasma is what you do, go for it. You won't have to sit in line behind the other students, well, because they're somewhere sunny

wanted to be here, you got your wish. If you didn't, you might just want to start embracing your good fortune.

Think about it, I know it sounds crazy, but you could actually study. Not the "study" session where the TV is on and the radio is blasting and your book is open. You could actually go outside, go to the library if you want, or go wherever and have

> difficult to obtain when the entire student population is

All right, I'm sorry. You don't want to study, you don't want to

get it. You're so full of Chihuahua sandwiches that cabbage is starting to come out of your ears. What do you do now? You pinch yourself if you're not wearing

you're here in Lubbock. If you how, but I forget it every year too. It's the 17th of this month, if you were wondering. The Overton Hotel is hosting an official St. Patrick's Day party that afternoon. The tickets are \$40, so if that's too high for your pockets — like it is for mine — maybe you'd be better suited in another environment that celebrates St. Patrick's Dav.

If you're looking for something more relaxing to do, I'd challenge you to go see the new Rip Griffin Park, if you haven't already. The Red Raider baseball team has back to back home games against Alabama A&M. The first game will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday; first pitch for the second game will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

That's all I can do for you; hopefully you found something that interests you. If not, hey, vou're the one out here, try to make the most of it. Because I'm packing my bags as I finish this sentence. Au revoir.

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## you really want ove is as necessary to our lives as oxygen.

Without these significant connections, we don't ever truly live. Love is something that everyone wants, although some make a strong attempt at fooling themselves to believe they don't.

The one thing we all need is not always the easiest thing to obtain. Are we so afraid of losing at the game of love that instead of taking a chance we opt not to play?

Some of us, mostly women, say we want love. Specifically, we want something a little more tangible. We want a boyfriend or a girlfriend, we want a relationship; well, at least we say we do. Do we really want all the things we say we want?

While it seems we truly want this, too often our actions don't reflect how badly we wanted this fragile thing once we've obtained what we desire. We want love, but we'd rather only love the good parts of people.

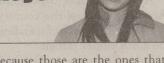
The so-called love that many of us seek is only surface deep. We want to be comforted in love. We don't actually want to do the hard work. We don't realize what we are actually searching for is a challenge, and when we find it we are unprepared and unwilling.

We often express our desires. We claim we want love, but in actuality we do everything possible to prevent it. Genuine love will not allow us to remain the same person we once were

Too many people are afraid to do something different because they are afraid of unfamiliar territory. We don't know what lies on a road we haven't traveled before. But love calls us to progress. It urges us to do better and be better.

True love reveals our weaknesses. No one wants to be venerable. But the key here is: If you stick it out, there will be no greater reward, no greater strength, than what you have now found.

Think about it, if you want to strengthen your body, you don't just focus on the parts that are already strong. You have to go in and do the exercises you hate



because those are the ones that will make the weak muscles strong.

Another form of sabotage often seen in relationships is jealousy. Now, if you've found a good man or good woman, it sometimes seems we can't deal with the good. We would much rather have chaos, because we don't know how to be happy.

A jealous man or woman can ruin a relationship very quickly. Questions of infidelity stress and weigh on people. Imagine being questioned every day about who is text messaging you, who is calling you and who you are talking to on social networks.

Do you look for reasons to be angry because you don't know how to just be happy? In Marianne Williamson's book, "Enchanted Love," she says, "So many people say they are looking for love, yet they are actually committed to never finding it."

Individuals fail in this department because of their exceedingly high — and unrealistic — expectations. Love is hard. Then again, nothing worth having is easy to get.

This idea could be applied to any desire we have in life. We have goals, dreams and aspirations waiting to be accomplished. Are we doing the work to get the things we want, or are we simply wishing they would come to fruition without any action on our part?

In both relationships and life in general, we must question if we really want the things we say we want. Our actions must reflect our words. If they don't match up, we must change one or the other.

A popular quote by author Jim Rohn says, "If you really want to do something, you'll find a way, if you don't you'll find an excuse.'

So I leave you with a question, what do you really want?

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**By SCOTT WATSON** IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

The fight for GOP front-runner has been a vicious battle, a gruesome spectacle complete with blood and gnashing teeth, leaving behind little more than a pile of deceased campaigns and the survivors posturing for position.

Voters are torn about who the right person for the job is in the 2012 Republican nomination race.

With no candidate able to maintain a firm grasp on the majority vote, the hopeful elects have resorted to differentiating their meager campaigns by means of malignity and defamation of their same-sided opponents.

Voters seem weary of whom to put their faith in and vote for. Meanwhile, Democrats have their man along with a bolstered confidence in the direction our president is taking us.

Assuming one of the candidates is left standing after the nomination process, there lingers another, larger question — will the elected nominees' campaign maintain credibility, and will it be good enough to defeat our sitting president, Barack Obama?

Everyone remembers the 2008 Obama campaign slogans of "hope" and "change" — proudly optimistic, yet vague enough to be rendered indefinable all at once. It was the perfect campaign with the perfect person to back it.

Now, sit back and think hard about this — what are the 2012 Republican campaign slogans? ...

While it is true, this is not the 2008 elec-... a lot of people tion. A large majority of the approve of what population still has hope that is happening in the promised change is on its America, and that way. According to "Realwill be difficult ClearPolitics," for the GOP 49 percent of Americans are satisfied with to counter. Obama's performance and wish

to keep him on find Romney, the current Republican front-runner, to be a favorable

In a poll measuring satisfaction

of Americans in major issues and policies such as health care reform, immigration laws and unemployment, a near even split of approval to disapproval of major issues handled in Obama's presidency suggests feelings of contention among the people of America.

This has been ugly warfare fought by the Republican candidates. More is known about the personal lives

and shortcomings of Romney, Newt Gingrich, Sarah Palin and Herman Cain than I do about their qualifications to presidency.

These past and present candidates spend so much time attempting to point out each other's flaws; they are failing

board. As of now, only 44 percent to realize the simultaneous implications arising from their own actions, creating a public relations disaster.

> Public relations are a major topic of discussion in several classes of mine. They also are huge in politics. It shouldn't be a secret to anyone that the majority of voters are extremely uneducated on the issues the respected politicians endorse.

Decisions are often based off personal voting history, or a stumbledupon fragment of information about a candidate, on which grounds often constitute for the complete decision.

A simple and powerful statement or expressed feeling often can build better sentiments among society than either words or actions.

Optimism is a difficult beast to bring down. The 2008 Obama campaign brought an optimism people believed in, with many still carrying those unwavering sentiments mild-flavored Republican.

outside the norms of any presidency to suggest a sign of worse things to My point here is that a lot of

people approve of what is happening

in America, and that will be difficult

for the GOP to counter. Experience goes a long way with voters. Those who are satisfied with the direction, or lack thereof, in which Obama has taken us will likely vote for him again, even if for no other reason than maintaining a current state of comfort in the familiar actions of a seasoned leader.

Romney has been moving ahead of the pack, distinguishing himself as the most likely face for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination. Still, a large number of voters would prefer the bittersweet familiarity of an Obama-run America than take a chance with the unknown in a

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# Severe weather shortens Tech baseball's weekend series

By BRETT WINEGARNER MANAGING EDTIOR

The threat of severe weather and an extensive amount of rainfall caused Texas Tech baseball's weekend series against future Big 12 Conference opponent TCU to decrease from three games to two.

Tech and TCU were supposed to play Friday through Sunday with one game being played each day, but the Friday game has been canceled.

According to The National Weather Service, the bulk of the rainfall will occur Friday, but the chance of rain throughout the weekend could put each game in jeopardy.

Lupton Stadium, TCU's home ballpark, features natural grass and a dirt infield, which is why the second and third games are in risk of being canceled or postponed.

In their last game, the Red Raiders picked up both a RPI and confidence-boosting win, beating No. 10 Arizona State, 8-4, in

Tech coach Dan Spencer said beating the Sun Devils is good for the team because it makes it easier to have the team buy in to what the coaches are saying.

"I think it's big, and you can talk about — and we've had some big wins before — the processes of what you're trying to do as a team and what gives you a chance to win against good clubs," he said. "When you do it a couple of times it's easier to sell, so they did a nice job."

Tech cruised to its victory against the Sun Devils with another solid pitching performance, as five pitchers combined to give up four runs on nine hits. However, there was no true starting pitcher, but David Paiz and John Neely each pitched three innings while giving up one run a piece.

Tech's bats also were hot against Arizona State, as a fourrun seventh inning helped the Red Raiders put the game out of reach.

This game gave the team a

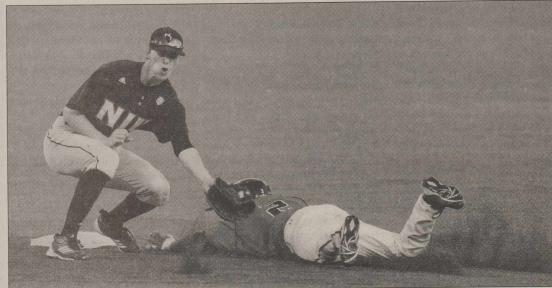
little assurance in its abilities and some momentum going into its series against TCU, Tech catcher Kevin Whitehead said.

"It's really big, especially with (Spencer) being a Pac-12 (Conference) guy and then going in there and beating them," he said, "and this is a guess, but it gives us a little more recruiting status up there. And it's just fun to beat those guys — those guys are good. It gives us a little more confidence going into TCU, which is a team we need to beat.'

By looking at TCU's 5-6 record, it may seem the Horned Frogs are having a poor season, but its losses came against teams such as Cal State Fullerton, Baylor and Oklahoma State.

TCU is ranked No. 26 in one national poll.

Therefore, the Red Raiders know they have to go to Fort Worth, take care of business and not dwell on the big win against Arizona State, Tech second baseman Jamodrick McGruder said.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Jamodrick McGruder safely slides into second base while avoiding the tag during Tech's 3-2 victory against the Huskies on Feb. 27 at Rip Griffin Park. Tech will finish up its road trip this weekend, as it plays two games at TCU.

"It means a lot to the team," he said of the win against the to keep it rolling into this week-

end at TCU."

Because of the rain delay, Tech Sun Devils. "I think our team will start its ace, Duke von Schabenefited a lot by it and we hope mann, on Saturday against TCU's Stefan Crichton and then Shane

Broyles on Sunday.

The Horned Frogs have yet to announce their Sunday starting pitcher.

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# Tech women come apart quickly, go on to lose to top-ranked Lady Bears 72-48

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After two closes losses against Baylor in the regular season, Texas Tech had hope for an upset of the nation's top-ranked

That hope didn't last very long. Not even until halftime,

The No. 1 Lady Bears closed the half on a 13-0 run and took all the suspense out of their 72-48 win Thursday in the Big 12 tournament.

"You've got to come out and make shots and be aggressive," Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry said. I felt like we were going east and west and not rim to rim or north to south.

The Lady Raiders actually took a two-point lead by holding Baylor to four points in the opening four minutes. It didn't last

points and Brittney Griner had 15 points, nine rebounds and five blocks for the Lady Bears (32-0), who will face Kansas State in the semifinals.

The plight for Texas Tech (19-13) was symbolized by Ashley Field's three-point bank shot that beat the buzzer at the end of the first half. That made it 40-16 after Tech had been hanging around, trailing just 27-16 with 3:53 left in the half.

Monique Smalls led the Lady Raiders with 11 points and Kelsi Baker had nine rebounds.

"I really feel like we didn't come out playing as well as we know we should have," Smalls said. "But credit to Baylor. They had a good game and we had a bad shooting half. It happens."

With Tech up two after the first television timeout, Sims got things rolling for Baylor with a

to full court pressure and the length and athleticism of the Lady Bears kept the Texas Tech offense in check.

Unable to finish drives against the intimidating presence of Griner, Texas Tech shot just 18.5 percent (5 of 27) in the first half while committing 12 turnovers. Meanwhile, Baylor was able to distribute the ball well over the final 16 minutes of the half, resulting in a 61.5 percent field goal percentage (16 of 26). The Lady Bears had a 20-4 advantage in lane points

oss the board and their supporting cast is playing really well," Curry said.

Texas Tech had looked strong on Wednesday with an opening round victory over Texas, but Odyssey Sims scored 18 couple of passes over the top of the deep and talented Lady Bears

the zone defense. Baylor went proved to be a different type of challenge.

The Lady Raiders had hoped to stay with Baylor by avoiding Griner as much as possible and hitting a bevy of 3-pointers. But Tech finished just 3 of 14 from beyond the arc.

The Lady Raiders played a lot of zone and collapsed around Griner whenever she caught the ball in the post. But Sims hit four three-pointers and had balanced scoring with Griner taking just 10 shots.

"Today, their supporting cast did a great job of getting into during the opening 20 minutes. the heart of the defense," Curry "They've got great balance said. "I'm sure that's something they've worked on. You've got to pick and choose. I don't think you can let (Griner) be your entire focal point. You've got to have great balance not only at the offensive end, but also the defensive end."

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# Red Raider softball bats fall flat in Austin

STAFF WRITER

In an early conference battle with the No. 6 Texas Longhorns, the Red Raiders had a hard time getting runs on the scoreboard, which led them to leave Austin with two straight losses.

The meeting between the teams occurred earlier in the season than usual because Tech would be unable to meet on the initial date in May due to the school's finals schedule.

Despite being known for its potent, high scoring offense, Tech could only muster one run in the two game

In the first game, Tech could not find an answer for Texas pitcher Blaire Luna, as she pitched a shutout performance to end the game in the sixth inning, winning 8-0 by run-rule regulation.

With the Red Raiders only able to get as far as second base during the game, the Longhorns did not need much of a cushion, but still executed every opportunity they had at the plate, scoring at least one run in every inning to end the game by the sixth.

Cara Custer took the loss for Tech, giving up seven hits and five runs before being relieved by Brittany Talley. Talley had an equally hard time throwing against the Longhorns, as she gave up five hits and three runs

"They put the ball in play a lot, and our defense kind of let us down and we didn't make the plays we usually make," Tech head coach Shanon Hays said. "And we got beat."

The loss ended Tech's six game winning streak, which started last week during the Jeannine McHaney Memorial Classic.

In the second game of the series, Tech kept Texas to a much lower score than the previous game, but another exceptional performance by a Texas pitcher got the better of the Red Raiders, leading to a 2-1 Longhorn victory

Texas pitcher Rachel Fox allowed only two hits the entire game.

Adriana Perez lined a single past first base, which allowed for a bases loaded situation for the Red Raiders, but it would be to no avail when Texas outfielder Brejae Washington caught a fly ball and then gunned out Mikey Kenny who was attempting to tag up from third, resulting in an inning ending double play for Tech.

However, Kenney would produce the Red Raiders' lone run by belting a solo home run over the left field fence in the sixth inning.

Kenney's home run leaves her one homer shy of tying the school's all-time record of 26, set by Kim

Custer started again and recorded the loss for the Red Raiders, striking out four and giving up seven hits.

Although Custer pitched two straight losing games, Hays said he was proud of her overall performance against a top ranked team like Texas.

"It's a very positive thing to see a freshman go out and throw so well against a lineup like that," he said, "and she was dominant in a lot of

Hays said while he is surprised how far along the pitching for Tech has come in the circle, he is disappointed with the overall team performance at the plate, especially with the past couple of years of offensive success.

"It's kind of a catch-22," he said. "You're happy about your pitching and at the same time you're not satisfied with where you're at as far as your team is scoring runs, and that's been really different for us this year because we've put up so many runs the previous two years."

Tech will host the No. 23 New Mexico Lobos on Saturday in a doubleheader, with the first game scheduled at 11 a.m. The two teams were scheduled to play one game Friday and the other Saturday, but impending bad weather has caused both games to be moved to Saturday. >>> mvillanueva@dailytoreador.com



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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Chandler Moore begins to throw the ball during the Red Raiders' 7-2 victory against Binghamton on March 2 at Rocky Johnson Field. Tech will play a doubleheader against New Mexico on Saturday.

# Eight Tech athletes to compete at 2012 Indoor Championships

**By MIKE GUTIERREZ** STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track and field team will send eight athletes to compete at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, hosted by Boise State in Nampa, Idaho on Friday and Saturday.

The men's team will be represented. by junior Bryce Lamb and sophomore Kyal Meyers, while the women's side will be represented by senior Kelly Closse and junior Katie Grimes. Tech will also have a women's 4x400 team comprised of seniors Taylor Evans. Erica Alexander, Candace Jackson and Olivia Lewis.

Closse has broken multiple school records in the weight throw and shot put in her final year at Tech and was named the Women's Mountain Region Field Athlete of the Year on Monday.

Head coach Wes Kittley said Closse has had a fabulous senior indoor season.

"She broke every school record every time she threw this year," he said. "We're really excited about her. She goes into the meet ranked third. I think she has a chance to be better than that. We'd love to have a double All-American out of her."

To make it to the championships, Tech women's 4x400 team recorded a season-best time of 3 minutes, 34.51 seconds en route to winning the event at the Iowa State Last Chance Meet on Saturday.

Kittley said he is proud of his women's relay team.

"Every week we've gotten better, the last three times we've run," he said. "There's very good relay teams this year, so it's really tough on the team. They'll have to really run good to place in the top eight, but I really truly think we will finish in the top eight. I think those kids are ready to run a 3:33 or better."

off to a quick start this year by jumping

season ranked as the No. 4 long jumper in the nation.

Although Lamb has had a tweaked hamstring for the past month, Kittley said, he is capable of surprising people with his ability at the meet this weekend.

"If he just gets on the board, I think he'll jump 26 feet again," he said. "That's going to be top three at the meet. I really think Bryce can surprise

Grimes has had a career year as a hurdler this indoor season. After breaking school records and topping her personal bests at every meet this year, Grimes now owns each of the top five hurdle marks in school history.

This has been a tremendous year for Grimes, assistant coach Dion

"I think she finally realized that she However, there was no doubt about can run with the best in the country Lamb qualifying for the finals, as he got this year," he said. "She broke school a season-best 26 3/4 during his indoor some of the best people, so I think she season debut Jan. 20. He came into the now realizes what it takes and I think

she's ready to get in there and hopefully place in the top eight."

Grimes is anxious to compete at the championships this weekend, Kittley said.

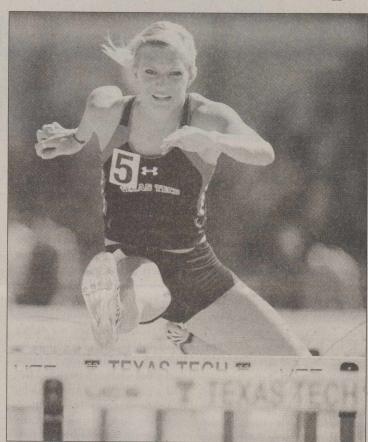
"I talked to Katie Grimes yesterday and she's sweating it," he said. "It's going to be her first opportunity to really get in there and bang it with the best hurdlers in the country. She's run two or three of them in the year, but now you're getting all 15 or 16 of them. I know she's really excited, but also really nervous.

Kittley said the athletes just need to settle down and try to do what they have done to get there.

This is a veteran group Tech has going to the championship meet, Miller said.

"We expect them each to finish in the top eight in their respective events," he said. "This is Katie's first time, so she's new to this. What I tell her is just to do what she did to get to the meet and she'll be fine."

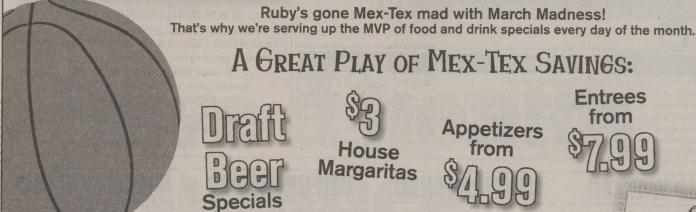
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TEXAS TECH HURDLER Katie Grimes runs the hurdles in a race during the Texas Tech Open last April. Grimes and seven other qualifiers from the Tech track and field team will travel to Nampa, Idaho to compete in the 2012 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday.

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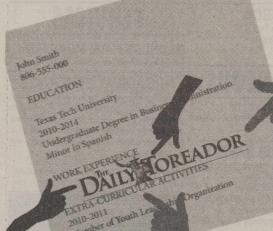
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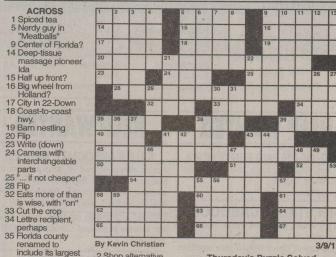
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