

Higher gas prices cause for concern among Tech, Lubbock community

Students, professor's weigh in on change

By BETSY EPPLER Staff Writer

Texas Tech professors suggest students should not expect a reprieve from high gas prices anytime soon.

"Supply and demand is always going to win in the long-term," Terry McInturff said.

McInturff, academic director and professor of the energy commerce program at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, said the first thing to understand about gas prices is they go hand-inhand with oil prices.

The price of oil makes up 50 to 80 percent of the cost of gasoline, McInturff said, and the price of oil

is reliant on several factors. Hoon Lee, an assistant professor of political science, teaches courses

on international political economy. He said the world economy greatly impacts the price of oil. During the economic downturn, demand for oil decreased, Lee said, but as the world economy improves, the demand has increased.

College students, including those at Tech, are not immune to the demand of oil and its effect on gas prices.

"My brother and I don't go home as much because of the gas prices," said Staci Bullick, a sophomore accounting major from Lakeside.

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Brain Food



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

GREG GELLENE, A chemistry professor, discusses titration curves during a chemistry tutoring session Pizza with the Prof on Tuesday in the Chitwood Residence Hall lobby. Pizza with a Prof is a free tutoring session hosted by the complex council to prepare students before their exams.

Tech students use pizza, professor for last-minute study tips

By MICHAEL DUPONT II Staff Writer

and makes an impact on students performance in the classroom, then hey, let's do it."

Typically students meet at 6 p.m. in the Chitwood Students gathered inside of the Chitwood Residence lobby the Tuesday before each test and professor Gellene is there to help with whatever questions each student may ask.

> Gellene, a chemistry professor at Tech, meets with students outside of class and during office hours

TechBriefly

SPJ releases 2011 **Region 8 Mark of Excellence** winners

Student journalists with The Daily Toreador, Texas Tech's student-run newspaper, were honored Saturday in Fort Worth during the Region 8 SPJ Spring Conference, for their contributions in college reporting.

The Society of Professional Journalists announced the Region 8 Mark of Excellence Award winners for the 2011 calendar year. The Mark of Excellence Awards honor the best collegiate journalism in the U.S., according to the SPJ website.

Tech graduates Tommy Magelssen and Jon Arnold received first place for breaking news reporting at a four-year college or university, for their article, "Former student charged with attempted WMD use," concerning the arrest of alleged terrorist Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari

First place was also awarded to seniors Ioanna Makris and Caroline Courtney, and graduate April Cunningham, for their in-depth reporting article, "Million-dollar bust," concerning the controversy surrounding the Raider Park Parking Garage.

Region 8 is comprised of Texas and Oklahoma. This year, the contest received more than 4,000 entries across all 12 regions of the SPJ.

Member of Tech College of Business

Hall lobby Tuesday night for pizza and last-minute chemistry advice from professor Greg Gellene. Pizza with the Prof is an event that has been helping students prepare for their upcoming chemistry



PHOTO BY ASHLEY RATCLIFFE/The Daily Toreador A TECH STUDENT fills up her car at the Valero station on 15th Street and University Avenue. Gas prices are a current expense many college students must face and the cost for a full tank is steadily increasing.

exams by bringing a chemistry professor to students' residence halls.

Karla Cantu, a senior human development and family studies major from Arlington, said incoming students are and Cantu decided once a semester would not be as benstruggling with chemistry, which led her to the decision to form the event.

"We collaborate with Dr. Gellene, the chemistry professor, considering that chemistry is one of the hardest classes for freshmen to pass," Cantu said.

The idea originally came from the Honors College, Cantu said, but her version involves an emphasis on chemistry tutoring.

"The residence halls are a great place for students to come feel comfortable and we promote student success," she said. "If it takes a chemistry professor to come to the residence halls for a small tutorial session and that helps

to help them with aspects of chemistry they may not fully understand.

He said after the first night of hosting the event, he eficial as having the event before each chemistry exam.

'The first time we did the event was a final exam night and we had a very large turnout," he said. "From that night forward we decided it would be better to do the event the night before each exam."

Gellene is the only professor that administers the Pizza with the Prof event.

He said students might benefit differently than others from coming to Pizza with the Prof, but all students who do attend have an advantage going into test day.

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Tech passes measures to prevent illegal file sharing

Methods interfere with online gaming on campus

By CAROLYN HECK Staff Writer

Students who use illegal peerto-peer file sharing are finding it harder to do so due to new measures implemented by Texas Tech at the beginning of this month.

The university is now monitoring its servers — and the dorms as of March 6 — for signs of illegal downloading, according to a memo released by the Information Technology department.

The department chairperson of the College of Mass Communications, Randy Reddick, said the new measures are being put in place after pressures stemming from the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, which criminalized and further penalized the sharing of copyrighted material, especially that which is shared over the Internet.

"What has happened is with the advent of the digital age that kind of blossomed into its own in the mid-90's," he said, "it became increasingly easy to copy, share, duplicate material. And so, those who have copyright interests basically lobbied Congress to give them extra protection."

Most copyrighted material, such as movies and music, are controlled by large companies, Reddick said, including the Motion Picture Association of America, the

Recording Industry Association of this law that makes the sharing America, BMI and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

With the advent of the Internet and the ease with which users can share files illegally, copyright holders are feeling threatened, he said. "They see that their literal

monopoly, their control, over all the profits from music and movies and stuff, they see as being under threat," he said. "So they basically bullied Congress into passing

of copyright material that further tightens it down in a digital environment, where it's really easy to share things."

Recent legislation such as the Stop Online Piracy Act has brought back into the light an issue that has been occurring for the past 15 years, Reddick said, driving copyright owning companies to increase response to DMCA violations.

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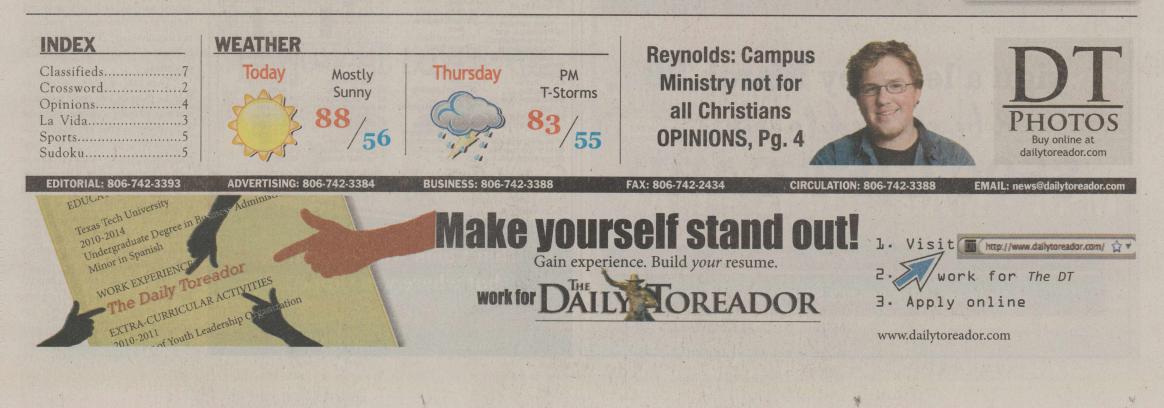
Shannon Rinaldo, an assistant professor for the Texas Tech Rawls College of Business, was honored with the 2012 Academy of Marketing Science Outstanding Marketing Teacher of the Year Award.

. Unlike typical college professors, Rinaldo focuses on learning through hands-on experience, rather than through textbooks. She does this by allowing students to collaborate with local businesses and implement social media. This, Rinaldo said, helps her students develop problem-solving skills and execute marketing strategies.

"Marketing as a whole is changing across our country," Rinaldo said in a news release. "And, we have to change the way we're teaching it to our next generation of future leaders in the industry. Studying cases from a textbook simply doesn't cut it anymore when we have a generation of students bombarded with technology and the need to stay ahead of the fast-paced communication highway."

Rinaldo, a first-time nominee for the award, will be recognized at the AMS national conference in New Orleans in May, where she will participate in a special teaching session.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Cookies by Design Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, West Basement So, what is it? Come decorate cookies with Tech Activities Board.

Nonprofit Internship Fair Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Where: University Career Services, 150 Wiggins Complex So, what is it? Stop by and network with local nonprofit agencies and hear about available internships.

Free Movie Night Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy Tech Activities Board's presentation of the feature film "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol."

So, what is it? Join the IT Division for this educational opportunity. Gallery Talk on "Windows to Heaven: Russian Icons" Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: Museum of Texas Tech So, what is it? Idris Traylor will lead a discussion in conjunction with the exhibition "Windows to Heaven: Treasures for the Museum of Russian Icons.' TAB Speaker Series: Media Bias

Debate Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy a debate presented by Peter Hart and Steve Randall as they discuss what part media outlets play in shaping the public's opinion of presidential candidates.

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

THURSDAY

Skillsoft Edcuational Session Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Texas Tech Library

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

POLICE BLOTTER

Gun stolen from car in parking garage

Monday

8:45 a.m. – A Texas Tech officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle in the Zone 3-F parking lot. A secured vehicle's window was broken to gain entry, but no items were taken.

2:04 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a burglary of a motor vehicle on the third floor of the Flint Avenue Parking Garage. A Benelli shotgun was taken from an unsecured Jeep.

7:45 p.m. - A Tech officer detained two students following a traffic stop in the Z4-P parking lot. One of the students was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and for disregard-

ing a stop sign. Both students were released.

Tuesday

3:43 a.m. – A Tech officer arrested a student for a Lubbock County Sherriff's Office warrant, following traffic stop in the 1700 block of Texas Tech Parkway. A student passenger was issued a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and released. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was impounded by Lubbock Wrecker Service.

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

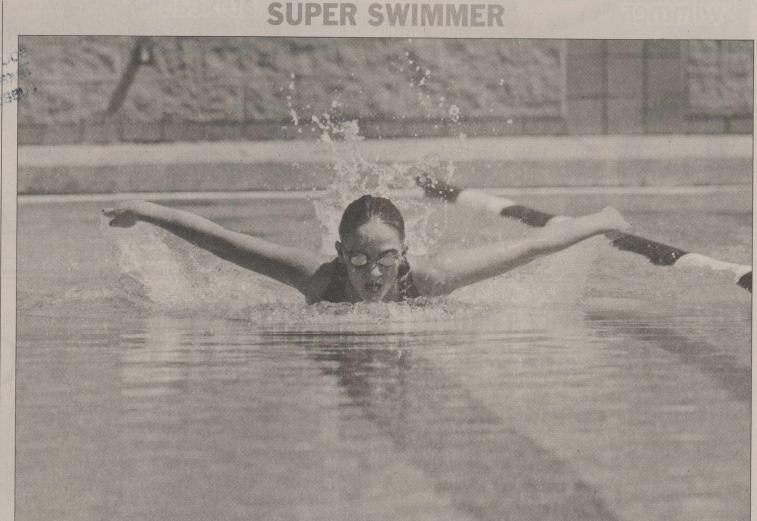


PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador HANNAH BUCK, A senior communication studies major from Spring, does the butterfly stroke at the Leisure Pool on Wednesday.

Gas Prices ← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Similarly, Lee said, as nations like North Korea, Japan and China advance, their needs for oil surge. Though the demand is high, he said, political uncertainty prevents oil companies - both public and privately owned — from desiring to invest in drilling operations.

"Everything seems to be working against pushing down these oil prices - especially from a political perspective," he said.

Unrest in the Middle East is the primary factor creating uncertainty about oil around the world, Lee said. He said there is also instability in Nigeria and other African countries.

McInturff said he agrees, uncertainty and instability greatly impact the price of oil.

"The worst thing in business, is uncertainty," he said.

In order to create stability, McInturff said, oil refineries turn to futures contracts. These contracts provide refineries with an understanding that they will pay a flat rate for oil for a number of years.

If the refinery overpays, then the other party has made a profit, McInturff explained. However, he said, if the

refinery pays less than the market rate for that year, it has saved money as well as bought itself the assurance that it can stay in business — regardless of market fluctuations.

This kind of gambling on the market, McInturff said, has ironically created yet another threat to consistent gas prices. He said speculation about the price of oil influences the price of oil.

"In the long-term, price is controlled by supply and demand" he said. "In the short-term, it's controlled by fear of supply and demand."

pipeline in Saudi Arabia had recently blown-up resulted in a spike in oil

prices. However, he said, once it was confirmed as just a rumor, the price leveled out again.

More recently, Lee said, the gloomy perspective on the future of Iranian oil has raised the oil's price. Lee said the mere possibility of a decrease in supply changes the price.

McInturff said he thinks high gas prices adversely affect the economy. Tech students for example, he said, are on a fixed budget. When they have to pay more for gas, they cut out going to restaurants and buying new shoes, keeping money out of the economy.

"It's a domino effect," he said. Justin Cranfell, a senior exercise sports science major from Amarillo, said he cooks now instead of eating out, because gas prices have increased and he cannot cut back on driving.

The difficulty, McInturff said, is there is very little citizens can do about the cost of gas. He said alternative energy sources are nowhere near ready to

P2P file sharing.

"The university has to abide by the law, and so they are clamping down the best way they can," he said, "which is

serve as gasoline's competition. "There's nothing we can substitute

for gasoline," he said. "It's the only thing that makes sense."

On the bright side, McInturff said, America does not have it as bad as other countries. He said the U.S. has the least expensive gas prices in the world. What is more, McInturff said, Lubbock's gas is among the top-five cheapest in the U.S.

Lizzie Starck, a junior public relations major from Williams Bay, Wis., said her parents rave about Lubbock's cheap gas.

"When they come down here," she said, "they can't believe how much lower it is than where we're from."

McInturff said despite America's fortune by comparison, people will never stop complaining about gas prices.

"Gasoline is a hot-button, emotional issue," he said, "because we think we're entitled to cheap gasoline and we want the freedom of our cars." » elizabeth.eppler@ttu.edu

Brad Chrysler, a computer science major from Dallas, said he was banned from the network not for using illegal file sharing software, but for playing an

Chrysler plays World of Warcraft,

and said the game, like most online

games, uses peer-to-peer sharing to help

it run faster. However, the network has

detected this as being illegal, he said, and

repeatedly bans him from the network.

essentially they send you to the same

generic page saying, you know, 'We

detected file sharing access on your

computer," he said, "and all they have

to do is see what program it's coming

"And every time you get banned,



McInturff said a story that a oil

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What has happened is that they have started to move against big targets," he said, "and universities are big targets. Students are one of the chief violators of file sharing."

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Universities, including Tech, are being threatened by lawsuits from these companies for hundreds of millions of dollars, Reddick said, unless the universities take appropriate action to ban

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they're monitoring the network all the time, looking for any evidence of this peer-to-peer file sharing activity."

According to the IT department memo, any student whose computer is detected using illegal P2P file sharing software will be banned from the network for 15 minutes and receive a notice instructing them to remove the software.

> from and they could see I'm not torrenting anything, I'm just trying to play a freaking game." He said he has sent the IT department three emails so far, and none have been responded to. "I completely understand why they need to block it," Chrysler said. "I know that a bunch of students on campus have gotten fined and so has the campus for not trying to prohibit it before, but the fact that they won't take the time to try and fix it, that's, in my opinion, inexcusable." The problem has persisted since March 1, and Chrysler said he hopes it 3/28/12 will be resolved soon.

"I know I'm not the only WOW addict on campus," he said. "I know there's, you know, hundreds of us - if not a thousand of us - that are all having the exact same problem."

Robert Peaslee, an assistant professor in the College of Mass Communications, said he understands why copyrighted material needs to be protected, but is concerned information or software not illegally using P2P file sharing, such as World of Warcraft, will be wrongfully suppressed.

"That said, it does concern me that, for instance, one could imagine a scenario whereby someone might use P2P software to share information that is not under copyright," he said, "and therefore this move would preclude in such a case the free flow of information here on campus. I'm not crazy about that precedent in a democracy."

Reddick said even though he may not agree with all of the copyright laws, he understands why the university is enforcing them.

"The university is just doing its part," he said, "because if they don't, they're going to pay a big price. They're just enforcing the law. That's it."

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Humane Society, law school students help to save animals

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Puppy and kitten season has seized Lubbock.

Jackie Baltrun, who volunteers with the Humane Society of West Texas, said the season has just begun and already the organization is swamped.

Many puppies have come in with Parvo, a deadly illness, and one rescued pit bull needs to have an eve removed.

"It's the busiest time of the year," said Baltrun, a second-year law student from Salado.

Other students approached Baltrun looking for ways to help, which is why the Will Beg for Food supply drive began. The drive is collecting any kind of pet supplies, like toys, collars and food, said Lauren Mullins, a second-year law student from Naperville, Ill.

"There are a lot of animals that need help in the Lubbock area," she said. "We just want to do our part."

Involved with the law school chapter of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Mullins has set up donation boxes outside the Law Library in the School of Law and other students have set up boxes in the Education building.

The SALDF chapter works and volunteers with various animal-related organizations in Lubbock, but is currently solely focused on this drive.

The boxes will be picked up on Friday, Baltrun said, and she said she hopes to see enough supplies to last the rest of puppy and kitten season, and through the spring.

During this time, she said,

more animals are abandoned or said. "You can make a real differbrought in to shelters. Many of the young animals HSWT sees are injured, whether with broken bones from being thrown out of a car or regular infections. The Humane Society works to help all of the animals, even if it means costly medications or veterinarian stays.

The group often pays medical bills for the rescued animals. With events like the drive, HSWT can spend more money on veterinarian bills and less on everyday needs.

The drive is not the only way to help out, though, Baltrun said, as the Humane Society can always use more volunteers.

Still, she said, students certainly don't need money to volunteer.

"A lot of students do volunmore animals are born and teer and really help out," she

ence in the community."

Students can foster pets or help with the organization's online efforts, Baltrun said, and there are many ways to get involved. Some animal sciences students volunteer at the vet clinics. There are always opportunities to walk dogs as well.

HSWT is a no-kill shelter, Baltrun said, and the organization saved more than 12,000 animals in the past year and spayed or neutered around 500 feral cats.

"The more people donate, the more people help," she said, "and the more animals we can help,"

Donations are also accepted at HSWT's weekend events, Baltrun said. The adoption clinics are on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at both Lubbock PetSmarts.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY of West Texas and Texas Tech School of Law chapter of Student Animal Legal Defense Fund are working together to raise money and donations for the Will Beg for Food drive supply this week.

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Kendall McVey, a freshman chemical engineering major from New Mexico, said he

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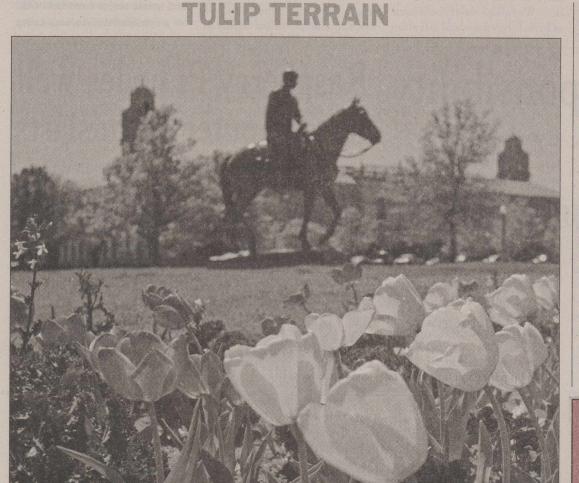
the Prof was helpful enough

swer all of your questions; it's really helpful." Dan Lepper, a residence life coordinator in Weymouth

Residence Hall thinks events similar to Pizza with the Prof are great for students who choose to take advantage of them. "I think students get a lot

out of these events that come to it," he said. "Events like these are great for students and we're lucky to have faculty like Dr. Gellene to help put on Pizza with the Prof."

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people may have." McVey said he made an A

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WITH THE RECENT rain and warm weather, the spring tulips have started blooming around the statue of Will Rogers and across campus.

Judge praises Redmond O'Neal for recovery progress

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The addiction. son of Ryan O'Neal and the

urged him to keep making healthy, smart decisions.

Redmond O'Neal appeared in court in a dark suit and looked noticeably healthier than he did during previous court appearances.

Judge

Keith L. Schwartz noticed and said it was a good sign of his recovery. During some previous court dates, O'Neal had appeared gaunt and been forced to wear a jail jumpsuit.

"There is no reason you can't turn your life around," Schwartz said. "I'm very proud of you. You've done an outstanding job."

Schwartz said he would continue to delay O'Neal's sentencing for a probation violation and drug case if he continued to do well at an in-patient treatment program. He could face up to six years behind bars if he relapses or is re-arrested.

The 27-year-old O'Neal told the court that he is exercising five times a week and studying for his GED diploma. He also said his meetings with therapists were allowing him to confront demons that led him into drug

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O'Neal was arrested in Aulate Farrah Fawcett earned high gust after police stopped him praise Tuesday for his progress in for running a red light and said drug treatment from a judge who they discovered heroin in his car. He was

charged with

being a felon

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related case.

O'Neal describe his newfound commitment to fitness and learning. "This is brain food for me,"

O'Neal said. He was in jail in June 2009 when his mother died after a battle with cancer and was briefly released to attend her funeral.

in possession of a gun after Schwartz said if O'Neal learns authorities to properly cope with his addicfound a 9mm tion, he should consider a career handgun as an addiction counselor or go while searchinto a field where he can help ing O'Neal's other people.

The judge reminded O'Neal At the there is a lot at stake and urged time, O'Neal him to remain completely honwas on probaest with his therapists and contion for anfront issues that were a result of other drughis upbringing. Schwartz didn't elaborate, citing privacy reasons. Schwartz's praise came after

he reviewed numerous reports into place," Schwartz said. "You from doctors and listened to cannot go back to square one."

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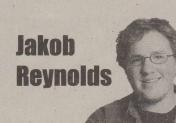
Christianity.

f you happen to be passing through the Free Speech Area between the Library and Student Union Building this week, you will no doubt see or hear the return of my favorite evangelical nut.

That's right, folks, it's that time of year again: the week when "Brother Jed" Smock and his merry band of religious zealots stop by Texas Tech to let all college students know that we are doomed to burn in hell for our various sins.

For those of you who don't already know, Brother Jed and company belong to the Campus Ministry, a group of evangelical Christians who visit campuses across the United States.

Their mission, as stated on their website, is to " ... defend and glorify God and his government so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world



become guilty before the Judge of mankind."

Smock's usual weeklong spiel includes sermons on his personal college experiences of drunken fraternity life, sexual conquests and subsequent realization of his sins. These sermons are complete with listing the different groups of people going to hell for their sins, such as socialists, music idolaters, pagans, homosexuals, Catholics and drunkards.

I, apparently, am among those who will be burning in the lake of fire for all eternity for being a socialist and a music idolater, which one of Jed's co-preachers music that isn't in the name of the Lord.

Not to be left out, of course, are his frequent comments on our own Secular Student Society how all college students are driv- at Tech) reported in the Tuc-

en primarily by sexual desires, how a woman's primary place is in the kitchen or bedroom and that those girls unfortunate enough to be in his line of sight who wear anything besides skirts, are sluts.

There was once a time when I would be appalled and fire preaching and discussing our back with every retort I could at more rational and accepting behate-mongers like Jed and crew.

defined as anyone who plays representation of the rest of the followers of Christianity.

In fact, the Skeptic Club at the University of Arizona (like

son Citizen last week, that they experienced their highest recruitment rates during representation of

visits by Jed. In fact, when I saw him last year, I made a few friends in the crowd of spectators and we held our own session,

liefs. We talked about the lessons After all, they are a deplorable of love, forgiveness and salvation

through the grace of Jesus, which Brother Jed's sermons tended to leave out.

Countless students responded with gratitude for our efforts. Unfortunately, however, the Campus Ministry showed entertaining shock value I thought only Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck possessed, and it trumped our attempt at a less fire-and-brimstone message, as we eventually learned from our waning listener base.

Because of this, and the fact that as much as I enjoy a good religious debate, I - like many of us who come to college for reasons other than to argue with religious zealots — simply do not have time to stand outside and listen to the din of people bickering.

Fortunately, there are other ways to fulfill my duties in serving as the loval opposition, like say, a column published weekly in a newspaper. Therefore, I would like to invite everyone who is reading this and going to see the show in the Free Speech Area, to keep this disclaimer in mind whilst listening Brother Jed and his followers:

The views expressed herein reflect solely those of the Campus Ministry and do not necessarily reflect those of all Christians, their relatives or affiliates. As a matter of fact, many of us find those expressing them embarrassing to our faith and would be more than happy to discuss with any curious onlookers what the vast majority of rational Christians believe. *

*Judgement and insults not included.

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Campus violence students' responsibility

am sure we all remember, in some capacity, the L fateful day when we saw a campus in Virginia turn into a battleground.

That day, 33 people were killed on the campus of Virginia Tech University. As the nation watched the horrific footage, we became aware of the utter violence capable from a college student.

The tragedy in Blacksburg led many to question the security of that campus, as well as other campuses around the nation. Many students formed organizations in support of the right to carry concealed handguns on campus for personal protection. Still, we witness bloodshed on college campuses far too often.

A few years ago, there was and the Lub-



sity. The university's statement claims this is the first incident of this kind in any recent memory.

Texas Tech is not immune to these types of violent acts. I have multiple friends who have had guns pulled on them on or near campus, and I have heard plenty of

reports of theft and assault. My experience with campus police squarely on the students.

No gun can ever prevent the psychological torment a twentysomething student experiences when life is not working out the way it should. This is why I believe students can band together to bring the presence of community and love into the lives of those who are struggling.

It sounds cliché, but college students forget the power of love and the effect a true friendship. can have on a person. It can be fairly obvious when someone is going through

a rough patch

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which puts the responsibility in a perpetual state of euphoria. This time in our lives is

perhaps the most dramatic and selfish period where all the emphasis is put on nothing but the future. We tend to lose sight of what is really important and become troubled by unsubstantial values dictated by society.

Our love for our fellow students must improve because of how competitive and stressful college life becomes. The biggest difference between high school and college life is there are no parents or counselors making sure a student is not falling from grace.

If one of your friends is starting down the wrong path, talk to him or her. When you see someone falling into the wrong crowd and become involved

Raspberry Pi bodes well for computer enthusiasts

By DAVID RABINOWITZ CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)

The Raspberry Pi, an extremely thin, bare-bones computer, launched at the end of last month to the delight of tens of thousands of people. Consumers around the world had been anxiously waiting for its release for six years, and the computer sold out within hours.

So what's all the hype? The main appeal is the price: the Model A Raspberry Pi is only \$25 and the Model B is \$35.

The Model A Raspberry Pi packs a 700 megahertz processor, 256 megabytes of RAM, a USB port, an SD card reader and an HDMI port. The \$35 Model B

started the Raspberry Pi Foundation in 2006. Upton was disappointed at the declining number of computer science applicants for his department. He said young adults know how to use computers, but often do not know how they work.

According to the foundation's website, the founders also said they noticed the same problem.

"... [C]omputers had become so expensive and arcane that programming experimentation on them had to be forbidden by parents," they said.

The Raspberry Pi Foundation's founders said they hope the inexpensive nature of the computer will allow children the freedom to experiment with the technology. To have the price so low, the Ethernet port for a wired Internet designers had to make a few com-

the incident on the campus of the University of Texas where a student fired shots outside of the library and then killed himself. There was the more recent occurrence, once again at Virginia Tech, in which a Radford University student shot and killed a Virginia Tech police officer and ended his own life 30 minutes later.

Now, just this weekend, there was the murder of a 21-year-old Mississippi State student in his on-campus dorm. Police reports indicate he was shot multiple times by his assailant, who was not a student at the univer-

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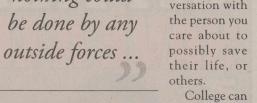
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bock Police Department has also been something of a lack-luster effort for justice. Not only are they undermanned, but these

law enforcement agencies have difficulty hiring quality candidates and struggle with large budget cuts.

These events have me wondering who to blame and how universities should prevent such tragedies. I have found in many of these instances, nothing could be done by any outside forces,

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be a wonderful place to experience life for the first time on your own, but this does not mean everything is as it seems on television shows - which often portray college students

in the wrong activities, see if something is wrong.

Campus and student violence can be prevented, but steps must be taken by students alone to have any hope at stopping the tragic events that have happened recently.

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and an additional USB port. All this is amazingly crammed into a credit card sized computer, which consumers

then connect to a separatelypurchased monitor.

Although it certainly has mass appeal, the computer wasn't designed for the general public. Instead, co-founder Robert Mullins told CNN "the primary goal was to build a low cost computer that every child could own, and one where programming was the natural thing to do with it."

The Raspberry Pi Foundation, the non-profit charity which created the Raspberry Pi computer, aims to help children who are unable to afford regularly priced computers to obtain one. The founders hope increased access to technology will help improve young children's education, specifically in the fields of computer science and programming.

Eben Upton, a former computer science prof. at St. John's College of Cambridge University,

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promises. There is no data storage included, for example. The operating system has to be saved on an SD card, or on an external USB hard drive.

Also, the operating system is a free version of Linux, not the more popular Microsoft Windows or Mac OS X.

These compromises, however, have not prevented consumers from recognizing the Raspberry Pi as an incredible device. The inclusion of an HDMI port, an RCA video port and an audio jack means buyers can hook it up to a monitor or TV and stream HD video and music.

The Linux operating system also supports many of the same functions which Windows or Mac OS X provide. Users can run word processing applications, surf the Internet or play 3D games.

Many of the current buyers are technology enthusiasts, but the foundation hopes the computer will soon reach children, improving their intellectual engagement with this cutting-edge technology.

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Tech blows lead in ninth, falls 7-6

By BRETT WINEGARNER MANAGING EDITOR

After winning its first conference game of the season Friday, it has been nothing but troubles for the Texas Tech baseball team.

It was another tough loss for the Red Raiders on Tuesday, as a blown save in the top of the ninth led New Mexico State to a 7-6 victory against Tech.

Head coach Dan Spencer said he is now searching to find the right people at the right time.

"Trying to find answers," he said. "Trying to find the right combination. Trying to find the right guys at the right time out of the bullpen."

Both starting pitchers looked sharp in the first two innings, but in the next three innings a total of 10 runs were scored.

NMSU started off the scoring in the top half of the third by bringing in Tanner Rust from third on a fielder's choice after a double and sacrifice bunt.

Tech responded quickly with something the Red Raiders had been missing lately - a clutch hit. With the bases loaded in the third with two outs, Bo Altobelli

knocked in two runs to give Tech its first lead of the game.

However, the Aggies were able to knot the game up at two in the top half of the fourth with an RBI single by Robert Lecount. Tech was able to jump out on top once again in the bottom part of the fifth on another bases loaded knock to drive in two runners. It was Jamodrick McGruder who gave Tech the 4-2 lead, and reached base safely for the 18th time in his last 24 at bats.

Despite the loss, McGruder said the team still believes in itself, it just needs to come through with more clutch hits and get the outs when it needs them.

"I don't ever think that confidence is ever the issue," he said. "I think it's just taking care of business when it needs to be taken care of is the issue."

The Aggies took care of business with a three-run inning to go up 5-4 in the top of the fifth. The big hit in the inning for NMSU came from Parker Hipp, who doubled in two runs and then scored later in the inning to take the lead.

The Aggies' lead was once again shortly lived, as Barrett Barnes stepped up to the plate

and blasted his team-leading sixth home run to tie the game back up at five in the bottom of the fifth. Tech then reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI double off the top of the wall by Proudfoot to score two.

Even with the big hits from Altobelli, McGruder and Proudfoot, the Red Raiders still had trouble getting clutch hits to open up the game, as they stranded 12 runners on base including leaving the bases loaded on multiple occasions.

The team did a good job of setting itself up to score, Spencer said, it just needed to actually come through and get a hit to bring the runs in.

"We had the right guys at the plate again pretty regularly in clutch situations, but just didn't get things done," he said.

However, the Aggies came through in the most clutch situation of all, as they were able to knock in two runs off Tech closer Trey Masek in the top of the ninth. The runs gave NMSU a 7-6 lead, and Aggie closer Scott Coffman struck the Red Raiders out in order in the bottom of the ninth to secure an NMSU victory.



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER Brennan Moore tries to slide into home base against New Mexico State during the bottom of the fourth inning Tuesday at Rip Griffin Park.

Tech pitcher Brennan Moore, sure," he said. "It's hard to watch you can't hang your head too long. who pitched two innings of shutout ball, said it is tough to lose in this fashion, but the team needs to forget about it and worry about the next game.

"We're struggling and that's for

us lose games, especially hard to see us lose these close ones. The good thing about baseball is we got another one soon — we've got another one Friday.

"(We need to) Gear up for that, >>> bwinegarner@dailytoreador.com

Yeah, we are disappointed now, but we need to just get after the next one. That's all we can do right now.'

Baylor's Griner leads AP All-America team

dominated women's basketball all season.

Now the 6-foot-8 junior phenom is a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, a day after leading the unbeaten Lady Bears to their second Final Four in three seasons.

She was joined on the squad by Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Maryland's Alyssa

(AP) - Brittney Griner has in two incredible dunks in the Notre Dame player to make the NCAA tournament and she's first team since Ruth Riley did been unstoppable.

Griner and Ogwumike received 200 points and were unanimous choices by the 40-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the fifth straight season that there has been at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Ogwumike, who averaged 22.3 points and 10.3 rebounds, had been on the second team the past two seasons and was thrilled to make the first team this year. Yet she was more excited that her sister Chiney earned second team honors. "Not a lot of people can say they play with their sister and win an award," the Stanford senior forward said. "I'm really proud of Chiney. She even has more to grow on as she's only a sophomore. For her to be one of the top players in the country as a sophomore is remarkable." The Ogwumikes became the first sisters to be All-Americans in the same season. In 2009, Oklahoma's Courtney Paris earned first team honors while her sister was honorable mention. Kelly Miller of Georgia made the first team in 2001 while her sister Coco was honorable mention. It's never happened on the men's side, either. Diggins became the first

it in consecutive years in 2000 and 2001. The junior guard was instrumental in helping the Irish win their first outright Big East regular season championship, averaging 16.6 points and 5.7 assists. Diggins knows that she'd probably have a lot more assists. if she was playing with this All-American squad.

"I'd love to be the floor general for that team," Diggins said. "I'd probably average 20 assists. I can tell you right now, we'd be undefeated, we'd win every game by double digits."

share this honor with my teammates and the coaching staff. Although the season ended earlier than we had hoped, this past year is one that I will always remember."

Thomas guided Maryland to the ACC tournament championship and was the conference's player of the year as a sophomore. She also has helped the Terrapins reach the NCAA tournament regional final.

"This is such an honor to be named an AP All-American as a sophomore because there's so many great players in the country.

Napoli homers twice, Rangers beat Padres 10-9

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) -Rangers manager Ron Washington good pitches on my part," Padres wasn't going to take any chances starter Cory Luebke said. "But I with his starting shortstop.

Elvis Andrus left Tuesday's game against a San Diego Padres split squad after the second inning, but Texas went on to a 10-9 victory behind Mike Napoli's two homers.

"Once he said he felt a little tightness in his quad we took him runs in 14 innings during his four out," Washington said. "We didn't previous starts. give him a chance to say nothing." Andrus came out with a tight right hip flexor muscle. He was 0

"The two balls to Napoli weren't think that results sometimes can be a little deceiving.'

Luebke gave up five runs, eight hits and a walk over 4 1-3 innings, striking out six. Projected as San Diego's No. 2 starter, the left-hander had allowed only three

"I feel good," Luebke said. "I got up to about 90 pitches and still had

Thomas.

"That would be a very strong team," Griner said. "I feel sorry for anyone who would have to play us."

Griner, who was on the first team for the second straight year, hasn't taken pity on her opponents. She has the Lady Bears two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to go 40-0.

"I would never have thought it would be like this. It's amazing," Griner said. "Sometimes you forget what you've done. You don't sit back and enjoy it as you're so focused on a goal. It definitely has been a great year so far. I hope it finishes the right way, too.'

Griner has been incredible all season, but raised her game over the past month. She's averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks this season. Throw

Delle Donne carried Delaware to unprecedented heights this season. The 6-foot-5 junior led the nation in scoring averaging 28.1 points. She helped the Blue Hens go undefeated in the Colonial Athletic Association, win the conference tournament for the first time and earn their first Top 25 ranking. She capped off the season by getting the Blue Hens their first NCAA tournament victory.

Now she's the school's initial first team All-American. She was on the third team two seasons ago.

"This is truly a great honor to be considered among the top women's basketball players in the country," Delle Donne said. "I am proud to represent the University of Delaware and I

Joining Chiney Ogwumike on the second team were Baylor sophomore Odyssey Sims, Miami senior Shenise Johnnson, Ohio State senior Samantha Prahalis and Wisconsin-Green Bay senior Julie Wojta.

The third-team members: Connecticut senior Tiffany Hayes, Kentucky junior A'dia Mathies, Duke freshman Elizabeth Williams, Tennessee senior Shekinna Stricklen and Miami senior Riguna Williams.

It marked only the second time since the All-America team was first honored in 1995 that no Tennessee or Connecticut player made either the first or second team. It also happened in 2005.

The preseason All-America team was Griner, Diggins, Ogwumike, Johnson and Stricklen.

for 1 with an RBI. Washington said he'll hold Andrus out of the lineup Wednesday but plans to start him Thursday

night against San Francisco. Napoli hit his first two home runs of the spring and Ian Kinsler had three hits for Texas.

a lot left in the tank." Jeremy Hermida homered on consecutive pitches in the first and

third for the Padres. Jeff Gyorko, Yasmani Grandal and Andy Parrino also went deep for San Diego.

"The ball was flying out of here today," Washington said. "If you got it up it was leaving."



NFL owners approve salary cap reductions

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - NFL owners ratified the agreement between the league and players' union that takes away \$36 million in salary cap space from the Redskins and \$10 million from the Cowboys.

Other than Dallas and Washington, no club voted Tuesday to oppose the agreement, which raised the salary cap for 2012 from about \$113 million to \$120.6 million. The Cowboys and Redskins have sought arbitration, which will be conducted by University of Pennsylvania professor Stephen Burbank.

Both teams were penalized for overloading contracts in the 2010 uncapped season despite league warnings not to do so. Each must take at least half the reduction this year.

The Cowboys will play in the season opener on Sept. 5 at the Super Bowl champion New York Giants. That game will be on a Wednesday night for the first time; President Barack Obama is scheduled to address the Democratic National Convention on Sept. 6.

"Who cares who we are playing, hosting the game is all that's important," Giants owner John Mara joked, knowing well that the NFL champion hosts the kickoff to the season. "It's exciting. They're one of our big rivals. We had two great games last year. The fans will be jacked up for it."

The owners also approved competition committee recommendations for points of emphasis in the upcoming season, including blows to the head, horse-collar tackles and taunting.

The competition committee reviewed video of blows to the head delivered by both offensive and defensive linemen and sought to re-emphasize that striking, swinging, or clubbing an opponent in the head or neck area is illegal. Game officials will be instructed to closely monitor those acts, which draw a 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness and can bring fines.

Horse-collar tackles increased enough that it alarmed the committee. Rich McKay, president of the Atlanta Falcons and chairman of the committee, said examples of horse-collar tackles will be part of a video shown to players at training camp.

The owners will vote Wednesday on whether to make horse-collar tackles of quarterbacks in the pocket a penalty. Although the committee did not say

that taunting of opponents increased, it is urging policing such acts be emphasized.

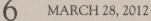
Other points of emphasis will spotlight pre-snap movement; players not lining up on the line of scrimmage; a runner declaring himself down; and substitutions that try to confuse the opponent.

The Cowboys' last game also was

at the Meadowlands, where the Giants beat them 31-14 to win the NFC East. That was the second of six straight victories for New York that culminated in their Super Bowl win over New England.

The telecast of that victory over Dallas averaged 27.6 million viewers, the most ever for a Sunday night game. It was the most-watched regular-season prime-time game in 15 years.





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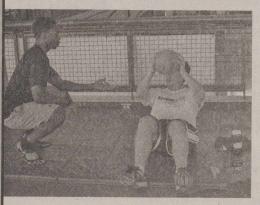
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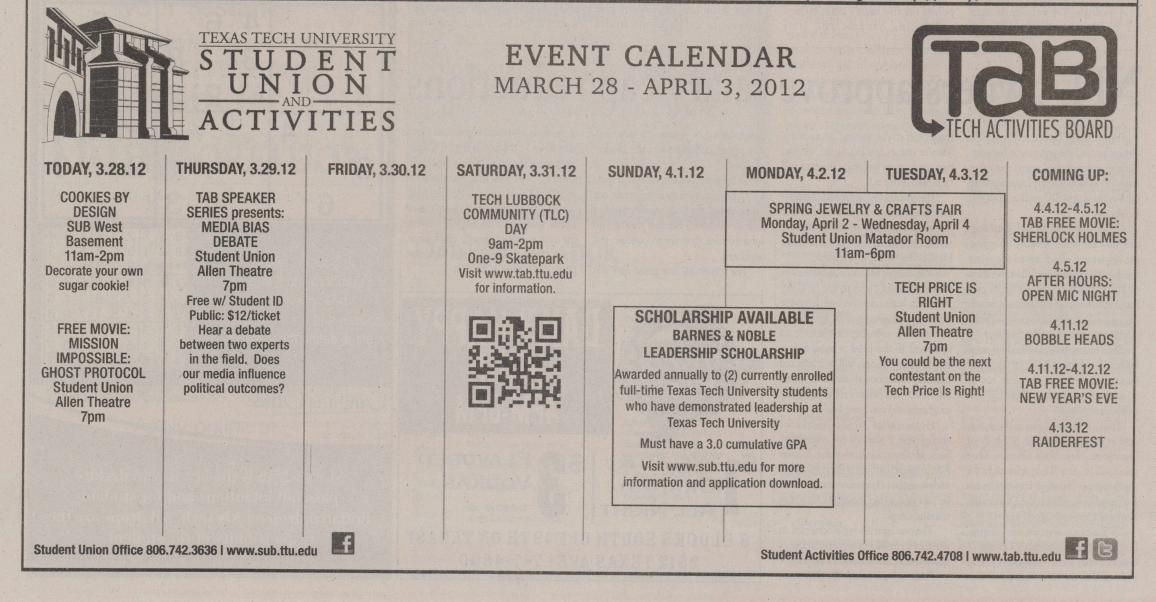
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Tech track, field team preps for Texas Relays

By MIKE GUTIERREZ STAFF WRITER

After an impressive showing with eight first place finishes in to compete at the prestigious Texas Relays in Austin, which through Saturday.

Tech coach Wes Kittley said he feels his team has a lot of momentum as it gets ready to compete in Austin.

"I think the kids are pretty confident," Kittley said. "I think it's important for us to go down there and do well. This is a mini national championship and so I really think we need to do well so we can keep our positive attitude."

Kittley said he is looking will fare against some of the best and it helps me do my best." talent in the country.

"I'm really looking forward ers to clear 18 feet at the meet

to going," he said. "We've got this week. schools from the East Coast to the West Coast that will be there. USC is coming on that .side and they have a great group El Paso on Saturday, the Texas of kids. Also UCLA and LSU on Tech track and field team is set the other side, along with other Big 12 schools.'

As a pole vault competitor, will begin Wednesday and last Tech sophomore Kyal Meyers said the Texas Relays is one of the best environments to compete at.

The stands are right next to the mat and they're always packed," he said. "It's about 12,000 people watching from your home state — it couldn't get any better."

Although having 12,000 people watching can be a bit nerve-racking, Meyers said, it's not bad pressure to have.

"I enjoy the crowd's enthusiforward to seeing how his team asm," he said, "so I feed off that Kittley said he expects Mey-

Meyers said clearing this mark is something he has been working at for some time now.

"It's been something I've been working at all indoor season and I'm just right there trying to get it," he said. "At the Texas relays last year, I (set a personal record), so I'm looking to do the same thing this year.'

Tech has 12 athletes currently ranked in the top 10 nationally in their respective events, including junior Shane Brathwaite, who is ranked No. 1 in the men's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 13.68 seconds.

Kittley said he is hoping his athletes can maintain their rankings after this weekend.

"I'm hoping those 12 stay there all year round and compete against some of the best," he said. "They're going to see a bunch of those top 10 athletes from other schools this week." >>> mgutierrez@dailytoreador.com



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TEXAS TECH'S NICK Green successfully clears the bar while pole vaulting in the Red Raider Open on Feb. 4 in the Athletic Training Center. Tech will head to Austin this weekend for the Texas Relays, which will be begin Wednesday and continue through Saturday.

Jackson hits inside-the-park home run, Astros top Tigers

troit Tigers manager Jim Leyland is examining his options for a fifth starter, and he appears to be in no hurry to make a decision. "I'm not a performance guy,"

he said. "I'm watching everybody, like all the coaches are and Dave (general manager Dave Dombrowski) is. We'll try to put our heads together and try to decide which guy makes the most sense for us."

One of the candidates had a rough day on Tuesday, with

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — De- day against the St. Louis Cardinals. the-park home run and Brennan Below is down for Friday's start against the Baltimore Orioles.

> "We're running 'em out there as fairly and as often as we possibly can, and at some point we

have to make a decision," We'll try to put our said Leyland, who has heads together and mentioned another reatry to decide which son for not settling on a guy makes the most fifth starter. "I'm leavsense for us.

> open because I don't know JIM LEYLAND DETROIT TIGERS

what my GM is going to MANAGER

Andy Oliver pitching three rocky a tendency to surprise you. When innings in a 14-7 victory over the they call you up and tell you they signed Prince Fielder, that's a pretty big surprise."

Boesch also connected for Detroit, which jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

Wandy Rodriguez, Houston's likely opening-day starter, allowed five runs and six hits in six innings.

"I wanted to go longer into the game and I did that today," said Rodriguez, who threw 90 pitches. "I tried to throw everything, used a lot of changeups.'

The left-hander said he is "not 100 percent ready" for the April 6. opener against Colorado, but he will get one more spring start.

"He was frustrated with himself when they jumped out in front of ing that one us for a five-run lead," manager Brad Mills said. "He wasn't happy with himself, but he saw the guys get back in the game and then do," he said. Wandy was able to pitch very "My GM has well."

> The race for the fifth spot in the Astros' rotation became more clear when left-hander Zach Duke was released on Tuesday. Right-handers Kyle Weiland, Jordan Lyles and Lucas Harrell are still in the competition. Harrell will get his first spring start Wednesday against the Miami Marlins.

Top return man from Nebraska to be honored with Johnny Rodgers Award

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Johnny Rodgers believes it's time return specialists in college football get their due.

Best known for his electrifying kick returns as the 1972 Heisman Trophy winner at Nebraska, Rodgers on Tuesday announced a new postseason award for the top kick or punt return man in college football. Rodgers said the Johnny LSU's

"The Jet" Rodgers Award should gain the prestige of awards such as the Butkus for linebackers, the Jim Thorpe for defensive backs or the Outland for linemen.

"If you're walking by a store or anywhere they have televi- winner and sions and they have highlights his family on for special teams, everybody stops and watches," he said. "This has the ability to at an April create a lot of awareness for guys who haven't gained recognition throughout college

that was the signature play of Nebraska's victory in the 1971 "Game of the Century."

The Rodgers Award winner for the 2011 season will be selected by Rodgers and announced Thursday. Finalists are Arkansas' Joe Adams, Tex-

as A&M's Dustin Harris, Tyrann Mathieu and North Carolina's T.J. Thor-

The will receive the award 12 banquet

in Omaha. Rodgers said national meia members will be enlisted to

Asked why he's giving the award to the top return man for 2011 rather than waiting to make the first presentation after the 2012 season, Rodgers said he wanted to start now before another entity had the same idea. "To be quite

honest, in sharing information This has the ability to create a lot of awareness for guys who haven't gained recognition throughout college football. **JOHNNY RODGERS** 1972 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER

with different colleges across the country, different people in the media, different corporations, the tones in their voice when they figured out this had been overlooked ... vou could tell they realized it

hadn't been done and it's time had come."

Houston Astros.

The fifth-starter competition is down to lefties Oliver, Drew Smyly and Duane Below. The 22-year-old Smyly, who has yet to pitch above the Double-A level, is scheduled for his second spring start Wednes-

Brian Bogusevic and Brian Bixler each hit a two-run Castro and Jose Altuve each had two hits and scored twice.

Austin Jackson hit an inside-

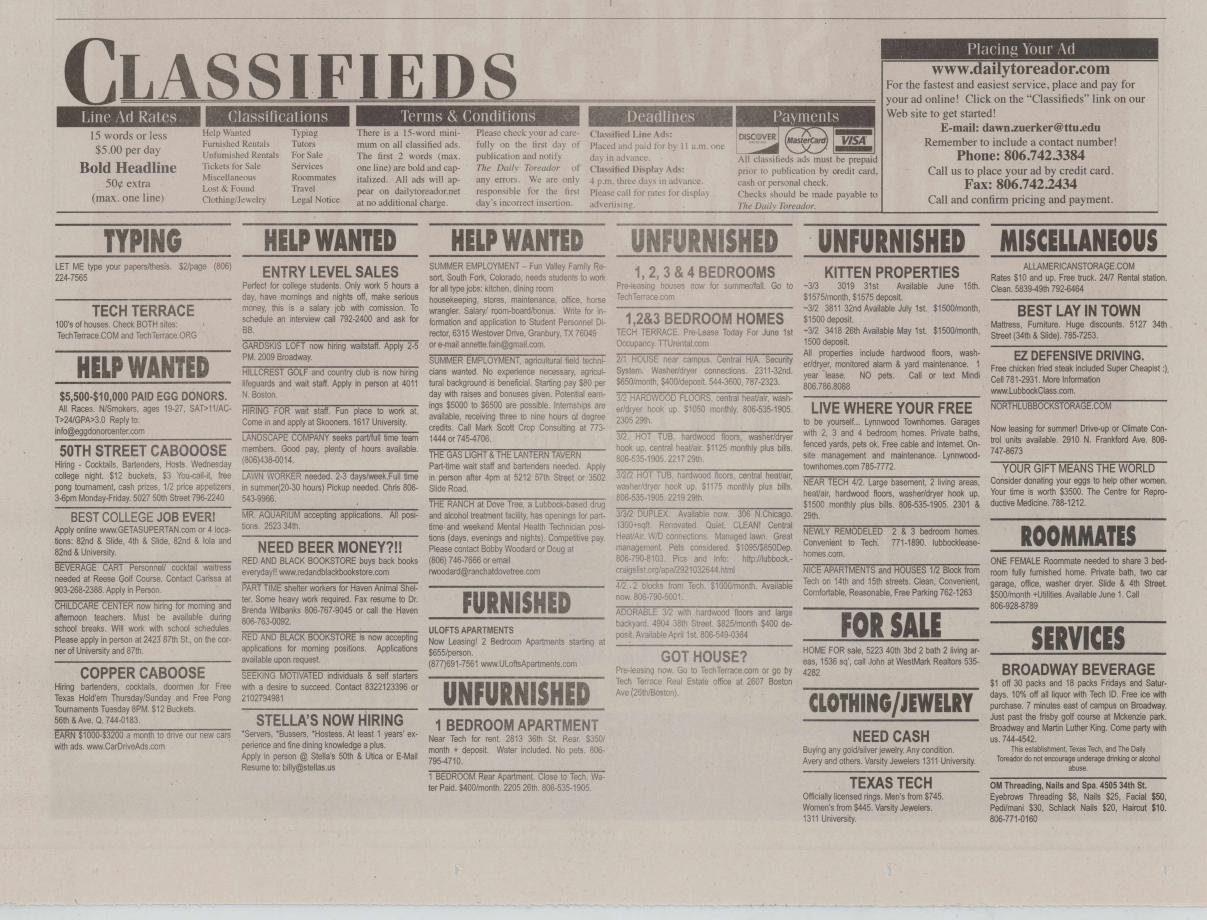
The trophy was designed and cast by Omaha artist loe

Putjenter and depicts Rodgers slipping out of the grasp on the 72-yard punt return jor sponsor.

select future winners, who will be announced in December or January each year.

The online brokerage TD of Oklahoma's Greg Pruitt Ameritrade is the award's ma-

Proceeds from the banquet will go to the Johnny Rodgers Youth Foundation, which concentrates on keeping atrisk youth in school and progressing toward high school graduation.



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Long ball propels Tech against Midwestern State, 10-2

By MATT VILLANUEVA STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech softball wrapped up its non-conference play by setting a school record with six home runs, defeating Midwestern State 10-2 Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The win also prolonged Tech's wining streak to 10 games, tying the current streak with one set this season that ended at the hands of Texas State on Feb. 26.

Raven Richardson led off the home run derby with a home run blast to left field in the second inning, making it her fifth of the season.

Melisa Ryba followed suit with a home run of her own to deep center field, putting Tech up 2-0.

Adriana Perez led off an inning later with yet another homer. She would connect again the next inning with another dinger that would bring in two other runners, extending Tech's lead to 7-0.

Perez currently leads the team with 11 home runs and has hit four to go along with 11 RBIs in the past two games. She said she attributes her success to her playing the game of softball for so long and understanding the mental aspect of it.

"I've played the game so much that I've read the pitchers - especially being a catcher," she said. "I've read how they're going to do it. I just. go up there, stay confident and find my own pitch and know that once it goes in my zone, then I'm going to swing at it.'

The fourth inning also included a run in by Ashley Hamada after Sandy James hit a sacrifice fly to left field.



PHOTOS BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH CENTER fielder Mikey Kenney jumps trying to catch the ball as it goes over the fence during the Red Raiders' 10-2 victory against Midwestern State on Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field. The home run hit by Christina Roosmalean accounted for the Mustangs' only hit on the night.

in the fifth with a two-run homer from infielder Christina Roosmalen off Tech pitcher Brittany Talley, who relieved Cara Custer on the pitching circle.

However, it would be the only opportunity the Mustangs would get at the plate for the rest of the game, as MSU would eventually be run-ruled an inning later.

Taylor Powell led the fifth inning Midwestern State answered back off with a deep home run that gave

Tech a sound 8-2 advantage.

At the time, the fifth home run was the most in a game for Tech this season and tied the season-high set Feb. 26, 2011, versus St. John's.

Three batters later, Mikey Kenney drove a triple off the left field

Custer recorded the win for the

Red Raiders, pitching four innings and struck out five batters while not allowing a run.

Tech's last loss was March 7 against the No. 6 Texas Longhorns. The Red Raiders' next game will be this weekend in a three-game series against Iowa State, who Hays said is a team not to be underestimated.

team," he said, "but they're a super hitting team and I know they battled

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Brittany Talley winds up to pitch during the Red Raiders' 10-2 victory against Midwestern State on Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

Texas well this past weekend and everybody is good enough to beat you."

department, but is excited and looks

forward to the challenge.

"I don't want to be scared and »»mvillanueva@dailytoreador.com



Perez said she is well aware timid," she said. "I'm not going to wall to bring in Katelyn Williams. of the highly competitive Big 12 change anything. I'm still going to The sixth inning was short lived, "Iowa State is not a Top 25 Conference teams she and Tech go up there and do what I've been. as Cydney Allen hit a leadoff home will face, specifically in the pitching doing since the season started." run to end the game before sun down.

Amid changes, Houston Texans ready to get season started

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston other teams in free agency. Linebacker Texans are eager to return to practice after losing several key players.

The Texans will open OTAs in late May after sacks specialist Mario Williams, tight end Joel Dreessen and two starting offensive linemen signed with

DeMeco Ryans was traded to Philadelphia, perhaps the most stunning move of all.

A quartet of Texans - tight end Owen Daniels, center Chris Myers, receiver Kevin Walter and backup

quarterback T.J. Yates - played in a pro-am event on Monday leading up to this week's Houston Open at Redstone. Walter, third on the team with 39

receptions in 2011, said he's not concerned that the team will have to rebuild chemistry with so many gaps to fill.

"We're going to miss a lot of those guys," Walter said. "I wish them the best of luck, and it's tough. They're key guys. But we've got guys who are going to step up and make plays, and we have a lot to look forward to. Next year is going to be core players in free agency. a lot of funl"

The Texans are coming off a breakthrough season that culminated in their first AFC South championship and first playoff victory. They lost in Baltimore in the divisional playoff then started losing

Williams, the top overall pick in the

2006 draft and Houston's career sacks leader, bolted for a big payday in Buffalo and right tackle Eric Winston landed in Kansas City after the Texans surprisingly cut him. Winston started every game for the Texans over the past five seasons and was a respected leader in the locker room.

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