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Veterans discuss higher education opportunities in first West Texas summit

Event concerned ways to help veterans, promote positivity

By EMILY REYES
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Military and Veterans Program hosted the first West Texas Veterans Higher Education Summit during an all-day event Wednesday at the McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center.

Topic discussions included institutional leadership and how West Texas colleges and universities serve veterans, the educational benefits that veterans are eligible to receive, academic experiences from student

and faculty perspectives and the services available through institutions to serve veterans who may be facing psychological crises or challenges.

The session featured keynote speaker David DiRamio, an associate professor of higher education from Auburn University.

Organizers of the summit wanted to provide a center for dialogue by connecting with those who are committed to serving veterans. According to a document provided by the MVP office, the center provides a place for veterans and faculty to develop net-

works, focus on specific challenges, present tailored strategies for those challenges and is a place for older veterans to share their experiences to ensure a positive outcome for veteran students.

The goal of the summit was to raise awareness of veterans' needs to promote a successful learning environment for veteran students.

Col. Samuel T. Studdard, commanding officer for the 8th Marine Corps district, opened with an introductory speech. He said educators need help to better understand

who veterans are and recognize the importance of incorporating veterans into a college environment. Studdard said veterans are valuable because they are service-oriented, have strong leadership and followership skills, are problem solvers to the highest degree, and have a global perspective, practical experience and maturity.

"I think their maturity manifests itself in their grades and how they study," he said. "They are going to make the best out of every opportunity they are given."

He said colleges and universities need to learn how to effectively incorporate veterans within campus

life, the classroom and institutions of higher education. With the volume of veterans leaving the service and the experiences they have had, veterans can provide our country with benefits.

"These folks are an untapped resource; they are a natural resource that we have," Studdard said. "They're smart, articulate and all we need to do is shape that resource a little bit and it will pay huge dividends to our country."

Studdard ended his introduction with a quote from the Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force.

"Human capital will determine power in the current century and the failure to produce that capital will undermine the ability of the U.S. to physically defend itself, protect its secure information, conduct diplomacy and grow its economy," he said.

Guest speakers for the institutional leadership panel included administrators from Tech and other institutions of higher education, including Lubbock Christian University, South Plains College in Levelland and Wayland Baptist University.

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Indiana professor discusses effects of global journalism

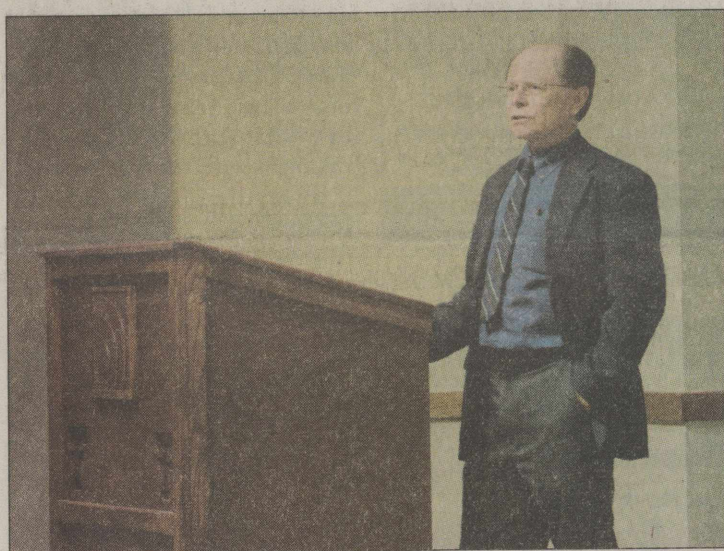


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DAVID WEAVER, PROFESSOR at the School of Journalism at Indiana University, speaks about global journalism in the Mass Communications building on Wednesday.

Mass Communications students learn about journalists around the world

By KRISTA LUCAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

David Weaver, a journalism professor at Indiana University, gave a presentation Wednesday about global journalism, to inform Texas Tech students about the lives of international reporters.

Weaver was introduced as a distinguished professor and Roy W. Howard Professor emeritus. His presentation, "Are U.S. Journalists Different? A Comparative Look at the Demographics, Role Perceptions and Ethical Values of Journalists around the World," and encouraged attendees to bring a lunch and join in on the conversation.

Tech journalism, advertising and photography professors were part of the audience, as well as several students from the College of Mass Communications.

The hour-long lecture discussed the newest edition of "The Global Journal-

ist in the 21st Century," which will be published in May.

Weaver said he — along with Lars Willnat — edited the book, which is comprised of 38 chapters updated from the original "Global Journalist," published in 1998.

Weaver said the global surveys on journalists from around the world were conducted from 2001 to 2010, with 31 nations polled.

"The big gap, the big hole, is Africa," he said. "We are hoping to have more research done on journalists in Africa."

Weaver discussed different demographics pertaining to worldwide journalists and said the average age of a journalist is 39 years old, with U.S. journalists being slightly older than the average found. He said though there are more women in journalism, they do not stay in careers as long as men, especially in the U.S.

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Bobble Bar



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

BOBBLE HEAD DOLLS are lined up on a table for students to pick out at a Tech Activities Board event Wednesday in the Student Union Building. After picking a bobble head, students got their pictures taken and printed, then placed the picture of their faces in the bobble head.

Tech Activities Board hosts new, different event for students

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
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Wednesday afternoon, the Tech Activities Board gave students a free opportunity to make their own bobble heads.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. students entered the basement level of the Student Union Building to construct their own bobble heads.

Kelcie Silva, a senior psychology major from Brownwood, said this was one of the many different free events TAB puts on for students.

"TAB is the Tech Activities Board and we put on free activities for the students," she said. "So, that ranges from movies, concerts, special programs and other different events for students to get involved in."

Vanessa Damos, a junior communication design major from Lubbock, said this was another TAB sponsored event through the SUB.

"This is the first time we've had this event on campus, so it was a little bit different," she said. "Usually we recycle through our most popular events, but this was something we hadn't done, so it was different."

The event started off hectic for those volunteering at the event, Damos said.

"We had 12 different types of bobble heads," she said. "We went through the more popular ones faster than we expected."

"We have different committees in TAB and the committee members bring event suggestions. This was one of the suggestions and I definitely think this was a new, cool thing to do."

Damos said she thinks the event will be back next year, but there is no guarantee.

"It just depends, because each year we have different daytime coordinators," she said. "This year, I'm the daytime coordinator. Next year, it'll be someone else."

John McCoughlin, owner of <http://campusnovelties.com>, provided the bobble heads and also took photos for the students to put into their bobble heads.

"We like to work with different campus activity boards and student governments where they bring us in for a contract day of free novelties," he said. "Today was bobble heads, but any given day it's a different novelty on a different campus."

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Veterans

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The veterans' educational benefits panel consisted of moderator Debbie Alexander, from Vernon College; Debra Crosby, representing the Texas Tech Veterans Association; Bernice Flett, the Hazlewood representative in the MVP office; Brandon Matthes, a senior analyst from the Texas Tech Health

Sciences Center; and Janet Pinto, the veterans' benefits coordinator from South Plains College.

The third panel discussed academic experiences from student and faculty perspectives. The guest speakers for this panel included veterans and members of the Tech School of Law.

The final panel spoke of the transition and general well-being of veterans enrolled in school. The panel included Denise Bartley, a psychologist at the

Lubbock VA Outpatient Clinic; Michael Jezzi and Eileen Nathan, both from the Tech Student Counseling Center; and Terry Waldren, a marriage and family therapist from the Lubbock Veterans' Center.

Brian Starr, executive vice president from Lubbock Christian University, provided a "small school" point of view. Starr said LCU provides for the well-being of veterans. He said LCU, as a small school, strives to give its students individual attention to ensure their success in education.

"We do try to do some things that will assist our veterans and ensure success," he said. "Our core value at LCU is student success. We try to meet students individually and make sure they are equipped for success."

Starr said LCU wants to live up to its destination as a military-friendly institution. He said veterans require special accommodations and LCU tries to integrate those needs into the classroom for veterans.

"Our desire is to never lower the bar, it is to make sure they are equipped for what they need in order to clear the bar. So, we try to take care of (students) one-on-one," he said.

Provost Robert Smith spoke on behalf of veteran students at Tech. He said one of the principles at the univer-



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

A PANEL OF experts review educational benefits from the national and state levels that veterans may be eligible for during the West Texas Veterans Higher Education Summit at the McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center on Wednesday. The panel included Brandon Matthes, Janet Pinto, Bernice Flett, Debbie Alexander, and was moderated by Debra Crosby.

sity is to promote interactive learning. Smith said active learning experiences are more intimate.

"We are committed to providing a range of services to assist our non-traditional students," he said. "That represents practically all of our veteran

students."

Smith said Tech strives to accommodate the needs for all students. He said the Tech community needs to address diversity at Tech in a non-traditional way.

"When we talk about diversity at

Texas Tech, we think very broadly," he said. "We need to think about the various backgrounds that all of our students bring to this mix; this wonderful living mosaic that we're trying to develop and continue to support here at Texas Tech."

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

ACROSS
1 Loathe
6 Poke into
11 "Blue Hawaii" prop
14 Rear
15 Houston hockey team
16 Frat letters
17 "Place for after-dinner courses"
19 Banned pesticide
20 Magic show reaction
21 Lots
22 "Orneria" author
23 Mystery writer John Dickson
25 "Repress"
27 Double puzzle type
30 German pronoun
31 When many Lyon Lions are born
32 Brownish purple
35 Certain commuter's aid
39 Utter
40 See 33-Down, and word that can precede the end of the answers to starred clues
42 Grinder
43 Uncredited actor
45 Yan Tseung's org.
46 Home of Miami University
47 Neighbor of Leb.
49 Never-ending
51 "Skating exhibitions"
56 Fertile Crescent land
57 Musty
58 Butter sources
60 American rival: Abbr.
63 "Fine Day": 1953 hit
64 "Delta's aptly named monthly"
66 Fly the coop
67 Stud
68 Assays
69 Like some looks
70 Put up
71 Sorority letters

DOWN
1 River of Tuscany
2 "Joanie Loves Chachi" co-star
3 Hearer of final appeals
4 "Kosh B'Gosh"
5 Comeback
6 Go to and fro
7 Post-op program
8 Maine campus town
9 Promotes
10 Immigrant's subj.
11 Excessive
12 Invasive Japanese vine
13 Prevent legally
18 What ad libbers ignore
22 Overabundance
24 Star
26 "My country, ..."
27 Horn, for one
28 Gravy thickener
29 Ringlet
33 With "and" and "across," emissions-reducing method whose first word (this answer) can follow the start of the answers to starred clues
34 Side
35 Burger follower
37 "Nessun dorma," e.g.
38 Combine, as assets
41 Using (up)
44 Fireplace powder
48 Chair on a porch
50 Fake
51 Fan club focuses
52 Township locale
53 She's not for you
54 "What did I do to deserve this?"
55 "Poison" plant assets
59 Harangue
61 Architectural pier
62 More, to a minimalist
64 Ella, across the Atlantic
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By Bill Thompson 4/12/12

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Obama campaign ready for a 'ramping up' on Mitt Romney

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the turmoil of the long primary season, President Barack Obama is right where he expected to be: taking on Mitt Romney and targeting him as a wishy-washy protector of the rich. With the November outcome likely to hinge on the economy, Obama will now engage more directly with the help of an experienced, well-financed campaign organization.

ferent feel on Wednesday, a true two-man race for the first time. Yet even as Republican Rick Santorum's withdrawal a day earlier changed the dynamic, beginning the general election in earnest, the contours of the Romney-Obama race had already become clear.

Both sides will keep pounding voters with ferocious arguments over who has the best vision for jobs, economic security and giving Americans a shot at a better life. In sharp and steady doses, directly or through aides, Obama and Romney will also accuse the other of being dishonest with voters and out-of-touch with their daily woes.

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Weaver ←

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Weaver said an average of 82 percent of journalists worldwide hold college degrees, but only about 45 percent majored in journalism.

"As you can see, from the demographics, it's difficult to talk about a global journalist," he said. "You know, a typical journalist from around the globe, because the ranges on a lot of these measures are very great."

Weaver also discussed several journalistic roles and said it is very important to report news quickly and objectively, with entertainment not being the main focus.

Weaver said many journalistic methods are viewed differently in other parts of the world.

"The only practice agreed upon was revealing confidential sources," he said.

Weaver then answered several questions from the audience. Dustin Hahn, a mass communications graduate student from Carterville, Ill., said he was excited to be able to see Weaver and to hear what he had to say about his findings.

"It was very interesting," Hahn said. "It's not what I do or what I'll probably end up doing, but it's very fascinating to see what he does and

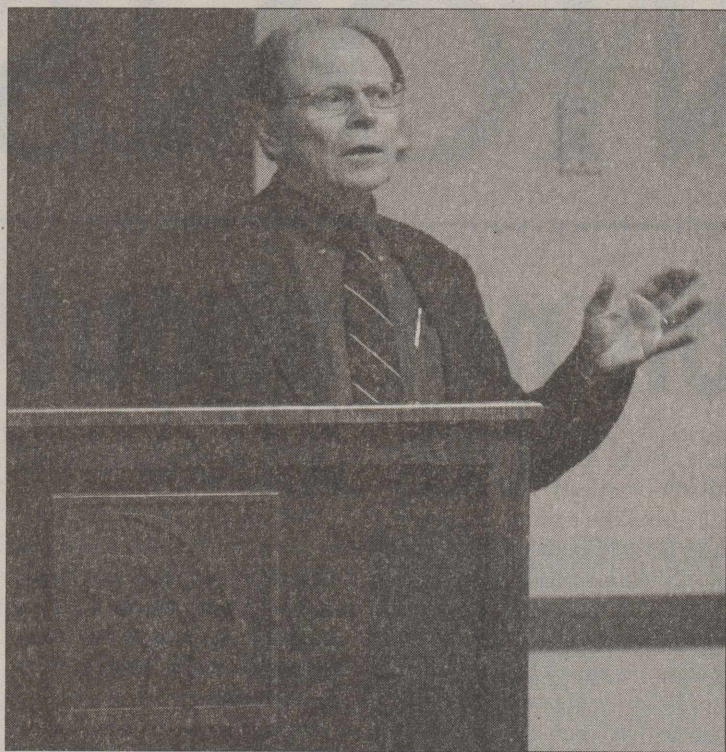


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how he does it. And the data, as you can see, is very impressive — to be able to get the kind of scope that he does, with the surveys and public communication around the world."

Weaver said the journalistic traditions, values and morals being used around the world are very different

overall, including with American journalists.

"Are U.S. journalists different?" Weaver said. "Yes, I think these findings raise the question of 'is there such a thing as a global journalist or global journalism?'"

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Planned Parenthood sues Texas over exclusion

AUSTIN (AP) — Eight Planned Parenthood organizations sued Texas on Wednesday for excluding them from participating in a program that provides contraception and check-ups to women, saying the new rule violates their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and association.

The groups, none of which provide abortions, contend in the federal lawsuit that a new state law banning organizations affiliated with abortion providers from participating in the Women's Health Program has nothing to do with providing medical care and is simply intended to silence individuals or groups who support abortion rights. Texas law already requires that groups receiving federal or state funding be legally and financially separate from clinics that perform abortions.

"The government cannot condition your participation in the health services on giving up your free speech," said Pete Shenkken, the plaintiffs' attorney, citing past U.S. Supreme Court rulings. The federal government has also cut funding to Texas over the issue, saying it violated federal law. It says the state law passed by conservative Republicans and signed by Gov. Rick Perry last year denies women the right to choose their health care providers.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which enforces the rule, issued a statement saying it believes the state was within its rights to pass the new law. Last month, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott sued the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services demanding that it restore off funding for the Women's Health program.

"Federal law gives states the right and responsibility to establish criteria for Medicaid providers, so we're on firm legal ground," the statement said. "We'll continue to work with the Attorney General's Office to fully enforce state law and continue federal funding for the Women's Health Program."

Republican lawmakers made it clear during last year's legislative session that their aim was to shut down as many Planned Parenthood groups as possible. The new law says that a health care provider that shares a name, common owner-

ship or a franchise agreement with any organization that provides elective abortions will be excluded from the program, regardless of whether the provider meets all medical standards.

Shenkken said the First and 14th Amendments of the Constitution prevent states from punishing groups for their political views or associations by excluding them from programs in which they are otherwise qualified to participate.

The Planned Parenthood groups have asked the federal court in Austin to block the state from enforcing the law before April 30, when those clinics would lose all funding under the new rule.

Patricio Gonzalez, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Hidalgo County, said his organization currently cares for 6,500 women and would have to shut down two or three of its four clinics if the rule is enforced. South Texas is home to some of the poorest women in the nation.

"We are the largest health care provider for women in our region," he said. "We know there aren't any other providers in the region that can absorb 6,500 women as of May 1."

The Department of Health and Human Services has said it will try to recruit additional health care providers to make up for those lost under the new rule.

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PATRICIO GONZALEZ
CEO
PLANNED PARENTHOOD

US counters drug smugglers in Mexican newspapers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The war on drugs is going to the classified sections of Mexican newspapers.

Smugglers have long advertised work as security guards, housecleaners and cashiers, telling applicants they must drive company cars to the United States. They aren't told the cars are loaded with drugs.

Starting this week, U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement began buying ad space in Tijuana newspapers to warn jobseekers they might be unwitting pawns.

"Why don't we do the same thing that (cartels are) doing? It's successful for them. Why wouldn't it be successful for us?" Lester Hayes, a group supervisor for ICE in San Diego, recalls his agents telling him.

There have been 39 arrests since February 2011 at San Diego's two border crossings tied to the ads for seemingly legitimate jobs, according to ICE, which hadn't seen such significant numbers before.

Those arrests have yielded 3,400 pounds of marijuana, 75 pounds of cocaine and 100 pounds of methamphetamine — a tiny fraction of total seizures but enough to convince U.S. authorities that smugglers are increasingly turning to the recruitment technique.

Drug smugglers always look to exploit weak links along the 1,954-mile border, even if the window of opportunity is brief. In the past several years, they have turned to makeshift boats on the Pacific Ocean and ultralight aircraft in the deserts of California and Arizona. In the San Diego area, there has been a spike in teenagers strapping drugs to their bodies to walk across the border from Tijuana.

Some suddenly popular techniques are limited to particular pockets of the border. ICE has not spotted significant spikes in newspaper ads outside of San Diego.

Ads that authorities connect to drug smugglers appear innocuous. They

offer work in the United States — an invitation that only people who can cross the border legally need apply — with a phone number and sometimes a location to apply in person.

New hires are told to drive company cars across the border, typically to a fast-food restaurant or shopping center in San Diego, according to ICE. When they arrive, they are often told there will be no work after all that day and must leave the car and walk back to Mexico after being paid a small amount.

The drivers are typically paid \$50 to \$200 a trip — much less than the \$1,500 to \$5,000 that seasoned smugglers are typically paid for such trips, Hayes said.

The tactic lowers expenses for drug traffickers and also lures drivers who are less likely to appear nervous when questioned by a border inspector because they are never told they are ferrying drugs, said Millie Jones, an assistant special agent in charge of investigations for ICE in San Diego.

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Eastham investigation not about Leach

Yet again, the Mike Leach issue just won't go away. But this time, neither football nor Leach himself has anything to do with it.

Last Thursday's edition of *The Daily Toreador* featured an article regarding an investigation by Texas Tech alumnus Lynn Eastham into the university's quest for tier-one status. The article clearly advanced the notion that Leach is behind it all.

I find the article to be a sad excuse for journalism. Interviewing Lyle Setench, the former defensive coordinator fired by Leach, was utterly deplorable. Setench has no relation to this issue whatsoever. The only thing he could possibly add to the story is to provide his very biased, anti-Leach opinion.

Therefore, Setench's assertion that Leach is behind the investigation has absolutely no credibility. What's worse, Chancellor Kent Hance's statement immediately followed, stating that "someone" is behind the investigation, creating the impression that Leach is indeed behind it.

Andrew Gleinser



The problem with this notion is the timing. Why would Leach be doing this now? He has a full-time job at Washington State University. If he wanted to dig up all this dirt, why didn't he do it during the two years in-between jobs? It makes absolutely no sense.

Throwing Team Leach under the bus also stains the article. Just because one of the people involved in the investigation has been associated with Team Leach does not mean that the entire organization is behind it.

The investigation is really about an alumnus who feels the Tech administration does not have the best interests of the university at heart. Eastham is looking for truth and accountability from those who run his alma mater, which is something that has been missing lately.

Leach's firing is just the poster child for the abundant distrust of the administration. People can point to the controversial Raider Park scandal, Hance's work to turn West Texas into the nation's toilet by placing a nuclear waste dump atop the Ogallala Aquifer and to the overall politicization of the administration.

The circumstances surrounding Leach's firing certainly don't help either. The damning emails between administrators regarding using the entirely bogus Adam James story to fire Leach, have come to light. Also, Tech's strategy of covering behind sovereign immunity in its legal battles with Leach shows that the administration has something to hide.

With regards to the investigation, there really is no reason for

people to be so upset. We should all want honesty and transparency from the administration. If they are being completely honest, the investigation will simply prove that. If there is deceit and wrongdoing, then the Texas Tech community needs to know.

The only reason this investigation is such a big deal is because of articles like the one previously mentioned. Dragging Leach and Team Leach into the equation only serves to increase interest and readership. Whether or not they are actually involved matters very little. Perception is everything.

Because of stories like these, some people will see the investigation as nothing more than a huge conspiracy by Leach and his supporters to bring down Texas Tech. This only serves to further

divide an already fractured and bitter fan base.

One only needs to read the comments on the web posting of that article to see how bad things truly are. Some fans have a deep hatred of Team Leach and resort to perpetuating the baseless myth that its members are a group of uneducated Leach employees who seek only to destroy Texas Tech.

Stories like these are the reason for such hatred. In the absence of fair and objective journalism, some readers will take what is reported as the truth while others will see through the lies and form their own opinions. Those who trust the news will see the naysayers as crazy, while the naysayers will see those who trust the news as gullible sheep. This is essentially the rift that we see among Red Raiders today.

If a truly objective report regarding the rift surfaced, it would note that the "Leachers" simply feel that Leach was wrongly fired, that the administration greatly abused its powers, that Leach should be paid what he is owed and that those who conspired

to fire Leach should be brought to justice. They do not wish ill upon Texas Tech, but instead want a new administration to restore honor and integrity to the campus.

However, such a report will not materialize because the Leach vs. Texas Tech saga gets attention, so if a connection can be made, regardless of how much of a reach that connection might be, then it will be made. Because of this, I encourage all readers to heed my advice.

No one is trying to destroy this university. Leach and his supporters want justice, not revenge. The administration has already done more damage to Tech than Team Leach could do, even if it wanted to. Mud slinging and the perpetuation of lies only hurt the community even more. With a little more truth and respect, perhaps we can begin to mend this once-proud fan base.

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Sec. Clinton redefining diplomacy

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Hillary Clinton has been an outstanding secretary of state.

During her tenure, Clinton has enjoyed high approval ratings nationally and has been welcomed with general acclaim by the international community.

She has been innovative in guiding the trajectory of the U.S. State Department and has refocused it strategically to adapt to 21st century challenges. Hopefully, after she steps down in January, the next secretary of state will continue the innovation and progress that Clinton began.

Secretary Clinton has performed exceptionally as a senior advisor and has successfully implemented President Barack Obama's "pivot" toward the Asia-Pacific region.

Equally important has been her success in accomplishing what her former senior advisor and Princeton U. professor Anne-Marie Slaughter refers to as a "pivot to the people." No longer must diplomacy be relegated to the highest reaches

of power. In the interconnected world of Twitter, Facebook and other forms of social media, diplomacy can take place at the personal level.

The importance of this recognition cannot be overstated as Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Syria have shown the need for a more personal diplomacy.

In Afghanistan, diplomacy means reaching tribal leaders and local councils to ensure humanitarian aid, education and health services are distributed properly.

In many parts of the world, there may not be dialogue with those in power, but there is always an opportunity for dialogue with the people. The spread of technology has given the average person a voice like never before, and a State De-

partment that recognizes these shifts in power and utilizes current technology is a State Department ready to meet the demands of this generation.

To this end, Clinton has undertaken a bureaucratic shake-up by creating the "super-office" of Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights. This office was the result of the first-ever Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, or the QDDR, of the U.S. State Department — a review that was the brainchild of Clinton.

Referencing their own findings, the QDDR stated, "The QDDR recognized the need to elevate civilian power, namely to strengthen institutions that address today's transnational threats, promote stability and advance American national security."

The work this super-office has done has been far-reaching and has included using social media to connect with citizens in hostile countries, partnering to create ways to anonymously report violence in Mexico and connecting young entrepreneurs in the North African countries to mentorship organizations and training, in addition to a host of other civilian-focused diplomacy.

Stopping violence in Mexico involves more than extending counter-narcotic aid. It involves turning every citizen with a cell phone into a cop on the beat

who can actively change his or her community.

In places like North Africa, where the majority of the population is under 25, connecting young entrepreneurs to training empowers and develops the youth. A youth population with jobs and a future is a youth population less likely to turn to extremism. Clinton's innovative policy has therefore increased U.S. diplomatic depth.

Part of this pivot to the people has been a concerted push for children and women's rights, which has included reaching out to women and children in disparate places. This initiative has involved training teachers, openly advocating for women's rights and working to reduce gaps between men and women in development assistance. The advancement of women's rights is now at the core of U.S. foreign policy.

Speaking on the matter in a recent interview in *The Economist*, Clinton highlighted the tangible ties between growth parameters and women's rights, commenting that "denial of basic rights [for women] means that the society as a whole fails to modernize, fails to progress."

Making women's rights a centerpiece of international policy is an important step forward in diplomacy. You can easily guess the prosperity of a country by observing how women are treated in society.

Come January, Secretary Clinton will hang up her pantsuit and take a well-deserved break from the public sector. Over the last three years, she has set the State Department on a fantastic course. Whoever becomes the next secretary of state will have some big pumps to fill.

“In the interconnected world of Twitter, Facebook ... diplomacy can take place at the personal level.”

Dislike: Facebook acquires Instagram

By **ALEX ANTONETZ**
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

In yet another act of wasteful money wasting, Facebook announced it would purchase the image-sharing application Instagram for a whopping \$1 billion Monday.

Let me share my overwhelming enthusiasm.

Cough.

I have long denounced Instagram as a platform for iPhone (and now Android) owners to take a vapid photo of a cloud or a tree and throw some kind of sepia-toned filter or a crappy blur tool over it in an attempt to make it look a lot cooler than it actually does. While that's not what everyone does, that's what a lot of people do, and it's infuriating.

Blowing that up and allowing Facebook's more than 845 million users the chance to do that is a scary thought. I'm already planning my strategy on whose updates to hide on my timeline.

Instagram is an app more descriptive as being for hipsters, even if the vast majority of the photos I see from my Instagram friends are of themselves at a bar with friends. There's really no point in applying a filter that makes it look like the photo was taken on an old Polaroid camera when it's just a photo of you so drunk that your brain is struggling to keep your left eyelid open.

With Facebook dropping more money on this deal than the gross

domestic products of some small countries, I can't help but think that money would be better spent somewhere else. There are millions of starving people around the world who have no concept of the X-Pro II filter. They just want some soup.

At any given time during the day, my Facebook timeline is flooded with photos of corny quotes about love, something making fun of (politician who represents the party I don't support's name here), and "jokes" that appeal to the lowest common denominator, such as something witty like, "I just don't like you because you're stupid."

It's not exactly clear what, if anything, will change about Instagram with its new partnership, but if it means seeing photos of quotes saying "I'm with stupid" in sepia tone, count me out.

“Let me share my overwhelming enthusiasm. Cough.”

Instagram does have its benefits. It was a perfectly apt platform to share photos with your friends without the extraneous frills of Facebook. In that sense, I liked it. I just can't really tolerate the lackluster "photographers" who get a little too carried away with the filters.

I don't mean to sound like a pretentious curmudgeon, but I'm afraid of what a potential Facebook partnership could mean to Instagram. Instagram has its benefits, if you forget about all the faux-photographers who use it. It's simple and easy, but if Facebook is going to throw your Spotify updates and what article you just read from the Washington Post on there, you can count me out.

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Club hosts presentation, discussion about 'Kony2012' video campaign

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Invisible Children's viral video "Kony2012" has sparked debate, controversy and discussion across the country and world.

Texas Tech's Office of International Affairs and The International Medicine Club for The School of Medicine hosted a presentation and discussion of "Kony2012" at noon Wednesday at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Michelle McClelland, vice president of the International Medicine Club, presented historical background on Uganda and its government, as well as on Invisible Children, the organization that created the viral video.

McClelland said Invisible Children started with three filmmakers who went to Africa looking for a story to tell. When they stumbled upon Uganda, they found a war where children were used as weapons.

McClelland, a second-year medical student from Mesquite, showed a short timeline of Uganda's dictators and the wars the country has fought.

When Joseph Kony appeared on the timeline, McClelland explained that Kony is the head of the Lord's Resistance Army, a militant group that claims to be able to speak to God. The LRA has recruited thousands of child soldiers to fight its war against the Ugandan government.

Because the LRA is using children as soldiers, she said, Invisible Children created the video "Kony2012."

After the historical background of Uganda, its government, Kony and the LRA, McClelland urged everyone to watch part two of the "Kony2012" video, where, she said, Invisible Children address its critics, including the Ugandan government.

She said the Ugandan government addressed the video by saying, "Uganda is no longer a war zone."

Sharing the "Kony2012" video on social media sites helped lead to 84 million views in one week, McClelland said.

After the presentation was complete, one audience member asked where the money donated to Invisible Children goes and what people can do to help the cause.

McClelland said the organization says in its mission statement that its main goal is to bring awareness to the problems in Uganda, meaning whatever they need to do to spread awareness, they should do. McClelland also suggested sharing the video, calling a representative or donating money to the cause.

"I think this is one of those things that if you have a moral standing," she said, "and I put that in there because some people don't — let's get real — but if you see one thing as bad and another as good, and you don't look at this situation and think, 'Oh, my God, children are being mutilated and made sex slaves and forced to be guerrilla warriors,' and you don't think, 'Man, I wish we could do something' — then don't get involved; don't worry about it."

"But, if you hear that story and you think there is something you can do, all it takes is one phone call. I'm not asking them to give money. I'm not asking to lead a revolution. This is something that people worldwide can get involved in that can have a very

significant outcome."

One audience member, Katy Britten, said she has done mission work in Uganda and enjoyed the presentation.

"I think (McClelland) did a good job of covering the history and giving some insight into what the history is and how that progression has led to their current situation," said the second year medical student from Groom, "and not necessarily just looking at the problems, but giving some insight into how other countries have worked with similar problems and how that can be applied in Uganda."

While doing mission work in Uganda, Britten said, she got the chance to interview people "who were lucky enough to get out of the LRA," and she was able to see the effects it had on them.

Another audience member, Karen Luk, said her reaction after seeing the "Kony2012" video was like most people — she was shocked and had no idea of what was happening in Uganda.

She said presentations like McClelland's are good because they give students an insight.

"It's always great to have these kind of events since we're all kind of in our little bubbles, in class," said the second year medical student from San

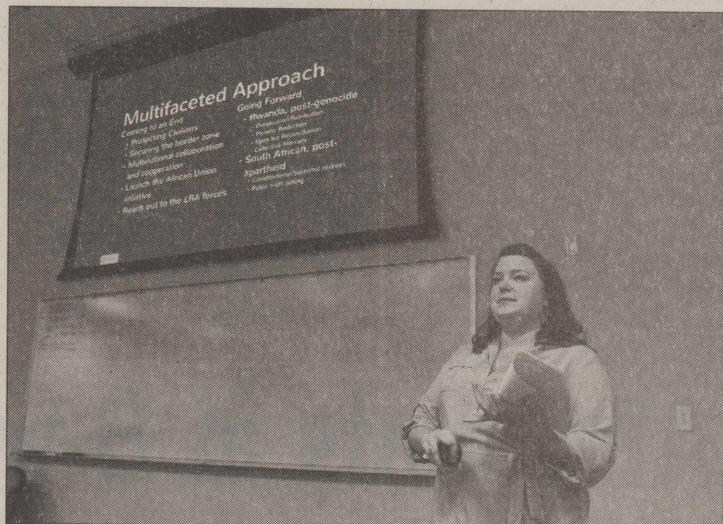


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MICHELLE MCCLELLAND, A second year medical student from Mesquite, speaks about Joseph Rao Kony, the head of the Ugandan guerrilla group the Lord's Resistance Army, at the Health Sciences Center on Wednesday.

Antonio, "but, there's still a lot going on outside in the world and it's important to educate ourselves about what's going on. Even though, there's maybe not a whole lot we can do directly, right now, but just to continue to be aware and learn more about things. So, perhaps in the future, wherever we are, we can try to incorporate it into whatever we're doing."

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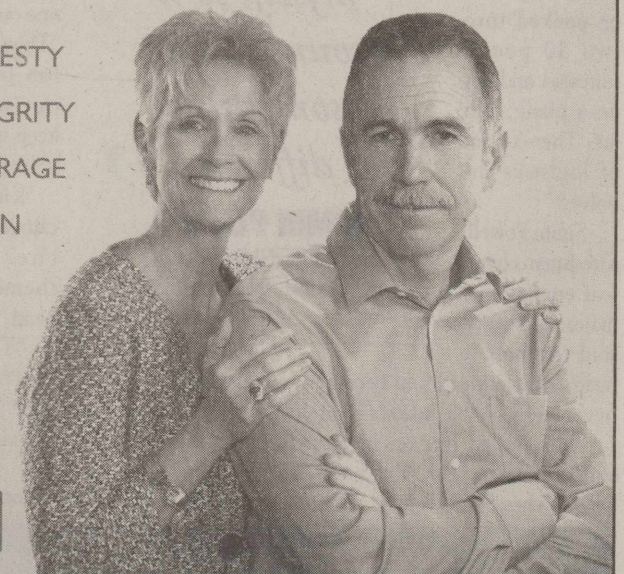
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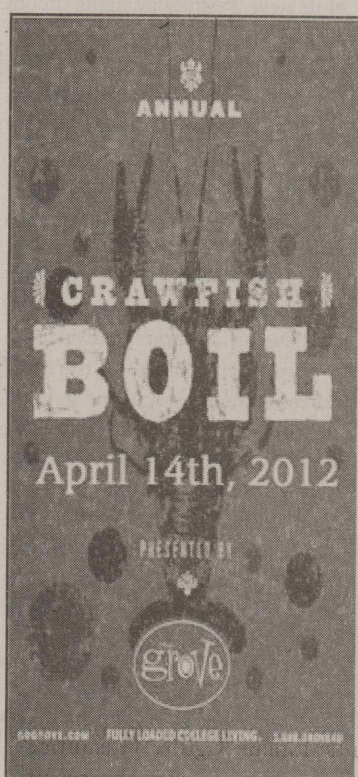
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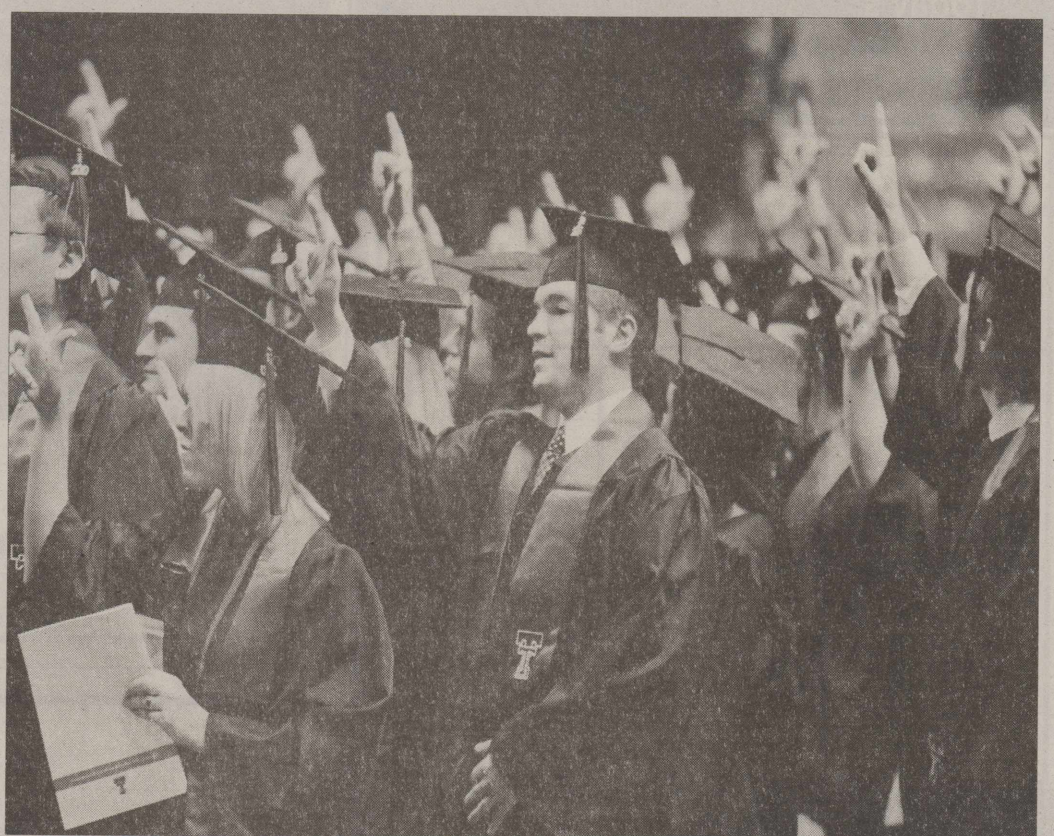
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Water walk to help raise money for building African well in Swaiziland

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When a Texas Tech student gets thirsty, he or she can usually find a water fountain, Coke or coffee around any corner. In Africa, the case is quite different. Many families have to search hours, just for water. Tonight, a walk will be hosted to try to change that. Nicole Amos will be hosting the event, called "The Water Games" with DoSomething.org, in hopes of

building a well in Swaiziland. If 15,000 people participate in the project, nationwide, The Thirst Project will build a well. Amos said she has been trying to draw interest to the cause for a long time now, but she had never been able to really get the ball rolling. When she saw this opportunity to help, she jumped on it. "I've been interested in water issues for, probably, the last three years," said Amos, a freshman psychology major from San An-

tonio. "I never knew what to do about it." The walk will be hosted at Urbanovsky Park and will have participants walking three to four miles to gain a better understanding of what people in third world countries have to go through. This is the average distance from most villages to their water source, Amos said. During the walk, students will learn about the hardship faced by communities without water and a bucket will be passed around to

simulate the situation even more, said Chris Shockey, a freshman mechanical engineering and math major from San Antonio. "It's so (participants) can grasp what these people have to go through, just to get water," Amos said. Walkers are invited to wear blue to show unity and raise awareness, Amos said. The main focus is on awareness, since the walk is not asking for donations, only participation. "Someone else is going to

build the well just because you committed your time," Shockey said. "It's a rare opportunity." There are many organizations trying to accomplish these sorts of things, he said, but this offers a chance for students to help out as individuals. According to the website, the event comes from the idea of the book series "The Hunger Games" in which game participants must fight to survive. In "The Water Games," participants realize how many people are struggling every

day for their needs. So far, the total number of participants for the entire campaign is around 7,000 walkers, less than half of the goal. "Part of college is branching out ... and learning what is important to you," Amos said. "This is something I find very important and I think my peers would too." The walk will begin at 6 p.m. at Urbanovsky Park. >>>hadvis@dailytoreador.com

Bobble Head

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McCoughlin said that during the semester, it's typical to find him living out of a suitcase. "There's definitely a lot of travel and it gets a little hectic," he said. "Everything here with me today will be packed into two 50 pound suitcases and get on a plane with me. There's a lot of logistics involved." Simm Powell, a freshman chemical engineering major from Katy, said the bobble head event enticed him because he's never had a bobble head of himself. "It sounded like an interesting experience," he said. "I've never had a bobble head of myself, so it sounded

like something interesting." Powell said there was an interesting ethnic diversity among the bobble heads. Gage King, a freshman pre-dental major from Aledo, said he thinks TAB typically does a good job of picking interesting events that attract students. "I hadn't been to many of the TAB events so I wanted to check one out," he said. "They do a good job of picking out events to keep students involved." King said he chose to make the soldier themed bobble head. "They didn't really have much to choose from and it seemed patriotic," he said. "It was fun, though, especially since it was free." >>>mdpont@dailytoreador.com

"I've never had a bobble head of myself, so it sounded like something different."

SIMM POWELL
FRESHMAN
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ABC hints at B-word in new shows

LOS ANGELES (AP) — B doesn't just stand for broadcasting at ABC. The network uses the letter as an abbreviation for "bitch" in the title of its new Wednesday night sitcom "Don't Trust the B---- in Apt. 23." ABC's prime-time soap "GCB" is based on the book "Good Christian Bitches," although it says the B actually stands for "belles." Both shows, which are about women and aimed at female audiences, may have started out with the complete B-word in their titles, but the network abbreviated it before introducing the shows to advertisers. Paul Lee, president of the ABC Entertainment Group, said in January that "on broadcast television, as it turns out, that isn't a word you want to use in the title." Broadcast standards allow the word on TV, and its use has tripled in the last decade, but these are the first American shows to tease with B's in their titles.

Is it just coincidence? A hip reclaiming of the word? A blatant attention grab? Or could it reflect something more telling, given the current climate of political rhetoric challenging reproductive rights: a linguistic representation of backsliding efforts toward gender equality? No ABC executives were available to answer these questions, but experts in media, language and women's issues say yes to almost all of the above. "Obviously, they're using it to be polarizing and controversial and attention-getting. Why else would you use that word?" asks Erin M. Fuller, president of the Alliance for Women in Media. "I don't think we're in a time where that word is a celebration of women." Especially when politically, "birth control has been reopened as an issue for the first time in decades," said Erin Matson, action vice president for the National Organization for Women. "There's a frightening

commonality between what you see on TV, in entertainment, and in Congress, where the war on women is being led: The conversation is being driven almost exclusively by men." "GCB" is based on a novel by Kim Gatlin, who serves as the lone female writer on the show. Starring Kristen Chenoweth and Leslie Bibb, "GCB" satirizes female stereotypes and the hypocrisy of devout, grown-up mean girls in a wealthy Dallas church-going community. In one episode, Chenoweth's character declares, "Cleavage makes your cross hang straight." "Don't Trust the B---- in Apt. 23" stars Krysten Ritter as an unpredictable New York live-wire who bullies her naive Midwestern roommate. Created by Nahatchka Khan, one of three women credited on the writing team of six, the show seems to take stereotypes to heart (at least in the first two episodes): A woman who seems sweet and

helpful at first glance is really an untrustworthy snake who's friendly with men and cruel to women, stealing her roommate's money in one episode and sleeping with her fiancé in the next. "It's very clear that she's actually a sociopath," says Andi Zeisler, co-founder and editorial director of Bitch Magazine. "It's not like here's a strong, confident woman and she's head bitch in charge. She's actually a sociopath and she treats people horribly." The B-word was rarely heard on TV when Bitch Magazine began in 1996. Founders of the feminist pop-culture magazine "were reacting to the idea of bitch as this go-to gendered insult in a world of very feasible and accessible gender-neutral ways of saying you don't like what someone is doing," Zeisler said. ABC is using the term the old-fashioned way. "Their intention was never to really reclaim the word," she said.

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Woodruff was nearly killed by a roadside bomb in 2006 while covering the war in Iraq for ABC News. His foundation supports war veterans who are returning to civilian life. "He's been very deeply

moved by what needs to be done to further this mission of ours and our foundation," Woodruff said of Gaffigan during a phone interview before leaving on assignment for ABC News in North Korea.

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Tech breaks nine-game losing streak against Longhorns

By MATT VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

A three-run home run by Raven Richardson and a solid pitching performance by freshman ace Cara Custer helped the Red Raiders knock off on their in-state rival Texas Longhorns 5-2 Tuesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The win snapped a nine-game losing streak against Texas, which dates back to March 27, 2008, when Tech pulled off a narrow 5-4 victory in Lubbock. It also matches the win total in Big 12 Conference play from last season.

The win solidified his pre-season predictions of the team playing well against top competition, Tech head coach Shanon Hays said.

"We'd have a chance to beat anyone we've played as long as we get good pitching performances," he said, "and obviously Cara (Custer) went out and gave us a chance to win, and you gotta score runs to win, and obviously one big hit is what it takes in games like this."

Tech broke through and got the better of Longhorns ace Blaire Luna who tormented the Red Raiders in their first meeting in Austin on March 6 — throwing a scoreless game while striking out eight batters. The loss marks Luna's second of the season; her first was against California on March 15. The Golden Bears are currently number one in the nation.

The Longhorns got the scoring started in the first with a Nadia Taylor RBI single to bring in Lexi Bennett, the school's all-time leader in RBIs and recently third overall draft pick by the

Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch.

Texas would score another run in the third by a Bennett RBI double, putting the Longhorns up 2-0.

After three scoreless innings, Tech finally got on the scoreboard with a Raven Richardson a three-run shot to left field bringing in Holley Gentsch and Kermitria Ward to put the Red Raiders up 3-2.

"It felt really good. I've been kinda in a slump the past two series up against OU and UT too," Richardson said. "The first at bat I wasn't waiting for my pitch, and then the second one, and then the third just saw it down — good things happen."

In the fifth inning, Cydney Allen hit a RBI single to put Tech up 4-2. A batter later, Gentsch was walked to put Tech in bases loaded scenario. The final run for Tech came off Ward drawing a walk to bring in a runner.

Custer staved off the attempted Longhorn rally by striking out

three straight batters in both the sixth and seventh inning. She finished the game with a total four strikeouts and lowered her ERA to 2.14.

"I think once we got more runs," she said, "I just got more relaxed and more confident in myself in hitting my spots and my drop ball — I worked on it back there with Brittany (Talley) and I think that was the key."

The Red Raiders look to use this win as momentum while preparing for the series against the No. 9 ranked Missouri, who also boast another top ranked pitcher in Chelsea Thomas.

"They're all big wins of course," Hays said, "and momentum is huge, for sure, in any sport. What I told these girls after the game is it's a win; we should win these games and you try to stay away from the mentality like 'Yippee, we beat Texas or OU.' We try to have the mentality that we go and should have a chance to win every game."

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Tech bats get rolling late to pick up win

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
MANAGING EDITOR

It was a slow start for the Red Raider bats in the early going, as they struggled to pick up a hit — let alone a run — in the first few innings.

However, the Texas Tech offense got rolling later on to help the Red Raiders cruise to a 7-1 victory against Dallas Baptist on Wednesday afternoon.

The win was a big boost for the team, Tech head coach Dan Spencer said, and the pitching came through to help the Red

Raiders pick up the win.

"I think, you know, very good team win," he said. "A lot of good things happened. We got a great start from Rusty (Shellhorn) and the bullpen did a nice job."

Making his fifth start of the season, Shellhorn shut down DBU's bats by shutting out the Patriots in all five innings of work, while giving up just three hits.

However, DBU's starting pitcher matched Shellhorn pitch for pitch. Freshman Jay Calhoun also threw five innings of scoreless ball while allowing three hits.

Despite Tech's inability to plate any runs while he was on the mound, Shellhorn said, he knew the bats would come through eventually and he was glad he could keep the team in it by not allowing the Patriots to get on the board.

"It was really nice to go up there and throw up some zeros, just to kinda keep the team in the game," he said, "and I wasn't too worried that it would come around. We have a lot of good bats, so it was just a good compete day. I feel good about it."

After both teams got into their bullpens, it was DBU who jumped on the new pitcher first.

In the top of the sixth, after a leadoff triple, left fielder Ronnie Mitchell knocked the first run of the game to welcome new Tech pitcher Aaron Corwin to the game.

However, after that hit, Corwin, combined with Ben Flora, Andrew Wheeler and Shane Broyles, kept the Patriots off the board for the final four innings



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH CATCHER Bo Altobelli slides back into first base during the fourth inning against Dallas Baptist on Wednesday at Rip Griffin Park. The Red Raiders defeated the Patriots 7-1.

and only allowed four more hits during that span.

This strong performance out

of the Tech bullpen, along with the bats coming alive late, helped guide the Red Raiders to the win.

After seeing the Patriots put up their first run of the game in the sixth, Tech responded in the bottom half of the inning by putting up two runs to take the lead back on some clutch hitting. With two outs in the inning, Bryant Bursleson and Jordan Lopez came up with back-to-back RBI singles to give Tech the 2-1 advantage.

It was in the seventh inning, though, that the Red Raiders put themselves in a good position to win.

Off of DBU's second reliever of the night, Michael Smith, the Red Raiders knocked in four runs to extend their lead to 6-1.

The team had a good scouting

report for Smith, Barnes — who went 2 for 4 on the night with three RBIs — said, and Tech capitalized from the things it knew about him.

"The book said he went 10 out of 13 pitches with sliders against Oklahoma State," he said, "so we went up there sitting on that, expecting it, and he went by the book, and he went straight to his slider and we were sitting on it."

Tech brought in an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth with a sacrifice fly to give the Red Raiders plenty of breathing room with a 7-1 lead.

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