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Tech goes green as Arbor Day approaches

University works to increase sustainability

By CAROLYN HECK
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Texas Tech is planning future ways to increase sustainability and meet the need to go green as the semester wraps up and Arbor Day draws closer.

It has been a successful year, so far, in conservation and sustainability, said Allison Marble, the sustainability coordinator for Tech.

"Right now, one of the bigger things is our recycling efforts," she said. "For the fiscal year of 2011, we recycled 385 tons. And, obviously, the fiscal year of 2012 isn't over yet, but we're on track to recycle even more than that."

According to the Physical Plant's website, 2011's 385 tons is 40 tons more than what was recycled for 2010. Other resources saved in the 2011 fiscal year included 6545 trees, 146,300 gallons of oil, 269,500 gallons of water and 2,992,999 kilowatts of electricity.

Other efforts have been made by Tech to save on resources as well, Marble said.

"Another thing is the University Parking Services," she said, "by them going to the e-permit system, they're saving time and resources, and they're prevent-

ing 65,000 hang tags from being printed, which saves money. It saves paper; it saves the resources used to distribute those."

Tech has also recently joined the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, she said, and now any student or staff member with a Tech email address can create an account on the AASHE website.

Students will be able to talk on message boards with other students from universities that are also members of AASHE, she said, as well as look at information about their sustainability efforts.

According to the Student Union and Activities website, Tech is hosting its annual Arbor Day event April 27.

The day is one of the biggest in terms of sustainability, Marble said.

"The biggest event that will happen, and probably the last for this semester, will be Arbor Day," she said, "which is a big event for Tech, historically. And also, grounds maintenance has said that whenever people participate in Arbor Day, it can save them roughly around 3,500 man-hours by the student organizations participating in that."

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Graduate Expo



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TOP: CAMERON WATERS, a sophomore biology major from Clovis, N.M., and Stephen Velez, a sophomore nutrition major from Alamogordo, N.M., look at a graduate student's poster about calcite crystals at the Graduate School Fair on Wednesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. ABOVE: Tan Tran, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Saigon, Vietnam, talks with Nigel Pierce, a recruiter for the University of Texas Graduate School, about the school.

Tech graduate fair provides undergraduates with future opportunities

By KRISTA LUCAS
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The Texas Tech Undergraduate Research Conference continued with the Graduate School Fair on Wednesday, with more than 20 graduate schools and representatives attending.

The Graduate School Fair took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Graduate fair representatives included various departments from Tech, as well as ones from Abilene Christian University, Tarleton State University, University of North Texas, University of Tulsa and University of Texas at Austin.

The fair also gave students the chance to interact with organizations like Kaplan Test Prep and the Journal of Student Research.

The center's Facebook page has provided a list of school attendees and offered a \$2,000 graduate

school test prep certificate raffle drawing from the Princeton Review.

Students from many different schools within Tech attended the fair, including Donna Balderas, an animal science business major from Balmorhea. She said it was her first time attending a graduate school fair.

"I'm finding it really interesting," Balderas said, "because I don't know about all of this stuff."

Even though there were graduate schools from other places, Balderas said Tech still caught her eye the most.

"The ones that are getting my attention are the animal science department ones," she said, "and I'm seeing that most of them are here from Tech for grad school. So, either way, Tech is still looking good for grad school."

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Tech law school announces new editors-in-chief

The Texas Tech School of Law has announced the editors-in-chief for its five publications, *Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal*; *Journal for Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law*; *Texas Bank Lawyer*; *Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal*; and *Texas Tech Law Review*.

Brady Behrens was named editor-in-chief for the *Texas Tech Law Review*; Taylor Spalla was named editor-in-chief of the *Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal*; Torrie Taylor was named the editor-in-chief of the *Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal*; John McIntyre is the third-year student editor of *The Texas Bank Lawyer*; and Marshall Meringola will be the editor-in-chief of the *Journal for Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law*.

Occupy Lubbock site moved again

The site for Occupy Lubbock has been moved for the second time in one month.

According to the Occupy Lubbock Facebook page, the City of Lubbock removed equipment from the site, a half block south from its former location because it was set up too close to the street.

Occupy Lubbock's original site was located at the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue — which they had occupied since last November — before occupiers were notified by the Lubbock Department of Parks and Recreation in March that they would have to move because of scheduled maintenance.

Reasons made by city officials for the most recent move were that the Occupy tents were interfering with public right-of-way, which cannot be blocked.

A post from the Occupy Lubbock Facebook page said members are in the process of retrieving their equipment from city storage and they will call a meeting in the near future to decide their next course of action.

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Tech Softball, Sports



A grand slam by Sandy James and a game-ending catch by Ashley Hamada leads Tech to an 8-6 victory against the Aggies.

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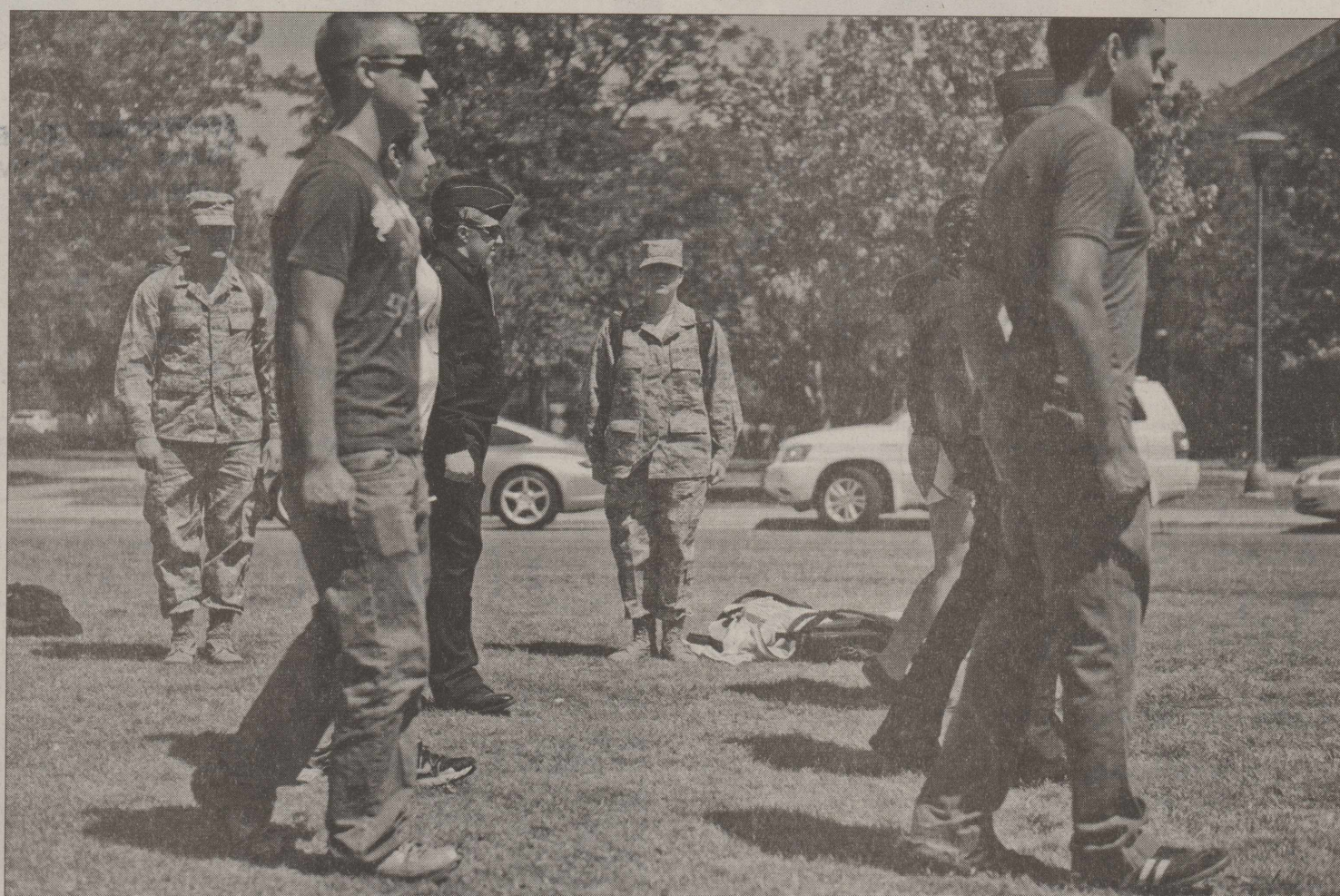


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SARA HIDINGER, A sophomore nursing major and Air Force ROTC cadet from Colleyville, leads a group of fellow cadets in drill and ceremonies practice Wednesday at the Engineering Key.

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Student organizations can sign up on the website for a spot to plant. The event starts at 11 a.m. with Seeds for Needs. Free food and free t-shirts with a Tech ID will be offered until 1 p.m. Fallen Riveria will play live at the event, followed by student organization awards. Planting will begin at 1:20 p.m. and will last until 3 p.m.

Barbara Howe, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Grapevine, said she will be representing her organization, the High Riders, on Arbor Day, and she looks forward to socializing with other organizations.

"I think it's nice," she said. "It's fun to plant anything, and you get to meet new groups around you and I

think it is good to give maintenance a break too."

George Mutua, a junior petroleum major from Kenya, said he remembers having to plant a tree once every two months in his home country and he believes sustainability is very beneficial.

Nicholas Lamy, president of the Residence Halls Association and the Clean Up The Environment Club, said the CUTE Club would have a spot to plant this year as well.

"I mean it's just one of those programs that is just really fun," he said, "and there's a lot of excitement tied to it and it's a really good way to advertise sustainability without directly advertising it, I guess."

Lamy said he thinks Tech has made great strides toward a more sustainable campus, including the installation of recycling bins throughout all of campus housing.

"They're not made of plastic or built too aesthetically pleasing," he said, "but they really got the job done on how many recycling bins they've actually added throughout the housing systems, which is awesome."

The Residence Halls Association and CUTE Club work closely together to help educate students about conservation and sustainability, he said.

The CUTE club, Lamy said, is an environmental group that focuses on going green and making the cam-

pus more efficient in its allocation of resources.

The club has plans for the beginning of next semester to make stickers to go into each campus resident's move-in bag, he said, that will list five ways to be sustainable. Students can place it on their doors or walls to serve as reminders each time they leave their room, he said.

Despite the university's efforts, Tech received an overall grade of C- average under the Sustainable Endowments Institute College Sustainability Report Card for 2011; the university received a D+ grade for 2010.

The administration category and climate change and energy category both received an F score, with green building and student involvement receiving Ds. Transportation and food and recycling received Cs, endowment transparency received a B grade and investment priorities received an A grade.

Under the administration category, the Sustainable Endowments Institute states, "The sustainability task force and the facilities and physical plant departments address sustainability issues at Texas Tech. The university has no other known policies or initiatives relating to campus-wide sustainability."

Under the green building category, it states, "The Rawls College of Business was built to meet LEED Certified-level criteria but is not for-

mally certified. The university has no known green building policy."

Some students said they believe Tech is not doing enough to promote conservation and recycling and would like to see more effort put forth.

Howe said she does not believe there are nearly enough recycling bins in the SUB and other places.

"I feel like they could do better," she said, "but I think anything could be improved."

Kirstyn Brokken, a sophomore visual communications major from Cypress, said she agreed that recycling was not promoted enough, but that she appreciated Tech's strides to go green.

"It's a good way to show other schools what we're doing to benefit the environment," she said.

Mutua suggested that Tech offers more recyclable materials in the cafeterias in place of non-recyclable items.

"We are just partially going green," he said, "and not everybody is aware of it."

Marble said students should be aware of the impact they are making when they use resources.

There are small things students can do to help increase conservation and recycling, she said, that are simple and easy to do.

"Just be aware of the resources that they use," she said. "You know, if there's a recycling bin nearby, be sure and utilize that and maybe walk the couple feet extra that it takes to go to the recycling bin, because it does add up whenever you are aware that you're making a difference in that regard."

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ELLIE BLAIR, A junior international business major from Mason, looks at a clay pot at the Clay Club's pottery sale outside of the Art building Tuesday. The club will donate 40 percent of the proceeds to the South Plains Food Bank and the Guardians of the Children.

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

ACROSS
 1 Historical novel, usually
 5 CCCII x III
 9 Digital camera option
 13 Show signs of age, as wallpaper
 14 Gray with age
 16 Ohio tribe
 17 Ventura County city
 18 Prepare to transplant, as to the garden
 19 Swig
 20 Phenoms
 23 Trip letters
 24 Breezed through
 25 Out
 29 "Death, that hath suck'd the honey breath": Shak.
 31 Fitting
 33 10-Down suffix
 34 Peace in the Middle East
 36 Ginormous
 38 Env. info
 39 Sardegna o Sicilia
 41 Mine entrance
 42 A little too clever
 44 Physicist Tesla
 46 64-Across spec
 47 Shell game need
 48 Durable cloth
 49 Africa's northernmost capital
 51 Suffragette who co-founded Swarthmore
 52 "Conan" ailer
 55 Trochee and lamb
 59 Tombstone lawman
 62 Fishing boot
 63 Private jet maker
 64 Nine West product
 65 Muscat native
 66 Periodic table fig.
 67 It may be rigged
 68 "After the Thin Man" dog
 69 Oft-misused pronoun

DOWN
 1 Tough guy's expression
 2 How roast beef may be served
 3 Some living legends
 4 "Put ___ on it!"
 5 Exemplars of poverty
 6 Capuchin, e.g.
 7 Lacking sharpness
 8 Waffle maker
 9 Last critter in an ABC book
 10 Raw mineral
 11 Fry cook's supply
 12 Bumped into
 15 Abbr. in a CFO's report
 21 "Do I dare to ___ peach?"
 22 This, in Tijuana
 26 Some molars
 27 Cybercommerce
 28 Sedimentary formation
 30 "Charlotte's Web" setting
 31 Chat room inits.
 32 Museums for astronomy buffs
 34 "Full House" actor
 35 "Farewell, chérie"
 36 Coquettish
 37 Munro's pen name
 40 Reggae relative
 43 ___ dixit: unproven claim
 45 ICC part: Abbr.
 48 Museum guide
 50 Drive forward
 51 Cursed alchemist
 53 Lotto variant
 54 Pol Thurmond
 56 Couple
 57 Avatar of Vishnu
 58 Weak spot
 59 Last letter in most plurals (but not in this puzzle's six longest answers, which are the only plurals in this grid)
 60 Word of discovery
 61 Palais resident

By Victor Barocas 4/19/12

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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 HEMIN GEM FALA
 AWINGANDAPRAYER
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The Texas Tech Graduate School has a current enrollment of more than 5,500 students, and offers 103 master's programs and 59 doctoral programs, according to the Center for Undergraduate Research. Tech is the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school, medical school and nursing school.

Jessica Spott, the unit coordinator for Tech's Center for Undergraduate Research, said the conference is aimed

toward students who may be interested in getting involved in research that can enhance both the graduate and undergraduate experience.

"The Undergraduate Research Conference has been around since the 90s, but this is the biggest conference we've ever hosted," Spott said. "We have 177 presenters and 220 reviewers and judges."

She said the conference is partnered this year with the West Texas Association for Women in Science, which handles the vendor side of the conference.

Spott said the group provides students with the opportunity to network with potential graduate schools and its vendors sell equipment that faculty may need for classes and labs.

This is the first year the Center for Undergraduate Research has hosted a graduate school fair, Spott said, and they have been preparing for it since October.

She said posters placed across campus helped get the word out about the fair and to get students interested — no matter the age.

"We've had some fourth-graders come and visit, and look around at all

the posters and research," Spott said.

Marianne Evola, the administrator for responsible conduct in research at Tech, said she participated in the graduate school fair and was there to answer any questions students had about ethics.

She said her office was there to get the word out about the students doing research and their mentors, and she wants students to be aware that there is a place on campus to report misconduct.

"It was basically a full conference, dealing with ethics and academics and scholarships," Evola said.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

Tech fans must show respect, unite

Last week, I wrote a column arguing that the Eastham investigation into Tech's quest for tier one — among other things — is not about former football coach Mike Leach. I was hoping to quell some of the hateful arguments between Leach supporters and those who oppose them, it seems that I failed.

The very first online comment on that column said, among other things, that supporters of Team Leach are not Red Raiders. I take great exception to false and abrasive comments like these.

I do feel that Leach did not get a fair shake. I continue to support him and hope justice will be served and the situation can finally be settled so the Texas Tech community can move on. But this does not in any way make me less of a Red Raider.

The Leach fiasco has not made my love for this university deteriorate in the slightest. If anything, I actually love Tech

Andrew Gleinser



more because of the difficult times we have gone through lately. I still get chills every time the Masked Rider races across the field.

Just because I feel the administration royally screwed up does not mean I am evil.

This is the basic point I am trying to get across: we are all Red Raiders. In 2009, we were strong and united. Now we are divided because of a simple disagreement that has snowballed into something much worse.

Some people believe the administration did the right thing in firing Leach, which is perfectly fine. Reasonable people can disagree. Though I do not agree with that opinion, I respect it nonetheless. I certainly don't

hate anyone for it. If the issue were as simple as this, we would all be much better off. However, both sides of the argument have thrown punch after punch, accusing the other side of things some say are complete lies. Add the fact that each side has accused the other of destroying the positive image of the university, and you have a recipe for disaster.

Now you have people saying things along the lines of, "Oh look, John Smith here is a Leach supporter. I bet he never graduated from Tech or any other college, just like all the other Leachers. He's probably a drug addict who is unemployed, except for what Charles Hodges pays him to sit

around and post comments on these articles. They should all be banned from any Tech-related events. What morons."

It is comments like these that point out how far this fan base has truly fallen. So, instead of making an argument about which side of the story is correct, I will simply ask for respect from both sides. Like I said before, I may not agree with your opinion, but I respect it. All I ask of everyone else is the same thing.

Respect is the most important thing to maintain when in the middle of an argument. If you lose respect for the person with whom you are arguing, things can go south very quickly. It's true for your significant other, as well as those

with whom you are having a friendly debate.

Another thing I would like to stress is the use of the truth. Please refrain from making statements that cannot be backed up by fact. Just because someone else wrote it on a blog or in the comments section of a news article does not make it true.

This is, generally, what leads to the lack of respect amongst fans. If you go around spreading lies, you lose both respect and credibility. I stress this not just to one side of the argument, but to everyone. If you're making a statement of fact but can't back it up, then don't say it.

Like the saying goes, if you can't say something nice about someone, then don't say it at all. Even though I am firmly rooted in my stance on the Leach issue, I can still say some nice things about Chancellor Hance. He's a great public speaker — if you don't think his Heath Ledger story is funny, then there is something wrong with

you — and he has done well at shaking the money tree for the university.

Even to those who say I am not a Red Raider, I could still say some nice things. They are obviously very passionate about Texas Tech, which is something to be admired. I feel they display this passion in a counterproductive manner, but it is passion nonetheless.

I'm not saying we should all sit around a campfire and sing "Kumbaya," but we should all be able to get along. We're reasonable, educated adults who share a love for this university. Having some mutual respect and putting a stop to the perpetuation of lies would do wonders for fixing this fan base, which is something that we should all want to happen.

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Instagram instigating instability

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I can see it now: the camera winds slowly up a trendy Santa Barbara street before focusing on a slightly aged Jesse Eisenberg as he sips a latte in a locally-owned coffee shop.

He adjusts his thick-rimmed, lens-less glasses and cocks his fedora at an appropriately haphazard angle, gazing expectantly at the door. In walks Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom — played perhaps by Joseph Gordon-Levitt — and the dramatic theme music begins to play. Bathed in the pleasant yellow glow of Instagram's "Earlybird" filter, negotiations begin. Once again, we witness Internet history in the making.

OK, so maybe Facebook's \$1-billion purchase of the photo sharing application Instagram isn't quite intriguing enough to inspire "The Social Network 2," and maybe the acquisition doesn't indicate Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's transformation into a sepia-filtering hipster. Instead, it seems that the truth behind the massive purchase is much more pragmatic and worrisome.

The staggering figure Facebook paid for Instagram, a startup with

no revenue to speak of and a total of 13 employees, may indicate an impending tech bubble burst. When a commodity's popularity — its "cool factor," if you will — causes consumers to drive its price drastically above any realistic valuation, a crash is inevitable.

Facebook itself provides additional reason for concern over a bubble burst. As the company prepares to go public, The New York Times reports that it will be valued around \$100 billion, a number most analysts find exorbitant.

Few would argue against the brilliance of Facebook's concept and business plan, but the highest estimates of its 2011 revenue hover around \$4 billion, according to Bloomberg. This level of overvaluation is clearly unsustainable and, once the company's finances go public, threatens to scare away investors.

The billion-dollar Instagram purchase also points to a monopoly

mindset possibly taking hold at Facebook, whereby the company aims to buy up all potential competitors before they can do any lasting damage. Of course, Facebook has the innovators and resources to produce an application similar to Instagram, but there is little reason to innovate when you can simply purchase.

Of course, the market bubble in which social networking sites and applications are currently encapsulated enables this form of financial bullying. Facebook users should not be surprised to see new options for photo filters such as the ultra-saturated "Lomo-fi" or nostalgic "1977," but once Instagram's "cool" wears off, Facebook will be forced to acquire the next networking fad or lose some of its own popularity.

Perhaps the most troublesome

aspect of Facebook's financial domination is its discouragement of competition. Photo startups such as Instagram can hope to be purchased by Facebook because they offer a valuable addition to its services, but alternative social networking sites such as Google+ or Wavii seem unable to step outside its looming shadow.

Whether they are impeded by a lack of funds or a lack of name recognition, competitors stand little chance against Facebook, at least until this latest tech bubble bursts. It is difficult to estimate Facebook's staying power — it has certainly defied the bleak examples set by its forebears Friendster and Myspace — but a dramatic drop in investor confidence could set the stage for competitors to challenge the networking behemoth.

Until Facebook goes public and makes it plans regarding Instagram explicit, observers can do little but speculate. While this particular purchase may not motivate a film sequel, the fall of Facebook, whether dramatic or gradual, is sure to captivate and inspire generations of tech innovators to come.

"The staggering figure Facebook paid for Instagram ... may indicate an impending tech bubble burst."

US needs more internet privacy

By COURTNEY L'ECUYER
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It tracks every move. Each click, browse and purchase. The only trace of evidence left behind is a cookie, and not the kind your grandmother bakes.

The Internet allows users to connect across continents, network with old friends and access information in seconds. It also anonymously keeps tabs on the world's Internet use.

More than half of the Internet's top sites use "Flash cookies" to track site visits and record every article read, advertisement viewed and shopping cart created, according to a study by the University of California, Berkeley.

Flash cookies must be manually deleted through an online settings manager tool on Adobe's website. Internet users might not realize that their personal information is constantly collected and stored.

Google is being fined for impeding a U.S. Federal Communications Committee investigation of the Street View project, which collected street images and map coordinates from around the world using Google Street View cars.

Google collected more than just street images and location information. It also collected what is commonly called payload data, which is a person's Internet usage history, from unsecured wireless networks.

According to the FCC report, Google collected personal emails detailing married people attempting to cheat on their spouses, email addresses, passwords, chat conversations and 360-degree images that peered into restaurants and homes.

Google took two years to respond to a complaint filed by the FCC. The company's response was simply, "It was a mistake." Google faces a \$25,000 fine — an insignificant sum compared to the \$2.89 billion the company netted in the first quarter of 2012, according

to Google's financial summary.

The laws on Internet privacy are few and far between. Generally, Internet giants can use data in the United States for business purposes without consumer consent or knowledge. It is not unlawful to intercept unencrypted communication under the Wiretap Act, which broadly regulates the collection of data from wire and electronic sources and prevents third parties from installing electronic "sniffers" that read Internet traffic.

The Communications Act of 1934, signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, put the FCC in charge of regulating broadcast and telephone communications. In 1996, it was amended by the Telecommunications Act, adding the Internet to the list. This act favors de-regulation of the Internet.

Google repeatedly and willfully failed to comply with the FCC and did not provide a clear answer as to how they mistakenly collected payload data. The company is now liable to the federal government for forfeiture penalty, but not for all the personal information it collected, according to the FCC report.

Law and technology experts at U. California, Berkeley and U. Pennsylvania surveyed Americans on their privacy views and found that 86 percent of young adults don't want tailored online advertising if it is a result of being anonymously followed on websites. Americans mistakenly believe there are government laws prohibiting the sale of data on them, according to the study.

Furthermore, when they realized no concrete laws exist to protect their Internet privacy, 92 percent of Americans surveyed said they feel there should be a law requiring website and advertising companies to delete all stored information about them upon request.

The Internet will continue to be a catch-22 until more privacy laws are passed, or individual privacy becomes completely irrelevant to society.

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Center for Undergraduate Research hosts vendors

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**
STAFF WRITER

Several representatives of manufacturers of the scientific instruments that are used at Texas Tech were in attendance at a vendor show Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union Building Ballroom as a part of the event hosted by the Center for Undergraduate Research.

Ed Zalkovsky, a representative of Thermo Scientific, deals primarily with spectrophotometers. Spectrophotometers are used to measure the levels of chlorine in drinking water, among other things.

"Spectrophotometers are used in almost every phase of life," he said. "Coca-Cola — any soft drink manufacturer — uses spectrophotometers. Anybody who makes cooking oil uses spectrophotometers. Water treatment plants use them to check for pollutants. The applications are unlimited."

Jason Burns, a representative of

Mettler Toledo, said his company was proud to be a sponsor of the vendor show.

"We enjoy supporting the program here," he said. "It's always good to interact with the students and the faculty and show them the new technology."

Burns said Mettler Toledo manufactures measuring instruments that are able to weigh objects on opposite ends of the spectrum, both small and large.

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Brandon Marshall, a representative of ThermoFisher Scientific, demonstrated a new lightweight carbon fiber rotor that ThermoFisher has manufactured as an alternative to metal rotors that depreciate over time.

"You'd put (the sample) in the

tube and put it in the centrifuge and it will spin very fast," he said. "It basically separates anything, from blood to DNA, any sample you were working with."

The new rotor comes with an expensive ticket price, however.

"This costs anywhere from \$6,000 to \$20,000, depending on size," he said. "This is just one size of many and they can get much bigger, going into what we would call an ultra-centrifuge — which is a floor model that is basically the size of a washing machine."

Marshall said the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the Animal and Food Sciences Department are among the many laboratories that carry ThermoFisher scientific equipment.

"We have a lot of equipment here at Texas Tech, in a lot of the laboratories," he said. "In fact, every lab has our equipment in some form or fashion."

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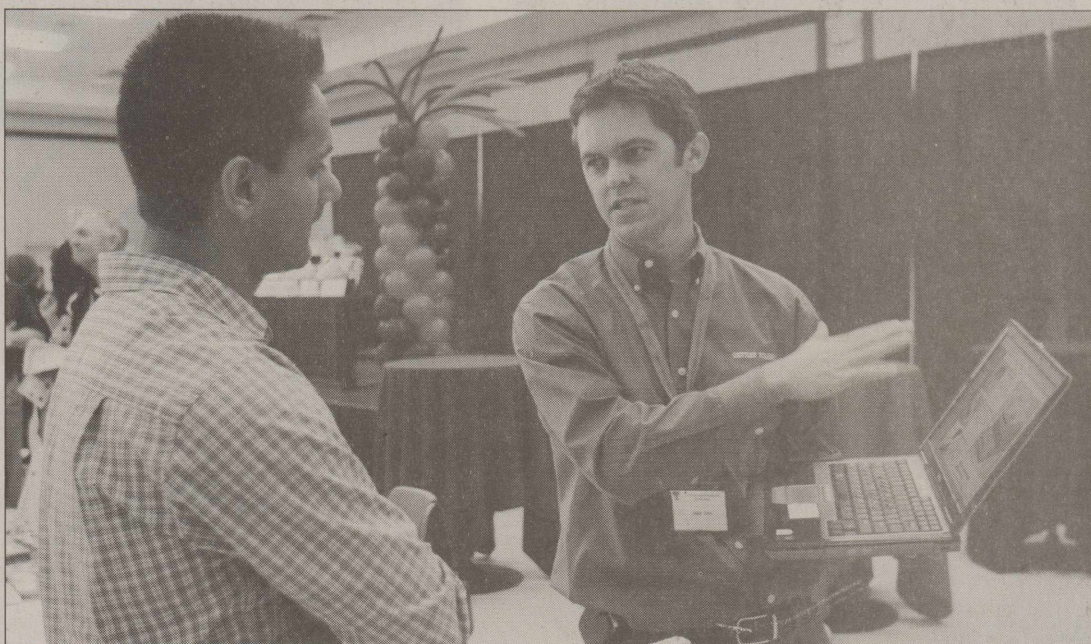


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JASON BURNS, A lab sales specialist with Mettler Toledo, a company that specializes in laboratory equipment, talks to Harkirat Bansal, a graduate student in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources from India, at the Science Vendor Show sponsored by the West Texas Association for Women in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

Halliburton 1Q income rises 23 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — First, it was natural gas. Now a rush to tap new oil wells in North America is creating bigger profits for Halliburton.

The Houston company, which provides a variety of services for the petroleum industry, said Wednesday that earnings jumped 22.7 percent in the first three months of the year.

Petroleum companies aggressively pushed this year to find new oil fields in the U.S., shutting down natural gas rigs in the process. The reason is simple: oil prices rose while natural gas prices dropped sharply. In the first quarter, benchmark U.S. crude increased 9 percent and natural gas plunged 40 percent to a 10-year low.

The switch to oil drilling helped Halliburton even as it reduced earnings from the company's natural gas business. Oil production is a more intensive process than natural gas, which means Halliburton can charge higher rates for its services and reap bigger profits.

"This shift is very positive for us," Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar said in a conference call with investors.

Halliburton led off the first-quarter earnings season for the oil sector. Rival Schlumberger Ltd., the world's largest oil services company by market value, will report its first-quarter results on Friday. Baker Hughes Inc. will report next week, along with oil majors Exxon Mobil and Chevron. Service companies are paid to

help the petroleum industry find new wells and get them ready for production. Halliburton is considered the industry leader in a technology called hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that allows drillers to crack open underground shale layers that contain oil and gas. That technology helped create a boom in natural gas production in the U.S.

Halliburton reported net income of \$627 million, or 68 cents per share for the first three months of the year. That compares with \$511 million, or 56 cents per share, for the same part of 2011. Revenue increased by 30 percent to \$6.87 billion, including a record \$4.17 billion in North America.

Shares rose by \$1.51, or 4.6 per-

cent, to \$34.17.

Halliburton's results include a \$300 million charge related to its role in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The company had provided cementing services for BP PLC on the well that suffered the disastrous blowout. While it continues to spar with BP over who should take responsibility for the disaster, Halliburton said it needs to set aside funds for "probable losses" from future lawsuits and settlements.

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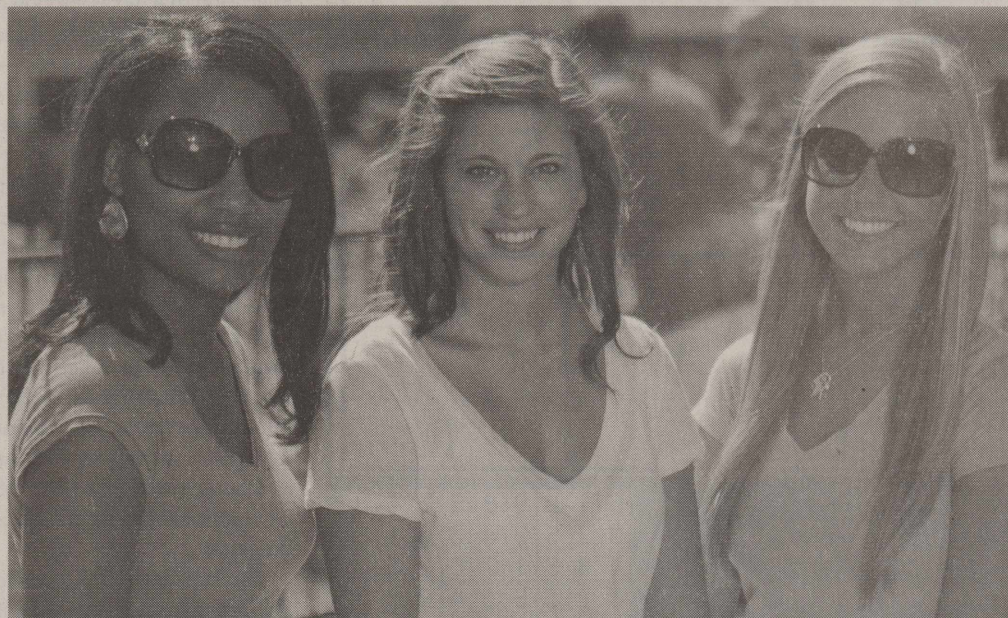
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RACHEL BAHRENS, A postdoctoral research associate for professor Carol Korzeniewski, pours liquid nitrogen into a fourier transform infrared spectrometer Wednesday in the Chemistry building.

Texas couple love to raise racehorses

LULING (AP) — Rose Mary Chandler dug a hand into the pocket of her denim shorts and unearthed a tube of lipstick.

With a quick swipe, she replaced what she'd left behind: pink lip prints on her horse's forehead and snout.

"They all get kisses," she said, nuzzling Turbo, a brown-and-white quarter horse. "You've just got to love on them."

The Moulton native and her husband, Wendell Chandler, own a ranch in Caldwell County. There, a combination of love, care and luck created a successful racehorse enterprise.

It takes several things coming together to create the right racehorse, said Wendell, who grew up in Oklahoma, the son of a dairy farmer. Both breeding and the horse's desire to run play key roles.

"The more they want to do, the more they'll do," he said. "Their hearts have to be in it."

Finally, he said, it takes a trainer who sees the horse's abilities and channels them in the right direction. The couple's horses go to trusted trainers in places such as Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and California.

Races are always nerve-racking, Rose Mary said, comparing it to

watching a favorite sports team. Just as people want their teams to win, they want the same for their horses.

"The thrill of excitement when you win, especially with big races, there's no feeling like it," she said. "I bred these horses, raised them and owned them. It's part of my life."

Last year was a big year for the Chandlers, with Skip A Smile and Acorn, two prize horses, bringing in big wins.

Skip A Smile, a 5-year-old thoroughbred, was named the Texas Thoroughbred Association's 2011 Aged Champion and Horse of the Year, Rose Mary said. That led to awards for Skip A Smile's moms, with his dam, Strawberry Smile, earning 2011 Broodmare of the Year, and a title of Breeder of the Year for Rose Mary.

Acorn, a 5-year-old quarter horse gelding, was named the Texas Quarter Horse Association 2011 Champion Aged Gelding of the Year.

Other wins are documented in a fat three-ring binder, packed to the brim with winner circle pictures.

Life on a ranch brings plenty of hard work, with twice-a-day feedings, medical care for the animals, breeding and sales, the husband-wife duo said, but there's also time for fun.

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Kuchar could seize on lackluster Texas Open field

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Remembering the Alamo at the Texas Open is easy, thanks to the giant photo backdrop behind the 18th tee.

The turnout, on the other hand, is somewhat forgettable.

The Texas Open has moved around on the PGA calendar and is now at a new course, TPC San Antonio, in hopes of luring golf's bigger names. Matt Kuchar, two weeks after his near miss at the Masters, headlines a lackluster field that Johnson Wagner called even weaker than usual.

It's a disappointing truth for

a tournament that is eager for a bigger profile, and will get another shot next year when the PGA moves the Texas Open date for the fourth time in five years, this time to right before the Masters.

For now, Wagner, ranked fifth in the FedEx Cup standings, sees an opportunity.

"It's weaker than most of our fields out here. But the purse is huge and the golf course is tough and takes a lot of local knowledge — it takes experience to play well here," Wagner said Wednesday on the eve of the opening round. "When picking this spot on my schedule, I tagged it as a possible contention spot."

Brendan Steele won the \$1.1 million prize last year, and is back to defend his only PGA championship after missing the cut in four of his last six events.

K.J. Choi, ranked 26th in the world, and Fredrik Jacobson are other marquee names. So is Kevin Na, who returns to the site of last year's infamous meltdown on No. 9, when he veered badly off course and hacked away

before finishing the hole with a score of 16.

Na arrived in San Antonio with a sense of humor, wielding a chainsaw Monday in the woods at No. 9 while being filmed for a Golf Channel parody. But there was also some truth to the spoof: Responding to player feedback, the native areas in the rough and four greens are among areas of the course scheduled to undergo a makeover by next year.

The Texas Open changed venues in 2010, but in just two years the course designed by Greg Norman and Sergio Garcia has already earned a reputation for being one of the toughest on tour. Last year's second-round average of 75.289, for example, was the highest on the tour since the 2008 British Open. Tony Piazzi, head of the Texas Open, said one player in an anonymous survey suggested, "You need to blow up all 18 greens."

Jordan Spieth, the nation's top-ranked college golfer at Texas and 2009 U.S. Junior Amateur champion, was humbled by his first brush with the course.

"It's the most difficult — well,

it's extremely difficult," said Spieth, who is making his fifth PGA tournament appearance.

Kuchar, the world's 15th-ranked golfer, has made the cut at all eight tournaments he's played this year and finished tied for third at the Masters. While his peers chose to pass on the court this time, Kuchar said he began thinking he needed to add the Texas Open to his schedule after watching it on TV last year.

"I would hope guys that are the best in the world don't say that course may be too difficult for me. I hope that doesn't happen," Kuchar said. "I think there are courses that are more enjoyable to play and some may be more fun than others. You might not walk off this course thinking you've had a great deal of fun up there."

Wagner, the Sony Open winner, put it more bluntly.

"I'm sure a lot of guys coming off the Masters aren't looking to get beat up by a golf course right now," Wagner said. "The more people that complain about a golf course just means that I have a better chance of winning."

Texas Board mulls new math core curriculum

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of a key business group complained Wednesday to the State Board of Education that Texas' proposed new K-12 math curriculum standards aren't strenuous enough — but members also heard from some education leaders who defended the would-be requirements.

The board gave preliminary approval to the 10-year standards in January, and they are up for final passage by its 15 members Friday.

Texas is one of just five states that have not adopted national core curriculum standards. The new requirements are based on the math tested in previous Texas standardized tests, as well as curriculums in Massachusetts and Minnesota, and international locales including Singapore.

But Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, testified that the new curriculum is so broad that it's incoherent in some areas and will not adequately prepare students — especially in algebra.

"We need an educated workforce if we're going to keep jobs here in Texas, and we have not been doing a good enough job at that," Hammond told the board.

Hammond's association is one of the most influential business groups in the state. Sensitive to his concerns, and those raised in recent weeks by other critics, board members and the body's staff have modified the proposed curriculum and could still make more changes.

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Colts keep quiet, but make decision on No. 1 pick

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts have decided who to take with the No. 1 draft pick.

They're just not planning to let the secret out until April 26.

After months of speculation, scouting and scrutinizing, Colts general manager Ryan Grigson finally told reporters Wednesday that the Colts have a plan for their first No. 1 overall selection in 14 years.

"We've known for a little while. We've done all our due diligence," Grigson said during a 30-minute news conference. "Unless there's an unforeseen problem or something like that, we know what we're doing."

Team owner Jim Irsay has repeatedly said the team will choose Peyton Manning's successor, presumably either Stanford's Andrew Luck or Baylor's Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy winner. If the Colts take Luck, the Washington Redskins are expected to take Griffin with the second pick next Thursday night.

Luck was expected to go No. 1 in 2011 before returning to school for his fourth college season. His resume looks like an exact replica of Manning's -- both stayed in school one year longer than expected, both finished as Heisman Trophy runner-ups and both had fathers who played quarterback in the NFL.

While the Colts sent a larger contingent of scouts to Griffin's pro day in Texas than Luck's pro day at Stanford, Luck had a personal workout for the Colts and traveled to Indianapolis for a personal interview. Griffin was advised by his agent to do neither and, apparently, it wasn't the only reason Griffin didn't come to town.

"You get to a point where you know what you're going to do,"

Grigson said.

Grigson would not say whether the Colts have started negotiating with either player.

In an email sent to The Associated Press, Luck's agent, Will Wilson, declined to comment on whether the Colts had told him of their decision or whether contract talks had begun. Luck's father, Oliver, also did not provide those answers. Luck has been attending classes at Stanford, and is trying to finish one architectural course that is offered only in the spring.

"I have not had any communication with any of the folks with the Colts. I stay out of all that," Oliver Luck said in a phone interview. "And I'll keep my conversations with Andrew private."

Whether the Colts would start talking about a contract over the next week, in hopes of having a deal in place before next Thursday, remains unclear.

"We've kicked it around. I don't know what the true advantage is to go early," Grigson said. "At this point, we're focused on picking the guys."

The Colts are still trying to figure out where they are in their massive offseason overhaul, too.

Grigson's comments came less than an hour after the Colts wrapped up another voluntary workout at the team complex, a practice that included perennial Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne, who usually stays in Miami for workouts until the team's mandatory offseason mini-camp.

Wayne altered his traditional plans because of all the changes Indy has made.

Grigson replaced the father-son front office tandem of Bill and Chris Polian in January, then brought in new coach Chuck Pagano to replace the fired Jim Caldwell.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
ROBERT GRIFFIN III rolls out of the pocket to attempt a pass during Baylor's 66-42 win against Texas Tech on Nov. 26 at Cowboys Stadium. If the Indianapolis Colts select Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick during the NFL Draft next Thursday, Griffin is expected to be selected by the Washington Redskins with the No. 2 pick.

Pagano has almost an entirely new staff, and some players have even found new spots for their lockers.

The biggest change, of course, is not seeing No. 18 around town.

Manning was released March 7, a move designed to help quicken the rebuilding process, and eventually signed with Denver. Two days

later, the Colts cut a handful of other veterans including defensive captains Gary Brackett and Melvin Bullitt, Pro Bowl tight end Dallas Clark and running back Joseph Addai. Longtime center Jeff Saturday, emerging receiver Pierre Garcon and backup tight end Jacob Tamme

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AP source: Ivan Rodriguez to retire

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez plans to announce his retirement Monday, ending a 21-year major league career that included a record 13 Gold Gloves at catcher.

A person familiar with the arrangements said Rodriguez intends to make the announcement in Arlington, Texas, where the Rangers start a homestand Monday against the New York Yankees. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not made an announcement.

A 14-time All-Star known as Pudge, Rodriguez spent his first 12 major league seasons with the Rang-

ers and won the 1999 American League MVP with Texas, when he hit .332 with 35 homers and 113 RBIs. He returned to the Rangers briefly in 2009.

Rodriguez becomes the third longtime catcher to retire since last season ended, joining Jorge Posada and Jason Varitek.

Rodriguez finishes with a .296 batting average, 2,884 hits, 311 home runs and 1,332 RBIs. He broke the record of 10 Gold Gloves at catcher that had been held by Johnny Bench and hit .300 or better 10 times. He was a World Series champion with the Florida Marlins

in 2003.

Now 40, Rodriguez spent the last two seasons with the Washington Nationals. He decided not to accept a contract offer from the Kansas City Royals, who were interested after Salvador Perez injured a knee and needed surgery. Rodriguez hit just .218 last year with two homers and 19 RBIs in 124 at-bats.

He nearly was forced to retire three years ago. He didn't have an offer when spring training began but went 10 for 20 with two homers and six RBIs for Puerto Rico and signed in mid-March with the Houston Astros.

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Tech bats heat up too late as UNM sweeps series

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
MANAGING EDITOR

The Texas Tech bats came alive to score three runs in one inning — the only problem was that it was in the eighth inning, with the Red Raiders trailing by five.

Tech wasn't able to rally in the ninth, as it dropped the second game of the two-game series, 6-4, Wednesday at Rip Griffin Park.

Tech coach Dan Spencer said the team didn't come through at the plate in the early going of the game.

"We gave away a lot of outs during the first seven innings," he said, "and then we put some hits together and locked in pretty good, but too little too late from that standpoint."

New Mexico picked up right where they left off in Tuesday's game, getting to Tech starting pitcher Brannon Easterling quickly. The Lobos led off the game with three straight hits, with the final of the three resulting in a run to give New Mexico an early 1-0 lead.

Easterling settled down in a hurry though, as he battled back to get the following batter to fly out and the next to ground into a double play, keeping the damage in the inning to a minimum.

The Red Raiders looked like

they were going to respond with Jamodrick McGruder leading off the first with a walk and a stolen base — his 28th stolen base of the year, tying a career high — to put him in scoring position with no outs.

But three consecutive ground-outs kept McGruder to only getting as far as third base and kept Tech off the scoreboard.

The scoring didn't resume until the top of the fourth, as a ground out scored New Mexico's second run of the game and knocked Easterling out of the game after 3.1 innings pitched.

Another run would be tacked onto Easterling's stat line after his departure, with another run coming in to score on an RBI single to push the Lobos' lead to three.

However, Tech responded with its first run in the bottom half of the inning.

While on second base, Barrett Barnes made a risky move by attempting to steal third base. The move paid off, as he made it into third safely to remain a perfect 18-18 in stolen base attempts this season.

Then, in his first game back since March 23, Reid Redman hit a sacrifice fly to make the score 3-1.

"It feels good finally getting back out here with the team and doing something other than sit-

ting in the dugout," he said.

Despite the run in the fourth inning, it wasn't until the fifth that Tech broke into the hit column. To lead off the bottom half of the inning, Nick Hanslik knocked one up the middle to end New Mexico starting pitcher Sam Wolff's no-hit bid and chase him from the game.

Wolff ended the game with no runs allowed on just the one hit, but still faced six over the minimum by hitting two batters and walking four.

The Lobos then extend their lead in the top of the seventh after Andre Wheeler came in to try and strand the runners on second and third with two outs. New Mexico's Trey Porras wouldn't allow Wheeler to do so, knocking a ball into the West Texas wind that carried all the way to the outfield wall and plated both runners to push the score to 5-1.

New Mexico then pushed another run across in the top of the eighth to make the score 6-1, but the Red Raider bats started to heat up in the bottom half of the inning as well.

Barnes got the inning going for Tech with a leadoff triple, and was then driven home on a RBI single by Bo Altobelli to shrink the Lobos' lead to four. The next two batters hampered the Tech rally with back-to-back

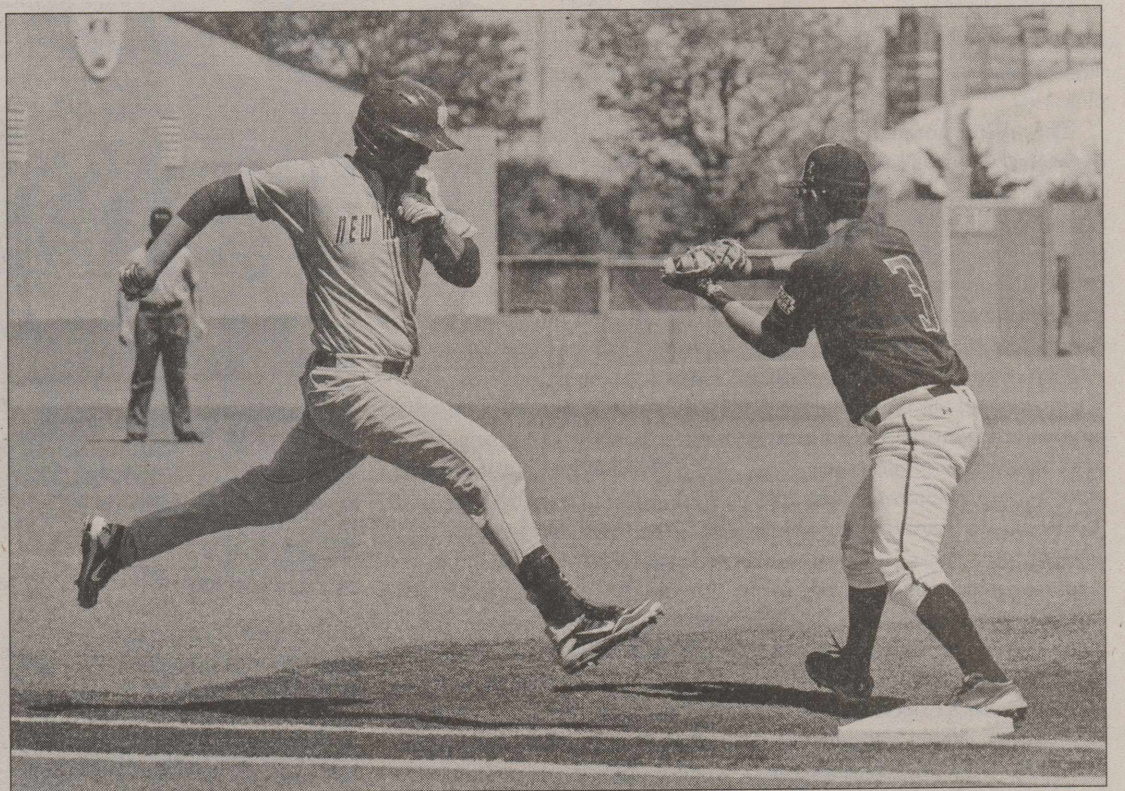


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Scott LeJeune forces out New Mexico's Ryan Padilla during the Red Raiders' 6-4 loss against the Lobos on Wednesday at Rip Griffin Park.

strikeouts.

Consecutive clutch RBI singles by Hanslik and Stephen Hagen brought the score to 6-4, giving Tech a chance to rally in the ninth.

Hobie McClain, however, closed the door on Tech. After giving up a leadoff single, he set

down the next three Red Raiders in order to secure the 6-4 victory for the Lobos.

Tech' 10-game homestand and six-game nonconference streak now comes to an end as it travels to Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma State.

The team needs to forget

about this series and focus on the Cowboys, Tech outfielder Nick Hanslik said.

"We've just got to forget about the last couple of games and just get back on track and make a good showing down (in Stillwater)," he said.

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Larry Brown has serious interest in SMU job

DALLAS (AP) — Larry Brown is serious about getting back to coaching and the vacancy at SMU.

Brown said Wednesday that he hasn't yet been offered the job, but had spoken again with SMU athletic director Steve Orsini since they first met on Monday. The 71-year-old Hall of Fame coach said he expected his long-time agent, Joe Glass, to have further conversations with Orsini.

"They haven't offered me the job, I haven't accepted the job, and I would never do it without Joe's

blessing," Brown told The Associated Press. "I think before anything happens, Steve would probably have to have his blessing from his president. That's where we are."

SMU, which is moving from Conference USA to the much tougher Big East in 2013, fired Matt Doherty last month after six seasons. The Mustangs haven't won an NCAA tournament game since 1988, the year Brown led Kansas to the national championship in his last season as a college coach.

"I'm serious. I wouldn't have

gone to visit to SMU if I wasn't interested," Brown said. "Matt Doherty is a good friend, and he told me a lot about it. The fact that they brought me in, I was thrilled. It was better than expected and I was thankful that they gave me a chance to visit with them. But really it's in their court."

Glass didn't return messages to the AP. SMU officials, as they have throughout the process, said again Wednesday that they are not commenting on the coaching search that is entering its sixth week.

Dispute over Pettitte testimony at Roger Clemens perjury retrial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ability to "misremember" made its inevitable first appearance at the perjury retrial of Roger Clemens on Wednesday and momentarily derailed the court from a tedious jury selection process that will extend into a second week.

Shortly before the lunch break, U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton allowed the government's lawyers to respond to a filing from Clemens' lawyers over the scope of potential testimony from Clemens' former teammate Andy Pettitte.

Pettitte is expected to testify that Clemens acknowledged using human growth hormone in 1999 or 2000. Clemens famously told Congress in 2008 that Pettitte "misremembers" their conversation.

Pettitte is also expected to say that he tried HGH himself a few years later. Prosecutors want Pettitte to be allowed to testify that the source of his HGH was Clemens' former strength trainer, Brian McNamee, who says he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH.

Clemens' lawyers claim that would be "classic 'guilt by association' evidence." Invoking their client's choice of vocabulary, their filing states: "The government apparently misremembers what the defense has said repeatedly about Mr. Pettitte."

"We welcome Mr. Pettitte's appearance, when he will presumably testify, as he did in his deposition, that he 'must have misunderstood' Mr. Clemens. ... There is nothing to be gained for Mr. Pettitte's 'credibility' by proving an irrelevant fact about who injected him in 2002."

Prosecutor Steven Durham said in court that the source of Pettitte's HGH was crucial to the story. Durham noted that Pettitte and Clemens frequently worked out together with McNamee over several years.

"You cannot strip out half of the narrative, and have it make any sense whatsoever," he said.

Walton did not give the defense a chance to respond, instead returning to jury selection in the afternoon. The judge said he planned to rule on the filing on Thursday.

Clemens is on trial on charges he lied to Congress at the 2008 hearing and at a deposition that preceded it when he denied using steroids and HGH during his 24-season major league career. The first attempt to bring the case before the court ended in a mistrial last July when prosecutors played a videotape for the jury that contained a short segment of inadmissible evidence.

Clemens, who once wore the pinstripes of the New York Yankees, arrived in a dark pinstriped suit for the second straight day. After going through security, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner mentioned to his lawyer that he had gone for a run from the Capitol to the Washington Monument.

The judge originally estimated that the trial would last up to six weeks, but that timeframe is starting to appear optimistic given the glacial pace of jury selection.

The court has been working since Monday to narrow the initial jury pool of 90 to 36, from which the final 12 jurors and four alternates will be selected. The extra 20 are needed because Clemens' lawyers are allowed to strike 12 candidates and prosecutors eight — without giving any reason.

By the end of the day Wednesday, 28 potential jurors had survived the first cut while others were sent home for a multitude of reasons, including some who said they had already had a strong opinion about the case one way or the other. With no session scheduled for Friday, the judge said the jury will be seated on Monday at the earliest. Furthermore, Walton said the court will meet for only 1½ days next week because he has an out-of-town trip.

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Mavs' West fined \$25,000 for giving Hayward earful

NEW YORK (AP) — Mavericks guard Delonte West sounded contrite yet surprised by the \$25,000 fine levied against him by the NBA for jabbing his finger in the ear of Utah swingman Gordon Hayward.

"I didn't think it was going to be that steep," West said Wednesday night before Dallas played Houston. "It's a play that shouldn't be in the game. ... It's not a good example to set for the youth that we are trying to teach to play the right way."

The NBA issued the fine earlier in the day, calling it a "physical taunt."

West had been called for fouling Hayward away from the ball then walked after him to give him what he called a "wet willy" during the second quarter of Utah's 123-121 triple-overtime win over Dallas on Monday night.

West received a technical but was not tossed out of the game. Hayward walked away from the confrontation.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle didn't want to discuss the fine before Wednesday's game. He said the team accepts it and is moving forward.

The coach, however, did have a conversation about the incident with West, who acknowledged that it wasn't a smart play.

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