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Tim Tebow speaks at local school's fundraiser

New York Jets QB gives insight into his faith

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

He is a professional football player, has been a target on Saturday Night Live and has been linked to several Hollywood starlets.

He also continues to speak about his Christian faith.

New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow spoke at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the City Bank Coliseum for Lubbock's Trinity Christian School's fundraiser. Before Tebow spoke, guests ate and socialized on the floor of the Coliseum.

Then, at 1 p.m., the doors opened to guests who had seats in the bleachers. After everyone was settled into his or her seats, Texas Tech's head football coach, Tommy Tuberville, introduced Tebow to the stage by saying he is possibly the "most recognizable guy, not only in our country, but in the world."

He went on to say he hears Tech football players talk about Tebow on and off the field and everything he stands for.

"Well, I've known Tim for eight or nine years," Tuberville said. "I tried to recruit him when I was at Auburn, and then I coached him twice while he was at Florida. I've watched him all of his career. And you see guys and how they change with terms of vain and success — he's been the same since the first day I've met him. It's just good to see him do things like this and he does a lot of them."

Before Tebow went on to the stage, a short video was shown of Tebow's career highlights. As Tebow watched, he mouthed the words to the song in the video, "What Faith Can Do," by Kutless.

After the video was shown, Tebow was welcomed onto the stage by a standing ovation from the crowd.

The event worked almost like a question-and-answer, with Rob Winkler, superintendent of Trinity Christian School, asking Tebow questions about football, family and faith.

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NFL QUARTERBACK TIM Tebow talks to the crowd during the Trinity Christian School's Tim Tebow Talks Faith event at the City Bank Coliseum on Sunday. Tebow was joined on stage by Rob Winkler, the executive pastor school superintendent for Trinity Christian Schools.

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THE TEXAS TECH women's tennis team poses with its first Big 12 regular season championship trophy. The Lady Raiders defeated both Missouri and Iowa State this weekend to claim the title.

Tech women's tennis picks up first Big 12 title in school history

By BRETT WINEGARNER
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Big 12 Conference champions. This is a title that has never been associated with Texas Tech women's tennis program. However, this is exactly what the No. 19 Lady Raiders were called Sunday.

With a 6-1 win against Missouri on Friday and a 5-2 win against Iowa State on Sunday, Tech clinched

at least a share of the Big 12 regular season title.

It wasn't until later in the day that the Lady Raiders became the outright champions, as No. 51 Oklahoma State shocked the No. 6 Longhorns 4-3 to drop Texas to second place in the conference.

This achievement comes as no surprise because of the effort this team has put in throughout the season, Tech head coach Todd Petty said.

"These girls have put in the time," he said in a news release. "This is not a fluke. We started this out

two years ago when this group of juniors came in, and this is something that they had hoped to accomplish, and they did it."

In their first match of the weekend, the Lady Raiders cruised to a 6-1 victory against No. 44 Missouri on Friday.

With a Big 12 regular season on the line, Petty said he was elated with the team's play against Missouri.

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Take Back the Night, supporters raise awareness about physical, sexual assault

By CAROLYN HECK
STAFF WRITER

Posters and T-shirts expressing messages of inspiration and support were strung on clotheslines around the Lubbock County Courthouse gazebo Saturday evening as part of Take Back the Night.

Take Back the Night is an annual Lubbock event promoting awareness of sexual and physical assault, said Christina Sapien, a member of the V-Day Lubbock Coalition and a professional counselor who works with many survivors of such attacks.

"And it's actually more than that," she said. "That's how it started, was to protest violence against women, but now it's a lot more about any

form of violence against all persons."

Take Back the Night was started nationally 30 years ago, Sapien said, to help prevent future violence against any man, woman or child.

"We want to create awareness because we want to prevent any kind of abuse or violence in the future," she said. "The more awareness we can create, then the more — hopefully — we can lessen or eliminate it."

Events such as these are important for college students to attend, Sapien said, because many of them are survivors as well.

"I feel like college students should be interested in this kind of thing because they are very much affected," she said. "There's a huge percentage of survivors that are college students so, obviously,

we want to create awareness so that way nobody is becoming a victim."

The event lasted from 6-9 p.m., and the Clothesline Project was just one of several activities participants took part in.

Live music played as people designed and decorated shirts to put on the gazebo the first hour. Three presenters spoke for the next hour, including Jennifer Bassett and Barron Slack, both Lubbock assistant district attorneys.

The One Mile March started at 8 p.m., where participants walked from the Lubbock County Courthouse to Avenue Q and back. The march was meant to be symbolic of the outcry against the fear of sexual assault women face walking alone at night, Sapien said.

The march was followed by a candlelight vigil.

One survivor of sexual assault, Ashley Duran, said this was her first year at this event, but she has participated in several other assault support events, including three years at Walk a Mile in Her Shoes and as a speaker at the first Slut Walk.

Duran, a 25-year-old mother of two children and wife of nine years, said she was a victim of molestation and incest from five people in her life.

Take Back the Night, and all other events like it, she said, is about allowing survivors like her to find their voices.

"It's breaking the cycle, of speaking up and no longer being quiet, to protect our children — our new generation that's coming up," she said.

It has been two years since Duran decided to

face her past, she said, and she has not regretted it since.

"I've tried to take my life twice in the past two years, because I (had been) molested by people that I love," she said. "And I finally realized that God has me here for a reason, because I'm still here."

Duran said she would encourage anyone who is a victim or a survivor to speak up and find support.

"A college student might think that there's not help," she said, "or that they're alone, but they're not. It's one thing I've had to learn these past two years, is that after finally facing my demons, I'm not alone."

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Sleep-out raises awareness

By CAITLAN OSBORN
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Homelessness does not rest. A handful of Texas Tech students got to experience this idea first hand during University Student Housing's sleep-out event from 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday in Urbanovsky Park.

Coordinated by the organization's Social Justice Education Committee, the all-night event was a chance to expose students to the reality of homelessness, around Lubbock and the rest of the nation.

"There are roughly 1.6 million people in the U.S. that are homeless and I think that a lot of people in America have not had that exposure to poverty," said Josiah Black, a residence life coordinator from Free-landville, Ind. "They don't understand the reality of what that's like; and so, I think, in a small way, maybe this will expose some folks to that."

Aaron Taliaferro, a graduate assistant for residence education and academic programming from Madison, Wis., said the coordinators worked to create a number of activities for students to participate in throughout the night.

Besides having guest lecturers from Carpenter's Church and other nonprofit organizations, there was also a survival activity, where students learned what tools they would need to survive on the streets, and a scenario activity, where they used problem-solving skills to decide what they would do if they were suddenly homeless.

The main activity, Taliaferro said, was a cardboard box building competition, where students could construct a makeshift home in teams of up to five for a chance to win a survival kit.

Despite the fact that the group had received some negative reactions to the competition, Black said it was to give students the chance to see what some homeless people have to go through to find, or make, shelter.

"I understand that this is a serious issue and we want to make sure that that comes across," he said. "We want to enforce that this is about raising awareness among our student popula-

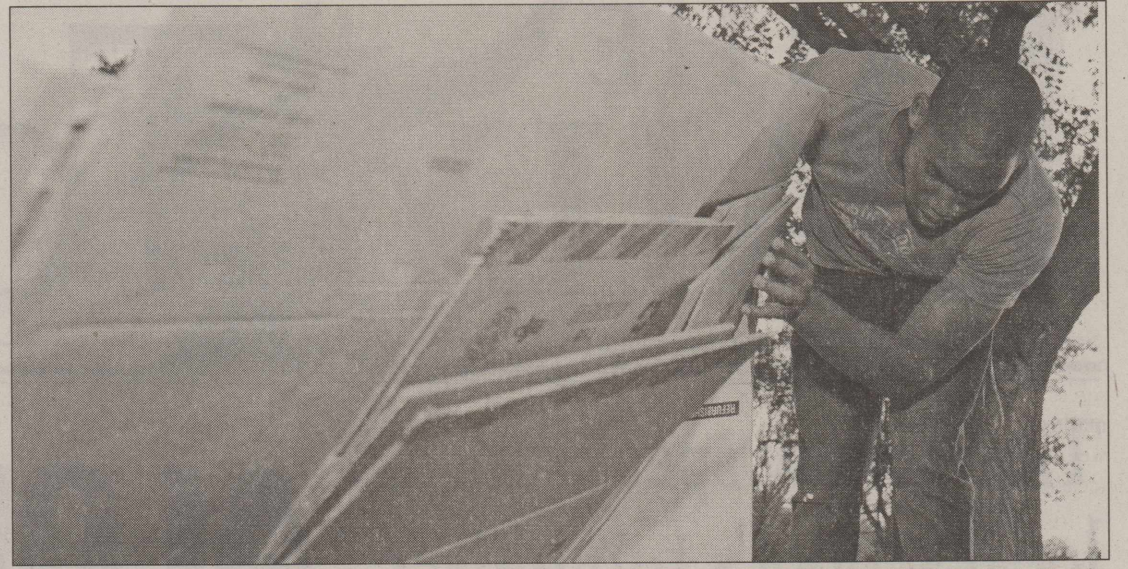


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JOHN MANENO, A freshman undeclared major from Wylie, looks through a pile of cardboard boxes to use in his cardboard shelter for the Sleep Out for the Homeless event Friday at Urbanovsky Park. University Student Housing hosted the event to help raise awareness for the homeless population in Lubbock by having students sleep overnight in cardboard boxes.

tion. However, I think mixing a little bit of fun in it is good for our students. It might bring some folks in who might not want to challenge themselves in this way without that sort of incentive.

"So, while that is different than what an actual homeless person would experience, we're hoping that some of the other education things we're doing tonight, people will be drawn to that."

Taliaferro said one of the main goals of the sleep-out was for students to realize the difficulty homeless people have to face on a daily basis, especially in harsh conditions.

"This is not as bad as it could be," he said about the cold. "I moved here from Chicago and the weather, obviously, during the wintertime was horrible, so people have to survive during frigid cold and things of that nature."

"So this is very minute, but still offers the reality of, 'You get to go home whenever you want; you get to go lay in a warm bed; you can up and leave whenever you want; when the reality is some people don't have that option.'"

Though only about 20 students participated in the event, Black said, he hopes they learned about volunteer efforts and ways to help the local homeless population.

"I think hindsight is 20/20," he said. "There are some things we probably could have done different in terms of getting it publicized, but at the same time ... this event wasn't pre-signup; we wanted people to come as they (were)."

Benjamin McWilliams, a classics and communication studies major from Austin, said that while he was not entirely sure how the cardboard box competition helped the homeless, it did its job of making him think about the issue.

"I've actually been asked a couple of times how this is helping out the homeless, building a box and sleeping outside," he said, "but I think it's a fun extracurricular activity for someone to sit there and sleep outside. We're building box houses and their cardboard boxes are probably very meager and much worse than this, and we have the option of going back."

McWilliams said he has seen what homelessness is like in larger cities, and thinks Lubbock needs to do more to reduce the issue, including having a city-funded homeless shelter.

"I've had more experience in other cities where they actually acknowledge and actually do preventative programs in order to help

the homeless," he said. "And I think that the programs that are here are quite useless."

"I mean, 'It gets cold outside, what am I going to do? I'm going to get some tents and have the homeless sit there and do that.' That's fine and good, but it's not a permanent solution. It's like trying to sit there and throw an object at something and hope that it gets solved."

There are an estimated 800 homeless people in Lubbock, Black said, including children.

Camara Ayers, a freshman exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas, said the sleep-out event was a valuable experience and there is always more students can do to help.

"I thought it would be a good experience for us to find out how homeless people live and to not take what we have for granted," she said. "It's a sad thing because there are children that are homeless."

"(Sometimes they) go to school and people don't even know that they're homeless. I don't think it's fair, basically. There's stuff we could do to help them. Most people spend more than what they need, so we should give it back to the community."

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Slack, an assistant district attorney and one of the speakers at the event, said he thinks raising community awareness is key to preventing the violence.

"From my perspective, we can do what we do in the justice system," he said, "and we can seek justice in individual cases, but restoration for the victim — prevention, these kinds of

things in general — to me there's a lot more that can be done than what we can do in the justice system for those issues. Community awareness is the most important thing for prevention."

The majority of cases he handles, Slack said, are child offense cases, though he also deals with adult sexual assault cases as well.

Slack said his presentation dealt with methods of prevention, based on common sense.

"Most of the cases I have are not somebody walking along, going about

their day, then they get kidnapped," he said. "That does happen, but the majority of it stem from a relationship that gets out of control, or maybe an unwise decision."

He advises people, especially women, to be wary of the relationships they make.

"We all kind of have some stereotypes in the world," he said, "and I think we all know that this is a world that in many aspects women are objectified. And that can be on a small level, you know, and that can lead all the way up to something where somebody sees a female as an object and not a person and that can turn to violence, sexual assault, things like that."

Instead, he suggests women make an effort to have mature, responsible male figures around them. Slack works with another organization present at the event as well. Bikers Against Child Abuse is a motorcycle club based nationally which has spread worldwide in an effort to support children who are victims of abuse.

John "Twinkie" Wuerflein, the president of the Lubbock chapter of BACA, said his organization sits in on child offense trials to offer support to a child that may not have it, especially if the child is asked to testify.

"Every child deserves not to live in fear," he said. "We always try to take the fear away and help empower a child so they can stand up to their accuser."

Wuerflein said he and his chapter were invited by Sapien to show their support for abused and assaulted children, one of the many focuses of the event.

"Somebody needs to stand up for the kids," he said. "Child abuse is prevalent in any walk of life, and sometimes a child can't speak for their self, and how is a little child going to defend their self if someone doesn't help them do it or do it for them?"

Another event taking place during Sexual Assault Awareness Week is the 13th annual Denim Day on Wednesday.

On April 25, women across the nation wear denim jeans in a visible protest of the 1999 overturning of a rape conviction in Italy, because the victim was wearing jeans.

The announcement said women and supporters of survivors are encouraged to join the protest and wear jeans Wednesday to promote taking a stand against rape.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Get really high</p> <p>5 Overhaul</p> <p>9 Archipelago unit</p> <p>13 Six-sided shape</p> <p>14 Captain's "Hold it!"</p> <p>16 Corrosive liquid</p> <p>17 Gillette razor brand</p> <p>18 Do a two-step, say</p> <p>19 Broadway award</p> <p>20 Providence native, for one</p> <p>23 Spectacular failure</p> <p>24 Nutritional fig.</p> <p>25 Writer LeShan</p> <p>28 Part of PST; Abbr.</p> <p>29 Sainly glow</p> <p>32 Marries in secret</p> <p>34 Skipped the saddle</p> <p>36 Cathedral niche</p> <p>39 Hot brow</p> <p>40 Wedding vows</p> <p>41 Steered the skiff beachward</p> <p>46 Tentacle</p> <p>47 Petrol station name</p> <p>48 Juan Carlos, to his subjects</p> <p>51 RR terminus</p> <p>52 Prime rib au</p> <p>54 "From the halls of Montezuma" soldier</p> <p>56 Crosby/Hope film</p> <p>60 Visibly vowed</p> <p>62 "Vacation" band, with "The"</p> <p>63 Baseball stitching</p> <p>64 Kate, to Petruccio, eventually</p> <p>65 China's Zhou</p> <p>66 "la Douce"</p> <p>67 Well-protected</p> <p>68 Desires</p> <p>69 Armchair quarterback's channel</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Eats, with "up" or "down"</p> <p>2 Bat for a higher average than</p> <p>3 Overseas</p> <p>4 Curis up with a book</p> <p>5 Commercial on AM or FM</p> <p>6 Actresses Gabor and Longoria</p> <p>7 Frontiersman Boone, familiarly</p> <p>8 Hollywood award</p> <p>9 "Musta been something ..."</p> <p>10 Scrabble sheet</p> <p>11 Surprise 2012 New York Knick standout Jeremy</p> <p>12 Joseph of ice cream fame</p> <p>15 Painfully sensitive</p> <p>21 Off-the-wall effect</p> <p>22 Chip's partner</p> <p>26 Geometric art style</p> <p>27 Raises a question</p> <p>30 "Panic Room" actor Jared</p> <p>31 More than chubby</p> <p>33 Off-Broadway award</p> <p>34 Fishing line holder</p> <p>35 Signs of relief</p> <p>36 Barking sounds</p> <p>37 One writing verse</p> <p>38 Quit cold turkey</p> <p>42 ___ vs. familiar feeling</p> <p>43 Plod</p> <p>44 Diffusion of fluids, as through a membrane</p> <p>45 Thunderous noise</p> <p>48 Potato presses</p> <p>49 Pitch a tent</p> <p>50 Naval petty officer</p> <p>53 Full of rocks</p> <p>55 Riveter painted by Rockwell</p> <p>57 Architectural S-curve</p> <p>58 Eye lasciviously suffering</p> <p>59 Sound of</p> <p>60 "How cute!" sounds</p> <p>61 Italian actress Scala</p>	<p>Friday's Puzzle Solved</p> <p>CATCH WAIT CLAP AGILE AIRS REBA TUNING FORK EVAN SEAM AFL BEETS BOWLING ALLEY FAO UKE IND ALLOT BLUSHING HIGHWAY RESTAREA DIAMETER ATOMS ATL FDR NOH LIBERALS LATE EXAMS YON VINO ANNO PANCAKEMIX RANT PACK IRENE NYSE MASS ATTEN</p> <p>©2012 Tribune Media Services, Inc. 4/23/12</p> <p>By Bonnie L. Gentry and Victor Fleming</p>
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Texas Tech Ag Awareness Week begins

By KRISTA LUCAS
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The Texas Tech Ag Council kicked off Ag Awareness Week Sunday with the all-day Ag Olympics, and will end with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' honors banquet, with many other activities throughout the week.

Courtney Meyers, an agricultural communications professor at Tech, serves as the chair of the CASNR marketing committee and said this week highlights what agriculture means for the university and beyond.

Meyers said one activity will be a lecture and reception about organic foods and farming. She said author Alex Avery was invited to speak during Ag Awareness Week about his perspectives on growing and increasing world population, and current agriculture.

"He's coming on Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Matador Room in the SUB," she said. "It's free and

open to the public. We hope to have a good crowd."

Avery will spend the day talking to different classes, faculty and staff to share his expertise. Meyers said the Hudson Institute member should reach several, diverse audiences.

The American Museum of Agriculture will host the agricultural education and communications banquet Wednesday, as well. Meyers said the museum recently reopened in a new building, where the history of agriculture in the Lubbock area is highlighted.

She said members of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow will pitch in during Arbor Day in Memorial Circle on Friday. Carlee Smith, a junior agricultural communications major from Sweetwater, said she will be one of the students there to help.

"We're planting flowers," she said. "We're taking a big group of kids for collegiate (Future Farmers of America) and are going out to plant."

Meyers said there also will be opportunities during the week for Tech students to walk around and see names of different student organizations within the college and learn more about them.

"Ag Awareness Week is really more of an opportunity for others to kind of recognize that we do have a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources here at Tech," she said.

Michael Galyean, dean of the CASNR, said Ag Awareness Week makes students and the public aware of agriculture — from a production standpoint — and how it affects everyone's lives.

"Boots to Suits" is one event, taking place Thursday, that is designed to primarily reach agriculture students as a way to provide them with career development opportunities. The CASNR honors banquet is Friday, Galyean said, which recognizes student accomplishments and outstanding seniors.

There are many activities to

choose from, the dean said, with some being more internally focused and others are more externally focused, for the public.

"We also have some Ag Fest activities, as well," he said, "that are fun and games that everyone is invited to."

One such event, Galyean said, is the Ag Olympics. The Ag Council promotes and helps produce the activity, hosted in the livestock arena.

"Ag Council is involved, along with some of our faculty people as well, but they have oversight for the week, basically," he said. "It's kind of one of their major activities, so they will work with faculty members — and staff as well — to get everything lined out for the week."

A full schedule of activities can be found on the CASNR website, Galyean said, and everyone is invited to participate.

On the Web: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/index.php>

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On campus, debate over civil rights, sexual assault

(AP) — For months after Kristina Ponischil was raped at a party in her off-campus apartment, her life at Western Washington University was hell.

Police wouldn't act, as often happens in college towns with "he said, she said" accounts of alcohol-influenced student encounters behind closed doors. Despite a restraining order, she kept running into her assailant on campus, prompting panic attacks.

Once, the man who'd raped her brushed up against Ponischil in the bookstore, then smirked.

"I was just constantly worried that I would run into him again," Ponischil said.

But if the criminal justice system let Ponischil down, Western Washington did not. When she finally told an administrator what happened, the school sprang to action, offering her the support she needed. Perhaps most importantly,

the campus judicial system, using a lower standard of proof than criminal courts, suspended her assailant, removing him from campus until she graduated in 2009.

"I was able to start healing," she said. "When I was constantly afraid, there was no healing. It was just constant fear."

The college's response wasn't just a moral obligation; it was also a legal one.

June marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the federal gender-equity law that has made headlines mostly on the sports pages. But over the last decade or so, through a series of court rulings and more recently controversial guidance published by Obama administration, Title IX has shifted onto a different patch of contentious terrain — sexual assault on college campuses. It is transforming how colleges must respond to allegations of sexual violence.

Law students give presentations about biosecurity, public defense

By EMILY REYES
STAFF WRITER

Law students presented their research on global biosecurity measures in the U.S. on Friday during Texas Tech's School of Law forum.

The event was hosted by the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy, as part of the center's 11th annual symposium.

Victoria Sutton, a professor of law and director for the center, started the event by introducing panelists to audience members. Panelists included law students Julie Azarani, Heather Carson, Eloy Hita, Marta Hoses, Marissa Marino, Jared Mullowney, Derek Richardson, Ben Robertson, Yolanda Rodriguez, Brandon Schwarzentraub, Declan Sullivan, Brain Thornton and Colin Woodriddle.

"We had an excellent set of panels and consistently good presentations," Sutton said.

The event was sectioned into five panel topics: comparative analysis of biosecurity laws, constitutional protections for scientific research and publication, legal issues in national public health security, regulating intentional and accidental biosecurity, and regulation research.

Marino gave a comparative analysis of biosecurity implications of genetically modified organisms. She said she based her case study on laws in the U.S. and in Uganda.

"I chose Uganda for a couple of reasons," Marino said. "They've had a city population increase, they have the research and development capacity for GM technology, they also rely on stable crops making GMOs an appealing option to increase crop yields."

Marino said GMOs are a biosecurity threat because they transfer diseases from plants to humans during travel and trade across borders. She said arguments in favor of GMOs tend to

be their low cost and added nutritional benefits. Arguments against GMOs are their negative impact on the environment, they eliminate biodiversity, have various unknown health effects and allow corporations to have dominance over the food supply.

Sullivan based his comparative analysis of biosecurity laws on the impact of smallpox in the U.S. and Australia. He said he chose the topic because of the strong history of smallpox and the pandemic of the disease throughout international borders.

"In my opinion, smallpox is the single most deadly virus," he said.

The virus was responsible for hundreds of millions of deaths during the 20th century, Sullivan said; it was a serious disease because of its airborne symptoms.

After the presentations, audience members were given a chance to ask panelists questions.

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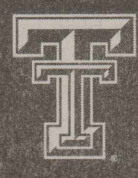
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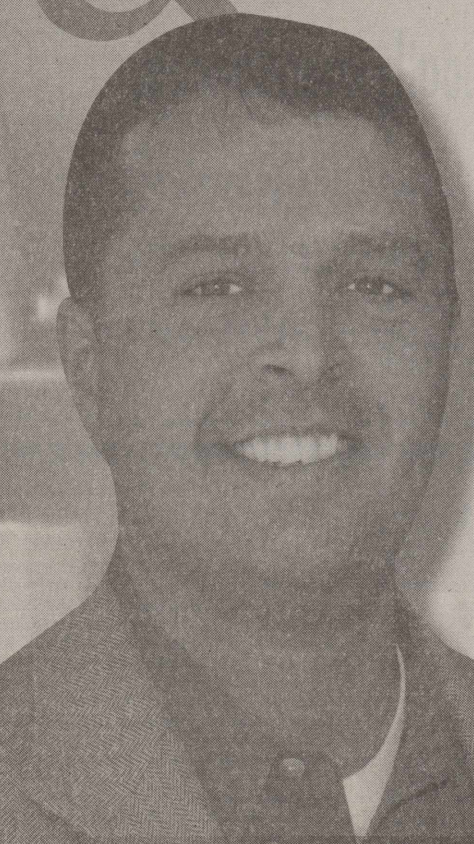
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Internet privacy rights must be strengthened

Storage facilities across the country are not illegal enterprises. They hold people's valuable items, their less used ones or even the items people want to hide from their kids or spouses.

There is nothing illegal about them. The FBI does not get to just waltz in and take things from them without just cause.

People can store illegal objects in their storage container, sure. But it isn't necessarily the responsibility of the facility owner to ensure the objects contained in their facilities aren't stolen. That would be a severe, and unreasonable invasion of privacy.

On the Internet, however, it seems to be quite different.

Sites such as MegaUpload do not intentionally allow sharing of illicit material. It's simply a very easy to use file sharing service.

What people upload or download is largely hard to control. Despite the insistence of the federal government, the entertainment industry and the international law enforcement community, scanning technology simply cannot determine what a legally purchased version of a song is from an illegally purchased one.

Tony Cardone



There shouldn't be anything illegal about uploading my legally purchased iTunes copy of Rebecca Black's "Friday" to MegaUpload for backup purposes. Sharing it to others who don't own it probably is, but it's very difficult for a file-sharing service to determine this.

There are other legitimate uses to MegaUpload.

MegaUpload, for example, was a popular place to store PC game mods up until a couple of months ago. There is nothing illegal about sharing that.

File-sharing services are popular ways to share large family photo albums and videos. There

is nothing illegal about that either.

So when the government is able to just snoop in and take over a site such as MegaUpload because some, or even most, of the files are being shared, there are thousands of law-abiding people across the world losing their legitimately stored data.

In the storage facility example, it would be like the DEA finding weed in one of the lockers, and just torching the whole place down rather than removing the marijuana and persecuting the owner. Family heirlooms, priceless photographs and even someone's \$1,500 canoe are now in a smoldering pit of rubble.

All because one student left weed in his socks when he left for college and his parents took it to be stored in a facility.

It's the same case in peer-to-peer networking. Certainly,

torrent files using a peer-to-peer method of communication can contain illegal material. But the peer-to-peer method is also used for transmitting legitimate data.

And it's not the legal responsibility of the Internet provider to prevent such activity.

Law enforcement agencies do need tools to fight crime on the Internet, but it shouldn't be any different than the process in the real world. Find probable cause, get a specific search warrant for a single location, then move in and investigate that crime.

If MegaUpload is clearly and repeatedly ignoring copyright law, then they should be prosecuted to the necessary extent of the law. But the legal owners of other data should not be punished.

Laws that are clear-cut in the physical world don't translate perfectly into the digital world of the Internet. But there needs to be a much better, more concentrated, effort on making the laws citizen friendly, and ensuring the privacy and rights for all web users are not trampled on by overzealous governments.

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Earth Day sucks

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I am a committed environmental activist, and I think Earth Day is the bane of the environmental movement.

Why? Because every day that we drink, eat, or breathe is "earth day." Yet Americans officially devote only twenty-four hours to being green deliberately.

Too many people believe that celebrating Earth Day can exempt them from further action. This is absurd, and it's damaging the environmental cause. The environmentalist movement needs new strategies that drive environmental awareness into everyday life if we ever hope to address the challenges of climate change.

Earth Day has produced some benefits. The first Earth Day in 1970 rallied 20 million people in the United States alone. Today one billion people in 180 countries around the world participate in Earth Day. This is a testament to the solidarity that so many environmentalists yearn for. Clearly, people do desire to participate in meaningful collective action on behalf of the planet.

But the enthusiasm aroused on Earth Day is not sustained and does not create meaningful change. I turn to Aristotle's description of the two types of virtue: virtue of thought and virtue of character. Virtue of thought "arises and grows from teaching; that is why it needs experience and time." But virtue of character is achieved only through action. Knowledge plus action creates a habit, and a habit is durable.

The actions people take on Earth Day do not form habits. People are green for one day—maybe even for one week. Unfortunately, the pressure to recycle, bike, or change a light-bulb on Earth Day does not carry over to the other 364 days of the year.

You won't get coupons, free gifts, or the feeling of solidarity when you use your reusable bag on November 15. No one will remind you to recycle on August 22. Behavior tends to degrade as the memory of Earth Day fades.

Two recent reports highlight the movement's need for new strategies and show that green actions have not turned into everyday habits for most Americans.

A recent Gallup poll reveals sobering data comparing Americans' perceptions of climate change in 1997 and 2010. The number of people who think that they will never experience the effects of climate

change in their lifetimes increased by 10 percent. In 2003, 61 percent of American thought that climate change was caused by human activities. This number dived to 50 percent in 2010.

Another report by George Mason U., "Climate Change in the American Mind," reinforces this picture. In 2008, 44 percent of respondents said they would switch to energy efficient light bulbs, but by 2011 that figure had dropped to 34 percent. In 2008, 42 percent said that Americans' energy-saving actions would reduce global warming. Only 26 percent believed this in 2011.

The environmental movement is drifting further from its goals as fewer people are committed to energy-saving actions or believe they can have an impact. The apparent "power" of Earth Day has not converted thought to habit.

Instead, Earth Day has a soporific effect of creating a false sense of accomplishment. At the same time, millions of dollars and massive human energy are spent on mounting, advertising, and coordinating single events on Earth Day alone. If these financial and human resources were distributed throughout the year, there would be a much more tangible effect.

Instead of focusing on one day, environmentalists need to take a more holistic approach that will create lasting habits: Launching campaigns that promote environmental education every day of the year, starting programs that make it easy to recycle in the winter, and mobilizing bottom-up support for climate legislation. The mission should be to provide permanent opportunities for people to be green.

Frequent events and awareness-raising gatherings should pervade communities as well. Constant reminders to be and think green—light-bulb swaps, incentives, and green logos on websites—should permeate society. Then these activities will become ingrained in our lives, converting ideas to habits. On Earth Day, it's easy to be green. This should be true on all days of the year.

The one billion people in 180 countries participating in Earth Day annually can lead the healing of our planet when they begin to commit 365 days of the year. This will not happen instantaneously. But it is an important goal.

We cannot let Earth Day create a false sense of security. We shouldn't be fooled by energy savings that accrue over twenty-four hours or by enthusiasm that does not produce sustainable action. Environmentalists need new strategies that will turn healing into habit, and create a movement, not a moment.

Nuclear energy deserves more credit

By **TONY BUHR**
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The Columbia Generating Station, a nuclear power plant, near Richland, Wash. might have its license renewed in May to produce energy until 2043.

The plant started up in 1983 and its license expired Jan. 19, 2010. The plant has currently passed its safety regulation checks and thus entered the final phase of its license renewal.

Washington meets 75 percent of its energy needs with hydroelectric power, the most in the nation, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. It also has a growing supply of energy generated by wind and the sun. Therefore, the state does not necessarily need nuclear power as it has an abundance of other forms of

clean production that provide for it. However, nuclear energy remains one of the best options for current energy dependent nations to move away from fossil fuels into more sustainable living.

Many people have negative feelings toward nuclear power, especially since the Fukushima disaster, because of widely held perception that many dangers remain. For the most part these views have been exaggerated.

The thought, though, that a nuclear meltdown could occur should not be viewed as ridiculous. I have long believed that anytime a company argues that nothing could possibly go wrong, something bad is likely to happen — man is not infallible. For example, look at the BP oil spill, politicians and the oil industry attempted to convince the public that offshore

drilling could never lead to a disaster. They still are trying to convince us that it is completely safe.

However, nuclear energy is not that dangerous in comparison to fossil fuels. Coal produces more radioactive material than nuclear energy, said Donald E. Wall, director of WSU's Nuclear Radiation Center during a lecture last year. While in comparison, coal kills the same amount of people as automobile accidents every year in the U.S. During nuclear reactions, zero contaminants escape into the air.

In reality, coal has far worse side effects for both the environment and the greater population's health. Even cleaner fossil fuels like natural gas and oil will still produce some contaminants into the air.

Nuclear power also acts as a more efficient energy source than coal — a single grain has enough power to generate electricity for a thousand houses in a single day.

It would take a ton of coal to produce the same amount of energy.

No other energy source, wind, solar or hydroelectric has the efficiency of nuclear. Industrialized societies will never be able to completely get off of fossil fuels without some dependency

on nuclear energy.

France bases 75 percent of its energy use on nuclear power and produces next to no nuclear waste thanks to its method of recycling almost all of its material.

Despite all the benefits of nuclear energy, it is important to know the Fukushima meltdown was not a freak occurrence. According to CNN, no modern nuclear reactor could have withstood the earthquake and tsunami that Fukushima underwent. I do not think this is a problem for the U.S. because plenty of places do not sit on multiple fault lines and are miles from the nearest ocean, including Kansas, Colorado and many central plains states.

Washington might not be the best place for a nuclear reactor due to our potential for natural disasters and our capability to sustain ourselves on other forms of energy.

This does not mean that nuclear energy should be seen as a non-reliable form of sustainable energy. In fact, nuclear reactors produce a cleaner, more efficient and safer form of energy than fossil fuels. In order for the U.S. to move away from oil we will need to utilize more nuclear power plants.

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Tech alumni host 8th Tour de Tech Terrace

By **PAIGE SKINNER**
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Live music served as the background noise as more than a thousand people drank beer and geared up to ride their bicycles around Tech Terrace neighborhood.

This was the scene at Tour de Tech Terrace's pre-party.

The actual tour began at 3 p.m. Saturday at 33rd Street and Flint Avenue.

The participants, mostly Texas Tech students and alumni, were dressed in everything from shorts and tank tops to one girl dressed in a Santa Claus-type outfit.

Three girls were sporting pink tank tops. One read, "Bride," while the other two read, "Maid-of-Honor."

Cait Burnett, a senior early childhood education major from Saint John, New Brunswick, said she asked her two friends Friday night to be her maids-of-honor for her upcoming wedding.

It was Burnett's second year to participate in the bicycle tour.

"The first time was super, super, dupe, wickered fun and it was for a good cause," she said, "giving food to people."

Sgt. Robert Hook of the Lubbock Police Department said the police department and Tour de Tech Terrace's organizers try to "work together to minimize the damage as much as we can."

Some Tech Terrace residents watched the tour from their front yards.

Dan House, a Lubbock resi-

dent, said he has watched the tour every year he has lived in Tech Terrace and said it was fun.

He has never had an issue with participants littering, but said some bicyclists ask to use his restroom.

Jason Hartline, who handles the public relations for Tour de Tech Terrace, said the event now has a pick-up committee to follow the bicyclists and remove any trash.

"We actually have different organizations that come and follow the tour and pick up after them and that's really what it's about," said the 2010 Tech alumnus, "trying to make everyone happy and give back to the community."

Tour de Tech Terrace has turned more into philanthropy than anything else, Hartline said.

The participants were encouraged to bring canned food to donate to the South Plains Food Bank before the tour began.

"We're trying to get it so organized that we can give back to the community we live in as Tech students and the community that we enjoy," Hartline said. "So, what we're trying to do is adopt different things and make everyone happy. So, we're trying to pick up."

Hartline said several different companies and organizations support Tour de Tech Terrace, including Lubbock's Rip Tank Board Shop.

Rip Tank Board Shop designed and produced the official Tour de Tech Terrace tank top and sold them at the event.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
PARTICIPANTS RIDE THEIR bikes down the street after the first stop of the biannual Tour de Tech Terrace on Saturday.

John Marshall, manager of the shop, said the store wanted to support Tour de Tech Terrace.

"Tour de Tech is one of the few great cultural experiences for students at Texas Tech," he said.

"It's an event that's been going on for eight years and it has a great brand and it's really valuable to us to support the student community and events like this."

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'Think Like a Man' muscles in at No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The date-night movies "Think Like a Man" and "The Lucky One" finally have knocked "The Hunger Games" off its No. 1 box-office perch.

"Think Like a Man," based on Steve Harvey's dating-advice best-seller, debuted as the top weekend draw with \$33 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. That's almost double what studio executives had expected for the Sony Screen Gems ensemble movie, which features Michael Ealy, Taraji P. Henson and Gabrielle Union.

The Warner Bros. drama "The Lucky One," starring Zac Efron in an adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' romance novel, opened at No. 2 with \$22.8 million. It also came in a bit above studio expectations going into the weekend.

"Think Like a Man" was produced for about \$13 million and took in nearly that much on opening day Friday alone, with business getting even better on Saturday. Sony executives had figured the movie might pull in about \$17 million for the whole weekend.

"It was a wild ride. It just got better and better as the night went on Friday. Then to be up so much on

Saturday," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution at Sony.

Lionsgate's blockbuster "The Hunger Games" took in \$14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1. The film raised its domestic total to \$356.9 million.

"The Hunger Games" added \$13 million overseas, where its total now stands at \$215.8 million, for a worldwide haul of \$573 million.

Disney's nature documentary "Chimpanzee" opened at No. 4 with \$10.2 million.

Despite some healthy newcomers, Hollywood's overall revenues dipped for the second weekend in a row. Domestic receipts totaled \$129 million, down 5 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Rio" led with \$26.3 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

Revenues likely will decline again next weekend, with no huge newcomers expected to come close to the \$86.2 million debut of "Fast Five" over that same weekend last year.

But business should shoot back up after that as the superhero ensemble "The Avengers" launches one of Hollywood's biggest summer lineups ever over the first weekend of May.

Tebow

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Tebow explained to the audience how he made his decision to attend University of Florida, how he grew up in a competitive family and even joked about "Tebowing."

The football player's faith was the main topic throughout the discussion. He said he always tries to keep his priorities in line, saying "faith, family and football" is his list of priorities in his life, but he struggles with keeping true to that list.

Tebow said one of his favorite quotes to tell people is, "I don't know what my future holds, but I know who holds my future."

He explained what the Tim Tebow Foundation is and said it helps more than 650 orphanages.

The discussion ended with Tebow saying one of his signature lines: "I'm excited to be a Jet." The crowd laughed

and then Winkler prayed for Tebow.

Nathalie Lowrie, an employee in the development field for Trinity Christian School Foundation, said she enjoyed what Tebow had to say.

"I thought it was awesome," she said. "I thought finishing the race and the job well done is one of the biggest lessons that we can give our children and give the generations to come, is to finish strong."

Tuberville said he has heard Tebow speak at similar events and he enjoys hearing him speak from his heart and telling people about his faith.

"I've heard him before, but I think he would be a good inspiration," Tuberville said. "I've got my kids here and all these athletes are here, so I think it will be fun for them to hear and see him."

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Advertisement for Robert Lance Jewelers. The ad features a diamond ring and the words "LOVE" and "GEMSTONE" arranged in a grid. Below the grid, it says "BUT SHE'S NOT" and "Robert Lance Jewelers". The address is "82nd and Slide in Rockridge Plaza 794-2938".

Advertisement for Supertan tanning. It features a woman smiling and a tanning booth. The text says "Home of VersaSpa professional skin care Sunless Tanning". Below, it lists membership options: "One Membership = Four SUPER Locations:" with details for Slide, University, and Jola locations, including phone numbers and tanning schedules.

A 9x9 Sudoku puzzle. The puzzle grid is as follows:

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Below the puzzle is a solution to yesterday's puzzle and a small 4x4 puzzle.

Advertisement for the Ombuds Office. It says "A safe place to bring concerns and find solutions." and provides the website "www.ombuds.ttu.edu". Below, it features a quote from Jonathan Kozel: "Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win." and contact information: "SUB Room 232 E 806-742-SAFE".

Millions of books to be donated Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — You won't need to visit a store or library Monday night to see a book change hands or receive a free copy yourself.

Thousands of towns and cities around the country and beyond are participating in the second annual World Book Night, when some 2.5 million free books are expected to be donated, whether at a children's shelter in Texas or a crisis center in Tampa, Fla. Among the works being given are Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games," Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," Michael Connelly's "Blood Work" and Leif Enger's "Peace Like a River."

"It's premium company, this list, and I'm glad and lucky to be on it," Enger said. "It also feels like a challenge. The idea is to entice people back into reading — to mesmerize, to sweep them up, to remind them of the thrill of the open page."

"World Book Night feels so magically old-fashioned," Alexie added.

World Book Night was originated in 2011 by managing director Jamie Byng of Canongate Books, based in Edinburgh, Scotland. This year marks the first time that the U.S. will be participating, along with the United Kingdom, Ireland and Germany. Although some British booksellers complained last year that such a mass giveaway could hurt sales, World Book Night is being supported by the leading U.S. publishers and by the American Booksellers Association, the trade group for independents.

Advertisement for Reserve Apartments. It features a large photo of the apartment complex and smaller photos of interior rooms. The text says "IT'S YOUR LIFE @ THE RESERVE ON FRANKFORD". Below, it says "Starting as low as \$349/MONTH • NOW LEASING!". At the bottom, it says "FURNISHED & FABULOUS • 1, 2, 3 & 4 BEDROOM APARTMENTS" and provides contact information: "www.reserveonfrankford.com", "facebook.com/reserveonfrankford", "@frankfordapts", and "CALL TODAY (806) 785-4088".

CARDBOARD CANOE



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador
HECTOR GOMEZ, A junior mechanical engineering major from Mesquite, and his teammate Pete Giacona, a senior mechanical engineering major from Houston, paddle their cardboard boat across the Exercise and Sports Sciences Center Pool Saturday morning.

Lubbock, Tech community support Burkhart Walk for Autism Awareness

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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Unlike most walks, the Walk for Autism Awareness had no time limit, no specific distance to reach or amount of money to raise.

The goal, instead, was only education.

The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research at Texas Tech hosted the 7th annual walk on Sunday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

Instead of a walking-focused event, the stadium was a sort of carnival, said Susan Voland, one of the event organizers and a unit manager at the Burkhart Center. Booths from various community services like the Therapeutic Riding Center and support groups helped educate attendees.

"It's great because early detection is key," Voland said.

It was also meant to be a fun day out, she said, with inflatables set up along the sidelines, local Boy Scout troop 157 hosting games and the opportunity to meet Raider Red or the Masked Rider.

Many of the walkers were family and friends of people on the autism spectrum, often walking in teams with matching shirts. One such team supported three high school students on the spectrum.

Team LEN had more than 40 people walking.

Beth Tay, mother to Liz, the L of LEN, said the sense of community was important.

For her, knowing another family with an autistic child made all the difference, as she was able to learn from her friends' firsthand experience about the disorder and what to expect.

Now, she walks to raise awareness for others in her situation.

"People have a stigma about autism ... as being Rain Man," she said. "That's just not true ... there's a wide range."



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador
TEAM KELLER AND Mason walk around Jones AT&T Stadium on Sunday during the Walk for Autism Awareness hosted by the Burkhart Center.

Breaking these stereotypes was an important part of the event, said sophomore Lindsey Dixon, a special education major from Highland Village.

"A lot of people know of (autism), but not a lot about it," Dixon said. "This is one way to make them notice."

Attending with other students rather than a team, Dixon was at the walk for a class she was taking, as was Mark Williams, a junior math major from San Antonio.

Though he was not directly supporting anyone, he said, it was a fun, informative event. Most

of all, Williams said, he was surprised at the turnout.

With more than 1,800 registered attendees, Voland said the turnout was great.

"It helps families realize they are not alone," she said.

Though the walkers did not have to pay anything, Voland said donations were accepted in order to raise funds for a building so the Burkhart Center could move out of the Education building.

The Center has a transition academy to help young adults on the autism spectrum with job skills and the job search. Now,

there are 10 people in the program, she said, but more could be helped if there was more space.

Still, money was nowhere near the top of the priority list, Voland said.

The event was strictly to support the autistic community and to raise awareness as the number of incidences of autism rises, said Janice Magness, the director of the Burkhart Transition Academy.

"People with autism just want to be a part of the community," she said, "just like everyone else."

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"I could not be happier about our performance tonight," he said in a news release. "I thought we played really well. I think the girls responded well knowing what was on the line."

The night started off well for the Lady Raiders, as they cruised through the doubles play sweeping Missouri in the three doubles matches to take an early 1-0 lead.

The hot start continued for Tech by continuing to dominate in singles play.

None of the first five singles matches even went to a third set, as Tech put the match away early with a win in each. In fact, the closest any Missouri player even got to Tech in the first five singles matches was 6-4, and that only happened in three out of the 10 sets.

It wasn't until only one match was left in progress that Missouri won its only point of the night.

After two sets going to each, Missouri's Maria Christensen defeated Tech's Samantha Adams 10-3 in a super tiebreaker to make the final team score 6-1.

With the win in the books, Tech knew it now had a chance to clinch at least a share of the Big 12 title Sunday.

"We are one step closer to making history for these girls," Petty said in a news release after Friday's match. "You always say, 'we are just looking one match ahead,' well this is the last one. We have gotten to the end of the road and it has gotten us to a great place."

Then the Lady Raiders did what the set out to do all season Sunday — make history.

It didn't take a strong effort on Tech's part to pick up the Big 12 regular season crown defeating Iowa State 5-2, but the solid performance by Oklahoma State to upset Texas gave the Lady Raiders sole possession of first place.

Just like Friday, Tech got out to a fast start by sweeping the doubles matches to pick up the quick 1-0 lead.

Kenna Kilgo, Samantha Adams and Caroline Starck then made quick work of their matches with each only letting their opponent win three games against them. The point picked up by each gave Tech a combined four points to secure the victory for the Lady Raiders, and —

at that time — at least a share of the Big 12 regular season title.

After the match, Starck — who won her doubles match with Nikki Sanders 8-3, and her singles match 6-1, 6-2 — said she couldn't believe what the team had just accomplished.

"This feels unreal," she said in a news release. "We have all been waiting for this moment — try not to look ahead and take it one match at a time. We are finally here. We finally did it. I do not have any words to describe this. It is unbelievable."

The Lady Raiders did drop two of the last three matches after that, but Tech still easily had the upper hand winning 5-2.

It was then that all eyes shifted to Stillwater, Okla., to the match between No. 6 Texas and No. 51 Oklahoma State with Texas needing to win to take its place beside Tech as the regular season Big 12 co-champions.

However, the highly ranked Longhorns got off to a slow start losing the doubles point to go into an early 1-0 hole. But Texas came roaring back, picking up the first three doubles points forcing OSU to have to win the remaining three points to pick up the win.

This is exactly what OSU did though. After the Cowgirls came back to win the next two points to tie the game at three, it all came down to the No. 2 singles point between OSU's Malika Rose and Texas' No. 30 Aerial Ellis.

After Rose won the first set, Ellis came right back to win the next to bring the match to a final third set to determine which school would win.

Rose didn't seem to be the underdog in the match at all, as she made quick work of Ellis in the third set, winning 6-2.

This loss gave the Longhorns their second loss in Big 12 play, meaning it would be the Lady Raiders taking home the Big 12 trophy home all by themselves.

Tech will now have the No. 1 seed heading into the Big 12 tournament, which will begin Friday in College Station.

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No. 22 Red Raiders clinch 2 seed in Big 12 tourney, defeat No. 15 Texas

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For the first time in school history the Texas Tech men's tennis team defeated Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas in the same season.

The No. 22 Red Raiders completed the sweep Saturday with a 4-3 upset win against the No. 15 Longhorns. The win also clinched the second seed in the Big 12 Championships for Tech to give the Red Raiders a bye in the first round.

The win ranks at the top of the list, Tech head coach Tim Siegel said.

"This is probably the greatest win of my 20 years as head coach at Texas Tech," he said in a news release. "It is so gratifying to look over there and see those guys and know that they are a team — we are a team. I could not be prouder of how we played."

The Red Raiders got down early, as after Tech's No. 29 pair of Gonzalo Escobar and Raony Carvalho beat Texas' No. 30 doubles pair of Chris Camillone and David Holmer 8-5, Tech dropped the next two doubles matches to lose the

doubles point.

In the singles matches it was No. 73 Carvalho who tied the team score at one, as he defeated No. 69 Soren Hess-Olesen 6-4, 6-4, to tie the team score at one apiece.

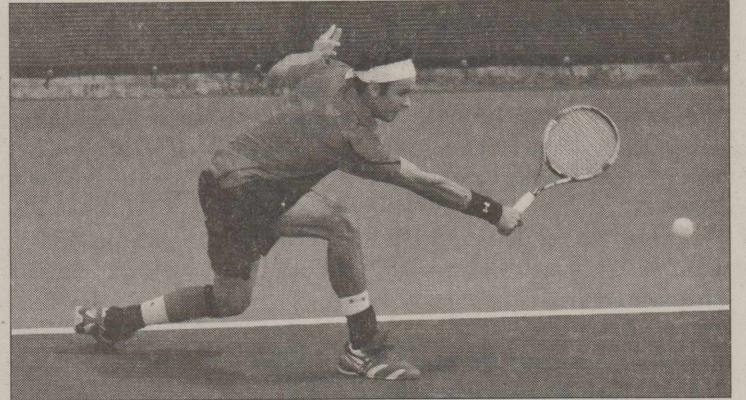
The 1,047 fans that packed the McLeod Tennis Center gave the Red Raiders a little bit of a boost, Carvalho said.

"I really fed off the energy of the crowd tonight," he said in a news release. "I will remember this moment forever. This was my Senior Night. It was special."

Then, after four more singles matches finished play, with both Texas and Tech taking two apiece, the team score was tied at three apiece with only the No. 2 singles match left to conclude.

The match featured No. 47 Gonzalo Escobar of Tech taking on Texas' Daniel Whitehead who is ranked No. 100.

Escobar jumped out to the early lead with a 6-3 win in the first set. However, Whitehead battled back to take the second set and it all came down to a third set to see who would clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 Championships.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S GABRIEL Wanderley returns the ball during a 4-3 victory against Texas A&M at the at the Don and Ethel McLeod Tennis Center earlier this season. Tech beat Texas on Saturday, marking the first time the Red Raiders beat Texas, A&M and Baylor in the same season.

Escobar looked like he would take control and win the set and match easily with a 3-1 advantage, but Whitehead came back once again and tied the set at three all.

It was then back and forth play, as a tiebreaker would have to determine both the match and which school the victory would go to.

This time was different, as it was Whitehead pulling out to the early 3-1 lead in the tiebreaker. But Escobar came right back to take the lead

6-5, and after Whitehead tied it back at 6-6, Escobar put it away to secure the victory for the Red Raiders.

Besides clinching the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 Championships, Tech also brought its home record to a perfect 8-0.

The Red Raiders will now have a first-round bye in the Big 12 Championships and will play the winner of the Baylor-Oklahoma State game at 6 p.m. Saturday at College Station.

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Tech softball wins series against Baylor

By MATT VILLANUEVA
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't the prettiest series, but in the end the No. 24 Red Raiders found a way to pull through this weekend against another ranked Big 12 Conference team.

The series with No. 24 Baylor marks the end of Tech's brutal two-week Big 12 schedule stretch, where the Red Raiders saw the likes of Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Texas A&M — all of whom are in the top 20 nationally.

The series victory marks the first time Tech has defeated Baylor since 2008.

A Mikey Kenney three-run home run in the first inning was just enough for Tech to get the series opening victory on Friday, 3-1.

With two runners on base, Kenney drove a 1-0 pitch and sent it over the center-field wall. The home run immediately ended Baylor pitcher Liz Paul's day before she could record an out.

The switch in the circle proved to be effective, as ace Courtney Repka held the Red Raiders to two walks and one hit during the next six innings.

Tech pitcher Cara Custer allowed Baylor's only run in the seventh inning with a wild pitch.

Custer, a freshman, logged her 15th complete game of the season — which put her in third place on Tech's all-time single-season wins list.

Baylor retaliated Saturday after-

noon by putting up four quick runs in the first that established the tempo for the rest of the game and ensured the win over Tech, 8-4.

The Bears got to Tech pitcher Brittany Talley early with four straight two-out singles, making it easier for Repka to once again give the Red Raiders headaches at bat.

Repka weaved in and out of bases-loaded pressure in the first and third innings. She finished the game with eight strikeouts and allowed five hits.

Kaitlyn Thumann increased the lead for the Bears with a solo home run in the third and Sarah Crockett added by driving a pinch-hit two-run single in the fifth.

With the bases loaded in the fifth, Adriana Perez broke through with a grand slam to center field. The Perez home run — Tech's 59th of the season — shattered last season's school record.

Talley took the loss for Tech, giving up five runs off eight hits in four innings. Kermitria Ward and Ashley Brokeshoulder both saw time in the circle as relief. Ward gave up three runs off seven hits and Brokeshoulder closed out the game with the final two outs in the seventh.

"We didn't get a lot of offense going today because we got behind and had to play station-to-station," Tech coach Shanon Hays said. "We're the kind of team, a lot of like Baylor in that we, like, get runners on, put them in motion, put pressure on the defense, and bunt and hit and run. Basically,

we were like an old National League team."

The rubber match on Sunday would be a game of catch up for Tech, but was decided late in the bottom of the seventh by way of a three-run rally to give Tech the series win, 6-5.

Repka held Tech scoreless until the fourth inning, when Kenney whopped a solo home run to left field.

The next inning, things got heated for Custer as she met a bases loaded, one-out dilemma. Crockett executed with a single to center that brought in two Baylor runs.

The bottom of the fifth, Emily Bledsoe singled to bring in a run. Logan Hall hit one to shortstop that allowed Ashley Hamada just enough time to reach home plate.

Custer met bases loaded again in the top of the seventh and Thumann connected with the ball, singling to center field and scoring two runs.

Tech, however, did not let up.

The final inning, Logan Hall bombed a double that hit the left-field fence to bring in Raven Richardson and pinch runner Taylor Powell.

With the game tied at 5 apiece and two outs, Kenney hit the walk-off single to left field to give Tech the win.

Custer recorded the win, giving up 11 hits in her seven innings pitching.

The win allowed Tech to match the most conference victories it has ever had through 18 league games in school history.

"You're never out of it when you've



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TEXAS TECH'S EMILY Bledsoe slides into third base during the Red Raiders' 3-1 victory against Baylor at Rocky Johnson Field on Friday.

got this group of seniors that you have," Hays said. "You get a break here or there, and I told our girls afterward

we just never got it really going this weekend and part of it was A&M and Baylor. They both played well against

us and we're fortunate to get that game, but then again — we earned it." >>mvillanueva@dailytoreador.com

SPORTS BRIEFS

Red Raider golf finishes 9th in Aggie Invitational, Sordet 9th overall

The Texas Tech golf team struggled this weekend, as it finished the Aggie Invitational with a ninth place finish at the Traditions Club in College Station.

However, the Red Raiders did have one positive from the weekend. Clement Sordet finished in ninth place, which marked the freshman's fifth top 10 finish

this year. His final score for the tournament was a team-leading 6-over, 122.

Finley Ewing IV and Matias Dominguez had the second best outings for the Red Raiders as they tied for 40th, finishing at 17-over.

Tech came in with a 93-over, 1173 to put them well behind No. 13 Os-

gon State, who won the event with a 29-over, 1109. No. 1 Texas and No. 15 Texas A&M finished with a 40-over to tie for second place.

This was the team's last tournament before the Big 12 Championship, which starts Friday at Whispering Pines in Trinity.

Tough times continue for Texas Tech baseball, swept by Oklahoma State

The struggles in Big 12 Conference play continued for the Red Raider baseball team this weekend.

Oklahoma State swept Texas Tech in a three-game series to drop the Red Raiders to 3-12 in conference play and 22-20 overall.

Game one of the series featured a pitching duel, with the Cowboys pulling out a 2-1 victory.

On the mound to start the game for Tech was John Neeley, who went 6.1 innings and allowed one run on five hits. However, he was outdueled by OSU's ace Andrew Heaney. Heaney came just short of a complete game, as he went 8.1 innings and gave up one run on six hits while sitting down nine Tech batters via strikeout.

Heading into the bottom of the ninth, the score was knotted at one. After getting

the first out, Jerad McCrummen gave up a walk, hit a batter and gave up a single to fill the bases with Cowboys.

OSU's pinch hitter Jordan Mings then knocked a fly ball deep enough to bring in the winning run on a sacrifice fly.

In game two of the series, late runs were once again the undoing of Tech, losing 5-2.

Duke von Schamann had another strong performance, giving up two runs on six hits in seven innings pitched. However, after von Schamann exited after giving up a leadoff double in the eighth, things went downhill for the Red Raiders.

Shane Broyles came in to relieve von Schamann, and was close to getting out of a bases loaded jam with two outs. But a base-clearing triple gave OSU a 4-1 lead.

The Cowboys then added one more

run to take a three-run lead, and Tech wasn't able to muster anything in the ninth, securing the series victory for OSU.

The series then wrapped up with another tough day for Tech, as the Red Raiders lost 7-1.

Tech starting pitcher Trey Masek gave up five runs on eight hits in five innings, which was more than enough run support for the Cowboys.

OSU starter Randy McCurry gave up the lone run for Tech in 7.2 innings pitched, capping off a solid pitching performance by the Cowboys who gave up only four runs all weekend.

The Red Raiders will now play New Mexico for a second straight week, as they will start a two-game midweek series Tuesday at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque.

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