Chris Walker named interim coach of Tech MBB team

Walker earns first job as head coach after 17 years as assistant g u a r d

By ZACH DISCHIANO SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt announced Thursday the interim coach for the men's basketball team for the 2012-2013 season is Chris Walker.

Walker has been in charge of daily basketball operations in the absence of former coach Billy Gillispie, who resigned from his position because of

including coaches from the professional level. However, he felt Walker was the best choice for the position.

"Chris and I have talked extensively about this being an interim process, and it continues to be our intention to conduct a search, national in scope, at the conclusion of this basketball sea-

son," Hocutt said Thursday. "I'm Hocutt said Tech received very pleased and very excited to seasons at several interested candidates announce that today I made a from all around the country, recommendation to the Office of the President, and Dr. Lawrence Schovanec approved my recommendation, and that is to name Chris Walker as the interim head coach at Texas Tech."

Walker is entering his second season with the Tech basketball program with 17 years of coaching experience.

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job as a head coach.

"This has been the realization of a dream for 17 years in this business," Walker said. "For 17 The former Villanova point years I've worked very diligently have this opportunity, and I'm very thankful that Texas Tech has given me this chance."

Junior forward Jaye Crockett said the team is closer together under Walker..

"He makes it a family, he said. "He's always open for us to come and talk to him. He's going to bring energy. He keeps us positive at all times. I think it's going to be a great year this year with Coach Walker."

Walker said his primary focus is not concerned with the

to place myself in a situation to number of wins the Red Raiders record this year.

> "I know one thing, there are people that will say how many games they're going to win, and they'll judge us by that," he said. "But we'll judge ourselves by how hard we play for the name on the front of the jersey. We'll always keep Texas Tech front

The Red Raiders will play their first exhibition game against UT-Permian Basin on Nov. 1 in United Spirit Arena. >>> zdischiano@dailytoreador.com

and center.'

SGA Concurrent Resolution 48.01 tabled at meeting

By MATT DOTRAY STAFF WRITER

Senate Concurrent Resolution 48.01, a bill proposing a Student House of Representatives in Student Government Association, was tabled during Thursday's Senate meeting.

The meeting began with committee reports and a report from the executive branch asking senators to inform their constituents about the SGA Facebook page. Following the routine motions and other Senate Resolutions that did not come to a vote, the discussion turned to the creation of a Student House of Representatives.

According to the bill, which was brought to the Senate for the first time on Sept. 13, it was designed to increase students' representation in SGA. Unlike senators, who represent students from their respected college, members of the House would be elected from organizations.

Erika Allen, a senator from the Honors Collegé, began by proposing an amendment she said would clarify and solve the problem of organizing the House.

Members of the House would be elected from each of the organizational categories defined in Student Union Activities, Allen said, and members in those categories would elect them

She said the number of representatives in the House would not be able to exceed 85 seats, and the number of seats would be proportional to the number of students the organization represents.

"In terms of proportional representation," Allen said. "I think that this is a fair way to represent all students that are involved in these organizations, whether or not an organization has 500 versus an organization that has two student

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Political Perception



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHAN/The Daily Toreador

MARK ORBE, A professor of communication at Western Michigan, lectures during his presentation about his book, "Communication Realities in a 'Post-Racial' Society: What the U.S. Public Really Thinks about President Obama" on Thursday in the Media and Communication building.

Big 12 Conference puts strict rule on Saddle Tramps' bells

By EFRAIN DUARTE STAFF WRITER

The Saddle Tramps organization of Texas Tech are just one of many spirit organizations in the Big 12 Conference taking a hit from a rule passed by Big 12 athletic directors.

"Right now the official rule says that when the opposing offensive team breaks the huddle and they line up, the noisemakers have to stop," Isaiah Joe, a

junior industrial engineering major from

Saddle Tramps have been on the Tech campus since 1936 and besides the bells the members ring at games, Saddle Tramps has Bangin' Bertha, which is a larger bell one member rings during games. Other functions of Saddle Tramps include going to home football, basketball and baseball games to energize the crowds.

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Western Michigan professor discusses book about public's perception of President Obama

By EMILY GARDNER STAFF WRITER

Mark Orbe, professor of intercultural communication and diversity at Western Michigan University, discussed his book, "Communication Realities in a 'Post-Racial' Society: What the U.S. Public Really Thinks about President Obama," Thursday evening in the Media and Communica-

The Department of Communication Studies, the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, the Center for Undergraduate Research and the Women's Studies Program sponsored the event, Amy Heuman, associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies, said.

"We're in the communication studies discipline, so for us there is an interest in the communication research that he's doing," Heuman said. "But also, we thought it was very timely coming right after this debate because he has done these focus groups throughout the United States, so, it's a wide range of folks that he has asked for what their perceptions are about the race relations in society, how possibly President Obama has impacted race relations in society."

Orbe said the project is used to help his students understand what race looks like by providing contemporary scenarios and real-life examples.

"I went to 13 states trying to get as many diverse perspectives as I could based on race, ethnicity, based on age, based on gender, based on regionality, based on political affiliation," he said.

Orbe said he conducted his research while on sabbatical from the university and had both time outside of teaching and funding to conduct his

He does qualitative work using interviews and focus groups and said he went in with no preconceived notions, letting the people decide what topics were to be discussed in the book.

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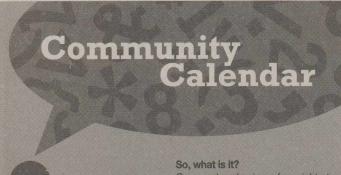
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ASU receives \$3 million grant from US Air Force

By EMILY GARDNER STAFF WRITER

Angelo State University, part of the Texas Tech University System, received a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Air Force that continues funding for the Center for Security Studies and its academic programs.

"We built the center, which is designed for outreach and partnership with the Department of Defense, with the Department of Homeland Security, with law enforcement organizations — in effect, all agencies and organizations that are in business or that are charged with keeping our country safe and prosperous," Robert Ehlers, director of the Center for Security Studies and head of the Department of

Security Studies and Criminal tives for the programs." Justice at ASU, said.

According to the ASU website, the purpose of the center is to provide airmen and airwomen with advanced education, including bachelors' and masters' degrees in border security, cultural competence, intelligence and security studies. The program was first funded in 2009

"The receipt of the third and final year of funding will allow us to improve on a series of very successful and fast-growing programs and bring them to what we call full maturity or full adulthood," Ehlers said. "What it does, in a sense, is give us all of the ample funds to achieve our objectives with these programs and the objec-

There are eight academic programs offered through the center, Ehlers said. These programs are offered entirely online so they can be taken from anywhere in the world with either a wireless connection or a DSL

"We did that specifically because a large number of our students are nontraditional," Ehlers said. "They are already full-time military or Department of Homeland Security, or law enforcement. They are literally all over the world.

The grant will allow ASU to continue funding its faculty and staff and develop the remaining courses in the intelligence program, Ehlers said. It also will help fund conferences, seminars

and speakers, along with allowing the institution to carry out the mandates put together by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and the Air Force.

The receipt of the grant was a result of the 2007 discussions between Hutchison and General Buzz Moseley, former Air Force chief of staff, Ehlers said.

"We're very grateful to Senator Hutchison and her staff and to General Rice and his staff at Air Education and Training Command for securing this last year of funds and allowing us to complete the process of maturing the center and the department so that we can complete the missions the Air Force and the senator want us to complete," Ehlers said.

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"Ultimately, all of you probably come in with your own preconceived ideas about President Obama," Orbe said. "What I want you to do is not only seek out those you are in agreement with, and shout 'Amen,' but what I want you to do is see how you might understand diverse perspectives because my goal this project was to learn about people's perspectives."

Joe Looney, a sophomore history major from Rowlett, said he came to the event for extra credit and to gain insight on who to vote for in the upcoming

The discussion Thursday was an interdisciplinary talk, Heuman said. Sociology, communication studies and women's studies are learning about the value of focus groups. The goal of the talk was to have a dialogue and look at the information as a communicator, seeing how the different candidates could be described.

"I learned that across the board, whether people agree with his policies or not, generally, people think Obama is a good speaker and communicator," Looney said. "I learned that there is a

significant difference between post racial and post racist and how we can't just be color blind, we have to embrace race and see it as peoples culture rather than something that keeps us apart."

There will be a smaller group discussion from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Media and Communication building coinciding with a departmental cake cutting and reception commemorating the Communication Studies 87th anniversary and the department's move to the Media and Communication building Friday, Heuman said. This talk will center around using focus groups as a method and why communication research matters.

'The talk was very insightful in terms of understanding diverse points of view and understanding the challenges of being the first black president and communication styles," Charlotte Dunham, associate professor of sociology and the director of women's studies, said. "Another really important insight from the talk was the importance of listening and listening to each other before we talk. Because, in order to truly engage people, we have to understand where they are coming from especially in a heated political campaign like there is today.'

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The amendment passed with 75 percent of senators voting in support of the amendment. After Colin Davis, a senator from the College of Arts and Sciences amended the date the bill would be voted on by students, Jeffrey Tew, a senator from the College of Engineering, motioned to table the bill.

According to the Glossary of

Legislative Terminology, tabling a bill is a motion to put a bill aside and thereby remove it from consideration

Tew said he took it upon himself to address other students, and after discussing the bill with more than 200 of his constituents, a ratio of four students to one were against this bill.

"I also took it upon myself to talk to other universities," he said. "I spoke today to a university up in Michigan who currently has a bicameral legislation, and they tried to do away with it because it wasn't working.

"They were not getting participation, people weren't showing up and they weren't passing bills. But, when they tried to get rid of it, they wouldn't vote themselves down. This is essentially a bell that cannot be unrung."

Tew said the student government currently spends \$75,398, and it is wrong to ask students to be responsible for more money on top of what they are already paying.

The motion to table the bill was passed with 60 percent of senators

voting in favor of the motion.

After the bill was removed from consideration, Allen, a co-author of the bill, said senators need to take it upon themselves to provide better representation for their students.

"Please bring students into this organization," Allen said. "This organization is not going to heal itself. It's not going to fix itself until we do something. That was one of them, and there are many other ways we fix this organization'

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Saddle Tramps may not be able to ring their bells as often, has strict guidelines when it Bulverde, said. comes to bell ringing.

"We follow a strict guideline (regarding) when to ring and when not to ring," Joe said.

Saddle Tramps currently abides by the Big 12 rule of when to ring their bells. "Until a Big 12 official

or one of our sponsors says. something to us, we are going to continue to do what we are doing," Jarrett Gottardy, senior but Joe said the organization university studies major from

> The organization may use bells to energize the crowds in the stadium, but Jason Judd, sophomore English major from Fort Worth, said Saddle Tramps does not need their bells to excite the crowds.

"The highlight of Tramps is

and clapping," Joe said.

The recent rule passed by the Big 12 athletic directors has been around for a long time, but has recently been enforced more strictly, Gottardy said.

The rule currently only applies to the Big 12 Conference, Joe said.

Saddle Tramp member Ryan McCabe, senior mechanical engineering major from League City, said the rule takes away from the game day experience.

"I feel (the rule) waters not standing in your section. down the atmosphere of the We are still yelling, screaming game and takes away from the

home field advantage of certain teams," he said.

Failure to comply with the rules could result in a 15-yard

One Big 12 team whose spirit organization is also taking a hit from the recently passed rule is the Oklahoma State University's Paddle People, who bang paddles on the walls of Boone Pickens Stadium.

Even though this new rule has been enforced, members of Saddle Tramps are not going to let that stop them from energizing the crowds at games.

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AA says it knows why seats came loose on planes

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines is cancelling dozens of flights as it scrambles to fix seats that could pop loose during flight.

Airline officials said late Thursday that they had come up with a fix for the seats, and they began pulling 48 Boeing 757s out of service to make repairs. All the planes should be back in service by Saturday.

The seat repairs, however, could inconvenience thousands of passengers. American said the work caused it to cancel 50 flights on Thursday and 44 on Friday. Each 757 that American operates in the U.S. has 188 seats.

It's the latest black eye for American parent AMR Corp., which is operating under bankruptcy protection and trying to fend off a takeover by US Airways Group Inc. Flight cancelations and delays surged in September, which American blamed on a slowdown by pilots who are unhappy that American canceled their labor contract.

Since last week, seats have come loose on three American Airlines flights involving 757s that had been recently refurbished. The seats had been removed and reinstalled as part of the work.

Federal officials said they are continuing a safety investigation into the events at the nation's third-biggest airline.

American originally said the problem was due to a clamp that holds rows of seats to tracks on the aircraft floor.

But officials offered a new explanation Thursday, saying that a combination of wear, poor design and even soda spilled into the tracks caused pins to pop out of the grooves.

the material and learning the

foundations of broad topics like

contracts," she said. "This is a

way to get exposure to things that

you're actually going to be doing

as an attorney and they make it

will be able to attend the final

competition, Sullivan said. More

information about upcoming

competitions can be found on

Anyone interested in law

Board of Barristers hosts final round of 1L negotiations

By MATT DOTRAY STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Board of Barristers will host the final round of 1L Negotiations at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the School of Law's Lanier Auditorium.

According to the Board of Barristers' website, negotiations competitions are a test of teamwork, strategy and execution. Competitors are given information, some private and some known by both teams, and are legal careers as practitioners."

asked to acquire the best deal possible for their client against the competing team.

Brian Sullivan, the chairman of the Board of Barristers, said 1L Negotiations, consist of first-year law students who are put into a situation where they have the opportunity to represent a client.

"We put them into a situation where it's their job to advocate for that person," Sullivan said. "In that sense, it really is, and what we mean it to be, the start of their

Competitions started with 90 teams Sunday, Sullivan said. Friday's final round will be between the two teams that have survived the preliminary rounds and made it through the bracket.

Jobe Jackson, a member of the Board of Barristers and the vice chairman of negotiations, said 1L Negotiations are fun to watch and competitors come up with very interesting moves.

"This is where you get the real interesting stuff," he said. "Some teams that come in are a lot more prepared and have a better feel for from West Bloomfield, Mich., is been reading and understanding what is asked of them, and other teams just kind of cowboy it. You get some interesting results."

Current members of the Board of Barristers coached students competing in negotiations, Jackson said. Compared to previous years, he said one of the main goals this year was to have more structure and emphasis on coaching. Coaches were required to contact competitors and be more

Megan Kateff, a 1L student

competing in her first Board of Barristers' event.

Kateff said she has always been interested in litigation, so competing seemed like an obvious choice.

"It's been a lot of fun," she said. "It's definitely a lot different than just reading for our normal classes. It's a whole different approach to law school."

Kateff said her experience has been invaluable.

their website, ttubob.org. "A lot of work so far has >>> mdotray@dailytoreador.com

very realistic."

Romney shifts to center as his confidence grows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney is shifting sharply to the political center as he begins to deliver a closing argument aimed at a slice of moderate, undecided voters a month before Election Day.

On taxes, immigration and more, the former Massachusetts governor has toned down his heated, campaign trail rhetoric this week, including during his strong debate performance Wednesday night, as he looks to gain ground against President Barack Obama in the handful of states that will determine the outcome of the competitive race.

"I know this is going to be a closefought battle," a jubilant and invigorated Romney said in Colorado.

Joined by running mate Paul Ryan and country star Trace Adkins at an evening rally in Fishersville, Va., Romney was confident and upbeat, basking in sustained cheers from a crowd of thousands. "Last night was an important night for the country—" Romney said before getting cut off by loud chants of "Romney, Romney." After he finished speaking, his campaign set off fireworks.

In the coming days, the Republican nominee will try to capitalize on his well-received appearance by moderating his pitch and working to narrow Obama's advantage in swing-state polling that aides say showed signs of tightening even before Romney and the president sparred. The Republican's aides played down the notion that the debate was a game-changing event. But they appeared more optimistic about Romney's chances than they had been during a troubled stretch that lasted several weeks.

"We've got over a month here," Romney strategist Stuart Stevens said. "That's an eternity."

Romney will use that time to drive the centrist message he outlined in the debate. He emphasized support for popular elements of Obama's health care plan, embraced government regulation as necessary and hinted that he may eliminate government subsidies for oil companies as part of a larger tax plan he insisted would not cut taxes for the wealthy.

In some cases, the message is a dramatic departure — in tone, if not substance — from a candidate who has for more than a year assailed the president's "government takeover" of health care and "job-crushing regulations," and who has promised tax cuts for all.

While moderating his message, Romney will also deliver a series of policy speeches, beginning with a foreign policy address in Virginia on Monday, to help crystalize differences with the Democratic incumbent. Future speeches are expected to focus on job creation and federal debt - areas where Romney's internal polling suggests there is an opportunity to win over so-called "persuadable voters."

Tech voted one of top military friendly schools

By CAROLYN HECK STAFF WRITER

G.I. Jobs Magazine voted Texas Tech among the top 15 percent of military-friendly universities in the nation for the fourth year in a row, and as Veterans Day approaches, Tech is striving to do even more for its student veterans.

Enrollment numbers for student veterans rise each year, reaching about 1,500 this semester, said Ryan Van Dusen, assistant director for the Military and Veterans Program.

Van Dusen said it is the military-friendly attitude of the Tech community that makes the university a comfortable and welcome place for veteran students.

"I think it offers a lot to our veterans," he said. "They feel comfortable here, they feel appreciated, they feel the faculty and staff are committed to their success."

Texas has the highest rate of military service in the nation, Van Dusen said, so the chances are high that a student or staff member is directly connected to someone who has served.

"Every student, faculty member, staff member, either has a relative or knows someone close to them that has served in the military," he said, "so I think there is a genuine appreciation for military service. It goes beyond political feeling. This is a patriotic area, this is a community that supports our veterans.'

Tech offers resources like the Veterans Career Program and Green Zone to service members in an effort to support and aid them in the transition from military to civilian life, Van Dusen said, which can often be a difficult time.

"I'm a veteran myself," he said, "and when this position opened up, I applied and have been so excited (not only) to have been a part of Texas Tech, but to be able to serve veterans every day. It's a hard struggle transitioning from military to civilian life – (they're) two completely different worlds, and I think college is that inbetween time to help develop our veterans into fully-transitioned civilian citizens."

Frank Silvas, the lead counselor and military liaison for University Career Services, said he remembers the hardship he and his fellow soldiers faced from the majority of the public after the Vietnam War.

"I'm a veteran of the Vietnam era, and when the veterans came back from Vietnam, they weren't treated very well," he said. "So, I think, speaking for myself, I want to make sure that we show them some appreciation and show some support.

One such support service is the Green Zone, which was started last fall by the Military and Veterans Program, Van Dusen said. The Green Zone is a program that trains Tech faculty and staff to help them become aware of the military population, what their demographics are, what their possible needs could be and the obstacles they may face. to be better able to offer assistance and support.

"And then, to show our veterans when they're walking across campus, the people that have gone through Green Zone get a sticker they can put on their office," he said, "so, veterans know that that's a safe place to go if they need assistance in any way.'

Another service offered is the Veteran Career Program, Silvas said, a program through Career Services that helps Tech's military members navigate through the different majors and career paths, and design resumes that translate military experience into civilian

The Military and Veterans Program is another resource veteran students can use, Van Dusen said. It is a part of Tech's Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement program, dedicated to the support of all military service members.

'We're the starting point for them to submit their paperwork either to the university or to the government to get their educations funded," he said, "And on top of that, we really try to be a resource to make this large university small for this group of students.'

The program also is hosting an event to show Tech's appreciation for its military on Veterans Day, Nov. 12, Van Dusen said. They plan to have a student veteran panel where veterans will discuss their ideas and experiences, as well as a cake reception and different activities based around the Tech vs. Kansas football game.

Caleb McEntire, a senior mechanical engineer from Houston and member of the Air Force ROTC, said the university has been very supportive of the ROTC and of veterans.

He said he believes the resources are very helpful, and he finds Tech's student organizations, students, faculty and staff are all appreciative.

"People on campus - professors, things like that - they're always very supportive of us when we show up in uniform," he said. "I would definitely agree that we are a military-friendly school."

Mcentire said he plans on going into pilot training at an Air Force base in March after he graduates.

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UN strongly condemns Syrian shelling of Turkey

UNITED NATIONS (AP) The U.N. Security Council overcame deep divisions to unanimously approve a statement Thursday condemning Syria's shelling of a Turkish town that killed five women and children "in the strongest terms."

Council members managed to bridge differences between the strong statement demanded by the United States and its Western supporters and backed by their NATO ally Turkey, and a weaker text pushed by Russia, Syria's most important ally, after negotiations that began late Wednesday and continued through Thursday.

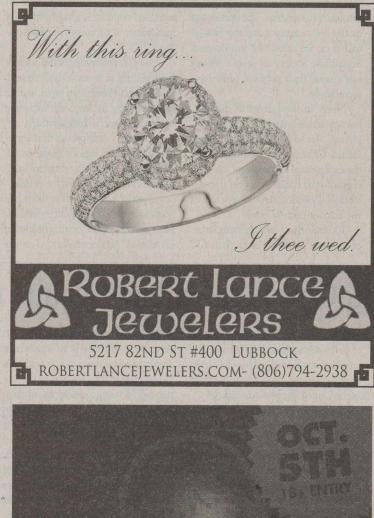
In the press statement, which needed approval from all 15 council. members, the U.N.'s most powerful body said the incident "highlighted the grave impact the crisis in Syria has on the security of its neighbors and on regional peace and stability."

It also extended condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and people of Turkey.

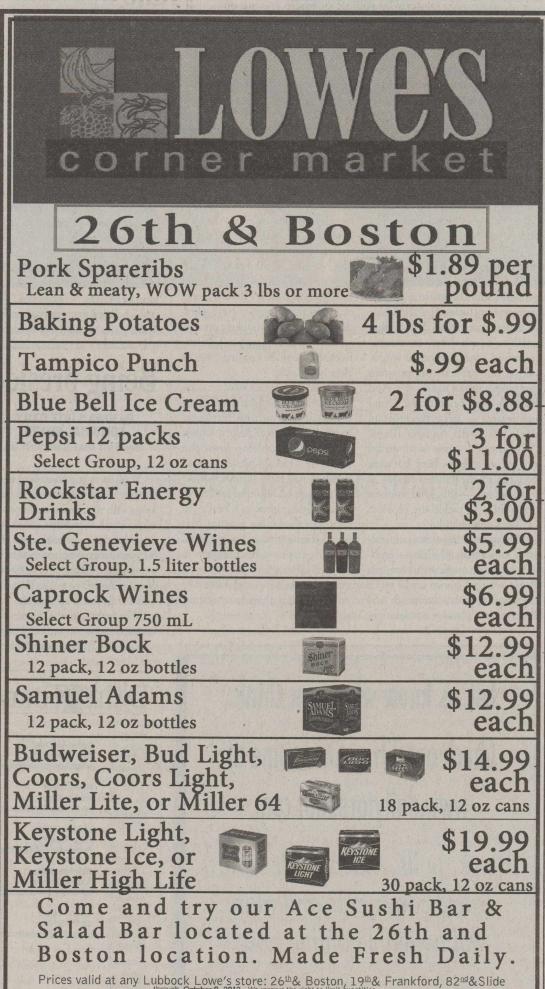
The council demanded an immediate end to such violations of international law and called on the Syrian government "to fully respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its neighbors." Russia's agreement that the Syrian shelling. violated international law was a key concession by Moscow.

The original Western-backed draft, proposed by Azerbaijan, condemned the shelling "in the strongest terms" and called it a violation of international law. Proposed Russian amendments never mentioned any breaches of international law, so the inclusion in the final text was a concession by Moscow.

Earlier Thursday, Syria's U.N. envoy said his government is not seeking any escalation of violence with Turkey and wants to maintain good neighborly relations.







PINIONS

News broadcasts should not censor violent content

Shepard Smith need not have apologized after airing the cop chase that ended with the suspect shooting himself in the head. Considering all the sins Fox News commits on a daily basis, viewer to decide.

Smith is known for loving to call play-by-play car chases like these — a typical, unimportant news story when other local and big news networks aren't airing the chase. This time, however, the desperate suspect acted rashly and turned the gun on himself, live in front of a Fox News audience listening to Smith yell frantically to cut the feed.

Of course, you can't be too sure Smith really wanted the feed to be Sigler

for once it reported news for the been a facade to try and maintain positive public relations. After all, the big three networks need ratings and those guys do like to play dirty and have a little fun.

Whether their concern for the sensibilities of their viewership were sincere or not, I do not mind. I welcome the chance to see real life at work instead of having to hear a re-warmed, rehashed version from a news reporter. What a violent shock to see the panic, the misery, the desperation of a man pushed to the brink like that. It cut off. His ranting might have certainly is a call for much-needed

personal reflection, words Smith a purpose. This year has been a ating end may have been unset-

Condemning the human error, sensitize the news consumer with

Sun Times ran an opinion by Lori Rackl suggesting car chases should not even be covered since they're hardly ever newsworthy and sometimes end in an unpredictable

manner. However, cop chases are cringe away? If anything, seeing news. They are crimes, and more than being entertaining, they affect people.

violent one. Clusters of shootings tling in a good, preventative way. Public response to Fox's airing and mass shootings, bomb threats the debacle has been negative. and suicides are enough to de-

> words alone. In fact, not active-We don't need ly viewing the visceral reality every channel to of these things may make the give us a Mary stories more banal and easier Poppins view of the to stomach.

Who didn't news. see the video aired by Fox last week and

a real life suicide in such a way may be a necessary wake-up call. For those already contemplating Airing news like this may serve suicide, perhaps seeing the nause-

Why shouldn't the news allow footage like this to be seen uncensored? Every day when you turn the TV to any cable channel, can you even count on your fingers how many violent acts - some even fatal - you see? Seeing fictitious, stylized violence - these acts can be even more desensitizing than seeing the real, raw footage.

The news media doesn't usually cower away from violence. Foreign stories have shown people setting themselves on fire and berating police officers. In war shots, we see gunfire and bombs going off. On 9/11, we saw an attack on our citizenry when the towers came down.

plenty of time to turn the channel anyway, yelling to cut the feed quite a few seconds before the tape delay failed to censor the suicide. Giving a warning should suffice, that way audience members with children may take necessary precautions.

In these shots, we see the real horror of these violent acts. The experience is something that people should have the opportunity to view if they want. And many do, or this video and videos like this wouldn't be plastered all over the Internet. We don't need every channel to give us a Mary Poppins view of the news.

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Romney's immigration switch harms campaign

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The Denver Post published an interview with Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Tuesday in which the candidate altered his stance on immigration, promising that if he is elected, he will maintain a program enacted by the Obama administration that prevents the deportation of young illegal immigrants.

While Romney might not be making one of the blatant mistakes he's become known for this election season, the move holds little political value for his campaign it won't impact the Latino vote to any significant extent, and it could potentially alienate his more con-

servative supporters. At first glance, supporting Obama's program seems like a great move for Romney. He comes off as open-minded and sympathetic toward a demographic that has criticized him for being out-of-touch. Changing his stance could also be a sign of compromise in an extremely uncompromising election.

Upon further inspection, however, the decision seems to be almost entirely politically motivated. In light of the fact that Romney has had to put his foot in his mouth more than once while discussing immigration policy, his new position is more a political Band-Aid than a genuine effort to improve important immigration issues. It should also be noted that rather than adding anything to the debate on the immigration issue, Romney is simply taking one pre-existing program and promising not to cancel it. And he isn't even referencing actual immigrants — since the program deals only with younger illegal "immigrants" - most of whom did not choose to come here, but were brought to the United States at a young age — this is far from an actual plan to tackle the problem of illegal immigration.

Though making such a politically — rather than ethically — motivated decision might seem harmless, Romney's new stance could prove detrimental to his campaign and his complete plan for immigration,

which he says will be implemented in his first term.

With relatively high Latino populations in swing states such as Colorado and Nevada, the Latino vote will be a major determining factor in the election. According to a poll by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, however, 69 percent of Latino voters support Obama as of last month. To change the minds of such an overwhelming majority would require much more effort on Romney's part than agreeing once with Obama — such as creating his own policy and campaigning with it openly.

Obviously, Romney isn't approaching the Latino voting bloc as effectively as he could be. According to a CNN poll taken last month, 44 percent of Latino voters consider the economy to be the most important issue facing the country today versus 14 percent who chose immigration. To appeal to a demographic that overwhelmingly supports Obama — who has been criticized for vague and ineffective economic policy — Romney should have focused on this rather than make a small compromise to his immigration policy.

His compromise will, however, be seriously taken into account by another demographic: staunch conservatives, who will interpret the move as weakness on Romney's part. It also might offend those who strongly believe in rigid antiimmigration policy. This is a group of voters that Romney has locked down. Though it is unlikely conservatives will instead support Obama, Romney should be keeping them as close as possible.

Romney's commitment to continue Obama's immigration program is inconsistent with his previously harsh immigration policy, which could cause problems down the road if he is elected president. And Romney will have trouble following through on his other initiatives regarding immigration if he has to continue supporting a policy that isn't consistent with his platform. To truly improve his numbers in the polls, Romney must focus on making concrete and effective policies rather than insignificant

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Veteran continues to suffer cruel, unjust confinement

By NICK BELL THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

Pfc. Bradley Manning made headlines in 2010 when he was arrested for the leak of around 250,000 private Iraq and Afghanistan to the website WikiLeaks, known for its mission of

transparency in government. Manning was arrested on May 26, 2010 and has been under U.S. military detainment ever since.

Recently, Manning's defense attorney, David Coombs, filed a motion stating that Manning's charges should be dismissed because his right to a speedy trial has been completely violated.

"As of the date of this motion, Pfc. Manning has been in pretrial confinement for 845 days," Coombs said. "With trial scheduled to commence on Feb. 4, 2013, Pfc. Manning will have spent confinement before even a single piece of evidence is offered against him."

Whether he is labeled a whistleabsolutely horrendous. The underlying motive for journalists and the press is to inform an otherwise uninformed democratic society so people within can choose their political candidates

Never in the history of the U.S. has any administration utilized the Espionage Act so frequently as President Barack Obama's administration, and the exponential expansion of information into the hands of people through technology undoubtedly plays a role in the increase of these cases.

It's ironic that Manning's imposition of restraint could be more than 630

a grand total of 983 days in pre-trial days before the trial for exposing the military calls it. Wherever his motives espionage acts of our government and then get charged as a spy.

We are entering a new age where blower or a cyber-terrorist, the han- government officials cannot protect dling of such a nonviolent criminal their classified information from the case by the military's judicial system is people, and we are starting to see an increased vigilance among the Internet community as a form of civil disobedi-

Users' understanding of the Internet is increasing at a remarkable degree. The advances have been rapid, and it's getting harder for anybody, including out government, to hide anything.

Manning's case proves that Internet-related activities are going to fall under ever-increasing scrutiny until it is no longer a forum for the people.

Granted, Manning most likely had animosity toward the military and his peers because of the treatment toward his alleged "gender confusion," as the

to leak the information came from, Manning kept the military's overreaching arm in check.

The crimes blatantly committed on the videos are far worse than anything Manning has done, but none of these personnel were convicted or tried for

This case will undoubtedly set a precedent to decide how much the government can get away with in regards to military operations and prisoner

While the media tried to generate ad revenue off other stories like the Trayvon Martin case, the Manning case fell to the wayside. It's easy to get the public riled up over issues like race, but getting the public riled up against the military-industrial complex is against the corporate conglomerates' and governmental institution's interests.

Being president, Obama should not require debate practice

By IOWA STATE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

Walk up to any business owner or manager and ask them the top five things wrong with their business and possible solutions to those problems, and it's a sure thing that person can rattle them off in but a minute or two with no thought, and probably have a dozen more problems to give you. And it's no feat for them to do so really; the business is their life.

Whether you like the idea or not, for competent, diligent, successful people, work does tend to become one's life, and

every little facet of one's work is as known study for a debate is nothing new. No as the proverbial back of one's hand. The same is certainly true, and hopefully even moreso given the stakes, for the president of the United States of America.

It was with the typical dismay of this election cycle that we found a story on CNN Tuesday afternoon about President Barack Obama taking a break from studying for the debates to speak with workers at the local campaign office. The president quipped that his staff was keeping him busy boning up on the campaign's message, making him "do his homework."

Of course, there's nothing to be shocked by there; that a candidate would

doubt Mitt Romney is off somewhere doing the same thing as you read this. However, that the president of this nation needs to cram to deliver information about the country and his proposals to move forward is just plain disheartening and revelatory of the modern so-called "politician's" lack of actual political skill."

The presidency is Obama's life and has been for the last four years. There are few people in the world as qualified to talk about government and matters of American domestic and foreign policy as he is. A truly talented politician president, one who possesses that indescribable spark

of the truly political individual, would have no need to study for a debate at all. He could simply waltz on stage and tell

And the people would love him for it. Unless, of course, what's being studied is a canned message developed by apolitical propagandists who are less interested in public interaction and more interested in scamming the most votes out of our broken electoral system. Furthermore, that candidates occupy themselves memorizing what amounts to a script reveals just how much of a media sideshow elections and politics have become.

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Nastia Liukin talks upcoming gymnastics show

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While the Olympic gold medalist grew up in Dallas, she doesn't recall ever visiting Lubbock.

That all changed Tuesday when Nastia Liukin came to Lubbock and Texas Tech before Sunday's Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions presented by National Travel.

Liukin began gymnastics when she was three years old. Her parents, both gymnasts, coached her when she was young. Eventually, her dad took fulltime responsibility of coaching her and Liukin said having him as a coach was a positive thing.

"He obviously knows me more as a person and an athlete more than anyone could ever get to know me," she said. "So, I definitely think it worked out. It was just like any father-daughter relationship. It was hard at times, but I think it was ultimately the best for me and for him."

Growing up in the gym, Liukin said going to the Olympics was always her goal.

"I guess at an early age, you kind of hope and dream that you can go to the Olympics one day," she said. "But, other than that, there wasn't really a moment when I said that I wanted to try for the Olympics. It was just

since I was young."

Liukin said she spent seven hours a day, six days a week practicing her gymnastics, but jokes she couldn't even last an hour in a workout gym. But, even with all that practicing, she said she had a normal high school life and didn't have to give up much.

"I went to a private school," she said, "so, I guess if anything, just not going to a public school. But, a lot of the people I went to school with were also gymnasts or athletes, so I got to spend a lot of time with them both in and outside the gym, and I still went to senior prom and stuff."

Liukin competed in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, and then when she did not make the 2012 Olympic team, she retired as a competitive gymnast.

Her time in London was a lot different than her time in Beijing, she said.

"It was definitely a lot less stressful, no pressure, no nerves," Liukin said. "But, I really enjoyed being in London still, and I did a lot of work for NBC and the Today Show, and I got to do a lot of different things that I wouldn't be able to do if I was competing.

"But, at the same time, there's no greater feeling than competing at an Olympic game and representing your country, so I'm very fortunate and lucky that I

something I wanted to do ever got to do that four years ago, and that's something that will be with me for the rest of my life and those memories remain."

Before competing in the 2008 Olympics, Liukin enrolled at Southern Methodist University for a semester, but said she could not balance classes while traveling for her gymnastics career. She said she plans to enroll at New York University to study sports management.

"I loved it," Liukin said. "I love SMU. I love Dallas, but at the time it just wasn't the right time for me to be in school because I was traveling so much. I really wasn't able to attend too many classes and missing tests and stuff, so that was tough at that moment, but if I were to stay in Dallas, I would definitely go back to SMU, but I'm moving to New York, so I definitely think it will be a fun few years of my life, but then I'll move back to Texas."

While she doesn't necessarily want to be a coach like her parents, she said she wants to continue in the gymnastics world, whether with the Olympic movement, broadcasting or something else.

Liukin and other Olympians, like gold medalist winner Gabby Douglas, will perform several different Olympic routines during the tour at 5 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena. While the



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

PAIGE SKINNER, LA Vida editor of The Daily Toreador, interviews Olympic gold medalist Nastia Liukin on Tuesday in the Dr. Jan T. Childress Student Media Conference Room. Liukin was in Lubbock promoting the Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions which will be Sunday in United Spirit Arena.

said the routines will not be the same skill level as they were during the Olympics.

"Performing four nights a week is a lot of fun, but it also gets very tiring, especially by the end of the week," she said. "But, again, when you walk into an arena the night of the show

routines will look familiar, Liukin and you see the thousands of numbers. people there, you kind of forget how tired and how sore and everything you are, it's just really exciting to hear the crowd."

Along with the gymnastics, Liukin said the tour would also feature dance numbers, professional dancers, different costumes and Cirque du Soleil-type

"We try to mix it up a little bit with fun music. And the lights are what I think really make the show. It's a light show within the actual show. It's very different than anything you'll actually see at an Olympic games or World Championships.

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Jumpstart hosts Read for the Record with 80 preschoolers

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

Jumpstart's seventh annual Read for the Record campaign took place from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Education building basement and the English/ Philosophy Courtyard.

The kick-off for the nationwide event took place on the we have targeted that age group Today Show with a celebrity reading by Grammy awardwinning and multi-platinum artist Ashanti.

During the event, there was a reading of "Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad" by David Soman and Jacky Davis followed by crafts and a meet-and-greet with Raider Red and the Masked

Texas Tech's director of Jumpstart Dawn Burke said college student Aaron Lieberman, who was attending Yale at the time, started the Jumpstart program 20 years ago. She said he and his friends worked at a child's summer camp and wanted to continue working with children. Lieberman then recruited some of his friends, and they began been at Tech since 2002.

Burke said the organization serves in more than 60 universities nationwide to bring awareness to the early literacy crisis in the country.

"Research has shown that the biggest gap is in that preschool year right before kindergarten, so with our curriculum to close that gap," Burke said.

Burke said the program targets 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. They work with about 120 four-year-olds.

Eighty 4-year-olds from Ramirez Charter School in Lubbock were able to attend Read for the Record.

Senior Jumpstart corps member Francisco Macías has worked with the organization for two years. He said the children enjoy interacting with adults and people older than them.

"I think (Read for the Record) plants a seed in their brain about coming to a university and maybe even joining Jumpstart," Macías said.

Macías said some of these kids are considered at-risk children, which he defines as coming from and president of the University's

The Jumpstart program has poor homes and bad neighbor-

"Their exposure to reading and to what our organization does strives to prepare them for success when they enter kindergarten," Macías said.

Sophomore Tahira Gibson, another two-year corps member, also commented on the importance of bringing children from the community together in a college

"Hopefully they'll remember this when they get into elementary school, and they'll have the same kind of desires to continue reading and learning and to go to college," Gibson said.

She said the event helps the children develop a love of read-

"From what I saw, the kids are pretty excited," Gibson said. "A lot of them just seem to have these big smiles on their face, so it's really exciting to see that they're really pumped to be here with us reading this book.'

Read for the Record at Tech also featured two guest readers including language literacy education professor Jade Cashman



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TATIANA PARRA, A freshman undecided major from Houston, reads "Nasty Bugs," by Leo Bennett and Will Terry, to children from Ramirez Elementary School as a part of Jumpstart's national campaign, Read for the Record on Thursday in the Education building.

Women's Club Julie Smith.

The campaign was in association with Pearson Education and sponsored by Tommy Hilfiger.

"We've set world records reading the same book to as many children as possible across the country all on the same day," Burke said.

"We want to be part of the bigger movement that Jumpstart is making across the country."

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Niemann takes on 'Free the Music'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Some things have changed for Jerrod Niemann since he finally scored a couple of hit songs after years of disappointment. And some things haven't.

In the change category, the rising country singer-songwriter has been on the road constantly the last two years and has finally found the stardom he's been seeking. He even has the impulse buy to prove it.

"Well, I bought a car when I was drunk," Niemann acknowledged sheepishly when asked recently about celebrity moments. "I wanted a car. I didn't know what I was going to get and I didn't even see it. I was on eBay in my hotel room and I woke up and had bought one and had bid on another one. I was, 'Oh, please don't win!' Luckily, I didn't win the other one."

While that Dodge Charger has helped keep his lifestyle in fast forward, Niemann remains firmly rooted when it comes to his music. "Free the Music," out this week, is another re-imagining of what the modern country music album can be. He used humor and spoken-word interludes to subvert the form on his debut,

"Judge Jerrod & the Hung Jury." This time around he takes a more

sober-minded, but no less interesting look at the history of country music. "Free the Music" has a few potential cuts that could be hits on country radio, but it's also got just as many songs that push the boundaries of what we've come to expect from the genre in the 21st century.

Using a unique tape-to-digital format, the 33-year-old native of Texas peppered the album with Dixieland clarinet, a horn section, swampy B3 Hammond organ, unconventional percussion and pre-steel guitar instrumentation, all mixed in with some of country's modern mainstays. Niemann said so often country performers pay tribute to the great songwriters of yesteryear. He came at it from a different direction.

"I want to pay homage to certain instrumentation," Niemann said. "The pedal steel guitar wasn't invented until '48, so there was horns in country music for 20 years before the pedal steel guitar was even invented. When we think of horns first and foremost, you don't think of traditional country music."

That clarinet grabs your attention

on the jazzy "Honky Tonk Fever," which swings unlike any song you've heard with honky-tonk in the title. The muted horns add to the Caribbean vibe on "I'll Have to Kill the Pain," what might otherwise be a conventional country take on drinking away woman troubles. And that rolling B3 adds a funky J.J. Cale vibe to "Guessing Games." Tuba and French horn are buried in the mix as well.

"Jerrod has definitely put himself in that category: Not your average Nashville artist," said close friend Lee Brice, who co-wrote two songs on the album. "... Now, he's a country boy at heart and he's a huge country music fan. But also the other types of music in him come out. When he sits down to write, he just wants to write a song he loves and he wants that song to be him. So sometimes he loves the horns and sometimes he loves some percussion and things that aren't necessarily on a country

Niemann wants those sounds and ideas to resonate with listeners — and the other musicians who follow the muse.

Hannah arrested for protesting pipeline

HOUSTON (AP) — Actress Daryl Hannah of "Splash" fame was arrested in northeast Texas on Thursday, along with a 78-year-old landowner as the pair protested an oil pipeline designed to bring crude from Canada to the Gulf Coast.

"They've arrested Daryl Hannah and a rural Texas great-grandmother," said Paul Bassis, Hannah's manager.

Hannah and landowner Eleanor Fairchild were standing in front of heavy equipment in an attempt to halt construction of the Keystone XL pipeline on Fairchild's farm in Winnsboro, a town about 100 miles east of Dallas. They were arrested for criminal trespassing and taken to the Wood County Jail, Bassis said.

Hannah has long opposed Trans-Canada's construction of the \$7 billion pipeline, which is designed to transport heavy tar-sands crude oil from Alberta, Canada, to Texas' Gulf Coast refineries.

"It is unfortunate Ms. Hannah and other out-of-state activists have chosen to break the law by illegally trespassing on private property," David Dodson, a spokesman for TransCanada, said in an email. He

also said protesters were "putting their own safety and the safety of others at risk."

Bassis said he spoke to the actress Thursday evening and that there was "a strong indication" that both women would be kept overnight at the local jail.

"The streets of Winnsboro will be much safer tonight now that they've gotten that 78-year-old great grandmother off the streets," Bassis said.

Hannah — who has starred in dozens of movies, including "Kill Bill" and "Splash" - also was arrested in August 2011 while protesting the pipeline in Washington. She was one of several hundred prominent scientists and activists arrested that month.

They argue the pipeline would be unsafe because it would be carrying heavy, acidic crude oil that could more easily corrode a metal pipe, which would lead to a spill. They also say refining the oil would further contaminate the air in a region that has long struggled with pollution.

TransCanada says its pipeline would be the safest ever built, and that the crude is no dirtier than oil currently arriving from Venezuela or

The issue became politically charged when congressional Republicans gave President Barack Obama 60 days to decide whether TransCanada should be granted the necessary permit for the pipeline to cross an international border before snaking its way 1,700 miles south to the Texas coast.

Obama, saying his administration did not have enough time to study the potential environmental impacts, denied the permit in Janu-

However, he encouraged Trans-Canada to reroute the northern portion of the pipeline to avoid an environmentally sensitive area of Nebraska. He also promised to expedite permitting of a southern portion of the pipeline from Cushing, Okla., to the Gulf Coast to relieve a bottleneck at the Cushing refinery.

TransCanada began construction of that portion of the pipeline this summer after receiving the necessary permits. Some Texas landowners, joined by activists from outside the state, have tried through various protests to stop or slow down con-

Eventful week planned for Homecoming

Bv ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Homecoming traditions that attract thousands of scarlet- and black-clad fans will continue this year with the theme "Don't Wreck with Tech."

The weeklong events will begin Oct. 8 and conclude with the Red Raider football game against West Virginia on Oct. 13.

Brickland Easton, a junior marketing and management major from Lubbock and a member of Tech Activities Board, is a part of the Homecoming committee. He said Homecoming is one of his favorite traditions at Tech.

"We've been doing it since at least the 1950s, so it's huge in tradition," he said, "and there's so much going on and so many things that TAB does that coordinate with local members of the community, so it just ties everything together in a great week that is called Homecoming."

Easton said this year Homecoming week will be more spread out than last year.

"It'll be different in a sense because we don't have fall break falling during homecoming week," he said. "Last year, we had Monday and Tuesday off, so it kind of threw us all for a loop because we had to cram it into four days instead of six, so I know it will be a lot easier on the committee itself because we will have a lot more time to think about things during the week.'

Easton said he enjoys watching the Homecoming queen and king candidates go through the elimination process, which he said is stressful and tense.

"The royalty candidates go through three phases throughout the week," he said. "They all turn in a resume when they turn in their applications, so we have those screened by a panel of judges. They rank them and we announce the top 10 kings and queens at S.O. Sing on Wednesday night. Then we take those 20 people and they go through interviews all day Thursday with another esteemed panel of judges, and those judges narrow those down to the top five kings and top five queens that we announce on Friday at noon.

Then it's up to voting from students until midnight on Friday night, and then we announce the winner on Saturday."

During the entire week, a spirit board competition will take place in which all student organizations' spirit boards are displayed along the Broadway entrance to campus. A spirit banner competition by student organizations also will be in the Student Union Building during the week span.

On Monday, Homecoming queen and king candidates will be announced, and featured guest Kirby Hocutt will speak at the Homecoming Kickoff at noon at the SUB North Plaza. After the kickoff, a line dance flash mob will occur in the same location.

As part of cactus creations that will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the SUB West Basement, students with their Tech ID's can plant and take home their own cactus. Then students can compete in a campus-wide photo scavenger hunt from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. starting at Memorial Circle, in which the winners will receive a prize.

The events continue Wednesday

with students who can make custom leather bracelets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SUB North Plaza. The S.O. Sing competition will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena, in which student organizations will compete in a dancing and singing competition.

S.O. Sing chair Emily Barnhart, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Irving, said this year 14 organizations are participating in the event, which is more than last year. She said she has not seen any of the dances, but heard the music choices from each organization and feels like it will be a creative competition.

'This year our theme is 'Don't Wreck with Tech', and it's more of a country theme so we're expecting line dances and two-stepping and stuff like that," she said. "It's really cool because it's a change for all the organizations to come out and support each other all at one time. It brings a lot of people out, and it just gets them in the spirit for the week and our theme."

A tamale fest sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. Thursday at Urbanovsky Park. The Techsan Memorial, which honors Tech students, alumni, faculty and staff who have passed away in the last year, will take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Circle.

A Rowdy Raider rally will begin at 12 p.m. Friday, in which the top five Homecoming queen and king candidates will be announced. Free T-shirts will also be distributed to students with valid Tech IDs as part of the event. President's Reading Program Author Timothy Egan will speak at 7 p.m. in the SUB Allen Theatre followed by a book signing as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series. Following the speaker, a Homecoming march and pep rally bonfire will begin at 8:30 p.m. at 18th and Boston Avenue to Urbanovsky Park, The Goin' Band and spirit squads will perform as the S.O. Sing, spirit board and banner winners are announced along with the final candidates for the 2012 Homecoming

Easton said the entire week culminates Saturday. The annual Homecoming parade will start an hour earlier this year because of the game time. At 9 a.m., floats created by various student organizations and local businesses will take off from the First Baptist Church on Broadway. Raidergate will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the R-1 parking lot, which will include live music and tailgating. Kickoff will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Jones AT&T Stadium, and the Tech Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at halftime.

TAB Homecoming coordinator Katie Brkovich, a senior marketing major from Allen, said all of the events TAB hosts are great, but S.O. Sing and the parade are the two most anticipated events. She hopes to see many Tech students at each event hosted for them.

"I really encourage the entire student body to come out to as many events as possible," she said, "to see all of our hard works and the tradition that Homecoming is for Texas Tech."

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Campers create "Tuberville" at Jones Stadium

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

Two lone tents, stationed in front of the student game day entrance, will not come down until Saturday.

In these tents, about 10 to 12 dedicated Red Raider fans await this Saturday for the upcoming game day, when the Red Raiders will compete against Oklahoma University.

This small settlement is called "Tuberville" by its citizens, who say it is home of the nation's No. 1 defense.

"This is a big game," said Ryan Reyna, a junior mechanical engineering major from The Woodlands. "OU is one of our big rivals in the Big 12, and I just want our players to know the fans support them, so we're out here to show them that we want them to do (well)."

"Tuberville" citizens pitched the first tent Oct. 3. Its population has steadily grown since then, because of urging by phone and social media.

"These guys text me to come out at 12:30 and I was like sure, why not," said

Michael Phamvu, a junior electrical engineering major from Cedar Park. "I came out here and there was actually not a lot of people, but it has been fun so far. It's hard to balance with classes, but it's worth it."

Reyna said he founded Tuberville because he was disappointed Raiderville did not emerge this week. He attended Raiderville for the last two years.

"I still plan on attending Raiderville," he said. "This is just something to have fun with friends and get the seats I want for the game."

The citizens were asked to move the tents from their initial location on the side of the stadium, in which the stadium was blocking the wind. Reyna said the wind has caused problems for the tents, and the ground is especially cold at night.

Reyna said representatives from RedRaiderSports.com solved this problem when they donated heaters to the citizens as well as food, including a meal from Orlando's Italian Restaurant.

"So we're not doing too bad," Reyna

said. "We're managing."

For entertainment, the citizens have provided a laptop for movies, a football, a poker game and a stereo. For leisure, a friend of the citizens lent them seats

'They're actually really nice," Reyna said. "If it wasn't for these, we wouldn't have anywhere to sit."

Jacob Pacheco, a junior architecture major from San Antonio, said he is a citizen because last year it was a big game when Tech beat OU on their home field, so he wants front row seats to watch Tech hopefully beat them again in the Jones. Until then, he will have to wake up and attend class straight from a tent.

"That's what's going to happen tomorrow morning," he said. "I eat here, sleep here and wake up here."

The citizens encourage any Tech fans to come join Tuberville and increase its population to support the Red Raiders. "The more people, the better,"

Phamvu said. "It will be more fun that

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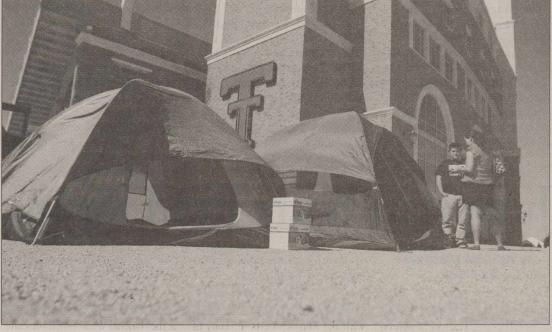


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RYAN REYNA, A junior mechanical engineering major from The Woodlands, gets interviewed by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal on Thursday outside Jones AT&T Stadium. Reyna and friends set up tents in preparation of the Texas Tech football game against the University of Oklahoma on Saturday. Reyna calls the group "Tuberville."

Texas Tech student Logan Dobbe discusses interning for NASA



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

Logan Dobbe, a sophomore biochemistry major from League City was an intern as a 16 year-old at NASA where he analyzed human testing data and developed innovative solutions to neuroscientific problems.

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

Most high school students maintain a job in high school by working at a local fast food restaurant or other stores in their towns. However, Texas Tech student Logan Dobbe was able to receive an internship working at the Johnson Space Center in Houston when he was just 16 years old.

Dobbe is a first-year biochemistry major from League City, who is classified by Tech as a junior.

"I went to an early college high school where we basically took collegelevel classes that counted towards our high school and our college credits," Dobbe said. "I just knew I wouldn't be challenged enough in a regular high school."

Because of the school he attended, Dobbe was able to come to Tech not only with a high school diploma, but also with an associate's degree.

"The way it worked out was all kind of funny because I actually got my associate degree before I had technically even graduated from high school," Dobbe said.

It was through Dobbe's early college high school that he heard about the opportunity to intern for NASA.

"I already knew that I needed to find a job, and thought this might be something I'd enjoy," Dobbe said. "I wanted to have a job that was meaningful for my possible future career."

Dobbe sent in an application and then went through a formal interview process to be accepted into the program.

Carolyn Snyder, coordinator for the Career Exploration Program, is in charge of conducting the interviews as well as planning other recruiting

"The program was created to give students the opportunity to experience the different career fields like the ones at NASA," Snyder said. "It gives them a head start and helps them get a better idea of skills they need to have for these jobs."

For the year Dobbe worked for NASA, he was one of the main developers of a micro-equipment application that collects human testing data for the space program.

"Logan was coming up with ideas and solutions that our own workers hadn't even thought of," Snyder said. "I found that very impressive, and the

rest of his work was just phenomenal." Not only is Logan Dobbe classified as a first-year junior student, but he is also only 17 years old.

Sarah Hardy, a freshman restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Lake Travis, met Logan at the beginning of the semester.

"When I first met him, I had no idea that he was so much younger than all of us," Hardy said. "It's amazing that he has been able to accomplish so much at such a young age."

The rest of the workers at the institution also were surprised when they found out how mature he was for being so much younger than all the other interns, Snyder said.

"I don't really let anyone know about how old I really am, because in the long run that doesn't really matter," Dobbe said. "It's all about how you carry yourself and how mature you act, not your actual age compared to everyone else's."

Dobbe went on to be awarded the Student of the Year award for the CEP. The program was overall a great experience, especially because the other workers treated him like a team member and not like an intern, Dobbe said.

"He's already done so many impressive things for his age," Hardy said. "That just shows how truly committed he is to his education and his future." >>> atubbs@dailytoreador.com

Wyo. tribble-naming contest marks Archives Month

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Anybody who doesn't think this is the cutest little news story of the day must be a Klingon.

The American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming is holding a "Name the Tribble" contest. The idea is to promote American Archives Month and show people that archives aren't just repositories of musty old documents — they can be home to cool stuff, too.

Such as a tribble, a small creature from the Star Trek television series. The American Heritage Center houses items donated by several celebrities including the late Forrest J. Ackerman, a science fiction publisher credited with

inventing the term "sci-fi."

Ackerman had no ties to Wyoming but years ago donated many boxes of manuscripts, photographs, movie stills, correspondence, books, movie posters and artifacts including a tribble from the Star Trek set.

"A tribble is a little furball-type thing. It looks like a hairy softball that is very soft and cushy," said Lander journalist Ernie Over, who was Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry's personal assistant from 1985 to 1990.

Tribbles have no arms, legs, heads or even eyes. The idea was to massproduce them as simply as possible,

In the famous 1967 Star Trek

episode that first featured tribbles, the prolific creatures multiplied and overran the Enterprise until Montgomery "Scotty" Scott beamed them onto a Klingon ship.

Ha-ha: Klingons despise tribbles. And tribbles hiss when they encounter Star Trek's best-known bad guys.

Tribbles are sought-after Star Trek souvenirs nowadays. Archivist and Trekkie Keith Reynolds said he couldn't resist running around with the furball when he found it in the Ackerman collection.

"The people who had no idea what it was, they were completely grossed out. They thought it was a toupee," he said. "Or some dead animal."

Debate thrusts Sesame Street's Big Bird into presidential campaign NEW YORK (AP) — Big Bird

has never been so hot.

"Saturday Night Live," Jimmy Fallon, Piers Morgan, the "Today" show and "Good Morning America" all asked for appearances from the "Sesame Street" character on Thursday after he was unexpectedly thrust into the presidential campaign by Mitt Romney.

Sesame Workshop says the giant yellow Muppet is declining all appearances, but there was this tweet from Big Bird on the Sesame Street account: "My bed time is usually 7:45, but I was really tired yesterday and fell asleep at 7! Did

I miss anything last night?" Yes, Bird. During Wednesday's debate with President Barack - nent's plans for Big Bird during Obama, Romney called for cutting federal funding to PBS, despite saying, "I love Big Bird." It renewed a long-running debate over subsidies to public broadcasting.

"I'm going to stop the subsidy to PBS," the former Massachusetts governor, a Republican, said during a deficit-cutting discussion. "I'm going to stop other things. I like PBS. I love Big Bird. I actually like you, too, Jim (Lehrer, PBS newsman and debate moderator). But I'm not going to ... keep on spending money on things to borrow money from China to pay for it.'

Obama brought up his oppo-

a campaign stop Thursday in Madison, Wis.

"I just want to make sure I've got this straight: He'll get rid of regulations on Wall Street, but he's going to crack down on 'Sesame Street," Obama said of Romney. "Thank goodness somebody's finally cracking down on Big Bird! Who knew that he was responsible for all these deficits! Elmo's got to watch out!"

PBS chief Paula Kerger said she "just about fell off the sofa" when the issue suddenly came up during the debate. She said that if the subsidy goes, so will some PBS

Reformed Tech team looks to upset OU

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Many would say the Oklahoma Sooners (2-1, 0-1) have been an interesting story as of late. The Red Raiders (4-0, 1-0) ended the Sooners 39-game home winning streak a season ago, and the Sooners have struggled to return to the dominating force they once were in the Big 12.

The Sooners must travel to Lubbock this weekend to avenge their woes from last season. The game will prove a difficult task for Oklahoma largely because they have not won in Lubbock since Nov. 22, 2003.

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops chooses not to overvalue in-depth statistics such as homewinning streaks after reflecting on what happened to the Sooners last season and also this season.

"It didn't matter to Tech how many times we won here," Stoops said. "Last time they were here before last year we beat them 62-10 or whatever the heck it was and it didn't seem to matter a year ago. Everyone wants to tie years to other years and I don't see that it equates that way. We went to Kansas State a year ago and had a heck of a game and we didn't do that the other

"In the end, different years are different years," Stoops said.

The coach was right about each season being different. A season ago the Red Raiders were near the bottom of every major defensive category. This year, Tech is near the top, if not first, in most defensive categories. Different years are different years.

Stoops said he could see the improvements that Tech has made, defensively.

"You can tell they're disciplined up in what they're doing," he said. "They're playing aggressive, they're playing physical up front, they're covering you tight, so they're doing a lot of things well."

Oklahoma enters the game with the second-best passing defense in the nation, according to USA Today. second only to the Red Raiders who also rank in the top-five among total defenses.

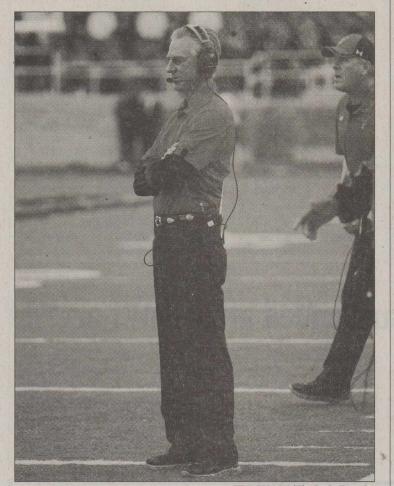
Tech coach Tommy Tubervile has stressed the most important thing for Tech to do right now is to be selfish — focus on themselves rather than their opponent.

"We can't worry about the teams we are playing," he said. "Oklahoma or next week West Virginia or TCU or Texas or Kansas State, you can't worry about it.

"You've got to worry about your own team and try to keep them to the point where they understand that they've got to get better each

Tuberville's strategy has proven to be an early success this season. The Red Raiders finally defeated Iowa State last week after the Cyclones had defeated Tech in consecutive seasons including the 41-7 loss suffered in Lubbock in 2011.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege thinks Oklahoma will come to Lub-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

HEAD COACH TOMMY Tuberville stands on the sideline during the Red Raiders' 49-14 win against New Mexico on Sept. 15 at Jones AT&T

bock with the same fire and passion the Red Raiders took to Jack Trice Stadium a week ago.

"I assume they're going to feel the same way we felt going down to Iowa State," he said. "We were excited and pumped up for that game, for

the main reasons that they had really taken it to us the last two years.

"We wanted to prove and make a statement that we're a better football team. I feel like that is the same way that OU feels coming into here." >>> mdupont@dailytoreador.com

Head coach Tuberville calls for 'Black Out' game

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech possesses the second-largest student section in the Big 12 Conference, with 12,577, which will undoubtedly be filled by a wave of black shirts at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium cheering their team onward to what they hope will be another victory.

Saturday's game has officially sold out, marking the first sellout at the lones since 2010 when the Red Raiders lost to Oklahoma

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville emphasized the importance of Tech's fan base not only energizing the Red Raiders, but also creating a hostile environment for Oklahoma.

"On behalf of our football team, I want to say a big thank you to the fans for your support," Tuberville said. "This is a big game for our football team and we are going to need the home field advantage. So come early, be loud, wear Black and stay late."

The matchup against No. 14 Oklahoma will be televised regionally on ABC with a reverse mirror on ESPN2. This means Red Raider fans across the nation will be able to watch Tech take the field against the Sooners.

Blayne Beal, assistant athletic director, said no students have ever been turned away from a Tech home game.

This game will pit two longstanding streaks against each other. Tech has not lost to Oklahoma in Lubbock in nearly a decade, dating back to Nov. 22, 2003. The Sooners, led by head coach Bob Stoops, have never lost back-to-back Big 12 conference games.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege credits the atmosphere Tech fans create as one of the reasons the Sooners have struggled in Lubbock recently.

"I think it's the atmosphere," he said. "I think our fans do a really good job when OU comes down. I know I've talked to some Big 12 quarterbacks who said when our place is rolling, it's one of the hardest places to play."

The Red Raiders have a stretch over the next five games in which every team that they play is ranked nationally among

Doege said Tech must remain focused and continue to improve fundamentally in practice if they are to achieve the goal of winning Tech's first Big 12 Championship.

"We always preach one common goal," he said, "and that is the Big 12 Championship. We can't accomplish that if we let one slide, and it all starts in maduperit@dailytoreador.com

Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling might have to sell bloody sock

Schilling might have to sell or give up. the famed blood-stained sock he wore on the team's way to the 2004 World Series championship to cover millions of dollars in loans he guaranteed to his failed video game company.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — For- 38 Studios filed for bankruptcy in June, mer Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt listed the sock as collateral to Bank Rhode Island in a September filing with the Massachusetts secretary of state's office. The sock is on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Schilling also listed a baseball hat Schilling, whose Providence-based believed to have been worn by New York Yankees great Lou Gehrig and his collection of World War II memorabilia, including some the filing said is being held at the National World War II Museum.

Schilling told WEEI-AM in Boston on Thursday that possibly having to sell the sock is part of "having to pay for your mistakes." He said that "I put myself out there" in personally guaranteeing loans to 38 Studios and is seeking what he called an amicable solution with the bank.

"I'm obligated to try and make amends and, unfortunately, this is one of the byproducts of that," he told the

Hall of Fame spokesman Brad Horn declined to say whether Schilling has asked for the sock, on loan since 2005,

to be returned.

The Boston Globe first reported the filing Thursday. It said Schilling personally guaranteed as much as \$9.6 million in loans from Bank Rhode Island and \$2.4 million in loans from Citizens Bank related to 38 Studios.

Schilling, who also pitched for Baltimore, Houston, Philadelphia and

Arizona and who won the World Series three times, is perhaps best remembered for pitching Game 6 of the 2004 American League Championship Series with an injured ankle that bloodied his sock. The sock now listed as collateral was stained during the second game of the World Series, which the Red Sox won that year for the first time in 86 years.

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TCU QB Casey Pachall suspended after DWI arrest

DALLAS (AP) — TCU quarterback Casey Pachall was suspended indefinitely Thursday, hours after he was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated — his second brush with trouble this year and one that clouds the 15th-ranked Horned Frogs' push for a Big 12 title.

Coach Gary Patterson announced the suspension, saying his quarterback "obviously needs help."

The 21-year-old Pachall was arrested just after midnight when he was pulled over after running a stop sign near TCU's Fort Worth campus, police Sgt. Pedro Criado

said. Pachall's blood-alcohol level was above the legal limit of 0.08 percent, Criado said, declining to provide specifics.

released on \$1,000 bond from a jail in nearby Mansfield, said jail Officer Nathan Van Ryan. There was no information on an attorney for Pachall.

Pachall's arrest came eight months after he admitted to police A two-year starter for the Horned that he smoked marijuana and failed Frogs (4-0, 1-0 Big 12), Pachall was a drug test just two weeks before his roommate was arrested in a drug sting

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Tech women's volleyball set to take on Iowa State

By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Red Raider volleyball team is looking to rebound from their 3-1 loss against Central Arkansas on Tuesday. The Red Raiders (11-8) face off against the No. 22 Iowa State Cyclones at 11 a.m. Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

Tech coach Don Flora said the Cyclones are a good team that is diverse in their offense.

"We need that breakthrough in the Big 12," Flora said, "and it's right here in front of us."

The Cyclones match up well with the Red Raiders, he said. Their middles are physical, he said, but if the Red Raiders serve the ball and keep it out of the middle attack, then it will help the team win.

'We can stop people out on the left and the right, and we can dig balls," Flora said. "It's a match up we really want to look out for."

The team is training the right way, he said, and if they continue to stay healthy, the team will

The Red Raiders have 11 newcomers this season.

"There's a real joy about learning our system," he said, "and how we do it the Texas Tech way."

The freshmen are still learning the system, Flora said, and playing in the Big 12 is an ad-

It is important, he said, to see >>> mketterer@dailytoreador.com

freshmen players' perspectives change and he thinks they are.

Junior middle back and right back Aubree Piper said the team needs to regain confidence and not dwell on mistakes from previ-

The team has to step up in blocking because the Cyclones have a big team, Piper said. If they can do that, she said the Red Raiders can win.

. The chemistry on the team is still great, she said, despite the previous hard games.

"I know we haven't one the last few games," said Piper, "but I still think the chemistry on this team is better than any other team I've been on.'

Everyone loves each other, Piper said, and teammates help each other in wins and in losses.

Flora said to watch for freshmen outside hitter Emily Ehrle against the Cyclones on Sat-

She played well in the preseason, he said, and she is adjusting to Big 12 play.

"Things are happening a little bit faster, and there's a greater meaning," Flora said. "Now she's grasped what it takes to do that day-in and day-out."

Flora said the senior class has helped underclassmen understand what it is like to play Red Raider volleyball.

"Let them pass on that passion for how we go about it here in Red Raider land," Flora said.

Houston Astros lose 100 again in last NL season

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros' last season in the National League was a forgettable one.

The Astros said goodbye to the senior circuit with a whimper, posting their second straight 100-loss season before moving to the American League West for 2013.

Houston finished with the worst record in the majors for the second year and its 55-107 mark is the worst last year's finish, in Jim Crane's first season as owner.

This group of Astros never really had a chance after the few remaining veterans were jettisoned before the trade deadline and they were forced to play with a roster comprised of just one player who made more than \$1 million. Their payroll at the end of the year was down to \$61.7 million, higher than only Pittsburgh and Oakland.

"We've done a lot of work this year," Crane said. "It doesn't look like it on the field because the results aren't there yet, but I think it's been fun. We've made a lot of changes. I think that's going to pay off as we move forward."

The Astros fired manager Brad Mills on Aug. 18 and Houston's former Triple-A manager Tony DeFrancesco finished the season on an interim basis.

Last week they named Washington third base coach Bo Porter manager and he'll take over once the Nationals are eliminated from the postseason.

That means Houston will enter a different league with a first-time manager and new uniforms, which are to be unveiled next month, for next season.

The question is if all these changes will equate to more success on the

By trading away virtually all their veterans over the last three seasons, the Astros slashed their payroll and restocked a farm system which had been left barren under previous man-

They acquired 15 players, most of whom were prospects, in the trades they made this year alone. That infusion of talent helped transform Houston's minor league teams from among the worst in baseball into some of the best.

We'll continue to stay with the plan which is build from within," Crane said. "Once we get a nucleus of players we feel can play at the major league level we'll start filling it in. Certainly there's a nucleus here. We like a lot of things we've seen, but we do have a lot of holes."

Houston picked up high school shortstop Carlos Correa with the No. 1 pick in the draft and believe he can be the face of the franchise in a few years. They'll add another top prospect in this year's draft as they'll again pick first.

Among the positives in Houston's dreadful season was the development of

several young players. Second baseman Jose Altuve was named to the All-Star game and led the team with a .290 batting average and 167 hits. The Astros were also impressed with his improved defensive performance.

Houston claimed outfielder Justin Maxwell off waivers from New York in April and the 28-year-old had a breakout season. Maxwell flourished after injuries and inconsistent play left opening day center fielder Jordan Schafer out for a good chunk of the

Maxwell displayed versatility in playing all three outfield positions and showed power at the plate, leading the team with a career-high 18 homers and finishing second with 53 RBIs. It was his first chance to be an everyday player after he combined to play 122 games in parts of three seasons with the Nationals before landing in Houston.

He hopes to remain with the Astros as they continue to rebuild next season.

"This is a great opportunity," he said. "We've got an exciting owner, going to a new league, getting new uniforms. I like all the pieces we have. It looks like they're trying to build a winning organization from within."

The Astros saw some good signs from Brett Wallace at first base. He spent half of the season in Triple-A before taking over at the position when Houston sent high-priced veteran Carlos Lee to Miami. The left-handed Wallace had nine homers in 66 games and finished with a .253 average.

"There have been ups and downs, but I feel confident about the adjustments that I've made and the progress that I've made as far as driving the ball and driving in runs," he said. "It's not a finished product, but I definitely feel like I put myself in a lot better position at the plate right now to damage more consistently."

He was encouraged by the progress the team made in the last month of the season when they won two series against teams that were still in con-

"We've been playing a lot better, and I think as we gain more experience and come together as a team, we're going to be able to win more and more games," Wallace said.

More encouraging signs came from Houston's pitching where reliever and sometimes closer Wilton Lopez posted a 2.17 ERA in 64 games.

Rookie Lucas Harrell had the best season among Houston's starters and went 11-11 with a 3.76 ERA in 32

"Hopefully everyone can build on their individual successes from this year and hopefully have a better team year next season," he said. "These young guys should see that this is a big opportunity for all of us and we have to make the most of it."

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Texas Tech women's soccer faces No. 25 Baylor

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team looks to continue its three-game winning streak when it takes on No. 25 Baylor at 7 p.m. Friday at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

The Red Raiders (10-3-0, 2-1-0) won both matches last weekend against Oklahoma and Iowa State to move into a tie with Texas and Kansas for second place in the Big 12 Conference. They are looking for their second win against a ranked opponent this season.

Earlier this week, sophomore midfielder Paige Strahan became the third Red Raider to be named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week after extending her scoring streak to five games. The streak is the longest by a Tech player since Dawn Ward accomplished the feat during the 2009 season. Tech coach Tom Stone said it is nice for players like Strahan to get recognized for their great performances by the Big 12.

"We're excited when a player like Paige comes from relative obscurity to Player of the Week in the Big 12," Stone said "When she gets recognized, it's a special day for all of us.'

Friday's match against Baylor (10-1-2, 1-0-1) ends a season-long, four-match homestand for the Red Raiders. At home, Tech is 6-0-0 and outscored opponents 14-3. Stone said while his team is comfortable playing on its home field, he is not putting any more pressure on the players to win this game than he would any other.

"They're all important," Stone said. "To put one over another would be unfair, although we know there's a lot at stake here because we're in second place. Baylor and Texas Tech would both obviously love three points to move themselves along in the quest for the Big 12, but there's just not an easy game in this conference. They all carry equal weight."

Tech comes into the weekend

with its best record through 13 games in school history. The Red Raiders are outscoring opponents 27-13 while outshooting them 236-126, including a 117-68 advantage in shots on goal.

The key to the team's success this season, Strahan said, has been its focus. While it is easy to look too far ahead, Strahan said the team has done a good job of approaching the season one game at a time. The team looks to continue its success against a tough Baylor Bears team.

Led by Stone, the Red Raiders are 3-1-1 against Baylor, which has not won in Lubbock since 2004. Last season, Tech played Baylor to a 1-1 draw in Waco. This season, the Bears' only loss came in a 2-1 overtime loss to Long Beach State, an opponent Tech already beat

The Bears are known for their direct, physical style of play. When thinking about Baylor, Strahan said the first thing that comes to mind is the Bears like to kick the ball.

"I think of them kicking the ball all the way down the field," Strahan said. "They're big girls. We have a big team, but then we have a small midfield. I think we like that challenge. We like going up against bigger people to show that we're just as strong as them."

Baylor, coming off a 1-0 victory against Kansas, has outscored its opponents 34-5 and outshot them by an incredible 300-68 margin. In light of their physical style of play, the Bears have also out-fouled their opponents 161-129. Senior forward Dana Larsen leads the team with seven goals and 37 shots, and senior midfielder Lisa Silwinski leads the team with 21 shots on goal.

While the Tech players recognize they are facing a physical opponent, Stone said they have faced all sorts of different teams this season. Instead of worrying about Baylor, Stone said the Red Raiders are more concerned with themselves and how they can make improvements.

"There are all different kinds of teams," Stone said. "We play direct teams, we play teams that sat in, we play physical teams and we played high pressure teams. It's just another page and you've got to get ready

"At the same time you can't lose sight of who you are. We want to stay strong and worry about ourselves a lot this week as well."

The Red Raiders also play against Texas this weekend in Austin. The Longhorns (5-6-1, 2-0-0) are tied with Tech for second place in the Big 12.

While Tech has been dominant at home, they have not enjoyed as much success on the road. Though Tech is 2-0-0 in neutral site games, its three losses have come in true road games while being outscored

The Longhorns come in with a losing record, but they have played well in Big 12 matches, getting off to a 2-0-0 start. For the season, they have scored evenly with their opponents, 18-18, while outshooting them by a 164-153 margin.

Texas features a balanced scoring attack, with midfielders Kristin Cummins, Sharis Lachappelle and Lindsey Meyer each scoring four goals. Defensively, Texas is led by freshman goalkeeper Abby Smith, who made her debut Sept. 14, against Fresno State, after spending the first month of the season in Japan with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team at the 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Smith has started the last four matches for the Longhorns, tallying three shutouts in that span.

While the Red Raiders face a tough opponent Sunday, they are not looking ahead, Strahan said. They are concerned only with beating Baylor this Friday.

"It would be an awesome, awesome win," Strahan said. "We tied them last year, and just to win this next game would be so crucial for us. It would really get our minds right for the rest of the season and let us know we truly are capable of just about anything."

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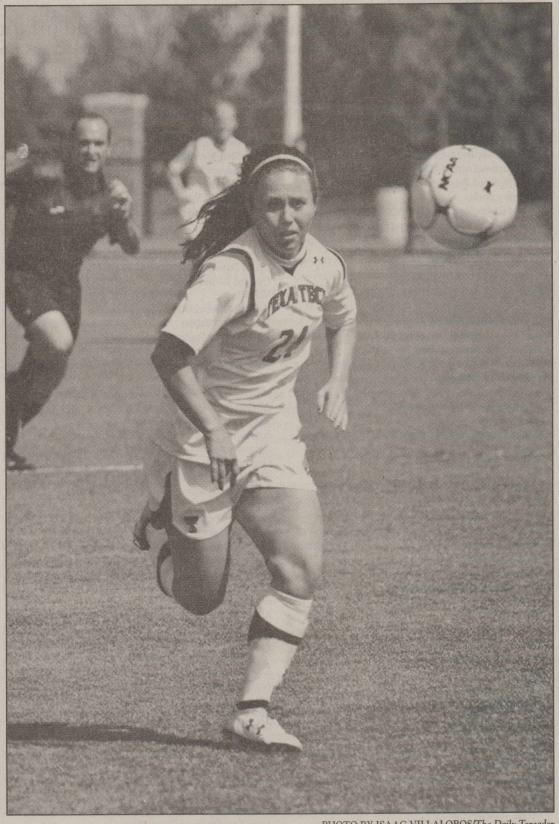


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Paige Strahan runs after the ball during the 2-1 Red Raider victory against the Iowa State Cyclones at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex on Sunday.

Manager Ron Washington picks first playoff starter

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Darvish will start the Texas Rangers' first playoff game — and he finally knows all the details about who and when.

Manager Ron Washington announced Darvish as his pick before the Rangers lost their regularseason finale at Oakland 12-5 on

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Yu Wednesday to wind up as an AL wild card.

"Of course I'm ready," Darvish said through an interpreter. "If I'm not ready I probably wouldn't be picked. I'm going to approach it like any other start. I'll try to pitch well and give my team a chance

Cano powers Yankees to AL East title in 14-2 rout Hiroki Koroda (16-11) shut One batter later Matsuzaka was NEW YORK (AP) — Covered struck Ivan De Jesus looking to

in bubbly and wearing his new AL East champions hat, Derek Jeter sounded almost relieved after the New York Yankees ended a thrilling pennant race at the top of the league.

Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson each hit a pair of homers, powering the Yankees past the Boston Red Sox 14-2 on a raucous Wednesday night in the Bronx for

their 13th East title in 17 years. "This was difficult. Come into the last day of the season, nobody knows what's going on. We've been taking it one day at a time for quite some time," Jeter said. "It feels good."

In front of fans poised to party from the first pitch on the final night of the regular season, the Yankees completed a three-game sweep of the last-place Red Sox to win their second consecutive division crown. The championship was locked up by the seventh inning, when Baltimore's 4-1 loss at Tampa Bay went final and prompted a huge ovation from the 47,393 in attendance.

Alex Rodriguez stepped out of the batter's box, and several players high-fived and hugged in the dugout while coaches shook hands.

"This year we had to fight, scratch and claw," Nick Swisher said. The subdued celebration didn't really start until Freddy Garcia

end it. Players hugged and slapped fives on the field and put on their AL East champion shirts and hats as fans feted them with a standing ovation with "New York, New York," blaring over the toudspeakers. The team walked off the field to chants of "Let's go Yankees!"

"Now the real season starts,"

Cano went 4 for 4 and tied a career high with six RBIs as New York (95-67) finished two games ahead of Baltimore and secured homefield advantage throughout the AL playoffs. The Yankees will open on of Friday's wild-card game between Baltimore and Texas.

"To have the best record and not know where you're going is strange," manager Joe Girardi said.

New York led the division by 10 games on July 18 but the pesky Orioles caught up on Sept. 4 and were tied with the Yankees after 10 different days in September. Many players credit Girardi with keeping the clubhouse calm during that

"He's very even-keeled," Granderson said. "You never see him get too excited or down."

The Yankees rode the long ball all season, and the four homers in the finale set a franchise record at 245.

Boston down with an encouraging performance after struggling through much of September. He allowed two runs and seven hits over seven

With New York heading into the playoffs for the first time since 1981 without career saves leader Mariano Rivera — he tore a knee ligament shagging flies in May the rout gave the Yankees a chance to rest Rafael Soriano, who threw 43 pitches over two innings of the 12-inning, 4-3 comeback win Tues-

Bobby Valentine brought the the road Sunday against the winner lineup card out to the umpires for what might have been the final time as manager of the Red Sox, who finished last in the AL East at 69-93 in his first season leading the club. Boston, in the cellar for the first time in two decades, ended the year with eight straight losses, their longest skid since losing nine in a row in 2001. The Red Sox lost 26 off their last 33 games.

"Very disappointing season. Extremely disappointing," Valentine

Granderson hit his career-best 42nd homer in the second, a threerun shot off Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-7), making his first start since Sept. 19. Cano then connected in the third for a 5-1 lead.

finished, most likely ending his six-year career with Boston. The Red Sox paid \$51.1 million to win the rights to the Japanese star and gave him a \$52 million contract. Matsuzaka went 33-15 in his first two years, helping win a World Series in 2007. But injuries, including elbow-reconstruction surgery June 2011, marred the last four years and he finished the deal 50-37.

"I didn't expect my six years to end the way it did," Matsuzaka said through a translator. "It has been really hard on me mentally for a while now."

Cano hit his 33rd homer in the fifth, following Alex Rodriguez's double. It was A-Rod's first extrabase hit since Sept. 14.

Cano has been on quite a tear, hitting .615 (24 for 39) during a stretch of nine straight multihit games that lifted his average to .313.

"It's a great feeling," Cano said. "It just came up at the right time."

Granderson matched his teammate with a solo shot to right-center leading off the seventh for a 10-2

The Yankees narrowly avoided what would've been their biggest blown division lead in team history — they led by six games in 1933 and finished seven back of the original Washington Senators.

