Board of Regents meet Friday, approve Hance to make announcement of ASU president

By KATIE MCKEE STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents gave permission to Chancellor Kent Hance to announce the sole finalist for the Angelo State University presidency at its meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

during a news conference.

The search for the next ASU revisions unanimously. president began with 50 ap-Hance said.

The current ASU president, academic affairs at the Texas review. Tech University System once the president position is filled.

Among other items addressed at the Board of Regents meet-

the use of Revenue Finance System to renovate Concho Hall for camps and non-traditional and that's where we are." students, ASU President Joseph Rallo said

The renovation, he said, will

Author speaks on Dust Bowl

has visited.

the Dust Bowl.

through it all.

cost approximately \$1.5 million and the update will begin immediately and is expected to be completed within a year.

The residence hall, previously unusable because of asbestos within the building, will contain nearly 400 beds after renovations.

ASU also will undergo Hance will announce the changes within the admission lone finalist at 10:30 a.m. today requirements for incoming students. The Board approved the

Under the new requirements, plicants, who were narrowed students within the top 10 perdown to four, and finally to the cent of their class will be given lone candidate through a process automatic admission. For the of approximately five months, next 40 percent, the ACT score requirement was increased from 16 to 17 or 820 on the SAT. Joseph Rallo, will assume his The other 50 percent, Rallo position as vice chancellor for said, would fall under portfolio

'We're going to maintain accessibility because we are a regional institution," he said. "Even though we get students ing, the approval was given to from all over, we still are primarrevise admission requirements ily West Texans. We want to maintain accessibility, but at the Approval also was given for same we want students to have the opportunity to succeed and not just go to school for a year at ASU for low-cost housing and drop out, so it's a balance

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from the Ivy League schools he

performed for him, including a

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had been during their teens, in

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Egan said they were able to

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MOUNTAIN OF A WIN



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Darrin Moore runs past West Virginia cornerback Nana Kyeremeh to score a touchdown during the Red Raiders' 49-14 victory against the Mountaineers on Saturday at the Jones AT&T Stadium.

Red Raiders dominate Mountaineers, 49-14, in Homecoming game

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team shocked more than just the previously undefeated West Virginia Mountaineers on Saturday. Few people could have predicted such a dominant performance by

the Red Raiders. Mountaineer senior quarterback Geno Smith entered the game as a front-runner to win the Heisman Trophy. Smith tossed one touchdown, completing 29 of his 55 passes for 275 yards. Smith entered the game averaging 399 passing yards per game, but was held to much less than that.

Tech quarterback Seth Doege had a less than stellar performance last week against Oklahoma in which the senior threw three interceptions and failing to throw a single touchdown. This week, defense en route to a 49-14 victory against fifth ranked West Virginia.

Doege threw six touchdowns, completing 32

of his 42 pass attempts for a career-high 504 yards. West Virginia defensive coordinator Joe DeForest said Doege's performance was because of the quarterback's ability to get the ball out of his hands quickly and adjust to the different looks the defense showed him.

"We put our kids in man coverage more today than we ever have," he said. "(We) tried to mix up zone and man and pressure. I don't know what else to say, but we've got to go back to the draw-Doege made mincemeat of the West Virginia ing board and not give up on what we've been building on."

> Similar to the previous opening drive against Oklahoma, Tech came out and struck quickly. Senior quarterback Seth Doege completed a 39yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Jace Amaro to cap off a six-play, 75-yard drive that took less than two minutes.

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Tech D proves worth, pressures QB Smith throughout win

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Entering Saturday, Texas Tech's ranking as the country's No. 1 passing defense likely attracted more skeptics than West Virginia's No. 2 passing offense.

For at least one more week, however, Tech proved its dominance on defense by limiting West Virginia to 14 points en route to a 49-14 victory.

The Mountaineers, led by Heisman Trophy candidate Geno Smith at quarterback, were averaging 52 points and 406.8 passing yards per game prior to Saturday — Smith managed 275 yards through the air against Tech, his second-lowest total this season.

"They're a good defense," Smith said. "They rank up there with all of them. Everyone's going to give us their best shot. We're the offense that everyone's gunning for. We get all the media attention, and everyone wants to say we're the best (thing) since sliced bread."

Smith arrived in Lubbock with a 24-0 touchdown-to-interception ratio for the season, while wide receivers Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey looked to add to their combined total of 21 touchdown catches.

And while the two wide receivers teamed up to catch 15 passes for 155 yards and one touchdown, Tech (5-1, 1-1 in Big 12 Conference play) was able to prevent plays for large gains.

Smith's longest completed pass went for 38 yards

Tech senior safety Cody Davis, who logged a career-high 13 tackles, said the defense's strategy focused on sound tackling and keeping West Virginia's playmakers from turning small gains into long scores.

"I think we schemed them up perfect and really locked down the run and locked down their big receivers," Davis said, referring to Austin and Bailey. "They don't like to go to other people most of the time, so we did that. (Defensive backs) held up on the back end."

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ries, in addition to writing what may become the definitive work on the Dust Bowl. In the midst of his research,

By HALLIE DAVIS

STAFF WRITER

terviewed more than 100 people,

traveled the country and worked

with documentarian Ken Burns

on a PBS documentary minise-

Author Timothy Egan has in-

Egan looked the topic up in others sobering, he outlined the his son's US History textbook. There was exactly one paragraph about the decade-long natural

"(I) had a chance to tell about people who persevere," an unknown story," he said. Egan spoke on his book "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold relevant as many of his stories Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl," as well as on his knowledge of the Dust Bowl as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series on Friday in the Allen Theatre.

During the day, he said he spoke at Lubbock High School, where the students asked him questions he had not heard, even

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history," she said.

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In Memory of... Remembering Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it? Forty art students will pay respect to lost loved ones in this year's day of the dead exhibition.

Jean Haines Watercolor Work-Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

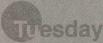
Where: The Underwood Center So, what is it? Come out to two workshops given by Jean Haines, an internationally known watercolorist.

Modern Western Square Dance Classes Time: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Dance Center So, what is it? Come out and dance your way to a healthier you with fun, fitness and friendship.

West Coast Swing Dance Group Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: D'venue Ballroom So, what is it? Come out and learn one of today's most exciting, versatile, contemporary social dances.



West Texas Assessment Conference

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni

Center So, what is it? Come out for this one-day conference with higher education professionals across West Texas and the surrounding areas. No registration fee and lunch will be

Open Teaching Concept 2012: International News Coverage of the 2012 U.S. Election Time: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Where: College of Media and Communication

So, what is it? Come out for this pilot program presented by the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center.

Open Teaching Concept 2012: Let's Talk about Sex: Scandal, Sexuality and the Debate Over Morality in Presidential Politics, **Past and Present** Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Student Union Building

So, what is it? Come out for this pilot program presented by the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center.

Symphonic Band Concert Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Come out and enjoy this free concert from the symphonic band.

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Endeavour's final miles turn into all-night affair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In thousands of Earth orbits, the space shuttle Endeavour traveled 123 million miles. But the last few miles of its final journey are proving hard to get through.

Endeavour's 12-mile crawl across Los Angeles to the California Science Center hit repeated delays Saturday and Sunday, leaving expectant crowds along city streets and at the destination slowly dwindling.

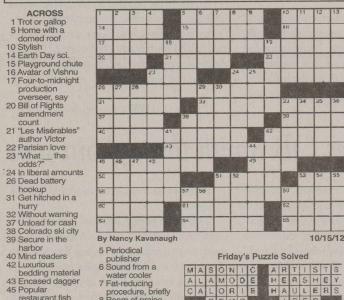
Officials estimated the shuttle, originally expected to finish the trip early Saturday evening, would not arrive at the museum until early Sunday

At times it has seemed the only thing moving was the shuttle's fast-

Saturday started off promising, with Endeavour 90 minutes ahead of schedule. But accumulated hurdles and hiccups caused it to run hours behind at day's end. The problems included longer than expected maintenance of the rig carrying the shuttle and physical obstacles within the shuttle's wingspan including light posts, building edges, and most of all trees.

In a scene that repeated itself many times, a small tree on the narrowest section of the move brought the procession to a stop, forcing crews to find creative ways to dip a wing under or raise it over the tree without having to cut it down.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle



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Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt speaks at Honors College luncheon on Friday

By ALSTON TRBULA STAFF WRITER

Kirby Hocutt, athletic director for Texas Tech, spoke to students about the nature of his job and what his goals are for Tech athletics at a luncheon hosted by the Honors College on Friday.

Tech athletics has the potential to become one of the premier intercollegiate athletics programs in the country,

"We have been at the top in so many ways," Hocutt said. "In 1993 we won the national championship in women's basketball. In 2008 on a particular Sunday, we woke up and we were the No. 2 ranked team in all of college football. We went nine out of 10 years in the 1990s to the NCAA baseball tournament. Texas Tech has experienced success at its highest level."

Tech is the third college in which he's served as an athletics director, he said. His first experience was at Ohio University, where he worked for two and a half years, and his second experience was at the University of Miami, where he worked for three years.

Many students, he said, are confused as to what the responsibilities of an athletic director entail. He handles everything from supervising coaches and staff to marketing the university through athletics.

"My job is to raise the profile of Texas Tech Athletics," Hocutt said. "My job is to lead our student athletes, our coaches and our staff. My job is to ensure that Texas Tech is a key player within the Big 12 Conference on all issues, as well as at the national level and the NCAA. My job is to promote Texas Tech University through intercollegiate competition."

Most university athletic departments throughout the country aren't able to generate enough revenue to be self-sufficient; he said. Consequently, money is taken out of academic funds to support university athletics. Out of the 17 Texas Tech varsity sports programs, two of them generate revenue. Those include football and men's basketball.

Last year, there were 17 athletic departments in the country that were able to give a significant amount of money



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH ATHLETIC director Kirby Hocutt sat down and had a luncheon discussion with honor students inside of the Horn/Knapp Residence hall on Friday about the integration of student athletes into the normal student body and how they balance school and athletics in their daily lives. Hocutt allowed students to ask him questions about how to raise awareness of other sports, the supportiveness of the university to the athletic department, and what the average day in the life of a football player is like.

back to their university, Hocutt said. One of the main goals shared by the staff of the athletics department is to eventually become one of those universities.

"This is my second year, and on year one we were receiving a \$2.5 million subsidy of auxiliary revenue from the university towards intercollegiate athletics," he said. "This year that amount of support has been reduced to \$1 million."

The general public and staff from the athletic department measure the success of a team's athletic year differently, Hocutt said. Staff from the athletic department measure success by how closely they meet the criteria of its mission statement

"True success, I believe, is measured by our mission statement: educating, serving and growing young people," he said. "But, if you were to ask the public how they define the success of an athletics program, they're going to tell you it's wins and losses.

It is possible to educate and grow student athletes without winning every game, Hocutt said. In certain ways, an athletic year can still be successful even when teams are not winning champi-

The athletics program plays a significant part in growing the university as a whole, he said. When football is televised on national television, people from across the country can see the brand of Tech.

"I believe that intercollegiate athletics is the strongest marketing tool that a university has," Hocutt said. "I mean, how else could this university be on national television (Saturday) and be visible to millions of households across the country? It can grow our brand and expand our brand."

Joseph Corcoran, a senior from Boerne, said there were many parts of the athletic director's speech he found interesting, but one part in particular stuck out to him more than others.

Hocutt's speech allowed the history major to look at the athletics program from a different point of view, he said. Initially, he didn't think of the athletics program as a marketing tool. From a business standpoint, he saw it solely as a way for the university to bring in

"There is an unspoken benefit, the fact that they can bring in so many students and bring in so much publicity for the university, I never thought of it like that," Corcoran said. "I just always kind of thought of it in direct numbers, like money in and money out."

Thomas Reynolds, first-year experience coordinator and an academic adviser for the Honors College, said he enjoyed the director's speech.

Before Hocutt, the Honors College had never had anyone from that level in the athletic department come and speak to the students, he said. When the director was asked about whether student athletes should prioritize athletics over academics, Reynolds appreciated

"I think given that the population of students who are here care a lot about academics," he said. "I really appreciated the question that Joseph Corcoran asked, which was 'Are they students first or athletes first?' His answer was students first, and I really appreciated that."

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Aside from the residence hall renovations and admission revisions, Rallo gave a report about the \$10,000-degree program now offered at ASU.

The degree totals \$9,974 and is only offered for a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, which is primarily aimed at adult non-traditional students, Rallo said.

ASU has high standards for the program to ensure the students will graduate within four years. Those requirements include an ACT score of 27, a grade point average of 3.5 and 15 hours a semester, he said.

"If you do that, you're going to have an academically able student," Rallo said.

The degree is a response to the challenge issued by Governor Rick Perry for Texas universities to offer affordable solutions to college degree

At the meeting, Rallo also presented amendments to the Regents' Rules Section 07.12.1 to change confusing wording and make clarifications and amendments to Chapters 02 and 06 of Regent's Rules regarding the president's role in fundraising.

For Tech, the Board approved the use of two search firms from outside the university to assist in the search for senior-level executive positions.

Storbeck Pimentel and Associates will be responsible for locating a permanent vice president for research, vice provost for graduate education and a dean for the Graduate School.

Wheless Partners will be responsible for finding a dean for the College of Media and Communication and upon successful completion of that search, will begin searching for a dean for the Honors College.

These two firms were previously inaccessible because of the high cost for their services. However, Tech has been able to negotiate because of its multiple searches for various positions and will begin using the firms.

Candidates who are identified as hirable by the firms will not be able

to be recruited for five years. "Our intent is to recruit top

people," Tech Interim President Lawrence Schovanec said. "The firms would help us deal with matters of confidentiality. They would provide a broader tool in herding potential people into the pool of diversity. They would take care of issues related to background checks and having the firms oversee these searches really still allows faculty and staff to have input, but it relieves them of the mechanics of the process."

Future Board meetings will convene Dec. 13-14, Feb. 28-March 1, May 16-17, Aug. 8-9 and Dec. 12-13

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Sept. 11 trial rules under scrutiny at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NA-VAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A U.S. military judge is considering broad security rules for the war crimes tribunal of five Guantanamo prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 attacks, including measures to prevent the accused from publicly revealing what happened to them in the CIA's secret network of overseas prisons.

Prosecutors have asked the judge at a pretrial hearing starting Monday to approve what is known as a protective order that is intended to prevent the release of classified information during the eventual trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the terror attacks, and four co-defendants.

Lawyers for the defendants say the rules, as proposed, will hobble their defense. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed a challenge to the protective order, says the restrictions will prevent the public from learning what happened to Mohammed and his co-defendants during several years of CIA confinement and interrogation.

The protective order requires the court to use a 40-second delay during court proceedings so that spectators, who watch behind soundproof glass, can be prevented from hearing — from officials, lawyers or the defendants themselves — the still-classified details of the CIA's rendition and detention program.

"What we are challenging is

the censorship of the defendant's testimony based on their personal knowledge of the government's torture and detention of them," said Hina Shamsi, an ACLU attorney who will be arguing against the protective order during the pretrial hearing at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The protective order, which is also being challenged by a coalition of media organizations that includes The Associated Press, is overly broad because it would "classify the defendants own knowledge, thoughts and experience," Shamsi said in an interview.

"It's a truly extraordinary and chilling proposal that the government is asking the court to accept,"

Protective orders are standard method in civilian and military trials to set rules for handling evidence for the prosecution and defense. Military prosecutors argue in court papers that the Sept. 11 trial requires additional security because the accused have personal knowledge of classified information such as interrogation techniques and knowledge about which other countries provided assistance in their capture.

"Each of the accused is in the unique position of having had access to classified intelligence sources and methods," the prosecution says in court papers. "The government, like the defense, must protect that classified information from disclosure."

The U.S. government has acknowledged that before the defendants were taken to Guantanamo in September 2006 they were subjected to "enhanced interrogation techniques" such as the simulated drowning method known as waterboarding. Defense attorneys say the treatment will be used to form the basis of their defense but the proposed protective order limits their ability to make that case in court and in public advocacy on behalf of their clients.

"It's a way in which the government can hide what it did to these men during the period of detention by the CIA," said Army Capt. Jason Wright, a Pentagon-appointed attorney for Mohammed. "I think we need to bring the truth to the light of day on these issues."



CDRC hosts annual Fun Run scholarship fundraiser

By EFRAIN DUARTE STAFF WRITER

Children and families arrived at 3:30 p.m. Friday to the Child Development Research Center for the annual Cathy Nathan Fun Run, a scholarship fundraiser.

According to the CDRC website, the center provides developmentally appropriate programs for the children of faculty, staff, students and area

The Cathy Nathan scholarship is named after the former director of the CDRC from 1990 to 2007.

"The scholarship is a tuition assistance fund. It does not completely pay for anybody's tuition," Nathan said. "One of the things that has always been important to me, is that children of all income levels are able to come to the center."

The Fun Run included a silent auction, a raffle for an assortment of prizes, face painting and free ice cream provided by Cowamongus, Food Sciences building.

Stacy Johnson, director of the CDRC, said families and alumni of the center come back for the Fun

"It is great because we have a nice combination of children and families," Johnson said. "It is a time we come together as a center."

Johnson said the Fun Run is usually hosted about the same time of Texas Tech's Homecoming. Fun Run's one-mile course around the Tech campus began and finished at the CDRC playground.

One of the classrooms made signs for participants of the Fun Run, said Jordaine Holden, a junior early childhood education major, from Oklahoma City, and student assistant.

"The kids are really excited. They do not know what (Fun Run) is for, but they know it is for a good cause," Holden said.

The silent auction consisted of six baskets that contained items

which is located in the Animal and families of each classroom donated, said Jasmyn Johnson, a sophomore early childhood education major from Flower Mound.

"I hope the kids learn doing stuff for others is really helpful," Holden

Other aspects of the Fun Run included a live disc jockey and ribbons for winners of the run.

The raffle included Tech footballs and hoodies and dinner certificates, Johnson said.

"A number of people make contributions (to the scholarship), but the Fun Run is the major fundraiser," Nathan said.

Parent Erin Hardin said the Fun Run achieves three goals.

"It's a sense of community, a lot of fun and it is a great fundraiser for the scholarship," Hardin said.

Those who participated in the Fun Run were asked to donate a minimum of \$15 and those who donated received a T-shirt.

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CHILDREN EAGERLY TAKE off from the start line Friday during the 6th annual Cathy Nathan Fun Run at the Child Development Research Center. Proceeds from the silent auction and raffle go toward the Cathy Nathan Endowment for Child Development.

Colombian peace talks to lack high-profile rebels

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Absent from the peace talks opening in Norway this week between Colombia's main leftist rebel movement and the government will be the guerrilla heavyweights who presided a decade ago over the last attempt to end a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives over nearly half

This time, the faces and names of the negotiators for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, are little known to their countrymen. Many of the former top leaders are dead, most killed in military raids, while a few others are believed to have remained in

Also unlike the last talks in 1999-2002, the rebels this time have no safe haven and there's no ceasefire; President Juan Manuel Santos refused to accept one.

With a much weaker negotiating position this time around, Colombia's battered rebels are keeping a low profile heading into the talks being held at an undisclosed location outside Oslo. There is no media access and even the hour and date of the gathering, originally said to be scheduled for Monday, are uncertain.

The rebels, meanwhile, have offered only a vague sense of what they will demand in exchange for laying down their arms, beyond land reform and guarantees of safety for fighters who demobilize.

The upcoming talks were the subject of a demonstration in Bogota on Sunday, with protesters demanding justice for civilians allegedly disappeared by the rebels and requesting a voice in the peace negotiations.

Former President Andres Pastrana, who presided over Colombia's last round of peace talks that ran nearly the entire length of his 1998-2002 term before collapsing in discord, is among the Colombians who wonder why two still-powerful commanders who took part in the previous negotiations, Joaquin Gomez and Fabian Ramirez, will be absent from the Norway talks.

"The question we have to ask is: Is the FARC monolithically united behind this process?" said Pastrana, who met secretly with legendary FARC founder Manuel Marulanda in 1998 to arrange the last round of talks. "I don't have that very clear. Let's hope it is."

The FARC negotiators, whose discussions with the government are to move to Havana later this month, do include two members of the rebels' ruling seven-man Secretariat, Ivan Marquez and Andres Paris, as well as Marco Leon Calarca, the rebels' public voice during the 1990s.

Another negotiator, Ricardo Tellez, was seized in 2004 by Colombian agents in Venezuela but freed by the Colombian government three years later as a good-faith gesture to encourage the FARC to free all its "political hostages."

The rebels released their last such captives in April, meeting a condition of the agreement under which secret preliminary talks began on Feb. 23 in Havana.

Possibly participating by teleconference in the Oslo discussions will be the fifth FARC negotiator, Ricardo Palmera. Serving a 60-year sentence in the United States, the former banker gained fame during the last talks and is the only negotiator well-known to Colombians.

Palmera was convicted in the abduction of three U.S. military contractors whose surveillance plane crashed in rebel territory in 2002 due to mechanical failure. The three men were rescued in July 2008 along with former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt in a sophisticated ruse involving Colombian commandos posing as international relief workers.

Colombia's chief prosecutor has said that Palmera could be allowed to participate in the Oslo talks via teleconference from a prison in

Many of the FARC's former top leaders have been captured like Palmera or killed in military raids that began tipping the conflict in the government's favor in 2008.

Skydiver lands smoothly after daring 24-mile leap

treme athlete Felix Baumgartner landed gracefully on Earth after a 24-mile jump from the stratosphere in a dramatic, record-breaking feat that may also have marked the world's first supersonic skydive.

Baumgartner came down safely in the eastern New Mexico desert minutes about nine minutes after jumping from his capsule 128,097 feet, or roughly 24 miles, above Earth. He lifted his arms in victory, sending off loud cheers from jubilant onlookers and friends inside the mission's control center in Roswell, N.M.

"Sometimes we have to get really high to see how small we are," an exuberant Baumgartner told reporters outside mission control, shortly after the jump. He was expected to offer more remarks at an afternoon news conference.

The altitude he leapt from marked the highest-ever for a skydiver, though it wasn't immediately certain whether Baumgartner had broken the speed of sound during his free-fall, which was one of the goals of the mission. Organizers said the descent lasted for just over nine minutes, about half of it in free-fall.

Three hours earlier, Baumgartner, known as "Fearless Felix," had taken off in a pressurized capsule carried by a 55-story ultra-thin helium balloon. After an at-times tense ascent, which included concerns about how well his facial shield was working, the 43-year-old former

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ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — Ex- military parachutist completed a final safety check-list with mission

> As he exited his capsule from high above Earth, he flashed a thumbs-up sign, well aware that the feat was being shown on a livestream on the Internet.

> During the ensuing jump — from more than three times the height of the average cruising altitude for jetliners — Baumgartner was expected to hit a speed of 690 mph. He was believed to have reached speeds that exceeded 700 mph.

> Any contact with the capsule on his exit could have torn his pressurized suit, a rip that could expose him to a lack of oxygen and temperatures as low as minus-70 degrees. That could have caused lethal bubbles to form in his bodily fluids.

But none of that happened. He activated his parachute as he neared Earth, gently gliding into the desert east of Roswell and landing without any apparent difficulty. The images triggered another loud cheer from onlookers at mission control, among them his mother, Eva Baumgartner, who was overcome with emotion,

He then was taken by helicopter to meet fellow members of his team, whom he hugged in celebration.

Coincidentally, Baumgartner's attempted feat also marked the 65th anniversary of U.S. test pilot Chuck Yeager successful attempt to become the first man to officially break the sound barrier aboard an airplane.

Debate preparation trumps 2012 campaigning Sunday

BURLINGTON, Mass. (AP) — As Mitt Romney's campaign claimed new momentum in the race for the White House, President Barack Obama's political advisers on Sunday promised the incumbent would unleash his more aggressive side in Tuesday's debate to prevent their Republican rival from delivering another "magical and theatrical performance."

Obama and Romney hunkered down in private debate preparation for much of the day as aides offered a pre-debate sparring match on television.

They disagreed on much, but agreed that Romney bested Obama in their first meeting nearly two weeks ago — a performance that shifted the direction of a race that had favored the president but has since tightened in national and battleground state

"He knows Mitt Romney had a better night at the first debate," Obama spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said of the president. "The American people should expect to see a much more energized President Obama."

Ed Gillespie, senior adviser to the Romney campaign, quipped that the former Massachusetts governor would be prepared regardless of Obama's adjustments: "The president can change his style. He can change his tactics. He can't change his record. "

Obama spent the day with aides in swing state Virginia, while Romney stayed close to his Boston-area home ahead of Tuesday's prime-time, town hall-style debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., exactly three weeks before the Nov. 6 election.

Romney's advisers suggested the Republican nominee would continue to moderate his message - in tone, if not substance — as he did in the Oct. 3 meeting to help broaden his appeal to the narrow slice of undecided voters. In recent days, Romney has promised his tax plan would not benefit the wealthy, emphasized his work with Democrats as Massachusetts governor and downplayed plans to strengthen the nation's abortion laws.

He told an Iowa newspaper this week, for example, that he would not pursue abortion-related legislation if elected. That's in direct conflict with

last year's pledge to the anti-abortion television spot showcasing footage group, the Susan B. Anthony List, to cut federal funding from Planned Parenthood and support legislation to "protect unborn children who are capable of feeling pain from abortion."

"I think Mitt Romney's performance was, indeed, magical and theatrical. Magical and theatrical largely because for 90 minutes he walked away from a campaign he had been running for more than six years previous to that," Obama senior campaign adviser Robert Gibbs said of the first debate.

While the debates have proved critical, they are one element in larger campaigns that involve extensive ground games in virtually every state across the nation and a television ad war that may consume \$1 billion before Election Day.

Through Monday, either absentee or in-person early voting has begun

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from running mate Paul Rvan's first and only face off with Vice President Joe Biden last week. The ad features clips of Ryan saying the government "can't keep spending money we don't

The comments are juxtaposed with video from the debate of Biden

Aides said the president was cleareved about the need to have a better showing in the second meeting. After a listless first performance, Obama was focused on delivering more pointed and aggressive responses.

He was ensconced in hours of debate practice Sunday at Kingsmill Resort, a luxury vacation spot in Williamsburg, Va. The president was shuttling between a house on the campus where he is staying and the resort's main building, where aides are set up for debate practice.

The campaign picked the river-

president away from distractions at the White House. Some of Obama's official duties, including the attack in Libya that led to the death of four Americans, forced the president to cancel or cut short some of his prep sessions ahead of the first debate, and aides acknowledge he entered the first face-off with less practice than they had hoped.

Virginia was also a political strategic pick for Obama. While he has no formal public events there, his mere presence in the competitive swing state is designed to drive local media coverage just over three weeks from Election Day.

Aides said Obama and his team were both studying up on policy and holding mock debates, featuring Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., playing the role of Romney. Anita Dunn, a former Obama aide brought back to help with debate preparations, was playing the role of debate moderator Candy



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Opinions on Facebook require care, truth

With the presidential election approaching, opinions on Facebook not only seem to escalate, but also aggravate. I'm not sure which is more agitating: posting your political views on Facebook or complaining about the people who post them.

Everyone has a right to an opinion, and ironically I feel as though that's the only agreement ever reached. However, it's not just dramatic political posts that spark an argument or irritate someone. It could be an outlandish photo or faulty claim. I personally never bother to engage in a disagreement, let alone post anything to start one, but nonetheless I find them wildly entertaining.

In all honesty, I appreciate the fact that some can be so passionate about a topic that they find it absolutely necessary to post it on Facebook, and then subsequently argue their claim after someone refutes it. But since when did Facebook become an open diary?

You're more than welcome to



post anything you want, but don't become irritable and dumbfounded when someone impolitely responds. If you don't want to hear people oppose your person-

al opinions, keep them to

My main complaint about posting your views is posting inaccurate ones. At least get your facts straight before sharing

Also, be nice. Not everyone is meant to agree, but foul language and insults do not help get your point across. When I check my one who has a personal opinion

newsfeed, I always seem to find on a specific topic because most a status that hits that mark. I sit back, relax and watch the responses just roll in.

The best is when someone responds that you would never even think would engage in a conversation with the Facebook poster. Never in a million years would these two people ever partake in a conversation, yet the magical world of Facebook brings them almost face-to-face, if you

> it out. On the other hand. there are the Facebook users that simply post a sta-

all your Facebook tus to express their complete disgust with everyone else's statuses.

with all your Facebook friends. There's almost more of these posts than actual viewpoint posts. It's also amusing to see the person that will "unfriend" any-

likely they're not real "friends" to begin with. Regardless, both of these categories dominate my newsfeed, especially after a big sports event, political event or holiday.

Whether you're interested in posting your opinion with a photo or status on Facebook or complaining about the opinion posters, make sure you know your facts. At the bare minimum, give it a Google search, something you probably learned how to do in elementary school.

Also, be prepared for insults, vulgarity and criticism. You might not experience the worst responses, but not all people can reply respectfully. If you find yourself unable to handle the opinionates and opinionated, switch to Twitter, where you can be entertained by celebrities' opinions instead of your Facebook friends.

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Crime prevention an important task for Texas

By GREG ABBOTT

Each October, national Crime Prevention Month encourages communities across the country to renew their focus on crime prevention. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to working with law enforcement officials across the state to keep Texas communities safe, so each October we take advantage of Crime Prevention Month to renew our focus on this worthy endeavor of protecting our fellow Texans.

Law enforcement cannot do it alone, however. Citizens who are vigilant and active in their communities are crucial partners in the fight against crime. To help foster a well-informed citizenry, OAG staff members help lead seminars for consumer and senior groups, participate in law enforcement expos and speak at conferences across the state. Our experienced professionals are well versed on a wide array of topics, including identity theft, fraud and scams against seniors, to name a few. Law enforcement associations and consumer advocacy groups may schedule an outreach event by contacting our director of outreach, Ben Taylor, at (512) 936-1864 or by email at Ben. Taylor@texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Collaborative law enforcement is also a crucial component of crime prevention. The OAG works closely with city, county and federal law enforcement officials to crack down on dangerous child predators and keep Texas neighborhoods safe for our children. The OAG's Cyber Crimes and Fugitive Units, which locate sex offenders who have violated the terms of their parole, have combined to make more than 3,500 arrests. OAG peace officers have also helped educate parents and educators about cyber safety by offering tips, training and other valuable resources through our website: http:// www.texasattornevgeneral.gov.

Our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement officials exploitation. Texas taxpayers spend more than \$17 billion on the Medicaid program each year, so we also investigate Medicaid providers who defraud the taxpayers by submitting reimbursement requests for goods and services that were never actually rendered. Texans can report waste, abuse or fraud by a Medicaid provider by contacting the MFCU at

The OAG is also committed to cracking down on identity theft. Our consumer and senior alerts and proactive outreach programs help warn Texans about fraudulent sweepstakes offers, foreign "lotteries" and identity theft schemes. Texans who fall victim to identity theft can use the OAG's ID Theft Kit to help speed the recovery process. The kit, which is available for download on our website, includes forms and agency contact information that can help victims restore their credit and prevent further damage to their good name.

In order for the criminal justice system to hold wrongdoers accountable, it's often important for crime victims to help law enforcement identify and prosecute the perpetrators of the crime. To help assist victims and encourage them to actively participate in the criminal justice system, the OAG's Crime Victim Services Division administers the Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund — which helps victims and their families cover the cost of health care, counseling and expenses associated with violent crime when they have no other means of paying these costs.

The OAG also partners with crime victim advocates and nonprofit organizations across Texas who walk victims through the recovery process. With the CVC fund facing a significant budgetary shortage, we are working closely with these organizations and with leaders in the Texas Legislature to ensure that critical funding for victim assistance and crime victim services grants is resolved during the next legislative session. Together, we can help crime victims receive the counseling, emergency shelter, health care and financial assistance they need to recover and thrive in the future.

From partnering with nonprofit organizations like Texas CASA Inc., Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas and the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault to conducting joint operations with local law enforcement to protect nursing home patients from authorities, the OAG has demonstrated physical abuse, neglect and financial that collaboration and coordination are critical to maintaining an effective, efficient criminal justice system. National Crime Prevention Month helps remind all Texans that they, too, can join our fight. Together, we can help foster a safer, more productive Texas for generations

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To help turnout, early voting must be preserved

At least get your

facts straight

before sharing with

friends.

By MIKE NEFF THE DAILY FREE PRESS (BOSTON U.)

This election cycle, there has been a lot of talk about various election laws that have passed and will affect voters this coming November. However, one issue that has yet to take hold of the national spotlight is early voting. During the 2008 election, Barack Obama was able to win various key states and win the presidency because, in large part, he was able to clinch a large portion of those voters who voted early, either

by mail or in person. Early voting allows citizens to vote before Election Day, usually to accommodate out-of-state residents, such as college students, or those who will be unable to vote on the inconvenient Tuesday election day. In addition, as college students, some of us decide to vote in our home states as opposed to registering in New Hampshire. The absentee ballots that we send in are received upwards of a month before Election Day. Though these ballots aren't counted until November 6, they still have a significant impact on election dynamics.

During the 2008 election, President Obama accrued so many votes during the early voting period in North Carolina that even though he lost the Election Day popular vote, he was still able to secure the state's electoral votes. Though most of these early votes don't occur a month in advance, with some states having early voting periods the weekend before the election, there is something to be said about the impact early voting has.

Voting dynamics are, in large part, influenced by the specific socioeconomic groups that are physically able to vote. For example, for some people who may work odd hours or double shifts, holding Election Day during a weekday hinders their ability to cast a vote. The fact that most election days around the world don't occur during the week but instead occur on weekends attests to the fact that our election calendar is

on Tuesday is based on our agrarian history. Back when the majority of Americans were farmers and needed

a day to get to the polls, it seemed all voters must be treated equally convenient to place Election Day on the day before market day, meaning that farmers could harvest their crops and then go to town and sell their crops as well as vote.

In modern times, Americans are increasingly located in cities and polling places have become more easily accessible to most Americans, which makes this out-of-date procedure more inconvenient than anything else. In a country in which 9:00 to 5:00 jobs are extremely common and in which voting on a Tuesday may be physically impossible for some, this choice may inadvertently serve to disenfranchise a select few.

Early voting acts as a solution to this problem by accommodating those Americans who otherwise would not be able to vote, either because of the aforementioned obstacle or because, like us college students, they temporarily reside in another state.

With this in mind, the 6th Cir-The decision to hold elections cuit Court of Appeals recently overturned an Ohio law allowing only military personnel to participate in early voting. The court stated that

under Ohio law and that allowing early voting for some residents requires that it must be allowed for all.

Proponents of the law claimed that because military personnel could be deployed at any time, they deserved special privileges in terms of when they could vote. Although this point is in fact true, when it comes to voting, any incapacity is equally legitimate. Whether deployed to foreign soil or unable to vote because of the necessity to work to provide for one's own family, the incapacity is the same and results in the same inability to participate in the voting process. Therefore, early voting must be applied equally to all residents of a state or county.

A change in one factor of one aspect of the voting process, such as early voting, can have systemic effects that alter the nature of the election and voter dynamics. The exact nature of these effects is unknown in the best case, or intended in the worst, and therefore should be avoided at all costs to prevent any form of unlawful or unfair tampering

Feminism very often mischaracterized, misinterpreted, misconstrued

By BECCA ROTHFELD THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

Since the advent of second-wave feminism in the 1960s, the mainstream feminist movement has suffered a disquieting decline in popularity. According to a 2009 poll conducted by CBS News, only 24 percent of American women identify themselves as feminists. Among men, numbers are even more. disheartening: Only 14 percent of the American male population identifies as feminist, while 24 percent of American men regard the term as an insult.

It is difficult to see what could be so off-putting about a movement whose primary aims are so innocuous. I doubt that feminism's detractors would oppose the elimination of institutionalized gender

inequalities or endorse the objectifying practices that underlie a culture of rampant sexual assault. It is equally unlikely that these self-proclaimed anti-feminists would champion the glass ceiling, defend employment discrimination or speak out on behalf of domestic abuse. What, then, could possibly account for the recent wave of hostility toward the feminist position — a position whose goals are so uncontroversial by most modern

"People see feminism as a knocking down of men rather than a convergence of the two genders," one '13 male, who asked to remain anonymous, said. Furthermore, J.P. Harrington '14 explained that he is not a feminist because he perceives the movement as having "largely strayed from self-determination

and independence to arguing for special

These anecdotal reports lend credence to what I have long suspected that most opposition to feminism derives from a complete misunderstanding of what the movement actually entails. Backlash against the feminist position is not a response to the arguments and ideas presented in feminist literature or women's and gender studies classrooms, but rather a response to the caricatures of feminism that riddle popular culture.

According to common logic, the feminist is an unshaven, combative creature intent on the utter destruction of the male sex. She is willfully ignorant of the difficulties that males face in our society, and she is self-righteously indignant at every opportunity. Although she is quick to blame individual men for the long his-

world, she remains incredibly resistant to engaging in even a cursory examination of her own role in the process of female marginalization. Even the most favorable popular portrayals of feminists still tend to represent them as aggressive, abrasive and unappealingly sanctimonious.

Such a characterization could not be more misleading. Although the term "feminism" refers to a diverse array of stances and intellectual advocacies, there is widespread consensus among feminists that the goal of the movement is to promote critical dialogue and self-reflection. Feminism is not so much a commitment to a certain set of beliefs as it is a commitment to general inquiry and dialectic. Prominent feminist theorists like Luce Irigaray and Judith Butler are less wedded to any particular account of the world to unquestioned cultural conventions.

Much of the criticism levied against feminism relies on the unfounded assumption that feminists ignore men's issues or hope to fight misogynistic hierarchies by reversing them. In point of fact, most contemporary feminists are quite sympathetic to the male plight. From a feminist perspective, female oppression and male oppression arise from the same central source: from the series of social expectations that conspire to create gender roles. The chauvinism responsible for the suppression of women is bound up with the very same cultural structures that demand certain behaviors from men. The notion that women should be demure, sentimental and delicate is closely related to the corresponding notion that men should be strong, stalwart and

tory of chauvinism plaguing the Western than they are to presenting challenges reserved. Consequently, any discussion of gender norms that fails to address men's issues is miserably incomplete.

Feminism is nothing if not cautious when it comes to assigning responsibility and blame — indeed, many tomes have been dedicated to an examination of women's hand in their own subjugation, a consequence of the internalization of sexist ideologies. The position is not anti-men — it is merely anti-patriarchy, and reasonably so.

The myth of the dogmatic, hysterical feminist is one more attempt to silence the feminine voice and discredit the female point of view. The assumption implicit in such accounts is that women could only oppose their own oppression by assuming an unreasonable posture, an assumption that smacks of familiar stereotypes and prejudices.

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The 10 Homecoming Court nominees lined up in the center of Jones AT&T Stadium field as they looked out to a sea of scarlet and black in the stands.

The announcer introduced the five men and five women along with their escorts as students on the Homecoming committee handed each member of the court a red rose after the and queen. McBee said. introduction of the 2011 Homecoming king and queen.

Then, the moment arrived where the 2012 king and queen were announced. The king, Andrew Whitley, a senior energy commerce major from Fort Worth and the vice president of Kappa Alpha Order, hugged his mother Susan Whitley as his name was announced. The queen, Katherine McBee, a senior broadcast journalism major from Rockwall and president of Chi Omega, had tears in her eyes as her name was announced.

McBee said she was very humbled and incredibly honored to be voted Homecoming queen.

"It's a great feeling," Whitley said. "I am very humbled. To think I'd even be standing on the field, looking back four years ago as a freshman, I never would have thought. It's the best feeling."

McBee said her sorority was >>> egardner@dailytoreador.com

the one that nominated her to the court, and Whitley said his fraternity nominated him.

"Once you are nominated, then the candidates submit a resume," McBee said. "And then based off the resume they narrowed it down to 10. And then, those 10 get interviews and then it gets to five, and then after five it's the vote."

The student body is the one who votes for Homecoming king

McBee was also the sixth Chi Omega to win Homecoming queen in the last seven years.

"It's incredible," McBee said. "The women of Chi Omega are beautiful, smart and driven women, and I am a better woman because of them.'

Whitley is the first Kappa Alpha to be crowned Homecoming king since Tech started crowning kings in 2000.

Whitley said winning Homecoming king as well as making that big of an impact on both the Greek and student bodies was a great feeling.

"It means the world to me to be Homecoming queen," McBee said. "I love this university so much. I've grown so much while I've been here. It's just incredible to have the support of my sorority and the rest of Texas Tech and I'm just honestly so humbled."



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

KATHERINE MCBEE, A senior broadcast journalism major and Chi Omega sorority member from Rockwall, and Andrew Whitley, a senior energy commerce major and Kappa Alpha fraternity member from Fort Worth, were crowned Homecoming queen and king during halftime of the football game Saturday against West Virginia at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Dean, former dean honored at Homecoming dinner

By CAITLAN OSBORN STAFF WRITER

Friends, family and alumni gathered Friday night at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center for the 52nd annual Matador Evening, part of this year's versity," she said. Homecoming celebrations.

"The Matador Evening is the premier annual Homecoming event sponsored by the Texas Tech Alumni Association," said Peggy Pearce, director for special events for the Texas Tech Alumni Association. "The event offers a setting for alumni and friends to visit, in some cases, the only time people have the opportunity to enjoy connecting each year.'

to celebrate the lives of the honorees through the presentation of prestigious awards, Pearce said.

"This year's honorees have contributed significantly to the excellence of Texas Tech Uni-

This year, General Walter Huffman and his late wife, Anne, were honored with the Lauro F. Cavazos Award. Pearce said the award is presented to individuals who have made a positive impact on the university through outstanding accomplishments, acts of service and/or financial

"It's a very significant honor," said Huffman, former dean of the Tech School of Law. "For a

The event also is an occasion family like mine where my father coached here, my father-in-law coached here, my mother taught here, it's especially significant because we're a very red and

who made his success possible.

"This is about as significant an event a Texas Tech family like ours can have," he said. "And a lot of people helped make this possible, and I appreciate all of them, including all of the many people who have been associated with me at Texas Tech as an undergraduate, a graduate, a law student and as the dean of the law school. It's a wonderful

Jerry Hudson, dean of the so I have to share anything that College of Media and Communication received the Distinguished Service Award. Pearce said the award was created to recognize and commend out-Huffman said he would like standing service to the Tech

> 'There are so many other people who are more qualified than me to receive this award," Hudson said. "I feel honored to be identified as somebody who has made contributions to the university. In all honesty, any contribution I made is part of my job and responsibility. I had a tremendous amount of assistance through faculty and staff and support from the administration,

we've done over the last few years to receive any type of recognition for success with people who are with us and who make an impact on our program."

Homecoming is a great time to thank all the people in his life Alumni Association and/or the for alumni to see all of the university's accomplishments, Hudson said.

"I hear people who have not been back to this campus for 20 years, see the progress we've made with the (Media and Communication) building," he said. "It's really amazing to hear them say, 'I just can't believe how things have changed so quickly.'

"I think Homecoming gives you that opportunity to appreciate (the things) that maybe you didn't appreciate while you were in school, but it gives you the opportunity to appreciate the university, the instruction that you received and the guidance that you received through faculty and staff. It's part of that pride people take with them of being an alumnus or an alumna of the

Chancellor Kent Hance said both men are worthy recipients of the recognition.

"We're glad that you're being honored tonight," he said. "(General) Walt Huffman, there is not a better person around, (and) Jerry Hudson has gone out of his way to do more for us than you can imagine."

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Parade brings Tech fans of all ages to celebrate annual Homecoming

By CAITLAN OSBORN STAFF WRITER

Shouts of "Wreck 'em Tech" and "We love our Red Raiders" filled the air Saturday morning during Texas Tech's annual Homecoming Parade.

The scarlet and black clad crowd cheered as various sororities, fraternities and campus organizations gathered to show off their school spirit.

This year's Homecoming theme was "Don't Wreck With Tech," and some of the floats sported tags like "Austin City Limits," "Remember the

Alamo" and "Everything is bigger in Texas."

len lett, a senior business major from Georgetown, said her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was paired with the fraternity

Sigma Nu for Homecoming.

together a house of cards and a stack of chips with a Double T and all sorts of fun stuff," she

The Homecoming Parade is a great way to get all of the sorori-

ties and fraternities to come together, Jett It's great to be able said, and is a way to involve to come back and the new members, among

other things.

"It's really fun and it just brings the whole Lubbock community out to watch the parade, and that's always really good," she said. "I love having alumni come back, and they're really excited seeing the float. It's

really cool to

see how it re-

STEVE CRANSTON TEXAS TECH **ALUMNUS**

good time.

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flects on in the generations." Maddie Erwin, a sophomore education major from Lubbock, is a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She said their theme was of it all. I like to be able to come "Lubbock or Leave It."

"It's a great way to get the "Our theme this year was community involved with spirit,

'Texas Hold 'Em,' and we put and it's a fun way to get the sororities and fraternities paired up in a friendly competition,"

> The Masked Rider, Ashley Wenzel, said her favorite part of Homecoming Parade is getting to see all the fans excited for the game.

The junior education major from Friendswood also said Homecoming is a great way to involve the Tech alumni com-

"I think it's important to get alumni back at the school, and they are always good at supporting the school, and I think that's important," she said. "And also for students to see that alumni still love their school and have pride to come back."

Though the Masked Rider's horse, Midnight Matador, was sidelined during Saturday's game because of a limp, the pair still participated in the Homecoming Parade.

Steve Cranston, a 1971 alumnus from Tech, said the parade provided a great atmosphere to get everyone pumped for the

"I haven't been here in a long time," he said. "It's great to be able to come back and see all the energy and the excitement out and visit the kids and have a good time.'

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Alumni run T-shirt business in Frisco, receive famous recognition

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech Alumni Brian Wysong and Jeb Matulich are the founders and owners of Tumbleweed TexStyles T-shirt Company.

Brian Wysong graduated from Tech with a degree in marketing and went on to become the marketing director of a local non-profit organization. He now teaches marketing at a high school in Frisco.

"We knew that we wanted to start some sort of company, but had no idea what we wanted to do," Wysong said.

Matulich graduated Tech with a degree in architecture, and has worked as an art teacher at the same high school in Frisco for 17 years.

"With Brian's experience in the business skills and my artist skills, we thought making a T-shirt company would be a great opportunity for us," Matulich said.

The products they make and sell feature different symbols and designs that all focus around Texas pride, Matulich "We wanted our merchan-

dise to have that Texas style to it, hence the name of our company," Wysong said. "We wanted to be able for them to have a deeper meaning behind

it and for the shirts themselves to show the true passion of Texas."

As of now, the company sells a variety of short-sleeve T-shirts and koozies, as well. However they are already making plans to expand to selling other products in the future, Wysong said.

expand into making longsleeve shirts for winter," Matulich said. "We also are looking into making kid's sizes and even putting our designs on

The company has been in the works for about one year now, and already has 12

hats.'

different states, including 70 Texas towns.

"The success of our company in this short amount of time has truly been a blessing for us," Matulich said.

With both men also working as full-time teachers, Wysong and Matulich also use this company as a teaching opportunity for their high school students, Wysong said.

"Both of us love teaching with a passion," Wysong said. "We wanted our students to look at our company and really be able to see how they can put their plans into action using their knowledge and skills."

Tumbleweed TexStyles will be "Since right now we only have featured in the October issue of D short-sleeve shirts, we want to Magazine, and have also received

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JEB MATULICH

TUMBLEWEED TEXSTYLES

FOUNDER AND OWNER

support from celebrities such as Baron Batch and Josh Abbott.

"It feels so rewarding knowing people are interested in our story and when we see celebrities wearing our merchandise," Wysong said. "It's one

thing when

main retailers, and sells in 36 your friends and family are supporting you, and another when you know a celebrity believes in what you're doing.'

Anyone interested in purchasing their products or just learning more about the company can visit tumbleweedtexstyles.com, Wysong said.

We absolutely love Texas Tech and are so proud to be Tech alumni," Matulich said.

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Hundreds participate in Ultimate Bike Ride

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

A mass of bikes and flashing lights met in Memorial Circle to begin the fourth Ultimate Bike Ride on Saturday.

Students biked 10 to 12 miles throughout campus and places near it. Ultimate Bike Ride occurs about every two weeks at 10 p.m. Saturday.

One of the founders of the event, Peter Longno from Odessa, graduated in August with a university studies degree.

He said the first UBR started with only the founders, which were about seven to 15 people. It gradually got bigger and about 100 bikers rode in the third UBR, Longno said.

Longno said UBR started from him and another founder, Josh Aguas, going out on bike rides last semester. He said Aguas got addicted with riding bikes and started gathering his friends to join him on evening rides.

"It just got bigger and bigger, and now Josh is running it," Longno said.

Longno said the purpose of the bike ride is to get everyone to know each other, love each other and spread the word of God.

"It's a gathering of so many interesting people that look for a really great biking community," Longno said.

He said the group received a sponsorship on the third UBR from Cliff Bar, and on the fourth, is being sponsored by Culture Clothing.

Culture Clothing stayed open past normal closing hours for the bikers. It was the ending stop for UBR, where they received a 25 percent discount on everything in the store as well as free hot chocolate.

"We've pretty much got a really good team of people to share this group

around," Longno said.

Architecture graduate student from Midland, JohnPaul Barrandey, who was last year's president of Tech's triathlon team and current member of the team, said he has been to UBR twice.

"I was leaving the architecture building at 11 or 12 at night and they were still out riding, so I figured I'd come see them since I was on my bike," Barrandey said. "I could hear them in a parking garage from three blocks away, so I just followed the sound."

He said the bike ride would be a way for Tech's triathlon team to reach out and meet new people.

"We're always trying to get exposure because a lot of people around campus don't even know we exist yet we compete at a national level," Barrandey said. "The team is also strong promoters of riding our bike, whether it's competing, commuting or just for fun."

Barrandey said he can see the future of the bike ride going two ways.

"Either it's going to get bigger and bigger, and we're just going to make a great big family out of it or somebody's going to do something crazy and a cop's going to get involved, and we're never ever going to get to do it again," Barrandey said.

The bike ride is organized by students and has no police supervision.

"We actually ran into a cop the last time when we were riding, and he thought it was so impressive that we could get a hundred college students in a group at night not drinking and having fun," Barrandey said. "That's something I never noticed. It is a hundred plus college students not drinking past 10 at night. You stay productive without getting in trouble.'

Barrandey said more safety would be better for the bike ride.



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MORE THAN 50 Texas Tech students showed up for Ultimate Bike Ride No. 4 on Saturday at Memorial Circle. From there the group traveled approximately 10 miles where they biked around campus, through Tech Terrace, and finished in the Depot District.

"I think we need to have a designated route with police going to every stop sign or light," Barrandey said. "We stay close together in a group, so we are a force to be reckoned with. Everyone here has lights and we're not going fast, but there is still room for safety."

He said the bike ride is growing in numbers, media and marketing.

"People have started making logos

for it. They've been reaching out to local bike shops to help get more promotion for it. They want start making stickers and t-shirts."

There also have been Facebook groups made for all the bike rides, Longno said.

Will Cotton, graduate architecture student from Lubbock, has participated in the ultimate bike ride twice.

He said he heard about UBR from a flyer put in the wheel of his bicycle.

"I like riding my bike, so I might as well do it with other people," Cot-

Longno said the team of founders is trying to get Tech's cycling club and those who started the Tour de Tech Terrace to join the UBR family.

"Maybe we can get more than 100

people," he said. "Maybe more than 200 people — just an entire bike community of wonderful people."

He said he believes ultimate bike ride will not just stay at Tech.

"I know people are going to tell their friends from other schools, and it's definitely going to grow a lot in different cities and schools.'

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Homecoming Pep Rally and Bonfire Pumps Up Students

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Texas Tech students and fans cheered in excitement as the Goin' Band from Raiderland played the Tech Fight Song at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday.

Despite the worry of bad weather conditions, the annual event still occurred Friday at Urbanovsky Park.

Jon Mark, the associate director of student activities at Tech, has been at Tech three years and helped organize the Homecoming activities.

"We had to keep in constant contact with the weather marshal all day just to make sure we could still go through with everything at the park," Mark said. "Considering we couldn't have a bonfire last year when there was a burn ban, we were relieved when we found the weather wouldn't stop us this year."

Mark said this pep rally was a big deal for Tech since this was the first year the school was going to be playing West Virginia, a team new to the Big 12 Conference.

"I think the fans had a different kind of excitement this time around," Mark said. "Everyone was just more energetic this year."

The ceremony started off with the Goin' Band from Raiderland playing a few songs with the Tech cheerleaders and Raider Red getting the audience

"The pep rally really gets everyone excited for the game every year," Mark said. "It's a great opportunity to bring the alumni and students together."

The Homecoming committee was then introduced along with the Homecoming court nominees.

Katherine McBee, a senior broadcast journalism major from Rockwall, was part of the Homecoming court and ended up being crowned Homecoming queen at the game Saturday.

"This was actually my first time attending the Homecoming pep rally, and I really loved it," McBee said. "The environment and the people just made everything so exciting."

Lawrence Schovanec, interim president, and Lance Nail, new dean of Rawls College of Business Administration, gave speeches to get the attendees.

"I really liked the different speakers they had give inspirational pep talks," McBee said. "That was another thing that got everyone more energetic."

The pep rally portion of the night concluded with the Tech twirlers performing a fire spinning routine and everyone heading toward the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center where the bonfire occurred.

Stark Harle, a freshman advertising major from Katy, was one of the many students who attended the pep rally and

"The bonfire is really what I was most excited for," Harle said. "I knew that was going to help everyone's school spirit just go through the roof."

Harle is a third-generation Tech student and is the seventh person in his family to attend Tech.

"It was a lot different for me this year because I was finally able to attend the events and game as a Tech student," Harle said. "This is a true Texas Tech tradition, and I am just glad I got to be a part of it."

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THE TEXAS TECH Twirlers shut off the lights and lit their batons on fire to perform in front of the crowd during the pep rally hosted at Urbanovsky Park on Friday.

Pregnancy center helps women, Texas Tech students

By EMILY GARDNER STAFF WRITER

The Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic offers women confidentiality, freedom and options.

Lindsay Christensen, chief operating officer and options faculty adviser for Parkridge, said Parkridge is a nonprofit pregnancy medical clinic. The clinic is a licensed medical clinic with nurses and professional counselors on staff.

"The Parkridge mission statement is 'Empowering individuals to make informed choices," said Christensen. "We provide top-notch medical services combined with counseling in order to help that woman in her crucial decision making moment. She finds out she's pregnant, she's not sure what to do or what options she has, she needs information, she needs a medical pregnancy test, she might need an ultrasound. Parkridge is a place where she can get confidential and free services at the outset of that."

Parkridge has two locations in Lubbock. The first location, on 79th Street and Slide Avenue, opened in 1993, Christensen said. The second location, located on 20th Street behind the restaurant Bless Your Heart and across from the Texas Tech campus, opened in April 2010.

Parkridge serves clients who mostly fall into the age group of 16 to 24 years old, Christensen said. The average age of the women being served is 19.

"So you know from our demographics that college students are very prone to deal with unplanned pregnancy and STDs," Christensen said. "We wanted to be available, as close as we could, for Tech students, also LCU students down the street and position ourselves where it could be a convenient place, but also a confidential place where students

Parkridge has a good relationship with the Student Wellness Center and the Student Counseling Center, Christensen said. Parkridge also is affiliated with Op-

tions, a student organization at Tech.

Options bridges the gap between Parkridge and the Tech campus, said Options president Catelyn Jackson, a sophomore community, family and addiction services major from Lubbock. Options' goal is to let people know about Parkridge. The organization has done this by putting flyers up around campus and handing out Chapstick in the free speech area.

"We created Options to help get the word out on campus, not just about Parkridge, but just about unplanned pregnancy in general," Christensen said, because we know it's something that happens in the college life, and we want to make sure girls know where they can get good information. Options also refers to the wellness center, the community health center."

Parkridge offers pregnancy tests, STD and STI tests and treatment, professional counseling, and support groups, Chris-

can be a really difficult interruption to college life and career girls," Christensen said. "Parkridge really wants to be that safe place that someone can go when they aren't sure who to talk to. Many times students don't want to go to their parents yet, they don't want to tell their boyfriend yet. We can be a safe place where they can get, for one just confirmation that they really are pregnant, and for two, accurate information about their options."

Parkridge is there to help women and provide information on any decision they make, Jackson said. Having the center by the campus allows women to take advantage of their options and will be more likely to seek help since it is more

"Parkridge doesn't have a political agenda by any means," Jackson said. "We are pro-women and pro-knowledge, and we believe that there are a multitude of options that a girl has and that she should be informed about all of them."

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Echoing his sentiments, she encouraged people to share their stories of the time, as they are important and often go unrecalled. Egan said many of his sources had not spoken about their experiences in 50 years or more, simply because they thought no one believed them.

His research is grounded in these people's stories and eyewitness accounts.

"I wanted to get this texture of history from the margins themselves," he said.

As he got deeper into his research, he realized they were all believable, and there was almost no way to exaggerate the horror of the storms, the sicknesses and the never-ending dust. He also recognized the urgency of telling the story of >>> hdavis@dailytoreador.com

these people, who he called "totally heroic," before they lost the chance to tell it themselves.

"I realized we can't forget

about it," said sophomore Taylor Kirk, an animal sciences major from Crosbyton. "It's a big deal.' With a father in farming,

and plans to do the same, he said Egan's message was relevant in its warnings about soil conservation, and Kirk said his thoughts on the aquifer were

The presentation ended with Egan's knowledge of the Ogallala aquifer and how precious it is becoming. After, he answered questions from the crowd.

A book signing followed, and Barnes & Noble was on hand with copies of his seven books, including the one released just days before the event. The documentary will air in two parts, Nov. 18 and 19.

SPORTS

Texas Tech women's soccer honors seniors

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team picked up two victories Texas 1-0 on Friday in Austin, and honoring the senior class with a 3-0 victory against Francis Marion on Sunday afternoon during Senior Day.

With their victory against Texas (7-7-1, 4-1-0), the Red Raiders (12-4-0, 3-2-0) moved into third place in the Big 12 standings with nine points. The loss was the Longhorns' first in conference play and marked the second consecutive year Tech has defeated Texas.

The Red Raiders scored the lone goal of the match when senior Dawn Ward put a shot into the back of the net in the 58th minute off a deflection by Tech coach Tom Stone said the victory was a big one for his team.

"We had some key players step up tonight," Stone said. "It was a total team effort. We had to move some people around, but our team gutted it out and we got the win."

career, good for fifth all-time in Heap, a rocket from the left

Victoria Esson recorded her match, the Red Raiders outshot fourth shutout of the year, and 11th of her career, which ranks second all-time at Tech.

Stone said Esson's perforthis weekend after defeating mance, along with the backline of the defense, were key to the Red Raiders' victory.

"Victoria was called upon to save us tonight," Stone said. "I thought she and the entire coordination of our back four was huge."

Both teams took 15 shots during the match, but Tech had a 9-5 advantage in shots on goal.

After the win against Texas, the Red Raiders traveled back to Lubbock for a Sunday afternoon match against Francis Marion. Sunday's match was Senior Day for the women's soccer team, and nine players were honored before the game.

While the combination of

freshman forward Janine Beckie. travel and emotion did not create ideal circumstances for the team, Stone said, the Red Raiders took an early lead when they scored off an own goal by the Patriots in the first minute of the game. They went up 2-0 in the 25th minute when junior midfielder Jessica Disabella scored her sec-The goal by Ward was her first ond goal of the season off a pass of the season and 20th of her from freshman midfielder Caity

the Patriots 35-5, including 19-1 in shots on goal.

"I just saw Caity Heap was dribbling by that girl and I had space out to her left and some space for a shot and had the keeper's left side," Disabella said. "I was happy to loosen up the game because it's Senior Day, and we don't want to be stressed out or anything so I'm glad I could help with that."

In the 86th minute, senior defender Leah Christensen, who was receiving playing time because of Senior Day, scored her first career goal. Scoring on Senior Day was a magical moment, Christensen said.

"It was a great feeling, honestly," she said. "My team was behind me. I heard them go crazy on the bench. It was just a great feeling, and I felt all the support from my teammates, so it was awesome."

Honoring the senior class was really important, Disabella said. The seniors are the heart and soul of the team, she said, and their personalities make coming to games and practices more fun.

Stone said it was exciting to see Christensen and the other seniors celebrate because this was his first recruiting class during Tech history. Junior goalkeeper side of the penalty box. For the his tenure at Tech. This class,



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH MIDFIELDER Paige Strahan kicks the ball downfield as Francis Marion defender Sandy Odembo and midfielder Jordan Allen attempt to block the pass during the 3-0 Red Raider win against the Patriots on Sunday at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

he said, committed to Tech on the stands and we're going to be the basis of promises and dreams.

"We promised we were going to get more players around them, we're dreaming of a beautiful facility with lots of people in

a contender," Stone said. "They really had to commit based on hope for the future. They took a chance on us, and I think it's been a great relationship.

They've really helped us build this to where we are today."

The Red Raiders' next match will be Friday in Fort Worth against TCU

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West Virginia's next drive would stall because of the Mountaineers' inability to convert on a fourth down attempt. Tech would score on the following drive on a 19-yard pass from Doege to junior receiver Eric Ward putting Tech ahead 14-0 early in the first quarter.

Tech's defense was able to hold the West Virginia offense to 14 points. They entered the game averaging more than 55.

the Mountaineers came into the game really cocky, so it was yard touchdown that put Tech big for Tech's defense to set the

"We kind of fell off last week the attack again, capping off a putting Tech ahead 42-7.

and kind of took it personal," Davis said. "Everybody was face the great offense and the Heisman hopeful. We get excited

The Mountaineers would finally score with 4:21 remaining in the first quarter when Smith found junior receiver Stedman Bailey for a seven-yard pass that closed the gap on the Red Raiders 14-point lead.

Amaro caught a 61-yard pass from Doege on first down to put the Red Raiders just outside the red zone. Tech would capital-Senior safety Cody Davis said ize two plays later when Doege found Marcus Kennard for a 16ahead 21-7.

nine play, 86-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown pass from wanting to know how it feels to Doege to senior receiver Darrin Moore which put Tech up 28-7 with less than three minutes remaining.

> The Red Raiders still were not finished.

With less than a minute remaining, junior running back SaDale Foster danced his way past defenders for an explosive 53-yard touchdown that sent Tech into the locker room with a convincing 35-7 advantage against the fifth-ranked team in urday will be televised by ABC the nation.

In the third quarter, the dynamic duo of Doege and Moore would reunite yet again when week the Red Raiders will play Doege connected with Moore The Red Raiders would go on on a 29-yard touchdown pass,

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said he could not be prouder of Doege's performance.

"I thought Seth did a heck of a job in just running our offense," he said. "It was fun to watch him have success.'

The final encore between Doege and Moore would occur late in the fourth quarter when Doege completed a nine-yard touchdown pass to Moore, marking his sixth touchdown pass on

Tech's game against TCU Satat 2:30 p.m. in Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

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Cowboys dominate stats but lose to Ravens 31-29

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Dallas Cowboys had every reason

They amassed 481 yards, including 227 on the ground — more than any team had ever run for against the Baltimore Ravens. Dallas held the ball for more than 40 minutes, reached a season high in points and totaled 30 first downs.

It would have been a Sunday worth celebrating. Except for the final score: Ravens 31, Cowboys

Jacoby Jones tied an NFL record with a 108-yard kickoff return, and Baltimore won its 14th straight at home by holding off two

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BALTIMORE (AP) — The Dallas threats in the final minute.

"I am sick about losing this game," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "This is a very tough place to play. We made our share of mistakes, but I thought we had a shot to win at the end."

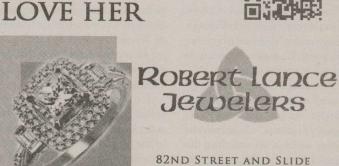
They sure did.

After Dez Bryant scored on a 4-yard pass from Tony Romo with 32 seconds left to make it 31-29, the 2-point conversion pass zipped through the arms of the diving Bryant in the front left corner of the end zone.

Dallas recovered the onside kick, but Dan Bailey was wide left on a 51-yard field goal try with 6 seconds remaining.

"I felt like I struck it pretty well," Bailey said. "Obviously, not well enough."

For all they accomplished offensively, the Cowboys (2-3) still headed home with a loss.



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"Ultimately, hey look, there's no moral victories," tight end Jason Witten said. "Obviously they're a good team and you don't walk away saying, 'Hey, we 'played a good team close.' You walk away saying, 'We had an opportunity and we lost.""

Dallas coach Jason Garrett added, "I felt we fought really hard and well through a lot of different adversities in all three phases. (The Ravens) have been awfully good for a while. This team's been awfully good in this place for a while. We gave them everything they could handle.'

Ray Rice scored two touchdowns and Joe Flacco threw for 234 yards and a score to help the Ravens (5-1) secure their fourth consecutive victory and enhance their grip on first place in the AFC North. Baltimore's home winning streak is the longest current run in the NFL.

Jones' return tied the mark set by Ellis Hobbs of New England in 2007 and tied in 2011 by Randall Cobb of Green Bay.

"To set the National Football League record for a kickoff return, in what was the difference in the game, is pretty special," coach John Harbaugh said.

The score was essential to the Ravens, who mustered only 1 yard on three offensive plays in the third quarter.

After Jones' touchdown, the Cowboys launched an 80-yard march that ate up more than eight minutes. Romo connected with Bryant for 13 yards on a thirdand-11 before throwing a 7-yard touchdown pass to Bryant to make it 24-20.

Dallas followed with two strong defensive series, and a short punt by Baltimore preceded a 21-yard drive to a field goal by Bailey.

Flacco then directed a 10-play, 73-yard march. A 31-yard completion to Anguan Boldin moved the ball to the Dallas 4, and Rice scored from the 1 to provide the Ravens an eight-point cushion.

The Cowbovs rallied, but could not complete the comeback. "At the end of the day, we've

got to finish the game and we have to win the game," Garrett said. "We didn't do that."

Romo went 25 for 36 for 261 yards and two touchdowns, a redemptive performance after he threw five interceptions in his last outing against Chicago. DeMarco Murray ran for 93 yards, Felix Jones had 92 on the ground and Bryant caught 13 passes for 95 yards and two TDs.

Murray left in the second half with a left foot injury; his absence did little to deter the Cowboys' running game.

"We ran it inside, we ran it outside, we got some stuff off the run game," Garrett said. "We kept the ball for a long time and those were all good things.'

Baltimore trailed 10-3 before scoring touchdowns on a pair of 80-yard drives to take a 17-10 halftime lead.

The Ravens pulled even when Rice ran in from the 1 after a hands-to-the-face penalty against Dallas lineman Kenyon Coleman on third-and-goal from the 2. Earlier in the march, Rice ran 43 yards with a short pass.

Cary Williams' third interception in three games gave the ball back to Baltimore. Flacco completed two 20-yard passes to Boldin before hitting Torrey Smith for a 19-yard score with 41 seconds left in the half.

Facing the top-ranked pass defense in the NFL, Flacco went 13 for 18 for 174 yards in the first half.

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Senior cornerback Cornelius Douglas got hurt during the defense's first series, thrusting backup Bruce Jones into action early. Jones was tested, but broke up three passes while covering wide receiver J.D. Woods.

Davis said the secondary held its own, but it would not have been possible if not for a steady dose of pressure placed on Smith when dropping back to pass.

Defensive tackle Kerry Hyder was at the epicenter of Tech's pass rush, collapsing the pocket on several occasions along with defensive end Dartwan Bush.

Tech blitzed a few times, but showed the blitz look many more times only to drop out of it. The Red Raiders' key to frustrating Smith was their ability to put pressure on the 6'3," 220-pound quarterback with three- and four-man

Smith's inability to stay comfortable in the pocket or develop a rhythm ultimately showed through inaccurate,

completion percentage of 81 percent before Saturday's loss, completed 29 of 55 passes against Tech — or 53 percent of his passes.

Smith came within a few steps of taking some sacks, but was able to use his mobility to escape those close However, Smith said there were

some scenarios where he wished he had utilized his legs to a larger extent, particularly in third-down situations.

"I had times where I should have

rushed throws. Smith, who boasted a stepped up more," Smith said. "I had room to run. I think I didn't do a good job with that. I should have used my legs a lot more."

> Although it may be nothing more than a silver lining, Smith escaped Lubbock without throwing an interception, keeping his streak of consecutive games without a pick alive.

> Smith has not thrown an interception since West Virginia's regular-season finale last year against South Florida on Dec. 1.

> > For Tech, stopping the Mountain-

eers from scoring like they did in wins against Baylor and Texas — 70 and 48 points, respectively — is just another positive step in what has been a renaissance of sorts under first-year defensive coordinator Art Kaufman.

Like the skeptics out there, most Tech players and coaches insist they are not buying into the defense's national rankings. On Sunday, Tech dropped to No. 4 in both total and passing defense.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville, however, kept talking about the No. 1 label during postgame interviews.

But the third-year coach of the Red Raiders, just minutes removed from a Gatorade shower on the sideline, was not referring to what was once his defense's national ranking.

Tuberville, instead, was referring to Saturday's win and its place among the upsets he has been a part of during his coaching career.

"Number one," Tuberville said. "Number one... This is a truly a team, a city, a university win today because not a lot of people gave us a chance." >>>irodriquez@dailytoreador.com

Tech basketball looks to rebound from bad season

By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball team is looking for a fresh start this season with interim head coach Chris Walker and two returning starters.

The team had its first practice Friday afternoon and is excited to begin the season, Walker said. It was his first practice as head coach.

The first day of practice is a great day for players, coaches and staff, Walker said. Working the team out for the first time as head coach, he said, is gratifying, and he is happy to get started.

Sophomore Jordan Tolbert ity to create turnovers to allow

said he is excited for the season and has been waiting for it since last year's exit. The team was get deflections and keep their 8-23 overall and 1-12 in the Big 12, finishing 10th in the

The team is moving forward, he said, and not thinking about the past.

Everyone brings their own energy to the team," he said. "Some people have a lot of energy, some people are different, but they work hard. There are a lot of different characters on the team."

Walker said this Tech team is talented and fearless. The team will be defensive-minded this season, he said, and use its tenacfor an up-tempo game.

The goal is to steal the ball, opponents on their toes on both ends of the floor, he said.

"We're going to be in great shape," Walker said. "We're going to run the floor, and hopefully we can play more guys because that will make us more dangerous because guys can stay

There are some things beyond his control, like player injuries, he said, but the team is going to play to the best of its abilities and work hard. The No. 1 thing he controls, he said, is attitude.

Tolbert said Walker's coaching style is different, and it is a breath of fresh air. Walker is a

former point guard from Villanova and has 17 years of coaching experience, including a year as a Tech assistant coach.

Walker said he is prepared to be the head coach of the program, and he has no reason to be nervous.

"We're going to come out with great attitude, we're going to work hard every day, we're going to play together with pride, and we're going to play for the name in front of the jersey," he said. "If we do those things, we'll let it be what it'll be after that."

Tech hosts its first game of the season against UT-Permian Basin at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in the United Spirit Arena.

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Kithuka carries cross-country team

Texas Tech men's cross-country runner Kennedy Kithuka won his fourth consecutive race of the season at the Chile Pepper Festival in Fayeteville, Ark. on Saturday.

The junior ran with a time of 28:53.00 in the 10,000-meter race, which was 1:20 ahead of the second-place finisher, Girma Mecheso of Oklahoma State. Kithuka's time was the fastest at the Chile Pepper Festival since

Kithuka was followed by teammate Ezekiel Kissorio, who crossed the finish line with a time of 30:33.70, finishing seventh overall.

"It was a great effort by the men's team," Tech coach Jon Murray said. "It was a wonderful start to the 10k distance, and Kennedy had another dominating race."

Kithuka remains unbeaten in 2012, having won at the Tech Open, Red Raider Open, Kansas Rim Rock Classic and now the Chile Pepper Festival. He has been named the Big 12 Runner of the Week twice this season.

The men's team finished second overall with 109 points. The Lady Raiders finished 19th in the 6,000-meter race with 579 points.

Leading the Lady Raiders was senior Rachel Folan, who finished 79th overall with a time of 22:46.90. She was followed by junior Chelsea Scott with a time of 23:05.30, finishing in 99th overall.

The teams will now look toward the 2012 Big 12 Championships Oct. 27 in Austin.

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Shonn Greene powers Jets to 35-9 runaway over Colts

- Shonn Greene hit the ground running — and just kept going.

Rex Ryan's "Ground-and-Pound" offense returned in a big way Sunday as Greene ran for a career-high 161 yards and three touchdowns on 32 carries to power the New York Jets to a 35-9 rout of Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

"When you're running the ball that well," quarterback Mark Sanchez said, "you never want to stop."

Just about everything worked for the Jets as they rolled up 252 yards on the ground after struggling in the running game for weeks, Sanchez was solid and Tim Tebow made a few big plays.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) Even the Jets' maligned defense was able to shut down Luck and the Colts as New York snapped a two-game slide at home that had many wondering if the season was about to spiral out of

> "We want to be a team no one wants to play," Ryan said. "And, we're on our way.'

For a week, at least, Sanchez was in total control and the Jets (3-3) had their best overall performance — save for a handful of personal foul penalties - since an opening rout of Buffalo. After four straight games with less than 50 percent completion percentage, Sanchez finished 11 of 18 for just 82 yards, but had touchdown throws to

Stephen Hill and Jason Hill.

"Wins come in all shapes and forms," Sanchez said. "I was proud of the way we were able to run the ball."

With the way the Jets, particularly Greene, performed behind an offensive line blasting open holes to run through, Sanchez didn't need to air it out.

"I think we can do it every week against any team," Greene said. "It's just a matter of us executing, not stopping ourselves and working hard during the week."

The frustrating thing for Indianapolis (2-3) was that New York did exactly what it expected. And the Colts still couldn't do anything about the running game. ers 14-point lead

"We wanted Sanchez to have to Luck was driving the Colts a possible beat us with his arm," cornerback Jerraud Powers said. "If we stopped the run, that was what they were going to have to do. Whoever we play next week, that's what they're going to do. They're going to run the ball until we stop it."

Indianapolis trailed 21-6 at halftime and couldn't erase a big deficit for the second straight week after coming back from 18 points and beating Green Bay last Sunday for Bruce Arians' first win while filling in for Chuck Pagano, hospitalized while being treated for leukemia.

Luck finished 22 of 44 for 280 yards, two interceptions and a lost fumble on a day he misfired a handful of times. touchdown with less than 7 minutes left, but Ellis Lankster ended that when he intercepted the rookie's toss for Donnie Avery in the end zone. "It's learning how to be consistent,

and that's something I've struggled with," Luck said. "I think I played very poorly this week after a decent half of football last weekend. As a team, we have to learn to come out and consistently be good."

The Colts were missing sacks leader Robert Mathis, and lost defensive end Cory Redding to an injured right knee in the first quarter. Indianapolis was also without leading rusher Donald Brown; replacement Vick Ballard had just 25 yards in his first NFL start.

Tebow helped the Jets take a 21-6 lead just before halftime on a drive kept alive by some trickery. On fourthand-11 from the Colts 40, the do-it-all backup quarterback — lined up as the punt protector — took the direct snap, stepped forward and tossed a jump pass to linebacker Nick Bellore, who rumbled 23 yards as the crowd at MetLife Stadium went wild. Three plays later, Tebow was at

quarterback and ran 3 yards for a first down, setting up Sanchez's 5-yard TD toss to Jason Hill with 27 seconds left. Tebow met Sanchez as he ran toward the sideline and the two leaped and bumped hips to celebrate the score.

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