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## Individuals from several states start petitions to secede from US

By **MATT DOTRAY**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Gov. Rick Perry sent out a news release in response to the growing discussion about secession petitions on the White House website. The petition, which began circulation on Friday, request-

ing the Obama administration to peacefully grant the State of Texas and others to secede from the United States and create a new government.

In three days after the petition began, Texas passed the requirement of 25,000 signatures for the Obama administration to look them over. On

Wednesday, the total amount of signatures reached 105,129.

Texas is among the 50 states to start a petition to secede from the union.

In the news release, Catherine Frazier, the press secretary for Gov. Perry, said the governor believes nothing should be done to change the "greatness

of the United States.

"But he also shares the frustration many Americans have with our federal government," Frazier said in the release.

"Now, more than ever, our country needs to take strong leadership from states like Texas that are making tough decisions to live within their

means, keep taxes low and provide the opportunities to job creators, so their citizens can provide for their families and prosper."

A spokesperson for the Texas legislative office said the state has nothing to do with the petition.

"Neither the State of Texas,

nor the governor, has put that petition out there," she said on the phone. "So, the way that they're making it read, it's the state of Texas. No, it's individuals within the State of Texas."

The federal government has not yet responded to the petitions.

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## Women Studies Program hosts collection drive for women, children in need

By **RACHAEL MATTHEWS**  
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Texas Tech's Women Studies Program has been a part of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence since Fall 2008 to help raise awareness for sexual assault and violence brought upon women and children.

The coalition brings attention to the national Week Without Violence, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which lasts throughout November.

Tricia Earl, the instructor for Tech's Women Studies Program, is the staff position adviser for this month's collection drive and the creator of co-curricular events for the program. The program examines the cultural and social construction of gender and studies the influences of gender on the lives of women and men.

"We're looking to expand this

collection drive to be further in the spring," Earl said. "What I've noticed this year is that the residents at the Women's Protective Services need various items at different times of the year. We've already had multiple items donated."

Items such as coats, blankets, pillows, towels and basic toiletry items top the program's wishlist this year, Earl said. Dozens of items have been donated so far. Even though student donations are limited because of location difficulties and time constraints, many students and individuals throughout Tech are glad to participate in such a helpful cause.

Motola Peters, a freshman, said she thinks the donation is a good way to help out.

"It's good that this is happening and that people can help those less fortunate find their way," she said.

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## Meat Mission

*Raider Red Meats provides meat for COWamongus*

By **VICTORIA HOLLOWAY**  
STAFF WRITER

Carcasses hang from the ceiling by linked silver chains. The carcass is then taken into the Meat Science Laboratory for processing and cutting, and then packaged with a Raider Red Meats label.

Texas Tech's meat company, Raider Red Meats, operates out of the meat lab on campus.

Raider Red Meats, regulated by U.S. Department of Agriculture, mainly sells through COWamongus, a restaurant in the Animal and Food Sciences building. The company also sells to 30 United Supermarkets and local restaurants, including Café J. Aside from retail sales, anyone can purchase the company's meats on its website.

Tate Corliss, agricultural education graduate student from Estancia, N.M., is the sales representative for Raider Red Meats.

He said Gordon W. Davis, who the Meat Science Laboratory is named after, founded the meat judging program, or team. The university did not fund the program, so Davis started raising funds for the team by selling meats, thus marking the beginning of Raider Red Meats in 1982.

"There was no funding available, so he did everything he could with the resources that he had," Corliss said. "Now it's expanded to where we help fund everything from scholarships, graduate student research and the whole meat science and muscle biology program."

After the bills and the workers are paid, the leftover money goes toward funding and scholarships, he said.

The company's management, aside from Corliss, includes director Bradley Price and communications representative Moriah Beyers. There are 12 student workers, including Luke Sellers, a junior agriculture education major from Denver City.

Sellers has worked three months for Raider Red Meats and is a member of the meat judging team. He said he works



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador  
JERILYN HERGENREDER, A doctoral muscle biology major from Longmont, Colo., packages New York strips for Red Raider Meats on Tuesday in the Meat Lab. Red Raider meats are sold on campus in COWamongus and off campus in Café J and 30 local United Super Markets.

two to three hours every day usually cutting lamb, pork and beef in the 38-degree meat lab.

Before workers enter into the lab, they wash their hands, put on a hair net, lab coat, no-cut rubber gloves, steel-toed rubber boots and a chain net under their jacket for protection against sharp machinery

and knives, he said.

"There's hardly any way you can contaminate because we take so many safety precautions," Sellers said. "There's hardly any way to get hurt because we're wearing so much safety gear. It's almost impossible for you to cut yourself because of all the no-cut stuff we wear."

The beginning of processing meat first begins with the harvesting, or killing, of the animal. Sellers, who has witnessed the harvesting, said the public has many misconceptions about this part of the process.

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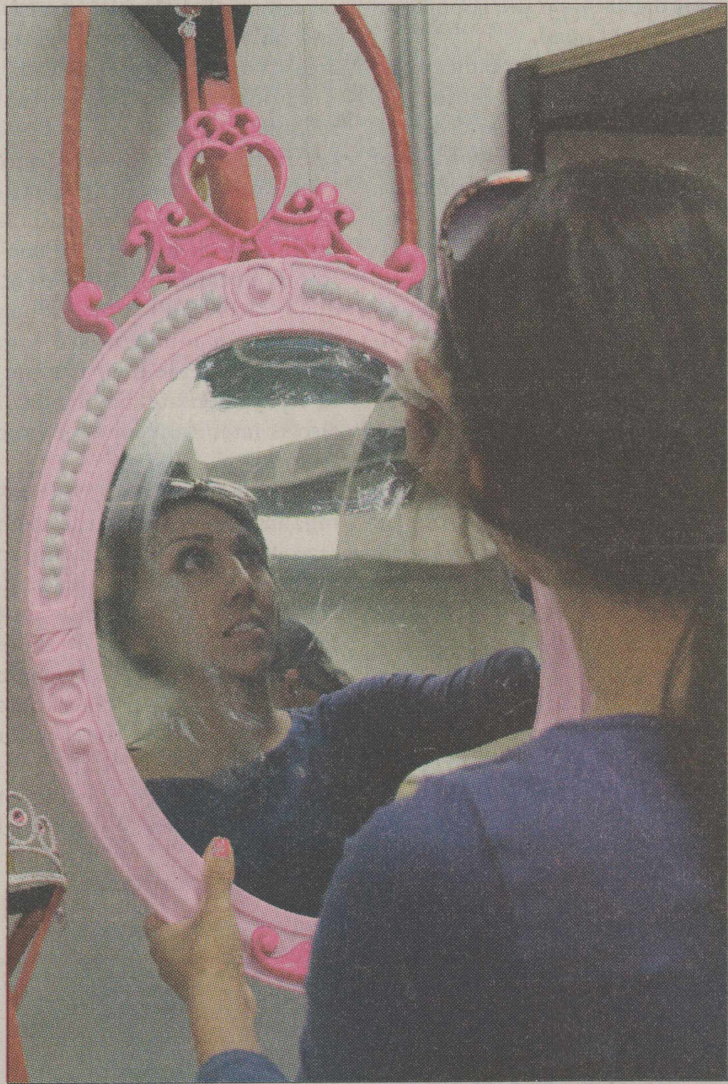


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DESIREE DURAN, A senior visual studies major from Lubbock, cleans her mirror sculpture, which she will eventually cast in aluminum, Wednesday in the 3D Annex sculpture studios.

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**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Kmart, 6501 University Ave.  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and help kickoff the program. Members of the community are asked to help by purchasing and donating a gift. The gifts will be collected through Dec. 7.

**Jazz Ensemble II Concert**

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hermle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy this free concert.

**Twilight Saga Marathon**

**Time:** Noon  
**Where:** Cinemark Tinseltown USA  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy this marathon of Twilight movies.

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**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
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**ents: "A Little Night Music"**

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Allen Theatre  
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Come out and enjoy a comical, intimate story of everyone dealing with making mistakes.

**World Music Ensemble- Tango Concert**

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Hermle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy this tango concert by Texas Tech's World Music Ensemble.

**Headbangers Ball Fest**

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Depot District Oyster Bar  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy performances by Another Texas Murder Scene, Remains of the Downfall, W.A.S.T.E.D., Dawn of Ages and Second Drive.

**Tina Vernon in Concert**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Lamesa Community Players  
**So, what is it?**  
Come out and enjoy Shontina Vernon as she performs a musical vocal concert of jazz, blues, country and more.

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# College of Education raises awareness for School Psychology Awareness Week

By **EFRAIN DUARTE**  
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While the number of children in school has increased, the number of school psychologists in school districts has not been able to keep up with the growing student population.

Tara Stevens, associate professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership in the College of Education, said the National Association of School Psychologists recommends a 1:1,000 ratio of school psychologists to students.

"There is a predicted shortage nationwide," she said.

One of the reasons for the shortage, Stevens said, is because there is a greying in the field, which means a lot of people are retiring.

The College of Education is raising awareness of the shortage by observing School Psychology Awareness Week. School Psychology Awareness Week, Stevens said, is something the National Association of School Psychologists does every year.

"We want people to be aware of what we do," Stevens said.

To illustrate the shortage of school psychologists, Stevens said, her first job in West Texas was as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) for nine school districts.

This year, School Psychology Awareness Week went from Monday and will end Friday. Different events going on throughout the week included a booth outside the Student Union Building and visits to other local universities to give presentations about school psychology.

Stephanie Barbre, third year school psychology doctoral student from Lubbock, said school psychology encompasses three realms: counseling, consultation and testing, and assessment.

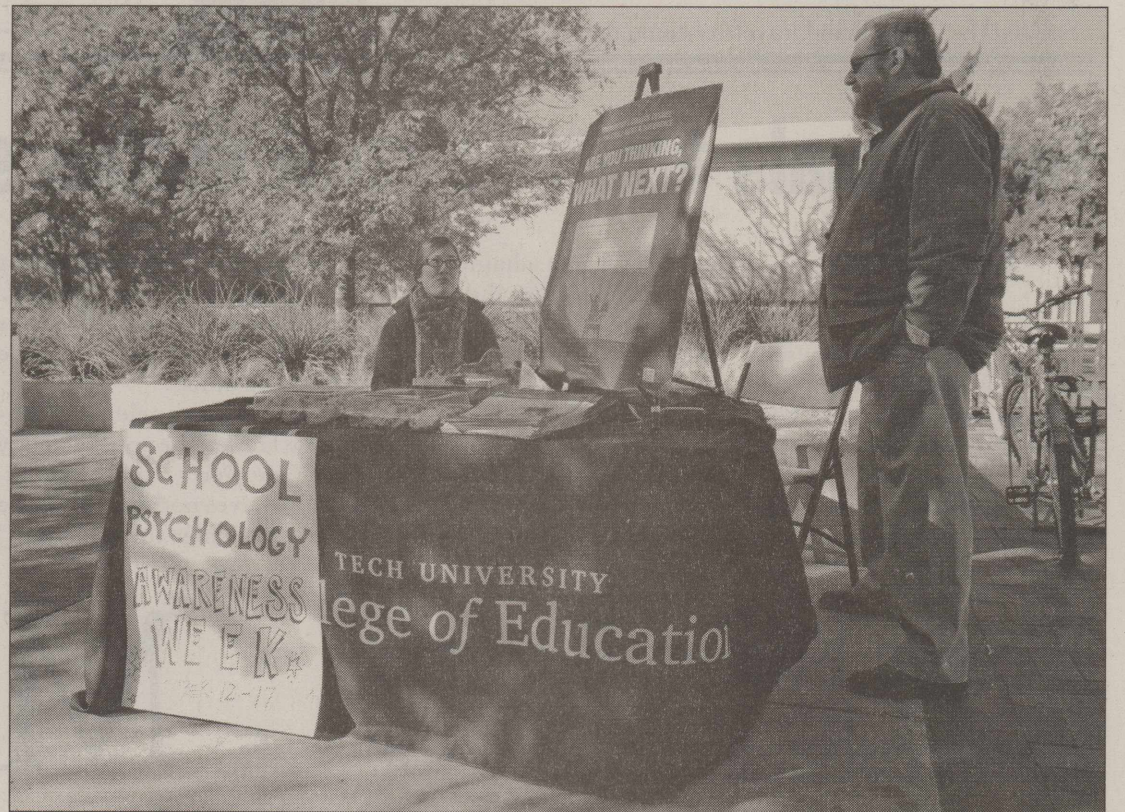


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BRITTANY LERMS, A junior psychology major from Schertz, and David Cain, a core faculty member and assistant professor in the Texas Tech Department of Psychology promote School Psychology Awareness Week with a table Wednesday outside the Student Union Building.

"As an advocate for children and education," Barbre said, "I feel it is my duty to help and support students."

School psychologists, Barbre said, look for students with emotional disturbances and autism.

Stevens said, school psychologists' tasks range from helping a student learn math to helping a teacher understand the symptoms of autism.

Barbre, who is completing her practicum with the Frenship Independent School District, said the practicum component ties everything learned in the classroom and puts it into the real world.

The courses the students take, Stevens said, are a blending of psychology and education courses, courses like assessment, which deals with how to administer I.Q.

tests and there are counseling courses involved.

There are two tracks students at Tech can take, Barbre said, a masters and a doctorate track, both of which allow for practice in school districts.

Barbre said the masters program is 60 hours, with the last year as an internship and the doctoral program is 90 hours, which includes a dissertation and an internship accounting for that program's last two years.

Samuel Thompson, third year school psychology doctoral student from San Angelo, said he got into school psychology because there are lots of options and it is not limited to one job.

Tech, Stevens said, focused on building the doctoral program for school psychology and now the

college is focusing on building up the masters in school psychology program.

"It is one of those types of jobs you feel good about doing," Stevens said.

The job outlook for school psychologists, Barbre said, is bright.

"If you are interested in working with children and psychology, what is unique about school psychology is you are in the environment working with children where they live and where they are at," Stevens said.

Other events the College of Education is hosting include a pizza lunch Friday. The event is open to area LSSP's and current psychology students who want to learn more about school psychology.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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## Quail-Tech Alliance researches decline in quail population

By **ALSTON TRBULA**  
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Researchers from the Quail-Tech Alliance, a Texas Tech research project dedicated to quail conservation, are finding last year's drought and a lack of food are both factors in the declining population of quail.

Brad Dabbert, Quail-Tech Alliance research project director and associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management, said there are two main factors that influence quail and their sexual behavior: light and rainfall. Increases in light and rainfall both contribute to an increase in quail reproduction.

"They have glands that can detect the amount of light they receive, and that light charges up their reproductive hormones," Dabbert said. "In turn that causes their sex organs, their testes or ovaries, depending on whether they're male for female, to grow and become active."

Consequently, during the

winter, when there is less light, quail quit reproducing, he said. Rainfall also influences quail reproductive patterns. Dry and hot weather increase the amount of stress hormones in quail. When quail are stressed, they do not reproduce.

"One of their main sources of food during the spring and summer that's high (in) protein is insects," he said. "Their main deal is insects, and so the drought basically prohibits insect production, and as a result, there is no food. The fact that there's no food and that it's really hot and dry causes stress, and so basically the quail don't go into reproduction."

According to the Quail-Tech Alliance website, the research area consists of 38 counties in North Texas. Within each of the 38 counties, the Quail-Tech Alliance is providing an anchor ranch, which is serving as a laboratory for a five-research effort. The anchor ranches give researchers clear and informa-

tive data sets on the population changes of quail.

"With these 38 counties and Anchor Ranches, biologists, conservationists and ranch owners will embark upon one of the largest quail data collection efforts in Texas encompassing some 22 million acres," according to the website.

Byron Buckley, a Tech alumnus and member of the Quail-Tech Alliance, said he is studying the extent to which lack of food is contributing to the declining quail numbers. By providing food to certain areas and not to others over an extended period of time, they are able to measure and compare data on the number of living quail in areas that did and did not receive food. The food they are using is called Milo, which is a high-protein grain.

"The areas that did receive food actually had a higher survival rate," he said. "They also had higher nesting and reproductive rates. Some of the birds

nested three times on fed areas, and only once or twice in the areas that didn't receive feed."

Humans have an ethical responsibility to conserve a declining species, Buckley said. Both hunters and the Quail-Tech Alliance are conscious of this. Quail hunters are conscious because if there is no quail, they can't hunt. When population numbers are low, hunters decrease their bag limits to compensate. Saving quail also is important for economic reasons.

"Quail are real big for hunting, and that's one of the main reason for everyone wanting to save these guys," Buckley said. "It can be an economic shot in the arm for some of these smaller towns, especially here in Texas and other places like Mississippi. All of the smaller towns that these little guys inhabit, these guys bring in millions of dollars to their local economies."

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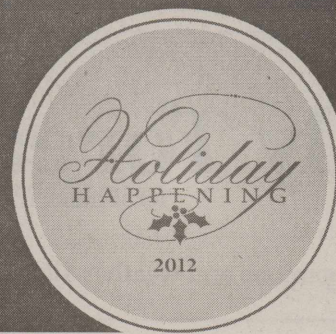
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## Tech student acts in Dallas-based film

By TORI O'HARA  
STAFF WRITER

Since Bree Waldie was a little girl, she always has wanted to be in a movie.

Her dream came true when she received a call back from casting director for a movie.

Waldie, a sophomore journalism major from Dallas, spent part of the semester in Dallas on the set of "One Heart," a movie based on the true story of two high school football teams, Grapevine Faith School and Gainesville State School.

"It is the classic underdog movie," she said. "The movie really is life changing. It will touch your heart."

Waldie said the movie focuses on Gainesville State School, a maximum-security school with many juvenile delinquents as students, and its football game against Grapevine Faith School.

"No one really believed in (the students) or saw them as something other than violent criminals," she said. "The coach, Kris Hogan, wanted to give them a chance. He got fans to come out and support Gainesville. There were spirit lines for Gainesville from the Faith fans. The Faith cheerleaders cheered for Gainesville. Faith believed in them, and that really touched the players. It

changed them."

Waldie said she played a cheerleader for Faith.

"There were about 12 cheerleaders in total," Waldie said.

"We bonded really fast. We spent a lot of time together. Shoots often went from 5 p.m. into early morning because of the football scenes."

Amanda Knopic, a Dallas native, played a cheerleader alongside

Waldie. Knopic said she and Waldie bonded quickly.

"We met each other briefly before all the cheerleaders got together," Knopic said. "Then, the next day we all got together, and we remembered each other. We became really close. She is now one of my best friends."

Allen Johnson, from Fort Worth, played No. 41 on the Faith team and said Waldie was very outgoing.

"I like to keep to myself," Johnson said. "One day we were all on

the sidelines waiting to be called in for a scene, and she just came up to me and started talking. She was really friendly."

Waldie said balancing school-

work with being on set was stressful, but nothing she couldn't handle.

"When I found out I got the part I was really excited," she said. "I instantly went to all of my professors and told them I would do whatever it took. I think it

was because I went to them and wanted to work with them that they worked hard to help me. My professors emailed me assignments. I studied during free time, and I flew back to take tests."

Johnson said Waldie handled the balance of school and work well.

"One of our first conversations was about how she had a class at 8 a.m.," Johnson said. "We had been on set from 2 p.m. to 6 a.m. She just wanted to go home and sleep, but she knew she couldn't skip class.

She worked really hard."

The best part of being able to be in "One Heart" was meeting and getting to know the cast and crew, Waldie said.

"Everyone was really sweet," she said. "(Actor) Romeo was in the movie, and he was just amazing. He would come up to us after a shoot and just joke around with us. It was really cool because I didn't know how a famous actor would be with people who didn't have a big role in a movie."

Waldie said the director of the movie, Mark Ellis, has worked on films such as "The Longest Yard," "Dark Knight Rises" and "The Amazing Spider-Man." This movie is the first time Ellis will direct by himself.

The cast will host other famous names, such as Abigail Spencer, G.W. Lewis, Marc Blucas, and Cowboy Troy.

Even with the stress of balancing the movie and going to school, Waldie said she misses being on set.

"I got used to the lifestyle," she said. "They were all amazing people. Everyone was one huge family, and I am really going to miss them a lot. If I could, I would do it again. I do not regret taking this opportunity. It was a great experience."

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BREE WALDIE, A sophomore journalism major from Dallas, finished filming the upcoming movie "One Heart," which is set to be released in 2013. The movie tells the real-life events surrounding a 2008 high school football game between Gainesville State and Grapevine Faith.

### Collection

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At the end of the month, all items donated will be transported to Women's Protective Services of Lubbock Inc., where they will be distributed to women and children in need of good care and

shelter through the winter, Earl said. With this drive, Earl and her team hope to bring attention to the need WPS has throughout the year and to bring attention to the services the company offers to anyone who needs help.

"You end up saying, 'Here's the need,' but also, 'Here's what they can provide,' so it's an

awareness of both aspects," she said. "You can tell that everyone that participates wants to help the cause."

Every year, Earl said the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence partners with local government to help raise awareness and give those in need a chance to survive

and overcome their struggles. Students throughout campus are more than happy to help in any way they can, she said, knowing that it's for a good cause and that every little bit helps.

The drive continues until Nov. 30. Donations can be sent to Doak Hall in Rm. 125.

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### Meats

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"From my view, it's an act of nature," Sellers said. "We have to produce meat and the only way to do it is to harvest it. I think the methods we have nowadays are so humane that the animal doesn't even feel it."

Shandon Rankin, a meat sciences graduate from Santana, Kan., has worked in the meat lab as production operator for five years.

He said Raider Red Meats harvests every two to three weeks. The harvest is in a room with about nine people and one federal inspector.

"With pigs and hogs, we use a two-step stunning process," Rankin said. "The first step is using electricity to incapacitate the animal, to render them unconscious."

He said USDA rules only require the electricity, but by university rules — to make sure everything is handled humanely and properly — a security stun is used after electricity is applied.

The security stun is a cap and bolt gun, which is about six inches long and does not trigger a projectile, Rankin said.

In the article, Recommended Captive Bolt Stunning Techniques for Cattle by Temple Grandin, professor of animal

science at Colorado State University, he describes the cap and bolt method.

"A bolt is driven into the animal's brain," according to the article. "It has the same effect on the animal as a firearm with a live bullet. After the animal is shot the bolt retracts and is reset for the next animal. A captive bolt gun is safer than a firearm."

Rankin said only cattle, sheep and goats use a cap and bolt stunner.

Beef is the only meat shipped in, Corliss said, so cows are not harvested in the meat lab. The animals harvested in the meat lab come from Tech's farm in New Deal.

Rankin said after the meat is processed and cut, a vacuum packaging machine packages it.

Along with the work of processing and cutting the meat, Sellers said it provides him with experience for his future as an agriculture education high school teacher.

"It has helped me with knowledge of understanding products and different cuts, so I can help my students with my first-hand experience," Sellers said. "I can educate our youth on how the meat industry actually is and to help change their perception of what it is because a lot of people have misconceptions about the industry."

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### Questions about Elmo young fans won't be asking

NEW YORK (AP) — First, Big Bird became an unwitting player in a presidential debate that argued for clipping his wings.

Then came word that the actor who plays Elmo would take a leave of absence amid an allegation that he had had a sexual relationship

with a 16-year-old boy — an accusation that was withdrawn the next day.

The happy band of Muppets on "Sesame Street" has faced the sort of hot spotlight you might expect for the rowdies of "Jersey Shore." Too often, it seems, the show has con-

fronted hairpin detours through the mean streets of politics and scandal.

But the show's producers can take solace in one simple fact: Their target audience remains blissfully unaware that even on "Sesame Street" everything's not always A-OK.

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# SPORTS

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## Oklahoma St. quarterback shuffle leaves uncertainty heading into senior day game

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**  
STAFF WRITER

Oklahoma State has been through a few early setbacks this year, but the Cowboys still have been able to put together another productive season.

The Cowboys (6-3, 4-2) are currently the fourth best team in the Big 12 Conference, however, that will be challenged this weekend when the Red Raiders, (7-3, 4-3), currently fifth place, travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face the Cowboys at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he expects a raucous crowd for the Cowboys' senior day game.

"We're not only playing an offense that has had a lot of success and run up some big numbers, a quarterback that's experienced and playing very well, but also a defense that's considerably different than what they were at this time last year," Gundy said. "They've been very effective, so we'll have a challenge this week. Our players are in a good frame of mind, (they are) excited and we're at a point where we can have two good practices a week, polish up on Thursday and get ready to play with a lot of effort."

"It should be a lot of fun this weekend. We have two good teams and we should have a great atmosphere. We're looking forward to it."

Wide receiver Josh Stewart was named Big 12 Player of the Week for his performance against West Virginia last Saturday.

Stewart caught 13 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the winning effort.

Coach Gundy said players like Stewart have a great chance to be successful because he loves the game of football.

"Josh has been really good for us," Gundy said. "Not only as a receiver — but we've been able to flip the ball to him and let him run. When we recruited him, the word was that he was a gamer. He liked to touch the football, he liked to be in the heat of the moment and be the guy that you rely on for big plays. He's starting to mature a little bit."

Stewart has caught 69 passes for 838



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**OKLAHOMA STATE RUNNING** back Joseph Randle runs away from a pack of Bears in a 59-24 victory against Baylor on Oct. 29, 2011. Randle has more than 1,000 rushing yards this season.

yards and five touchdowns this season.

Stewart said he was humbled to be selected as the Player of the Week.

"It means a lot," Stewart said. "All of these great players in the Big 12, and you get chosen as one of the best players that week. That's great."

The Cowboys have one of the more balanced offenses in the Big 12 Conference. Oklahoma State has the fourth-best passing offense in the nation, according to NCAA.com; they also have the 22nd-best rushing offense.

The Cowboys' efficacy in their passing offense comes as a surprise to many because Oklahoma State has been forced to utilize three different quarterbacks during this season.

Oklahoma State started the season with freshman Wes Lunt at quarterback before he injured his left knee during a game against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Redshirt freshman J.W. Walsh finished the game for the injured starting

quarterback and passed for more than 1,300 yards in Lunt's absence.

Walsh suffered a season-ending knee injury in a game against Iowa State, which led Lunt to return as the starting quarterback. Lunt led the Cowboys in a 36-14 victory against TCU, but would suffer a concussion the following week against Kansas State, leaving junior Clint Chelf as the new Cowboys quarterback.

Chelf excelled in his first start for Oklahoma State last week against the subpar West Virginia defense, which is allowing opponents an average of 41 points per game.

Chelf passed for 292 yards and four touchdowns, completing 22 of his 31 pass attempts in the 55-34 win against the Mountaineers.

Offensive coordinator Todd Monken said the success speaks to how the Cowboys have recruited and acquired depth at the quarterback position.

"It says a lot about the guys we have," Monken said. "They're talented. If they didn't have the talent, you (wouldn't be able to) win. It's not like you can pull someone off the street and decide to play them."

Oklahoma State has not named who will start at quarterback this week against Texas Tech.

Monken said the coaching staff will decide who offers the best chance of winning and from that, they will decide who will start Saturday.

"They were all available the other night, but available and medically cleared is different from being able to function, practice, be accurate with your throws and give us a chance to win," Monken said. "They'll all be cleared this week, so we'll just go from there. We have three guys who are capable of winning, so we'll just assess it as the week goes."

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## Cowboys' running back could return after 4-game absence

IRVING (AP) — Dallas coach Jason Garrett keeps talking about "thresholds" running back DeMarco Murray must meet to end a longer-than-expected absence because of a sprained foot.

It's probably not on the official list, but Murray offered a benchmark on Wednesday. He said

there was "a chance" he could play Sunday against Cleveland.

Murray has missed four games since rushing for 93 yards in a loss at Baltimore on Oct. 14. He had 90 yards in the first half but injured his right foot in the second quarter. He had just one carry in the third quarter before coming out for good.

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

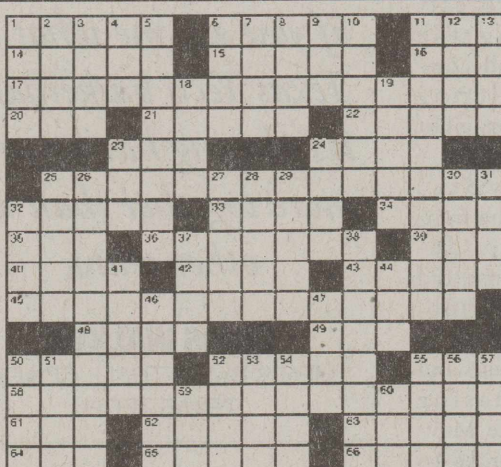
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- 36 Mickey D's breakfast item
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- 43 Reasons for returns
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By Julian Lim 11/15/12

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## SEC feeling impact of No. 9 Texas A&M, Missouri

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Southeastern Conference's six-year streak of national championships could be in jeopardy.

And the SEC has expansion to thank for making it happen.

No. 9 Texas A&M and Missouri are making their presence felt since the SEC invited them into the fold.

The Aggies (8-2, 5-2 SEC) rolled into Tuscaloosa and knocked off defending champion Alabama 29-24 and now the SEC is by no means a lock to get into the BCS title game. The Tigers (5-5, 2-5) have beaten Kentucky and Tennessee, adding to the coaching chaos at those schools.

Auburn's Gene Chizik is one of several SEC coaches who aren't surprised by either school's impact. He said the signs were there even before they left the Big 12.

"If you go back to SEC media day and what I said there, I don't change one thing that I said then," said Chizik, a former Texas defensive coordinator who was also Iowa State's head coach. "No one's teaching (coach) Kevin Sumlin how to coach football; no one's teaching Texas A&M how to play or win; no one's teaching Texas A&M about tradition."

"Missouri's had their ups and downs this year at times but they're another good football team. (Coach) Gary (Pinkel) does a great job. ... They're here to compete and they're here to win championships just like the rest of them. That's why I said it was a good fit."

Actually, the Aggies have become quite comfortable in the SEC.

Texas A&M was picked to finish fifth in the seven-team SEC West and has raised a few eyebrows with just how well its playing.

"I don't think a lot of people expected Texas A&M to do what they're doing now," Tennessee wide receiver Justin Hunter said. "They've got a real good quarterback (Johnny Manziel), a freshman coming out and running the ball like he did and beating the No. 1 team. It's real exciting."

leading Alabama entering Saturday's contest against Sam Houston State. They are tied with the Crimson Tide for the league-lead in scoring at 36.3 points per game. Texas A&M stands alone in several other offensive categories, including rushing offense (236.3 yards), passing offense (295.6) and total

yards (531.9).

Sumlin said his Aggies benefited from the disappointing close home losses to Florida (20-17) and LSU (24-19) and that knocked Texas A&M out of any national championship discussions.

"I think in a way we drew some confidence from those games because

those were top-tier teams, not only in this league but in the country," Sumlin said. "We didn't have the offense available in the first part of the year that we do now."

Leading the way is redshirt freshman phenom Manziel, also known as "Johnny Football."

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# Red Raiders pick up second win in Walker era

By HOLDEN WILEN  
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Texas Tech coach Chris Walker said he wants his team to win by wearing opponents down, playing hard and playing together. The Red Raiders did exactly that Wednesday night in United Spirit Arena, defeating Nebraska-Omaha 91-63.

The Red Raiders (2-0) shot 45 percent for the game playing their up-tempo offense and protecting the ball, committing just eight turnovers. The frantic defense did its job, forcing 10 steals and causing the Mavericks to commit 17 turnovers.

Walker said he wants his team to wear the opposition out by taking advantage of its depth and playing at a faster pace. He said he specifically wants to see his team take advantage in the second half, something it did not do in its season-opening win against Prairie View A&M. "It was good to see a second half where we actually picked it up because in the second half of the last two games we were not so good," Walker said. "I know

that sometimes it looks a little ragged, and it looks like the other team is scoring, but as I tell our guys, our style is to wear the opponent down."

Tech outscored Nebraska-Omaha 48-26 in the second half, led by junior forward Dejan Kravic's 18 second-half points. For the game Kravic had 20 points on 9-11 field goals shooting and six rebounds.

Junior forward Jaye Crockett came off the bench and notched a double-double, leading the team with a career-high 22 points and 10 rebounds.

In the first half Tech led by as many as 13 points, but Nebraska-Omaha was able to cut the lead to six before halftime.

Walker said Nebraska-Omaha's success could be attributed to his team missing so many layups.

Kravic said Walker told him at halftime to be more aggressive, which led to him taking better advantage of his opportunities in the second half.

"Coach sent the message that I have to be more aggressive if I want to score," Kravic said. "I had the coach and the players

getting me great motivation. They're the reason I played well in that second half. They just kept me up the whole time."

In the second half Tech outscored Nebraska-Omaha 48-26, including a 20-5 run after the lead was cut to seven points.

Another point of emphasis Walker made was to limit turnovers and rebound better, Crockett said. Tech outrebounded Nebraska-Omaha 48-27, including a 21-5 advantage in offensive rebounds.

One of the biggest reasons for the success in the low post, Crockett said, was freshman guard Josh Gray and the other guards doing a good job putting pressure on the defense.

Gray scored 15 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

"To get stats like that out of our guards is great for us as a team because it puts pressure on the other team to have to guard them, and it's going to open up the post," Crockett said. "When (opponents) start to focus on the post we can get the guards involved. I'm real proud of Josh coming out and doing that. He told me earlier how the butterflies are gone so he's ready to play."

Overall, Walker said he was pleased with the effort from his players and how they kept attacking the Mavericks.

Walker said the main thing he is trying to accomplish right now is establishing a style of play, which in the case of the Red Raiders is to play at a quick pace and wear the opponent down while playing as a team.

"The bottom line is for Texas Tech basketball, if you ask me

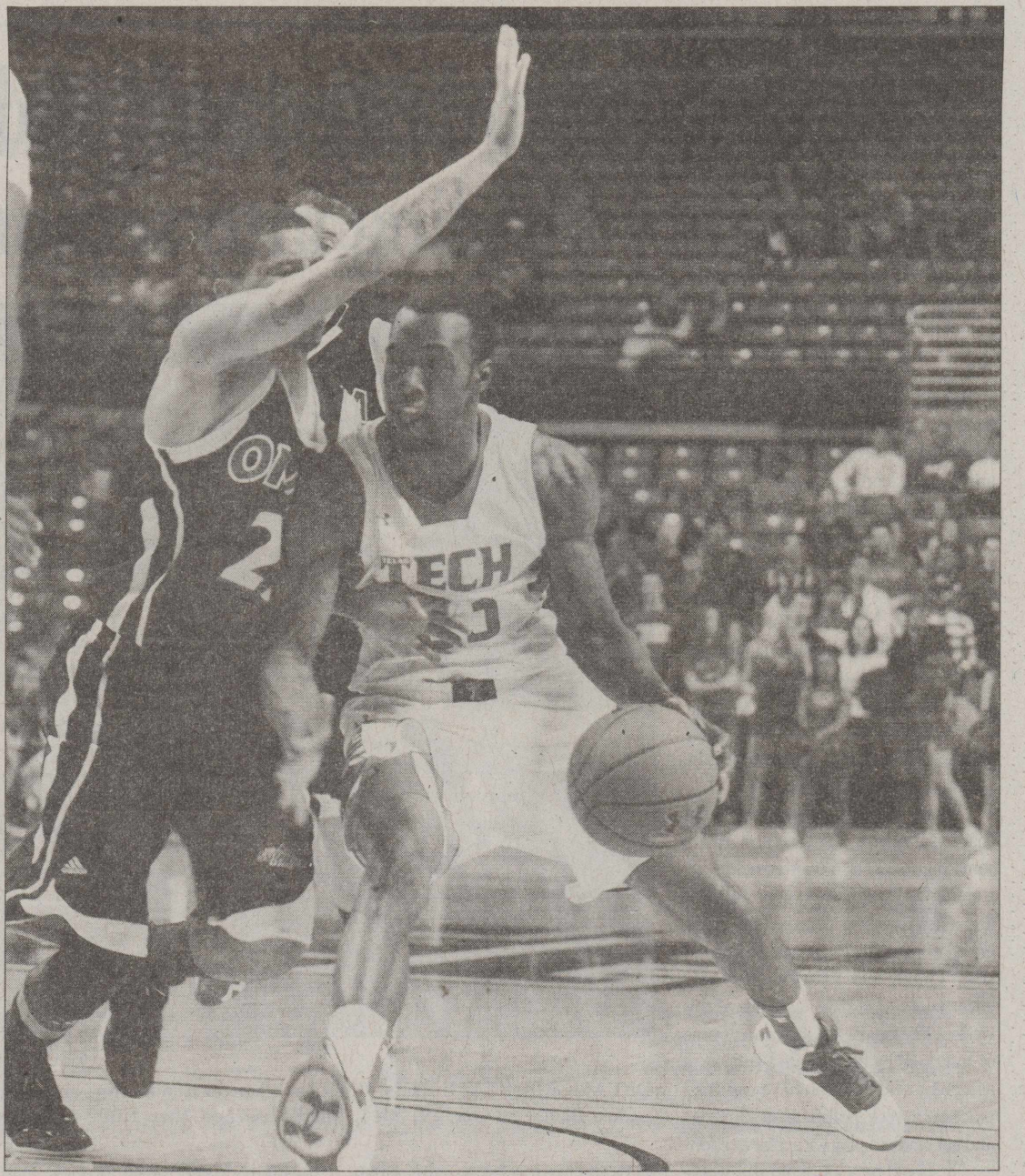


PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH GUARD, Jamal Williams, Jr., dribbles up to score a basket while Nebraska-Omaha forward, Marcus Tyus, tries to block him during the Red Raiders 91-63 victory against the Mavericks on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

what is Texas Tech basketball, it's playing harder and more together than the other team,"

Walker said. The Red Raiders' next game is Nov. 20, against Grambling

State in United Spirit Arena. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. [hwilen@dailytoreador.com](mailto:hwilen@dailytoreador.com)

## Lady Raiders plan for hostile road trip

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Texas Tech women's basketball team heads to Albuquerque, N.M., to face New Mexico at 7 p.m. Thursday in The Pit, the university's basketball-exclusive arena.

This is the Lady Raiders' second consecutive road game to start the 2012-2013 season, defeating Arizona State on Sunday, 61-49.

"Certainly we're excited, and we feel like we have a great opportunity in front of us," Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

The team has some momentum coming off the road win against Arizona State, Curry said, which will help going into the hostile environment in Albuquerque.

"We understand that it's one of the

hardest places to play," she said. "We enjoy the rivalry. I think it's great for Texas Tech and great for New Mexico, and we like the way that our fans embrace both schools."

It is important to stay composed with the fans in the arena, senior guard Casey Morris said. Morris led the team in scoring against Arizona State, with 15 points added to the final score.

This game is important because the crowd is something they have not seen since last season, she said, and it will be crucial to remember what it is like to be in an environment like that.

"It's always exciting to go to a place where they are going to be against you," Morris said. "I think we're looking forward to it."

Sophomore guard Amber Battle is an Albuquerque, N.M. native and

said she is looking forward to playing in the tough environment.

She knows the game will be tough for her because she is a native and New Mexico tried to recruit her, she said.

"For me, especially, I know my coaches and my teammates are going to have my back no matter what," Battle said. "I know that we're going to put our arms around each other, be ready to play and hopefully come out with a victory."

From the film the team has watched, Battle said the team has two good shooters and penetrators who are versatile at every position.

Tech has been focusing on the two shooters during practice and trying to practice situations where they would guard them, junior guard Jackie Patterson said.

Patterson had 14 points and three rebounds against Arizona

State. "We work hard so we can carry over each game," Patterson said.

Curry said she wants the team to protect the ball better.

"It is really important to make sure we have a two-to-one assist to turnover ratio, take care of the basketball, and we have to rebound better than we did at Arizona State," Curry said. "We have to make our free throws and do all of the little things that go into having toughness on the road."

It also is important for the team to have good chemistry while battling against New Mexico, Patterson said.

"We'll stick together," she said. "Our chemistry is going to be very important. So far it's been good. It's good to stick together and play hard."

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## Kaufman named No. 1 golfer

Texas Tech Lady Raiders senior golfer Kim Kaufman became the first golfer in school history to achieve a No. 1 ranking when Golfweek Magazine moved her to the top of its individual rankings.

"It feels great," Kaufman said. "I was a little bit surprised, but it's a nice surprise. It shows how hard work really does pay off."

Kaufman already had set the school record for highest ranking when she became No. 2 after closing the fall season with her first career victory at the Landfall Tradition in late October.

In the team rankings, the Lady Raiders fell two spots to No. 20 in the poll. Kaufman ended the fall season averaging a team-best 71.5

strokes per round and has been among the top 15 individuals in all four events, including three top-five finishes.

Despite the team's fall, Kaufman said it is still great for the team to be ranked at the end of the season. Between the combination of the team's ranking and her individual achievements, Kaufman said she has positive expectations for the fall season.

"It gives me a little confidence going into the spring season and hopefully we can get the (team ranking) up," Kaufman said.

The Lady Raiders open the 2013 spring season Feb. 10-12 at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in San Juan.

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## OU basketball lands 3 recruits

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger has signed a pair of junior college forwards and a high-school point guard to join the Sooners next season.

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\*Kruger announced Wednesday that 6-foot-8 Dominique Elliott from Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College, 6-foot-10 Keshawn Hamilton from Labette (Kan.) Community College and 6-foot Jordan Woodard from Edmond Memorial High School signed letters of intent with Oklahoma.

Kruger calls Woodard "a point guard that's terrific at running his team and can become a big-time scorer as well."

He says Hamilton could provide the Sooners the low-post scoring threat they're currently lacking, although he's currently recovering from surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament.

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# Undefeated Kithuka named to All-Region team

By MEGAN KETTERER  
STAFF WRITER

Kennedy Kithuka has not yet lost this season. The Texas Tech junior cross-country team member continued his perfect season last Friday at the NCAA Mountain Region meet to advance to the NCAA Championships.

Kithuka was announced Monday morning to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Region Team to honor his unbeaten season.

Kithuka crossed the finish line first with a time of 23:36.8 in the men's 10,000-meter race. His success automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championship in Louisville, Ky., which is scheduled for Nov. 17.

He was pleased with his performance at the regional meet, Kithuka said, but his goal was not only to win the race, but to qualify for the national meet.

"I'm so excited to go to nationals," he said. "I am ready to go there and do something great. I know I have a lot of competition there."

This is Kithuka's first time to compete in Division 1 championships, he said. He is a transfer from Wayland Baptist University, where he won two NAIA National Championships.

He did not have a lot of competition in the races he won early in the season, he said, so he did not run to his full potential, he said, but now he plans to run as fast as he can.

"In nationals, someone can stay close to me, so I am going to go 100 percent," he said, "so I will be faster compared to how I have done in the Conference and Regionals."

The regional meet is different than the previous meets, cross-country coach Jon Murray said, because the goal is not to win, but to qualify for the national meet in Kentucky.

"We wanted him to put out as little effort as possible and still qualify for nationals, which he did," he said. "This was the first race where he really ran in the back of the pack for the first half of the race and then basically kept the same pace going that he had and everyone else fell off of it. He ended up winning by a very comfortable margin."

He looked comfortable throughout the race and never seemed to be pushing too hard, Murray said.

Kithuka also has been a great addition to the team off the track, Murray said.

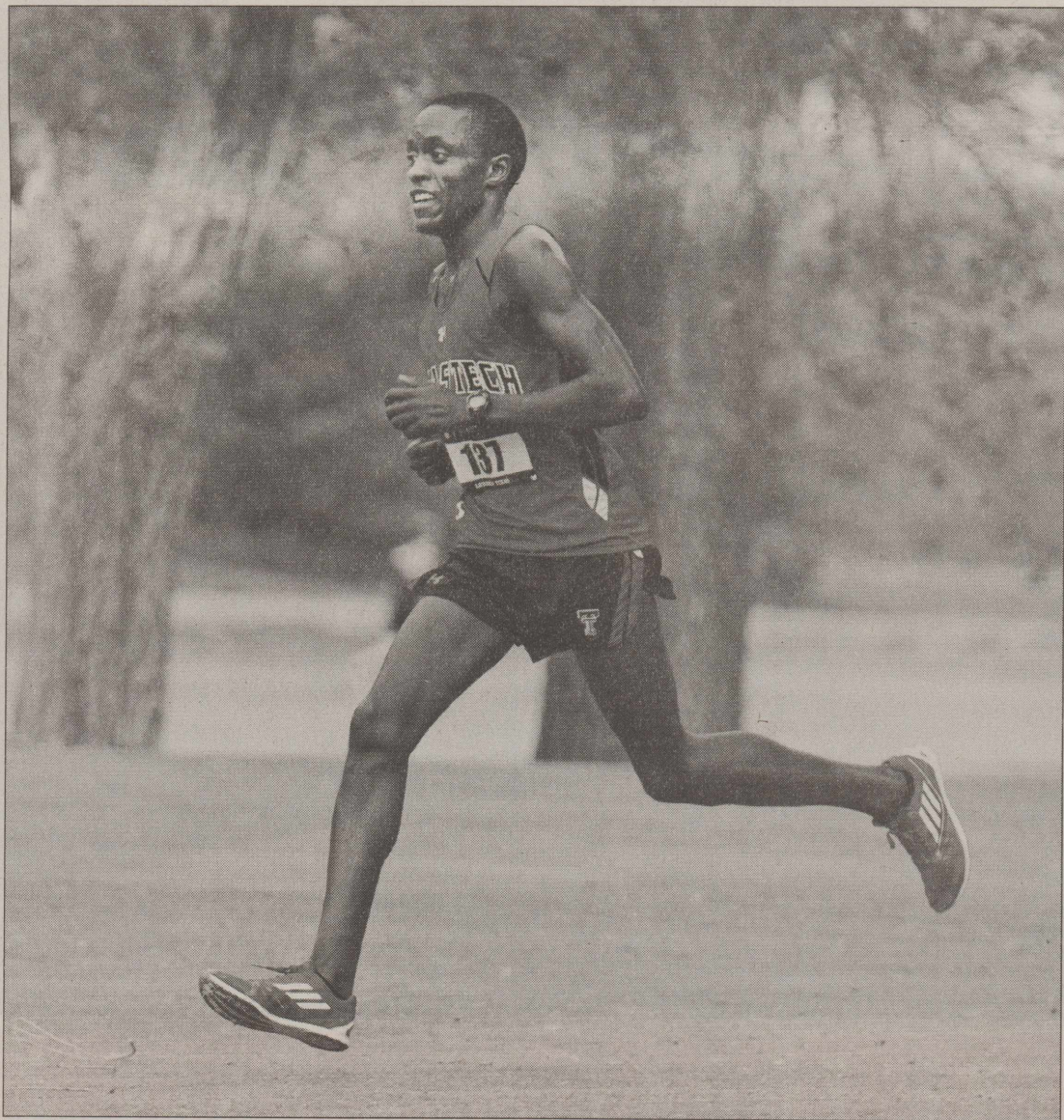


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TEXAS TECH'S KENNEDY Kithuka runs the final leg of the Mens 8K cross country event during the Red Raider Open on Friday at Meadowbrook Golf Course. Kithuka's time of 23:34.44 broke the previous course record.

"Kennedy has been a great leader for our whole team this year," he said. "That kind of leadership has been great and it's really just elevated the entire team."

His strong work ethic and the barriers Kithuka has crossed helps the men's team know it can succeed as well, Murray said.

Now Kithuka is looking to remain unbeaten this season

as he faces off in the national meet. The favorite to win is a runner from the University of Arizona who won the meet last year, Murray said.

"Kennedy is coming in as somewhat of a newcomer, obviously with it being his first time in NCAA," he said. "He's got some credentials, but they raced against each other last spring in a race and Kennedy was beaten."

Despite his loss, Murray he said he believes Kithuka has improved since the last time he raced against the previous champion.

"It would be an upset win if Kennedy did win," Murray said. "It's going to be a great race all the way through. It will come down to a little bit at the end there and just who is the best that day and that time."

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# Houston aims to be NFL's top defense

HOUSTON (AP) — Just before the season, Houston defensive coordinator Wade Phillips was asked what he wanted from his defense in 2012 after the unit made a remarkable turnaround to finish second in the NFL in yards allowed last season.

Phillips didn't say a word. He simply raised one index finger.

The Texans haven't reached that mark yet, and they remain No. 2. That, they say, gives them something to work toward.

"We're working extremely hard to make that happen," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "We attack every day with that intensity and that mentality."

That was clear in Sunday night's 13-6 win over Chicago when Houston forced four turnovers.

The Texans are allowing 281.6 yards a game, behind only Pittsburgh. They are also among the top teams in several other defensive categories. Houston is third in scoring (15.9), tied for fourth in interceptions (11) and have allowed the third fewest touchdowns (15). Houston has rebounded from

its only loss — a 42-24 defeat by Green Bay — with three straight dominant defensive outings. They've allowed just one touchdown since the loss.

"It's important that we play well every week," nose tackle Shaun Cody said. "We know we want to put our offense in a good position to get the ball a lot, and it's going to lead to some good things."

Watt has emerged as one of the top defenders in the league. He leads the NFL in sacks with 10 ½ and has knocked down 10 passes. The constant attention he receives has given other Texans chances to make plays. Outside linebacker Connor Barwin has come on lately, piling up 13 tackles and two sacks in the last three games.

The Texans have come a long, long way from the days when there were concerns about Phillips changing the alignment, and then in the offseason, Mario Williams and DeMeco Ryans left for other teams. More questions came when star linebacker Brian Cushing was lost for the season with a knee injury in Week 5 and the loss to the Packers came the next week.

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