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Kithuka wins NCAA cross country title

By MEGAN KETTERER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech junior Kennedy Kithuka continued his perfect season Saturday as he finished first at the NCAA Cross-Country Championships in Louisville, Ky. The national championship is Kithuka's first of his career at the Division 1 level. Kithuka has previously won 10 races in track

and field and cross-country in NAIA at Wayland Baptist before transferring to Tech.

The Kenya native entered the race unbeaten during the fall season. He broke the course record at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park finishing with a time of 28:31.3 in the 10,000-meter race, according to Tech Athletics.

The win allowed Kithuka to become Tech's first male NCAA

cross-country champion.

"Once the race got started, I knew I was ready to go," Kithuka said in a news release. "It was just a great race."

He is Tech's sixth overall national champion after becoming the first men's Big 12 Champion in school history earlier this month.

"Kennedy ran a perfect race," Tech cross-country coach Jon Murray said in a news release.

"There was a race plan, and he executed it to perfection. He put the surges in at the right time and opened the race just past the half-way point. The rest of the race was just a continued effort and keeping the tempo up."

The meet was the most competition Kithuka had faced all year. Kithuka competed against defending national champion Lawi Lalang from Arizona, who

had beaten Kithuka at a meet last season. Lalang entered the race undefeated during his cross-country career.

Kithuka took the lead midway through the race, moving in front of Lalang and a fellow Arizona runner, Stephen Sambu.

Sambu finished second behind Kithuka with a time of 28:38.6, and was followed by Lalang, according to Tech Athletics.

With 3,000-meters remaining in the race, Kithuka broke away from the group to finish the race, separating from Sambu and Lalang.

"I am extremely proud of Kennedy," Murray said in a news release. "He came into the meet as the underdog and left as the champion. He just did a fantastic job of representing Texas Tech."

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Petroleum engineering receives \$2 million donation for facility



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

ROD EICHLER, PRESIDENT and chief operating officer of Apache Corporation announces a \$2 million donation to the Whitacre College of Engineering by the Apache Corporation during a new conference Friday in the McKenzie-Merkel Alumni Center. The donation was earmarked to create the Apache Upstream Research Center inside the new Petroleum Engineering building.

By CATHERINE MCKEE
STAFF WRITER

The Apache Corporation announced its \$2 million donation to the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering during a news conference at 11 a.m. Friday.

The Apache Corporation is an oil and gas exploration and production company and the No. 1 well driller in the Permian Basin, Apache Corporation President and Chief Operating Officer Rod Eichler said.

The donation, Eichler said, is one of the largest gifts the corporation has given to a higher education institution.

The goal of the donation, Apache Vice President for the Permian Region John Christmann IV said, is to create an investment and partnership with Texas Tech.

"We recognize we need more folks who are willing to work in West Texas and what a better place than Texas Tech," he said. "So there's really a perfect partnership and that's what's really driving it."

The money, Chancellor Kent Hance said, will be matched by the Texas Research Incentive Program, bringing the total donation to \$4 million.

The \$4 million will be used for the building of the new petroleum engineering facility as well as equipment for research, George

Livermore Chair Professor and department chairman of petroleum engineering Mohamed Soliman said.

The need for skilled workers in the oil and gas industry is another reason the corporation decided to donate, Christmann said.

"There's a big renaissance going on in the Permian and technology is driving it, and we're excited to be able to work with the petroleum department to help generate the types of kids that we want going forward," he said.

The Apache Corporation donation is important to Tech research and student education, Interim President Lawrence Schovanec said.

"I think it's important to note that the supportive gifts, such as this, played a very important role in Tech attaining the benchmarks that made us eligible to participate in the National Research University Fund," he said.

With the decrease in state support for higher education, he said Tech needs to encourage collaborations between academia and industry.

Schovanec said it is natural and appropriate for Tech to engage in research and education that would enhance the oil and gas exploration of the West Texas region.

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FOOTBALL | Week 12



PHOTO COURTESY OF CORIE WILKINSON/The Daily O'Collegian

TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege tackles Oklahoma State linebacker Lyndell Johnson after Johnson recovered a fumble for seven yards during the Red Raiders' 59-21 loss against the Cowboys on Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

Red Raiders struggle to produce any offense, lose to Cowboys 59-21

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech (7-4, 4-4) suffered a 59-21 loss this weekend in Stillwater, Okla., to Oklahoma State (7-3, 5-2), which dropped the Red Raiders to fifth place in the Big 12 Conference.

The loss marks the second consecutive week Tech's offense has failed to rush for at least 100 yards.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege threw two interceptions and one touchdown in the loss while completing 24 of his 36 pass attempts for 230 yards.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he thought the defensive staff did a great job mak-

ing adjustments to prevent Tech from making a late rally.

"Overall, the defense was pretty good," Gundy said. "Bill Young and the defensive staff really made some adjustments. There were two or three really key parts to stopping their attack that worked on the first drive. The adjustments that were made were really good. The drive that starts the second half is always a really important part of the game. I think they made really nice adjustments."

Senior receiver Isaiah Anderson seemingly put the game away in the second quarter for the Cowboys. Anderson caught four passes for 174 yards and three touchdowns — all of which occurred in the second quarter.

Anderson was questionable entering Saturday's game, but Gundy said the senior had a good Wednesday practice, and the coaching staff felt comfortable with Anderson being able to play.

"He's fast," he said. "When you're fast, you scare the defense whether you can catch it or not. When you catch it, it makes things worse for them. He ran really well in practice Wednesday. At that point, we felt comfortable with him being able to play with speed, at a high level, and being able to take a hit."

Junior quarterback Clint Chelf was named the starter for the Cowboys and managed the game well in his outing.

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Gosling, Tatum fans emerge at Overton Hotel

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

All it took was one Facebook post alleging actors Ryan Gosling and Channing Tatum were in Lubbock for many Texas Tech female students to begin their search for the men.

Kristin Cobb, a sophomore biology major from Houston, said she was one of about 50 girls crowded outside the Overton Hotel on Thursday night, hoping to catch a glimpse of the celebrities. She said she initially heard the news of

their arrival from her roommate, and then found confirmations on Facebook.

"I thought that it was just a joke that they were staying at the Overton," she said, "but when I was leaving my apartment at the Village at Overton around 12:30 a.m., I heard a bunch of girls screaming, so I decided to come over."

Cobb said her obsession with Gosling rather than Tatum is what inspired her to join the crowd.

"I'm kind of obsessed," she said. "I've just always loved 'The Notebook,' so I wanted to

make sure it was true."

Cobb said while the crowd of girls conversed with each other, screams suddenly emitted from the crowd as Gosling ran from the hotel entrance into a red car, speeding away chased by various screaming fans. Cobb is apprehensive as to whether it was the actual actor or not, though.

"I heard it was a scam and that people are not really not sure if it was really them or not," she said. "It's rumored he was an impersonator."

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Where: Lubbock Dance Center
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West Coast Swing Dance Group Classes
Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: D'venue Ballroom
So, what is it?
 Come out and learn a contemporary social dance. No partner or experience is required.

John Sprott and Jesse Ballew
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Lone Star Oyster Bar
So, what is it?
 Come out and enjoy some acoustic music.

Tuesday

Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Grambling St.
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Come out and support the

Red Raiders as they compete against Grambling St.

Wednesday

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Baylor
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against Baylor.

Scrabble Club
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Market Street
So, what is it?
 Come out and meet with the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

DJ Request Night
Time: 9 p.m.
Where: Office Grill and Bar
So, what is it?
 Come out and have fun at the DJ Request Night.

Friday

Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Southern Utah
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
 Come out and support the Lady Raiders as they compete against Southern Utah.

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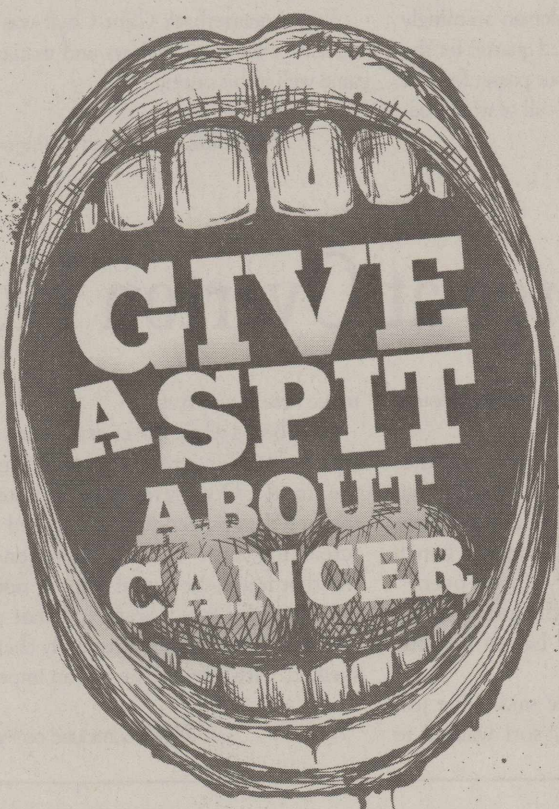
Correction

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Toreador*, in the article "Researchers develop efficient hydraulic fracturing technique," it should have read: "The project, which began approximately one year ago, would be simple to practice and may be one that most companies would want because the cost compared to zipper frac would be equal while producing more oil and natural gas, Rafiee said." *The DT* regrets this error.



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Steve-O visits Lubbock on his standup tour

By CATHERINE MCKEE
 STAFF WRITER

Balancing a knife on his nose, squirting lemon juice into his eyes and drinking a cup of water off the top of his head were stunts Stephen Glover, or Steve-O, performed after his standup comedy show at 10:30 p.m. Friday in Jake's Sports Café and Backroom.

The "Jackass" and "Wildboyz" star gave two shows per night, starting at 8 p.m. Thursday. Comedian promoter Michael Shields hosted the show which opened with The Goonock Saints, Joel Narbaez and Gabriel Betancourt.

The two Texas Tech alumni form the Lubbock comedy duo and tag-teamed the performance.

April Ray, a senior human development and family studies major from Houston, said she heard about the show through Twitter because she follows Steve-O on the social media site.

Steve-O said although he began standup comedy six years ago, the audience generally underestimates his comedy before the show.

However, Ray said she had no idea what to expect, but wanted to see him because she's a fan.

"He's just like an awesome guy, and he's been sober for, like, three years, and he's really turned his life around," she said. "I just wanted to see a different side of him, I guess."

Mamie Brown, a junior English major from Aspen, Colo., said she wanted to see the performer in his new career.

"I think that Steve-O's a character we grew up with, and it's interesting to see him go from the farce comedy on 'Jackass' to standup," she said. "I'm interested to see how he's going to do it. I feel like we've always watched him just trying to kill himself, and now it's not just stunts."

Steve-O said the transition from stunt performer to comedian was unintentional.

He said he first knew he wanted to change his career path when he was invited to a comedy club in Los Angeles.

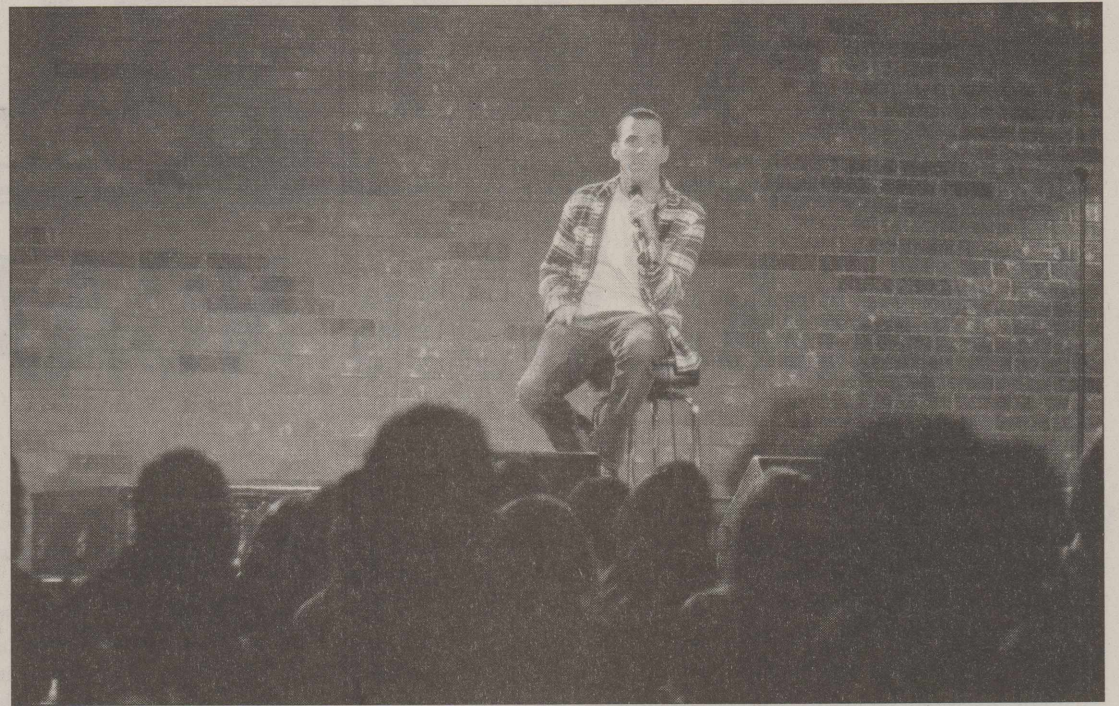


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/*The Daily Toreador*
 STEVE-O, STAR OF "Jackass," performs his standup comedy routine during his show Friday in Jake's Backroom. He told jokes, performed stunts and interacted with the crowd.

While there, he said a friend asked him to do a crazy stunt on stage, and the craziest thing he could think of was standup comedy, although he was terrified of the idea.

"I had some time waiting around for my turn, and while I was waiting I was just thinking up different things to say to try and get laughs," he said, "and as it became my turn I got on stage, and I was on stage for just a few minutes, but I got some, like, serious laughs and that first time I knew I wanted to do it more and more."

Despite knowing he wanted to continue standup comedy, he said he had distractions and only tried it a few times.

When "Jackass 3D" was released, Steve-O said he knew he would have more downtime to practice his comedy and decided to go on tour.

The performer said he has been on tour ever since.

While it has not been easy, Steve-O said he enjoys touring for standup comedy shows.

"I would say that selling me as a standup comedian is kind of

an uphill battle," he said. "In one sense I've got a lot of name recognition, I think, but on the other hand people don't really expect me to be a really great comic or anything. Overall, the consensus is generally that my comedy's a lot better than people expect it to be, I would say."

Aside from a few audience members, Steve-O's assumption of the crowd's consensus was correct for the show Friday.

Nearly every member of the audience stayed at the end of the show to take a picture with Steve-O on his personal camera. He uploaded the photos onto his website immediately after the show, so every person could have free access to their photo.

Steve-O said he considered taking pictures with every single audience member part of his duty to fans.

"I kind of just feel like I'm paying my dues right now as much as I can," he said. "And I do feel destined to have a career beyond 'Jackass.' I'm working really hard to try to make that happen."

The performer said he has broadened his career with his New

York Times Bestseller, "Steve-O, Professional Idiot: A Memoir." The book, he said, was No. 33 in the nonfiction hard cover category for one or two weeks.

Aside from standup comedy and his book, Steve-O has again reached out into the world of television.

Steve-O said he will be the host for "Killer Karaoke," which airs on truTV on Friday. This role, he said, is a great opportunity for him to begin working as a comedian host.

For now, Steve-O will continue his standup comedy tour around the country.

Although he was only in Lubbock for two days, he said he felt welcome.

He said his shows in Lubbock felt reminiscent of his old tour, which he said was "a big get-wasted fest."

"Last night at one of my shows, I offered my services to kick someone in the nuts on stage and somebody came running up, 'Please, please,'" he said. "It was pretty funny but overall, it's been great."

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Fans

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A representative of the Overton Hotel said the actors did not actually ever stay in the hotel. She said they had an imposter who was a Ryan Gosling look-alike, who was posing as him. She did not comment further on the situation.

Connally Rushing, a sophomore nutrition major from Plano, said she is certain the man who exited the hotel was Gosling himself.

"There were girls there who had already gotten pictures with him earlier that day at the hotel," she said, "and she sent me a picture of him, so I already knew what he was looking like that day."

Rushing said her reaction when she saw Gosling was pure excitement.

"I was kind of bummed that was probably going to be the only chance for me to see him," she said. "I was hoping to get a picture or autograph or something. I was also very surprised because I wasn't expecting him to leave his hotel like that."

Tatum and Gosling were rumored to have visited Nick's Sports Bar and Grill, but a representative of the restaurant said the actors never made an appearance.

Cobb said she stayed outside the hotel for about 20 minutes, or until police officers arrived on scene and threatened to arrest the fans if they did not leave. Cobb said she would have stayed longer if she had not been forced to leave.

"It was kind of a bad deal," she said. "I did not get to stay to see Channing Tatum supposedly waving from his win-

dow. By that time I was really tired, and it was cold outside, so I didn't really care too much. I can understand why Ryan Gosling didn't stop, though. It was just a ton of screaming girls."

Rushing said she thinks the reason the fans were so ecstatic is because it is rare for celebrities to visit Lubbock.

"I've heard he was shooting a film in Midland, so I'm not sure why he would be staying in Lubbock," she said. "He was staying in the hotel across from my apartment, so he was so close, yet so far."

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This research includes the work of Soliman and two graduate students from Iran, Mehdi Rafiee and Elias Pirayesh. The team worked together to modify an existing hydraulic fracking technique, which makes the zipper frac easier to operate, cheaper and simpler, Soliman said.

Although the discussion is still in early stages, he said the team may have found a company

to test out the modified zipper frac technique and apply it in the field.

Christmann said the next step is for Tech to utilize the donation and begin working on research projects with Apache Corporation.

The donation also will establish the Apache Upstream Research Center in the new petroleum engineering research building.

The building is expected to be completed Fall 2013 with the cost totaling \$20 million.

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Red Raiders' tournament run ends with loss

By **HOLDEN WILEN**
STAFF WRITER

Despite a valiant effort, the Texas Tech women's soccer team lost 3-2 in double-overtime against Florida State in its second-round game in the NCAA tournament Friday in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Red Raiders were outshot 20-10 by the Seminoles, including 8-6 in shots on goal. The 10 shots were a season-low.

Though the team lost, Tech coach Tom Stone said he was proud of his team's effort and the accomplishments it set this season. Tech set records for wins, home wins and Big 12 wins. The team also won its first game in the Big 12 championships, and won its first NCAA

tournament game.

"I think once the pain subsides we'll reflect on this as a pretty good measuring stick," Stone said. "I don't know if there's many teams out there better than Florida State, and obviously we played very well. I think it gives us great confidence going forward that we're on the right track and that over time we can continue to improve the team we have."

Tech led early on in the match. Freshman forward and Big 12 Rookie of the Year Janine Beckie deflected a cross into the back of the net in the 15th minute to put Tech up 1-0. The good start was a result of the players having confidence and knowing they could play with Florida State, Stone said.

"The first 20 minutes our play-

ers were like, 'OK, we can do this,'" he said. "Confidence and character and resilience are products of just experience. This was a first-time experience for them under the bright lights of an away game in the second round of the NCAA tournament. It points to growth and it points to the fact that we belong here."

After Tech's quick start, Florida State came back and tied the match at 1-1 in

the 40th minute. A defensive miscue by Tech in the 18-yard box allowed Florida State sophomore midfielder Marta Bakowska-Mathews to stuff a shot into the corner of the goal. Florida State took a 2-1 lead when senior forward Tiffany McCarty scored her 13th goal of the season.

As they have all season long, the

Red Raiders kept on fighting and were able to tie the match and send it to overtime. In the 88th minute, Beckie scored her second goal of the match, and 14th of the season, off a pass from freshman midfielder Alli Murphy.

"We've seen a lot of overtime games this year," Beckie said. "It's been kind of a crazy season in that sense. We've learned to go for 90 (minutes) or 90-plus (minutes) like we have this past season. I think that mentality was just never to give up. It was just a hard-fought battle in the last 20 minutes."

The match almost went into penalty kicks, but the Seminoles won the match in the second overtime period after McCarty scored her second goal of the match in the

104th minute.

While losing is never easy, sophomore defender Jaelene Hinkle said this season meant a lot to players because it was the best season in school history.

"This was the year we finally got into the tournament, so it was a big year for us," she said. "Even starting in the spring to when the freshmen came in the summer, we were just going as hard as we could, especially in training. I think out of all the seasons we had this is by far the best one."

The Red Raiders finished the season 16-6-1, while the Seminoles moved on to the next round and defeated the Texas A&M Aggies 4-0 Sunday.

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Football

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Chelf completed 11 of his 21 pass attempts for 229 yards in the victory. Chelf also added three touchdown passes — all to Isaiah Anderson.

Anderson said offensive coordinator Todd Monken told him he was the focus coming into Saturday's game due to the various injuries the Cowboys offense

has encountered.

"We knew going in that we were still kind of banged up so I was told they might try to showcase me a little bit. I told Coach Monken after the game, 'Thank you, just thank you so much for trying to get me the ball.' It's been a long time coming, and I was so happy to do it in front of the home crowd."

Aside from Anderson's career-high performance, the Cowboys also proved to be too much

for the Red Raiders in special teams situations.

Tech had two punts blocked by junior safety Zack Craig. Craig returned one of the punts for the final Oklahoma State touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Craig said he knew before the game that Oklahoma State would have an opportunity to make a play against Tech's punt team.

"When I got to the end zone, I was shocked and excited. It

was just awesome. It was my first touchdown here at Oklahoma State," Craig said. "It was a great feeling. Going into the game, we had some block schemes set up and I knew if I ran down there and stuck my arm out, I was going to block it. You never know if you're going to get (the blocked ball). When I did, I can't explain it. It was nuts."

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said Tech's mistakes, along with Oklahoma State's offensive

explosion, proved too much to overcome.

"We competed, we just gave up too many points," Tuberville said. "Going into tonight, we felt pretty good about it as long as we didn't make mistakes, but we made more than our fair share in this game."

The Red Raiders were flagged for penalties eight times for 70 yards and added three turnovers (one fumble, two interceptions) in the losing effort.

Tuberville said the penalties and turnovers kept Tech from establishing the offensive rhythm many are accustomed to witnessing.

"Our guys like to play against them, we just never got any consistency," Tuberville said. "The second half, we were down by 21, driving, (we) got a great play and then got a holding call. The little things just kept us from getting any momentum."

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Lady Raiders defeat Lipscomb despite inconsistent shooting, offensive woes

By **HOLDEN WILEN**
STAFF WRITER

Despite their offensive woes, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders used defense and rebounding to defeat the Lipscomb Lady Bison 61-41 Sunday afternoon in United Spirit Arena.

Tech (2-1) shot only 39 percent from the field, but its press defense held Lipscomb (0-3) to 33 percent field goal shooting and forced 23 turnovers. Tech protected the ball on the offensive side, accumulating 15 assists while only committing seven turnovers.

Tech coach Kristy Curry said she loved her team's aggressive mentality on the defensive end.

"I think you can always control the defensive end and rebounding," Curry said. "That's just with great energy and great effort. It was pleasing to see that. I thought our hands were really active and great ball pressure, a lot of good things defensively. I thought they really worked well to get on the defensive end as well."

Senior guard Christine Hyde, who started for the first time this season, said although the team was struggling with its shooting, the players had the confidence to keep taking shots.

"We knock it down in practice," Hyde said. "We shoot the lights out in practice. No, don't

stop shooting. Keep shooting because it's going to go down. You get in the game and practice every day. I can't even tell you how much shooting we did in the offseason. I'm confident in everyone to shoot the ball."

The Lady Raiders led by as many as 23 points when they took a 37-14 lead, but the Lady Bison showed persistence and cut the lead down to 11 points, 47-36, with five minutes remaining in the game. With her team starting to fade, senior guard Monique Smalls showed leadership, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to get the lead back up to 53-36.

Smalls set a new career-high in making four 3-pointers in the game and lead the team in scoring with 14 points. She said her success was a result of having her teammates' confidence and knowing the team was playing well defensively.

"(My teammates) have confidence in me to shoot it," Smalls said. "We had a good position. We had a feel. Those are the kind of things, no matter what it is, if I have a good assist or have a good pass or someone scores, our defense is going to be unstoppable."

Overall, Curry said she thought the game was Tech's best effort so far this season. There were plenty of positives to take out of the game because of the defensive effort,



PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROBIN/The Daily Toreador

Texas Tech guard Chynna Brown jumps to pass the ball around Lipscomb guard Mallory Charpentier during the Raider's 61-41 victory against the Bisons Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

rebounding and the persistence to keep shooting the ball.

The defensive effort, Curry said, also led to eventual offensive success for the team. The Lady Raiders scored 28 points off turnovers.

"It's kind of contagious," Curry said. "The defensive end kind of leads to the offensive end and it's important."

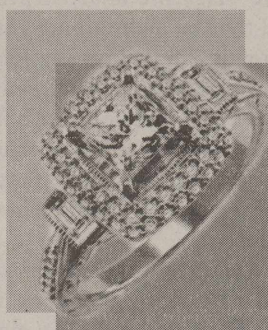
Junior forward Jackie Patterson did not play because of a strained shoulder, Curry said. The staff allowed Patterson to warm up, but decided it would be best if she did not play and will see how she feels Monday.

The Lady Raiders will play their next game 6 p.m. Friday in United Spirit Arena against Southern Utah.

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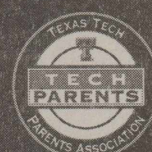
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OPINIONS

Society should reconsider blessings during Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is less than a week away and many students are excited to be heading home. I find the spirit of Thanksgiving is often overlooked in the holiday world. People would generally agree that it is not as exciting as Halloween or Christmas. This is normally a time when families get together, have abnormally large dinners and are thankful for what they have.

Many different cultures and families have unique traditions that take place during the Thanksgiving holiday. My family and church members have a Thanksgiving meal together. During our Thanksgiving meal, we go around the room and each say what we are thankful for.

Most of the time, this is where the adults offer long-winded speeches about how they are thankful for the country we live in, the rights that we have under our Constitution and the



William Dominguez

experiences in which they get to partake with their families. While these are very good things to be thankful for, I think we overcomplicate things in this regard.

We can give speeches about the many intricate things that play out in our lives and be thankful for those situations that shaped us into who we are. I remember at one point, my father stood up in 2007 and told our church body that he was thankful for his family despite the fact that a week prior to that Thanksgiving meal, our house was broken into.

It made an impact on me how he was brave enough to stand up

and announce this. It made many people emotional about the situation we were put in and what we did to overcome it, and my father was thankful that we were able to overcome. Many other members talked about how they were in terrible situations involving drug abuse or marital issues in their lives, and the strength they found to leave those situations was what they were really thankful for.

I started to slowly believe that once you reached a certain age, you had to become emotional with regards to what you are thankful for. This Thanksgiving, I am very thankful for the

education I am able to receive here at Texas Tech. As a community college transfer student, it was different coming out to Lubbock, but I am thankful I did.

The education I receive is stupendous, the friends I have made here are irreplaceable and the moments I have created are built for a lifetime.

Thanksgiving is often overshadowed because many times, people forget what they have to be thankful for or do not know how to be grateful for what they have. I understand that the culture we live in causes many people to follow the "American Dream" and build everything

for themselves and take all the credit.

I think the "American Dream" tarnishes Thanksgiving. You can pursue the "American Dream," but I believe even if you do not achieve everything you want, you should take a step back and realize just how much you have to be thankful for. I know some people find it difficult to be thankful, so I am going to give you the secret on how to have a thankful mindset.

If you act like a little child when listing things to be thankful for, it will set you on the right path. That's all there is to it. I can recall many young children in my church that would stand up and say what they were thankful for during the Thanksgiving meal. Their answers were always the most adorable and even sometimes the most convincing.

The responses from children could range anywhere from the toys they have, the refrigerator

full of food, to their parents' jobs. This is the secret to being thankful during this holiday season. I can remember one child standing up in front of our church body and stating to the congregation that he was thankful for his mother who raised him without a father.

That struck a chord in the hearts of everyone at the dinner that night, but was something so simple to that child. From the minute things to events that shape our lives, we can be thankful for anything. I encourage everyone this Thanksgiving break to take a step back and look at what they can be thankful for with a child's mindset. This Thanksgiving, know that even the little things to be thankful for can have a big impact on how we see ourselves.

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States filing secession petitions should grow up

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In response to the re-election of President Barack Obama, some people took to the Internet to vent. Some folks declared they would leave the country.

Now, the hip new disappointment tactic is to petition to secede from the union.

The secession movement stems from Texas, where an online petition to secede has more than 93,000 signatures as of Nov. 14 on WhiteHouse.gov.

According to ABCNews, the White House said it will review petitions that collect more than 25,000 signatures in 30 days, like the petition from Texas.

The Obama administration created the "We the People" website in 2011 so that Americans could easily petition for the redress of grievances. So naturally, people in more than 35 states have started petitions to free their states of the now socialist government of America. Arizona is one of them.

Let's take a moment to think about what the world would be like if Arizona seceded: First of all, Jan Brewer would be the president.

Welcome back to the union.

Secession isn't exactly new to Arizona. In 2011, people in Tucson wanted to secede from the state of Arizona to create Baja Arizona. They were driven to make the move because they were tired of the Republican policies of the state, specifically ones that defied the power of the federal government.

Though less far-fetched, because secession from states has happened before without resulting in war (see Maine from Massachusetts and West Virginia from Virginia), the idea was just as ridiculous as current attempts to secede from the union.

It was as though people

thought that once Obama was re-elected, the country would turn into an apocalyptic state, where those gay folks getting married would forever destroy straight marriage and all the poor people would knock on the rich people's doors for free money, as if every day were grown-up Halloween.

But people are forgetting a pretty important fact: Obama has already been in office for four years. Things aren't going to start going to hell because he has another four years. In fact, things are probably going to get better.

You know that whole economy thing people are worried about? Prior to the election, a Slate magazine analysis predicted that by maintaining current trends, 7.8 million new jobs would be created, regardless of who won the election. And financial experts predicted that, with some improvements, there will be around 12 million new jobs created.

And you know that universal health care thing everyone is freaking out about? The majority of democratic countries around the world have that. Want to move to Canada? England? Spain? Australia? All of those countries have the same universal health care that you're so angry about.

It's time to come out of your toddler years, and stop throwing a hissy fit every time something doesn't go your way. Secede from the union? That's bullshit. We don't need to be even more divided right now.

Sure, maybe it's the crazy people that actually think about seceding, but we need to cut those crazy people out of the conversation.

Let people who want to secede leave the country to form a new one. They can move to a tropical island and call it Idiotland. I'll make sure to never visit.

College years prove still more to learn

Looking back on the last three years I've had at Texas Tech, I can't emphasize enough how they each were so different, especially my freshman and senior years. These two years are periods of time that are characterized by such unique things. Freshman year is distinguished as a time when I thought I knew everything and thought I had it all figured out. However, this year, my senior year, I recognize that no matter what age I am, I will always have more to learn.

Entering college as a freshman, thinking I was impossibly different and branching out from my hometown, I realized I was a simple-minded 18-year-old kid coming to school with what now seems like a third of my graduating senior class. In fact, I've met more people from my large 1,400-person class at Tech than I did in my hometown.

Sharing a dorm room and having to use public bathrooms was a learning experience all its own. I will never forget getting locked out of my room after a shower and had to make new friends so I didn't sit in the hallway in my towel.

During my first semester I would catch myself going to fetch



Katie Johnson

my parents to help me with something, or find myself calling them every five minutes asking "How much laundry detergent do I use?" or, "How do I fix my printer?" I didn't even have to buy groceries, but I didn't realize how spoiled I was until now.

As a freshman, I went back home during holiday breaks, looked at the high school kids and thought, "Wow, they have no idea what it's like to be so grown up," when in fact, I had only been in college for a mere three months. I set myself on an entirely different playing field, and I was way too cool to hang out with anyone still in high school.

I was still very close with all of my high school friends and continued to talk to most of them on a regular basis. Holiday breaks were a fast frenzy of catching up with my best friends and sharing college experiences. I had a hard time relating to friends that didn't go out of town for college, since they didn't know

what it was like to live on their own.

The summer after freshman year is by far the best one during college. It's a guarantee all your friends will be home since most of them lived in dorms, as well. I spent most of my time working a part-time job, and the rest of the time I was glued to my friends. Essentially, the breaks were focused on friends, and my parents, shockingly, still treated my 18-year-old self like I was still in high school. I was so "grown up" and expected to be treated that way.

Throughout the next two years, I learned so many things about living on my own, living with roommates and managing my time. As a sophomore, I felt experienced and felt much more mature than the incoming freshmen. Now, I realize how annoying it is when sophomores think like that.

Junior year came around before I knew it, and as it blew by, my only thought was "I still have one more year!"

Well, senior year is here.

I didn't anticipate how quickly this year would come and can't believe I made it all in one piece. By now I know with whom I live well, and I know how to use conflict resolution in everyday life. I still keep in touch with my best friends, but

have fallen out of contact with most high school friends. I find myself using Facebook as a place to keep up with most of them. I consider myself a professional grocery shopper, keep my room fairly organized and have mastered a multidimensional schedule.

The biggest change I find is my want to spend time with my family. It's not like I hated my parents during my freshman year, but I was still in that high school state of mind. I keep in contact with them more than I ever have, and anticipate the next time we can all be together.

Visits with my family are different than they were freshman year. I share more with my parents, I enjoy dining and dining with them and I appreciate them. As I'm getting closer to being completely on my own, I realize everything my parents have done for me.

Even though I thought I knew everything as a freshman, I recognize now that I don't know everything as a senior. I will continue to learn for the rest of my life and reflect not on my ignorant self, but my inexperienced self.

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Super PACs yet to prove worth in winning elections

By THE DAILY CAMPUS EDITORIAL BOARD
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In 2010, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission that independent groups could spend infinite amounts of money on political campaigns. This decision, and the ensuing creation of countless Super PACs, led many to worry that incredibly rich individuals would now be able to buy elections by radically outspending their opponents.

Thankfully, this does not appear to be the case. While there were a great deal of contributions made to Super PACs by wealthy individuals and many wealthy candidates self-funding their campaigns, it appears that having more money does

not always win an election. No amount of spending can convince the public to elect a candidate they just don't like.

Although Super PACs are legally forbidden from coordinating with candidates' official campaigns, there are many that have been created solely to support one candidate. In the presidential race, Restore Our Future backed Governor Mitt Romney, and Priorities USA Action backed President Obama. Over the course of the election, Restore Our Future spent \$142,645,946, and Priorities USA Action spent \$66,482,084. In addition, the American Crossroads Super PAC run by Republican Karl Rove outspent Obama's own PAC, spending \$91,115,402. Yet despite his Super PAC spending over two and a half times more than his opponent's and having the help of other groups like

American Crossroads, Romney still lost the election by a significant margin. While it certainly had an impact, spending by Super PACs did not decide the presidential election.

Similarly, wealthy individuals were unable to buy the election, in spite of their new ability to contribute unlimited amounts of money to Super PACs. The biggest individual spender of the 2012 election was casino magnate Sheldon Adelson, who contributed a total of \$53.7 million to various campaigns and Super PACs. All eight of the candidates backed by Adelson lost. Harold Simmons, the second-highest spender at \$26.9 million, donated to 7 campaigns. Six of them lost.

Of course, there are some other explanations to consider when looking at these trends. It is possible that candidates who

were trailing in the polls attracted more donations than those who were leading by healthy margins. A candidate in a safe seat does not need to spend a lot to win, while an underdog needs more money in order to have a chance at victory. This is especially true when running against an incumbent, a difficult and costly endeavor.

Money is certainly a factor in political campaigns. There is no denying that. In fact, having a sizeable war chest is essentially a requirement of winning an election. Yet whether a campaign is fueled by a nearly anonymous Super PAC or a wealthy self-funding candidate, money alone isn't enough to win. A core principle of American democracy is that one person gets one vote and no amount of money can convince voters to elect someone they don't like.

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Tech volleyball upsets No. 20 Kansas State on Senior Night

By HOLDEN WILEN
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As the ball deflected off of Texas Tech sophomore libero Rachel Brummitt and landed inbounds to give the Red Raiders a 3-1 (25-20, 15-25, 25-22, 25-23) victory against the No. 20 Kansas State Wildcats, the Tech players stormed the court in celebration of their accomplishment.

The victory is Tech's first against a ranked opponent since beating Kansas State 3-2 in Manhattan, Kan., on Nov. 20, 2004. Tech coach Don Flora said the win is without a doubt the biggest win during his time as coach.

"Obviously, (there was) our first conference win last year and there's some other good wins out of conference," Flora said, "but to beat a nationally-ranked team that last year was in the Elite Eight or Sweet Sixteen or whatever they were in — they were top-20 in the country — that's where we want to be. That's where we're headed and we belong in that conversation. This starts that measuring stick. It allows us to know that the hard work that we're doing is totally worth it and it's totally worth the day-to-day grind."

The Red Raiders started off the match by winning the first set, led by sophomore outside hitter Breeann David's six digs and three kills. However, the Wildcats came back to win the second set. Senior defensive specialist Tory Vaughan said the team talked during the break after the second set about getting back to the basics.

"Serve and pass is the biggest part of volleyball and that's what we were lacking in the second game," Vaughan said. "We all just decided that we were going to really focus on those two areas, which we did and it really helped us come back in the third game."

Vaughan was one of two Tech players to be honored as the match also served as Senior Night for the team. Vaughan said she told the team before the match to just go out and have fun. Winning the match was the best senior

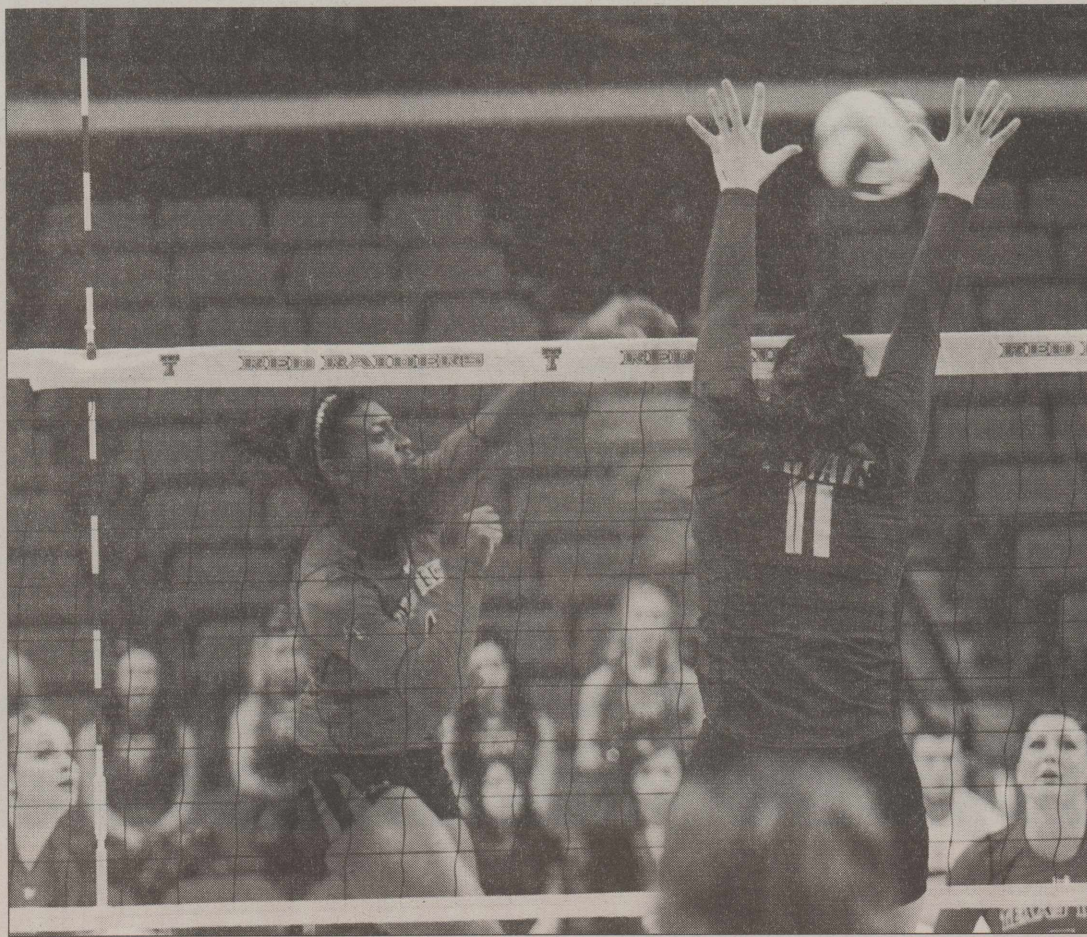


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TEXAS TECH RIGHT side hitter Miara Cave spikes the ball past defending Kansas State outside hitter Lilla Porubek during the Raider's 3-1 victory against the Wildcats Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

gift she could ask for.

Senior outside hitter Miara Cave was the other Tech player honored before Saturday's match. Cave led the Red Raiders with 13 kills while also adding seven block assists.

Cave said the victory will be her top memory when she graduates. She said she was proud of the effort the whole team put in because the players didn't hold anything back. Beating a ranked team is a step in the right direction for the volleyball program, she said.

"It just shows that all the hard work that we've been doing, and even though the record isn't necessarily what we want it to be, it's a step forward," Cave said. "It's confirmation that what

we're doing is working. It's going to be really exciting to get back in the gym on Monday."

Tech had 14.5 total team blocks compared to Kansas State's 12. Meanwhile, Kansas State also committed more attacking errors than Tech, committing 29 errors compared to Tech's 25.

Overall, Flora said beating a ranked opponent is a special moment for the team, and he looks forward to getting back to practice to prepare for next Wednesday's match against Baylor.

"You never know what (winning) leads to," Flora said. "Right now it's what's in front of us. It leads to opening some eyes and some hearts about how we're doing the right things and that

we trust each other. We've got a little village of great players to do this. It's fun to watch them (win)."

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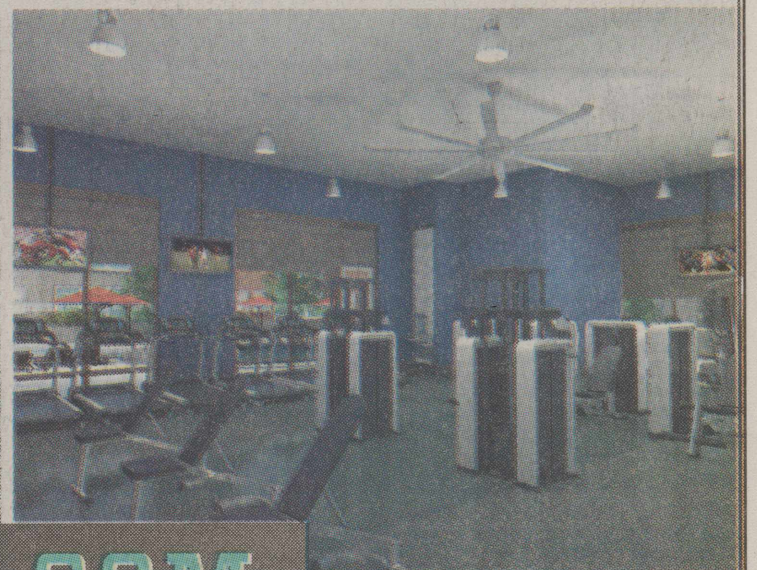
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