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Regents meeting addresses housing shortage Construction continues around campus

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Board of Regents addressed the current campus housing shortage in an impromptu board meeting held Thursday.

The two central issues addressed at the meeting were the approval of a new residence hall and its location, said Texas Tech president Guy Bailey.

"The board approved the new

residence hall at the intersection of Boston and 18th," he said. "We also got board approval to refurbish the PrinTech building."

The approval for the construction of the new student housing complex was unanimous, said Larry Anders, Board of Regents chairman.

"Texas Tech University is a residential campus," he said. "It is important for college life, and we consider living on campus absolutely essential to the

college experience."

There currently is enough campus residence space for students, Anders said, but with enrollment increasing more housing will soon be needed.

"The new residence hall will house approximately 500 new beds, which we desperately need," he said. "We have enough beds to accommodate current student body, but the last three or four semesters we have been showing considerable

increase in enrollment."

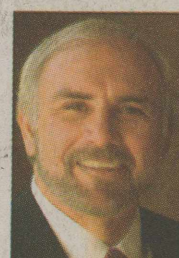
The new residence hall will be designed and constructed with an environment tailored to junior- and senior-level Tech students, Anders said.

"The new residence hall provides residence environment for upper-class students, designed primarily for them, but I'm sure it could go either way," he said.

The new residence hall will be similar to Murray Hall, Anders said,

which was the most recently constructed dorm.

"The new residence hall will meet all environmental requirements and will be modeled after Murray Hall that went online in 2005," he said. "The new dorm will come online in 2013 and will have all the modern-day conveniences today's generation is used to."



BAILEY

While the idea of building a new residence hall may seem new to students around campus, Anders said the board has talked about adding student housing for quite some time.

"We have not been in a formalized state of planning for a dorm for a while, but we have been talking about a new dorm for a year, year and a half," he said. "The chancellor and president have repeatedly told the board that with growth projections, space was fast running out; we are happy with today's meeting outcome."

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Tech student volunteers during Australia flooding aftermath



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Residents and volunteers clean up in Brisbane, Australia, after floods hit the city.

Coast Guard reservist also helped with Katrina cleanup

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
NEWS EDITOR

Ross Bussard didn't know he was getting into an all too familiar situation when he flew to Australia on Jan. 1.

Bussard, a Texas Tech law student slated to graduate with his MBA and JD in December, is studying abroad in Brisbane, Australia, this semester. The Coast Guard reservist helped with the cleanup and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005.

More than five years later, Bussard found himself amidst another national disaster, albeit a few thousand miles away from his nation.

"I heard about it right in the Dallas airport," Bussard said. "I just started hearing about these Queensland rains; at that point that was all it was."

However, the rain quickly turned the

Brisbane River into more of a lake, and much of Brisbane was under water by the time Bussard had been in the land down under for less than two weeks.

Widespread flooding in Queensland sparked the Pampa native to volunteer with the cleanup, much like he did in Louisiana.

But before he could help others clean up their homes, Bussard needed to make sure he had everything he needed to hunker down for a potentially long time without electricity, he said via telephone.

Because all of the public transportation was no longer running, and because Bussard was without a car, he ran to the nearest grocery store to stock up on goods.

The only problem was other people had gotten there first, buying up most of the nonperishable food.



ROSS BUSSARD HELPS clean up in Brisbane, Australia, after flooding damaged much of the city. Bussard, a Texas Tech law student, is studying abroad at the University of Queensland and is a Coast Guard reservist who also aided in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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Faculty, students remember Tech HDFS professor

Kulkofsky 'set a standard no one has ever surpassed'

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
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When Sybil Hart, professor of human development and family sciences, first met Sarah Kulkofsky, Hart knew there was something different about this woman.

In charge of a search committee to hire a new faculty member, Hart was meeting Kulkofsky for the first time as the potentially new colleague arrived at Lubbock International Airport in 2007.

"So I was at the airport to pick her up, and normally when you pick up someone new to the area you look for someone who must look really lost — not Sarah," Hart said.



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Professor pledges 2,011 miles for local food bank Tomlinson to ride for resolution

SUSAN TOMLINSON, A Texas Tech professor, pledged to ride 2,011 miles this year in hopes of raising funds for the South Plains Food Bank.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

Susan Tomlinson is revolutionizing New Year's resolutions.

When Jan. 1 came, the Texas Tech professor had two separate goals she was working for: transforming her blog into something more than a garden forum, and thinking of a way to motivate herself to get

back into a fitness routine.

"And like everybody else, whenever I make a New Year's resolution I keep it for, like, a week," she said. "So I thought that I needed to tie it to something that's bigger than me, and that will give me motivation. One thing led to another, and the idea was born."

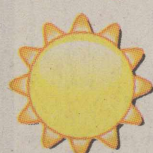
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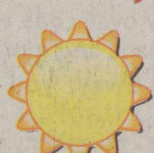
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Community Calendar

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Active Shooter Presentation

Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Human Sciences Room 169

So, what is it?

The Texas Tech Police Department is presenting information about what to do and what not to do during an Active Shooter Situation should one happen on campus.

'60s and '70s Nostalgia Night

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Cactus Theater

So, what is it?

From rhythm & blues to disco, walk down memory lane with the great hits of The Beatles, The Eagles, Jackson 5, Donna Summer, Brenda Lee, Wilson Pickett and more! Tickets are \$25.

Musical Madness

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

So, what is it?

First, delve into the complex world of composer Robert Schumann, who was an established writer, music critic and eminent composer. You will also hear Richard Strauss' comical but virtuosic piece, "Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche," that tells the story of a legendary prankster. The final piece, "Asyla," conveys

the imagination and originality of the young British composer Thomas Adés.

No Dry County

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Bash Riprock's 2

So, what is it?

This alternative, Americana band is playing hits like "Texas Raised" with Brandon Adams.

Texas Cadillac Jack Band

Time: 9 p.m.

Where: Koko Club

So, what is it?

Join this local Hub City band for a night of blues, classic rock and country.

SATURDAY

D.G. Gwellyn

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Triple J's Chophouse and Brew Co.

So, what is it?

Enjoy the docile smooth tunes of one of Lubbock's best musicians at one of the Hub City's favorite chophouses.

SUNDAY

Red Raiders vs. Nebraska

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: United Spirit Arena

So, what is it?

Cheer on your Texas Tech men's basketball team as they take on the Cornhuskers.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Housing

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Construction may not break ground on the new dorm for some time, Michael Molina, vice chancellor at FPC, said, but there are numerous other construction projects around campus that are well underway.

Molina said Jones AT&T Stadium has seen recent improvements.

"The new Jones has been applauded," he said. "In addition to the new west side front, there is new suite space and a new food service. Ovarations, author of Hot Dog Nation, is our food partner now as opposed to what we had."

ClubCorp, which has 154 clubs across the country, will also involve itself with Tech and the new Jones stadium.

"ClubCorp is pretty swanky,

pretty beautiful, and we've received a huge, positive response to members joining," he said. "They have a full open bar."

The largest current campus construction project, the new business administration building, will be energy friendly, Molina said.

"We are sustainably conscious at Texas Tech," he said. "Everything we build today is along energy conservation guidelines, and we are looking to achieve LEED certification."

Construction of the new BA building has been slowed by winter weather, Molina said, but is still right on track.

"We had some early delays due to weather," he said, "but right now we are on track to deliver in November of 2011."

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Tech's Financial Planning Program earns recognition

By LISA HYNDMAN
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Texas Tech has one of the top personal financial planning degree programs in the nation for undergraduates, graduates and doctoral students. But they also offer courses beneficial to every Tech student.

The personal financial planning program at Tech is one of the original 20 programs and has been named the Best Personal Financial Planning Program in the United States by the New York Times.

Tech's personal financial planning program has the largest number of faculty members, the most courses offered for their students and was the first program like it in the nation. The division received a \$1 million gift from Charles Schwab, allowing it to build one of the best financial planning computer labs in the nation.

One thing that distinguishes the personal financial planning division is the faculty, Professor Vickie Hampton, department chair, said.

"It is a large faculty, and it is a diverse faculty," Hampton said, "which is necessary in financial planning because the subject matters are so diverse."

The division's faculty members consist of certified financial planners who are known worldwide and come from several different teaching and professional backgrounds.

Hampton said the program takes students to national conferences to meet with professionals in the field. Last semester they went to a conference in Denver.

Bill Gustafson, a personal financial planning associate professor, said the faculty takes a direct interest in all of their students when it comes to their educational success as well as their professional success.

"Occupational success is just as

important as education," he said. "In our minds, why would you spend four and a half years educating a young person and then not do everything you can to get them an entry-level position in the field?"

The courses offered range from cash management to charitable giving. Gustafson said they offer so many courses because financial planning has many different topics to cover and they want to make sure their students are well rounded.

Katie Horton, a personal financial planning graduate student from San Jose, Calif., said one of the things that attracted her to the program is Red to Black.

Red to Black is a free and confidential financial-planning service offered to current Tech students and alumni. The personal financial planning students are the planners and advisers. It helps build hands-on experience for the students by working as planners. They also give presentations about the importance of financial planning to dorm communities, Greek life, classes and student organizations.

"It helps us apply what we are learning in the classroom into a real world situation," Horton said.

The division offers several classes for students not majoring in personal financial planning. Gustafson said he recommends all Tech students take the course even though it is not a requirement.

Gustafson said studies have shown student financial literacy has dropped over time. He said students should take a financial literacy class to help them with their student debt from loans and credit cards.

"A student being competent with their money is probably going to be more successful in completing their degree, and completing it in a shorter period of time," Gustafson said, "because they are a little more attuned in ways to cut down on their expenses and ways to do things more efficiently."

For more information, visit the division of personal financial planning website at www.pfp.ttu.edu.

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"Occupational success is just as important as education."

BILL GUSTAFSON
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Remember

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Hart said Kulkofsky came right up to her and introduced herself. When Hart wondered how the young woman had recognized her, Kulkofsky said she had read every faculty member's bio and memorized faces with names before her visit to Lubbock.

"She came in so over-prepared it set a standard no one has ever surpassed," Hart said.

Kulkofsky, 30, died Jan. 13 due to complications of the flu, but her spunk and organization made her an invaluable member of the HDFS family, Hart said.

Normally when sifting through

applications for a new faculty member, Hart said, the list will be narrowed down to five, then three, and then a host of arguments takes place for the best possible candidate.

However, this was not the case when the hiring committee first laid eyes on Kulkofsky's application. Hart knew Kulkofsky was a perfect fit for Tech, and Kulkofsky felt the same way.

Described by Hart as meticulous and brilliant, Kulkofsky was relentless when pursuing her work.

Hart also said she inspired students wherever she went.

Francisco Debaran, an HDFS doctoral student from San Diego, has known Kulkofsky since she came to Tech, and he has worked with her since Spring 2008.

"She inspires her students, and she wouldn't hold back when she saw talent," he said, "and she frequently went up to her students to try to get them involved in her lab and research."

Kulkofsky's energy is what separated her from the rest, and Debaran said he always felt most confident when working with her.

"She could get people very energized," he said, "and she just radiated with energy and passion with her work. She was very good at what she did."

Both Hart and Debaran said they were devastated and shocked when they found out Kulkofsky had died, considering they had corresponded with her earlier in the week.

"Like many people, I found out

about it through an e-mail, and I thought, 'Surely, surely it had to be a joke; it can't be true,'" Hart said.

What made her a unique part of the Tech campus was her remarkable thirst for her research. Debaran said he worked with Kulkofsky surrounding the ways children think and develop memory, particularly with the relationship between children's memory and language development.

Kulkofsky earned her undergraduate degree from Colgate and her Ph.D. from Cornell. Unlike many new teachers, Hart said Kulkofsky appeared to make a flawless switch between the role of student and that of teacher.

Kulkofsky has had two dozen articles published, with the first coming in 2004. Despite her death, assistant professor Kazuko Behrens said Kulkofsky will still have works published that the two of them were collaborating on.

Furthermore, Kulkofsky's work and a remembrance will take place at the most prestigious conference for child development this March in Montreal, Behrens said.

Behrens, who lived a block away from Kulkofsky and would often carpool with her to work when gas prices were high, said one of the things she will miss most about her former colleague is her dedication to her work.

"She worked at an incredible pace," Behrens said. "She worked very hard, but she also worked very fast. She was extremely productive; hardly anyone can keep up with sometimes."

Simone Templeton, a HDFS graduate student from Austin, said Kulkofsky was the most influential person in her life, and Kulkofsky gave Templeton the inner strength she never knew she had.

Furthermore, Templeton said Kulkofsky lived a full life even though she died so young.

"She was very passionate about many things, and she always did what she loved to do," Templeton said. "She was happy when she passed away; she had reached her goals."

There will be a memorial gathering at 1 p.m. Sunday in the Canyon Room of the HDFS building for Kulkofsky. Students and faculty members are welcome to attend.

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BLAZING BUILDING



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
ONLOOKERS WATCH AS a two-alarm fire engulfs several apartments at the Twin Oaks apartment complex Thursday.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE A two-alarm fire at the Twin Oaks apartment complex Thursday.

West Texas teen still missing

COLORADO CITY (AP) — Volunteers searching for a missing Texas teenager trekked through fields covered with shrubs and small trees on Thursday and retraced steps already taken by police, looking for any clues that could help find the girl who was last seen more than three weeks ago.

Some volunteers said hope was fading that Hailey Darlene Dunn would be found unharmed.

"Part of me hopes we don't find her and part of me hopes we do," volunteer Kevin Bowman said as he wiped away tears. "Statistically speaking it does not get any better as time goes on."

Bowman, a father of three, and his brother joined about 20 others to look for Hailey, a middle school cheerleader who was reported missing more than three weeks ago in Colorado City, located about 240 miles west of Dallas. Wearing yellow vests, the volunteers broke off into small groups to scour an open field that police had previously searched.

Hailey was reported missing Dec. 28 by her mother, Billie Dunn, whose former live-in boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, said he last saw the girl a day earlier when she told him she was going to her father's nearby home and would stay overnight with a friend. She did neither. Billie Dunn said she last saw Hailey at home the night of Dec. 26.

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Flood

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So then Bussard found a local convenience store, which had a plethora of tuna fish that he tried to buy. Unfortunately, there was no power, which meant Bussard could not use his credit cards, his only source of money.

Luckily for him, the cashier let him take the tuna, as Bussard agreed to pay him back. Bussard said he lived for three days on nothing but tuna.

Once the waters cleared, Bussard said, the number of volunteers that showed up and their efficiency overwhelmed him.

"I was stationed in New Orleans, and unlike here, where they could prepare and they knew it was coming, down there when the levees broke, the government didn't really respond within three days."

Bussard said people were lining up to help, but he still believed it would take weeks to clear all of the debris. However, the city looked brand new again after

only a few days.

Bussard's job, primarily, was to go into flood-damaged houses and bring all of the big things, like washing and drying machines, onto the side of the curb where trucks would come pick them up and take them to makeshift dumps in parks and big, open areas for sorting and further cleanup.

Because of the fast cleanup, Bussard said he would be able to study at the University of Queensland like he had intended. A contingency plan, where Bussard would attend a different university in Australia, went through but was not needed.

The community spirit of the people in Brisbane made Bussard appreciate what everyone had just been through, he said.

"It makes you feel better," Bussard said about his experience volunteering. "I always thought it was just one of those terms that got overused, but it's cool to see what it means to see a community come together, and it's an awesome thing."

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Pledge

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But she didn't dream small. Tomlinson promises to ride 2,011 miles in 2011 to support a Lubbock non-profit she is passionate about, the South Plains Food Bank farm. All she asks is for some West Texas support by pledging a penny a mile, or more.

Several Lubbockites already have committed their monetary support, including Tech chancellor Kent Hance. And last night, Tomlinson completed her 155th mile.

"Texas Tech has been extremely generous to the food bank in the past," said Jenifer Smith, director of the food bank's farm and GRUB youth program. "But never has an individual initiated a project and run with it like this. I think it's going to do way more than just raise funds; it's going to raise awareness on campus."

Tomlinson said she chose to incorporate the food bank into her initiative because of its farm's "remarkable story," and she hopes it will cultivate awareness.

"They were one of the first food banks in the nation to have their own farm, and they are still one of the few to have one," she said. "It's also a community-supported agriculture farm, where they sell half of the farm and use the proceeds to support it, and the other half of the food goes not only to their bank, but others in the community."

The homegrown, holistic approach to fixing food insecurity attracted her, Tomlinson said. She appreciates they go above and beyond a quick fix.

"What they're trying to do is get to the root of food insecurity instead of putting a Band-Aid on it," she said.

GRUB, the food bank's youth program, works with 100 teenagers each year teaching them job skills and nutritional skills.

Because of her gardening background and love for sustainability, Tomlinson immediately became interested in the food farm when she learned of it more than a year ago, she said. Her original intention for her blog was to get the word out about their initiatives, but the new year provided a much more radical approach.

Cycling has been a hobby for a few years, Tomlinson said, and she's working to distribute miles during a period of 50 weeks, taking into account vacation time.

That's 40 or more miles a week, and she shows no sign of anxiety.

"There are a lot of miles I put on just by commuting, so I'll just keep doing that," she said. "Lubbock is a pretty good place to commute on a bike. Also, I plan to put more miles in the bank when I'm feeling good and when the weather is nice to make up for the times when the fates aren't so pleasantly aligned."

Tomlinson doesn't hide her passion for giving back to her community.

"People should really think about doing stuff like this," she said, "because it really completes you as a human being, to take your passions and use them to help others."

Students, fellow Red Raider faculty and staff members, and Lubbockites alike have commented on her blog and showed support. One of Tomlinson's former students didn't hesitate a second to place her pledge.

"When I read of Dr. T's plans to ride her bike 2,011 miles, I wasn't surprised," said Eileen Dee, a first-year medical student at the Health Sci-

ences Center from Wharton. "(She) is constantly looking for ways to give back to the community ... There was no decision when it came to pledging toward Dr. T's efforts. Pledging was my responsibility."

"As a past student of Dr. T's, (I am) nothing but grateful from what I learned in her classrooms, and I can't think of a better way to give back."

Christine Upton, another former student of Tomlinson's, notes the professor's willingness to "walk the walk."

"I truly believe that more faculty members should become involved in the community because it sets a great example for us as students," said the junior natural history and humanities major from Lubbock. "It would put actual meaning in the phrase 'Practice what you preach.' Dr. T doesn't only teach sustainability, she also lives it."

"I want to support Dr. T not only because I wholeheartedly believe in what she's doing, but also because it makes me feel involved in community outreach."

To support Tomlinson's efforts, visit her blog at www.thebikegarden.com. She said she's even received flat cash donations as opposed to mile-by-mile pledges, and takes that as a directive goal to finish the 2,011 miles.

"I won't let you down," she said with a laugh.

After pedaling 2,001 miles, Tomlinson said she would like to have a party welcoming all her beneficiaries to ride the last 10 miles with her, celebrating a successful year.

Tomlinson can also be reached about any questions or pledge requests at susan.bikegarden@gmail.com.

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New organization connects students through research

By LAUREN FERGUSON
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A new organization on campus meets monthly to provide a forum for all types of undergraduate researchers.

Sponsored by the Texas Tech Center for Undergraduate Research, which was established two years ago, the Undergraduate Research Organization meets the third Thursday of every month. Director Jeannie Diaz believes visiting and joining the URO is the first step to getting involved on campus.

She said they also have added a Facebook page to become more active with students.

"Texas Tech can increase opportunities by making (them) aware that opportunities do exist," Diaz said. "There is often confusion, and the Undergraduate Research Organization gives the opportunity to learn more about getting involved."

The president of URO, Alexander Bingham, an architecture major from Dripping Springs, was part of the Center for Undergraduate Research last year when he participated in research titled "The Study of Carbon Footprints of Two Proposed Sights."

Bingham understood that his research was interdisciplinary, and enjoyed the diversity of the majors of the members of his research team and believes that it was an integral part of their success.

"URO allows a number of different students across campus to apply and be plugged into the Center for Undergraduate Research," he said.

The program's benefits vary from developing relationships with faculty to increasing enrollment in graduate programs and becoming aware of new theories or real-world problems, Diaz said.

Recently, Diaz said, 17 Tech students were accepted to share their research at the National Conference for Un-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH STUDENTS attend the first meeting of the semester for the Undergraduate Research Organization on Thursday in the Administration building.

dergraduate Research.

"We offer money for student researchers to travel to conferences to present their findings," she said. "There they can network with other researchers and faculty."

Anna Thomas, the unit coordinator for the Center of Undergraduate Research emphasizes the importance of getting involved early.

"Get registered in our database and start networking with faculty," Thomas said. "Be proactive. It is a time commitment, but it's worth it. It opens up a lot of doors."

Thomas also sees URO as a place where students can start understanding the concept of

research and stop thinking of it as an abstract idea. She said URO is for students of every major and is the organization to join to find out what type of research is best for a person's particular interests.

Diaz said every research project is based on the individual and students should not come to college believing that undergraduate research is unattainable or that it is only for science majors.

When a student joins URO, they are able to become as involved as they want until they apply for their personal research project, Diaz said. She added that when students miss the deadline for applications, the center can direct them to URO until the next year.

The Undergraduate Research Organization will also be involved when Texas Tech hosts the annual research function in April to allow the students to share their findings. This year they will open it up to students from other campuses.

"Research goes beyond reading," Bingham said. "It is the critical inquiry we have of our surroundings. Research is for knowledge and own personal success."

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Don't let being 'busy' control relationships

It's hard to find time for a relationship while attending college? Simply put, no, it isn't.

Once I had a boyfriend who held three jobs, attended graduate school and was the head of an organization. He always made time for me because he wanted to. Looking back on the situation, I can see things a little clearer. Although the majority of his time was allotted to work and school, I was never starved for attention.

I quickly thought of this example because I have friends who tell me the guys they are talking to say they don't have time for a relationship. This is just a nice way of saying they don't want to make time for you.

I can truly understand how much effort goes into keeping up one's grade point average. While plenty of studying is needed to be successful, an individual must live a balanced life in order for it to be healthy. You should play as hard as you work. Even the hardest workers have to take some time off from working to relax. I've never met anyone who was all work and no play. I am not even sure a person like that exists.

If a person who only works and never takes a break exists, I doubt that I will encounter that person while attending college. Let's take a moment to think about how hectic our schedules are during finals time. I would dare to say the average person does not study every moment they are awake.

If you claim you study every waking moment, I would say you are lying. People seem to over-generalize about the amount of time they study. Does making yourself seem busy make you feel more important?

People tell others about the multitude of things they have on their own plate, and the other person will more than likely try to out-do the other on the number of tasks they have to complete and the level of difficulty. If you don't believe me, try it out. I would ask why that is, but I will leave that topic for another time.

The fact of the matter is, if we are more honest with ourselves, we are

Jaira Keys



awake about 16 hours a day. How many of those hours are used in a productive manner for the typical college student? I think allotting eight hours would be an over-estimation for most students. You are really not that busy.

People tend to make time to do the things they really want to do. If you notice that the person you are hanging out with or dating is strategically making time to go out with his or her friends but puts no time aside to be with you, this is a clear example of making time for the things that they want to make time for. Perhaps this individual does not want to be honest with you, but truthfully, you are just not a priority for them at this particular time.

While this person you are dating or occasionally hanging out with is putting you on the back burner, I encourage you to do the same. Not only are you putting your efforts towards a lost cause, but you are also showing the other individual how to treat you. You are showing the other person that it is OK to not make you a priority. Unless you want to stay in the position you are currently in, I suggest you change something. Change the way you behave. Your change in action will speak volumes.

Not to say that juggling a social life, school and a relationship is not difficult, but it is far from impossible. The real world does not stop and wait for you. You will encounter more struggles after graduation. College should not be an excuse to not be involved in a relationship. Strive for the your goals, but also build great relationships. Time is going to pass, but pass the time doing the things you love.

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There is more to studying abroad than meets the eye

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According to the Institute of International Education, just more than 260,000 U.S. students studied abroad in the 2008-2009 academic year.

That's all of North America. We're at USC, where the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences alone has 52 different study abroad programs in 28 different countries.

These places can range from somewhere as exotic as Costa Rica to a bustling city like Beijing. The Study Abroad office offers destinations in 48 different majors.

Chances are, almost everyone has thought of going overseas. This consideration could range from reading up on actual programs to watching the movie Eurotrip, and thinking Eastern Europe wouldn't be so bad for a semester.

Either way, it's an easy notion to entertain.

What doesn't cross most peoples' minds is the preparation that studying abroad entails.

More specifically, I'm talking about that awkward window of time when everyone's back on campus and you're, well, probably at home, packing. Unless you're one of the few people who plans to study abroad multiple times and has gone before, you're gearing up for an experience you still don't understand.

But your program should let you know what you're getting into, right? To some extent.

Although the glossy brochures help you visualize the experience, you can't expect the basic details of your trip to be set in stone.

For example, the two central components of my trip are still giant question marks. My destination is Amsterdam. I know I'll be taking classes, but I have no

idea what they are. I know I'll be living with a host family, but again, I have no idea who they are.

This is the first time my program has let students pick a non-dorm option, and so far, staffers haven't seen it necessary to give me my new family's contact information.

With no friendly e-mails for reassurance, I can only ask: What if they hate me? What should I bring them from the United States? What if I turn up at the airport and they ditch me? Yikes.

The lack of information has taught me the first lesson of studying abroad: No matter how excited you were when you applied, at some point, you're going to end up terrified.

For many people, that point comes as soon as they land. For others, it's a month or more into the experience.

I've heard of a honeymoon period when everything about the host country seems sparkly and magical, until you get lost in 10-degree weather and can't read the street signs. In my case, that point is now.

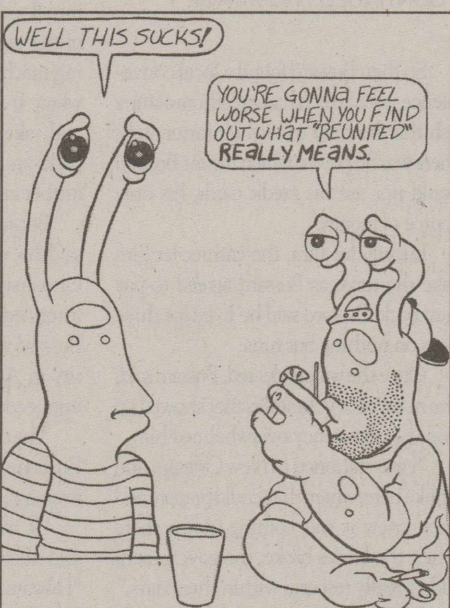
But fear of uncertainty should not stop any student from going abroad.

When you choose to spend a semester in another country, you essentially make yourself grow up a little. That fact might be more obvious for those studying in countries where running water isn't a given, but even more urban destinations require a maturity boost.

We're all going to grow one way or another. It's a privilege to be able to make that growth a conscious choice, one pre-packaged with college credit and a résumé booster.

After all, most growing experiences involve no warning or organized selection. Life slaps you in the face and expects you to deal.

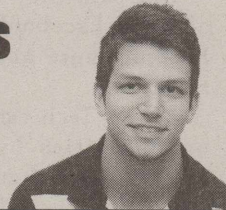
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CEO Jobs leaves Apple, again

Chris Leal



Skittish investors on Wall Street and beyond hurried to sell off stakes in Apple earlier this week after Steve Jobs unexpectedly announced another medical leave of absence from his beloved company.

While the announcement itself was a surprise, the topic of Jobs' health has been in the back of everyone's mind since the indispensable CEO took another medical leave of absence to receive a liver transplant in 2009.

This leave may prove ultimately more ominous, however. When Jobs announced his leave in 2009, he stated a fixed time of six months, saying he would return in June of that year. This time, however, Jobs gave no indication of a time period, leaving only foreboding statements with employees like, "I love Apple so much and hope to be back as soon as I can."

The issuing of the statement couldn't have been better executed, though. It was announced on a holiday when U.S. stock

exchanges were closed, giving the markets time to digest this information. It was also done the day before Apple released its monster fourth-quarter earnings (which include holiday sales), the release of which quickly sent Apple stock back up, erasing losses from Jobs' announcement.

The statement was also given at a very propitious moment in regards to longer-term strategy. With the scheduled release of the iPhone 5, iPad 2, iPhone for Verizon, new Mac OS X "Lion," the newly launched Mac App store and excellent overall trajectory (4Q revenue was up 71 percent year over year, and iPhone sales were up 86 percent year over year, a figure that would be even higher if production capacity permitted), Jobs has positioned the company so that it could be run by

a ham sandwich for the next year, if necessary.

Fortunately, Apple has one better than a ham sandwich at the helm. COO Tim Cook, who has already been running the daily operations for some time, will lead operations in the absence of Jobs. Cook is a tech veteran and has been with Apple for nearly 13 years. He also makes \$59 million a year compared to Jobs' \$1-per-year salary.

The Apple we know today would no doubt be impossible without Steve Jobs; he's done a great deal. But he's arguably done all he can do to build a moat around the company (for now) and ensure that it runs smoothly without him.

And most importantly, his leadership is not without sin, his biggest being the \$50 billion in cash the company hoards on its balance sheet (this figure is projected to grow to more than \$70 billion this year).

What is so bad about this, you may ask? What's wrong is the fact that this money is not free, and just sitting on it below the company's cost of capital is effectively destroying shareholder value (and the

purpose of a company is to maximize shareholder value). The company needs to either issue a dividend to shareholders (Jobs refuses), buy back stock, reinvest in new products or engage in a Google-like acquisition spree—maybe even purchase Netflix while it's at it?

Ultimately, investors need to brace themselves for an Apple without Steve Jobs, as I'm sure most employees have already done. The position and terms with which Jobs leaves the company highly suggest he does not intend on coming back too soon, and if there was an ability (or willingness) to put some short-term limit on the absence, Jobs would have already done so in order to quell the markets.

Jobs will still likely have close ties with management, as I'm sure a dedicated workaholic like himself cannot bear to be disconnected for too long, but I would not be surprised if this is all a sort of trial-run for his looming retirement.

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Roe v. Wade anniversary spurs thoughts about ruling's fairness, women's rights

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Jan. 22 marks the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the landmark case Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. As of the 22nd, American women will have had the right to decide the fate of their own bodies for 38 years.

Every year around this time, I like to take a moment and think about what this right means to me. I have never been pregnant (nor, obviously, had an abortion), but I find it extremely reassuring that if I were ever to find myself pregnant and scared, I would have options available to me. I would have the right to decide what changes my body would go through in the next nine months. I am lucky enough to have an emotional and financially supportive family that would help me through whichever decision I decide to make, and to live in a place where abortion services are readily available.

Unfortunately, not every American woman is so lucky. In the state

of Kansas, for example, there are three abortion providers, according to abortion.com's service listings, for a population of almost three million people. Ninety-seven percent of counties in Kansas have no abortion providers.

So while women in Kansas have the legal right to obtain an abortion, how many are completely unable to because they have no access?

Geographic distance is not the only obstacle that many women have to overcome in order to obtain a safe, legal, common medical procedure (about one-third of American women will have an abortion in their lifetime, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a non-partisan think-tank that focuses on reproductive health). Guttmacher's State Facts About Abortion: Kansas, show there are laws that require medical professionals to lie to women, telling them that there is a link between abortion and breast cancer. There are laws that make women wait 24 hours between having a counseling session and having the procedure (which will be extremely hard to do when a woman lives four hours from her nearest clinic).

There are laws that require that young women under the age of 18 inform or get permission from their parents before having an abortion — and it's not unheard of for parents to abuse pregnant teenagers, or kick them out of the house, or, in extremely disturbing cases, for a father to have impregnated his own daughter.

All of these laws hinder a woman's right to decide what happens to her own body. Many people will counter these arguments by mentioning adoption as a viable alternative — and it is, for women who do not want to have a baby. But what about the women who don't want to be pregnant? There are plenty of women who do not want their bodies to suffer the sometimes agonizing symptoms of pregnancy, and I, for one, can't blame them for that.

More importantly, though, these laws infantilize women. A law mandating that a doctor gives women false information is basically telling women that they are not smart enough to research for themselves what will happen to their bodies. A law requiring a 24-hour waiting period between counseling and

an abortion tells women that they can't possibly have thought this over enough.

I can't speak for all women. I know there are plenty of women who disagree with me. But I find it insulting that some politician in an office thinks he or she knows what's better for my own body than I do. Laws outlawing abortion do not make sense, and they do not save lives. Abortion is still going to happen, legal or not. Rich women will still fly to Canada or another country with legalized abortions. Poor women will still scrimp and save, just to be mutilated with a coat hanger. Even poorer women will still end up with children they do not want or can't afford. And women will still die. In 1965, illegal abortions accounted for just under 200 deaths. In 1995, that number was less than 50.

Making laws against abortion does not save lives, it does not protect the unborn, it is not good for women. It tells women that they cannot make decisions about their own bodily autonomy. This January, think about your own right to decide, and think about what you can do to make that right more accessible to others.

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Men's tennis travels to Las Vegas to face UNLV, UC-Irvine

By **EVAN JANS**
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The Texas Tech men's tennis team will look to a familiar early season destination to springboard them to success.

The No. 15 Red Raiders begin play today in Las Vegas, Nev., against No. 66 UNLV and will face No. 55 UC-Irvine tomorrow.

Traveling to Las Vegas has produced success for Tech in recent years. Head coach Tim Siegel said the Red Raiders have played in Las Vegas three of the past four seasons, winning all six matches there in the process.

"It's been kind of a good luck charm for us," Siegel said.

Both opponents' strengths lie at the top. UNLV is lead by their No. 1 player, Mehdi Bouras, and Siegel said the Rebels' home court advantage could be a factor today.

On Saturday, Tech will have to deal with a UC-Irvine team that Siegel said is even stronger this year — the Anteaters' top player, Chris Kearney, comes into the match ranked 33rd and has already had success against the Red Raiders.

In October, Kearney defeated Raony Carvalho 2-6, 6-4, 5-0 (ret.) at the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

"When you're going up against a team that's got a very good player at No. 1 — which both teams do — that puts a little concern because I think one of our strengths is the fact that we're very good at the top of the

lineup," Siegel said.

This will be the first action for UNLV and UC-Irvine this spring, which is something that could favor the Red Raiders, who played last week in the Illini Open in Sarasota, Fla.

"That's definitely a big help that we've actually gotten to play some matches," Siegel said. "We've had less practice time than some, but we've had more match play, which is important."

The Red Raiders were 13-19 at the Illini Open and received strong performances from Carvalho and No. 20 Gonzalo Escobar. Carvalho was named Most Outstanding Player at the tournament, although Siegel said there is a still a degree of uncertainty for his team this early in the season.

"You never know what to expect in your first couple dual matches, both from your own team and also from your opponent," Siegel said. "You get a little anxious about it, but we have pretty much the same team from last year, so I feel confident that these guys are going to be ready to play good tennis."

Tech, however, is only dealing with one injury right now. Gabriel Wanderly suffered a sprained ankle last Friday, but Siegel said he should play in Las Vegas.

This tournament comes in preparation for the ITA Kick-Off Weekend match next Saturday for the Red Raiders. Tech will face LSU, and also host both Auburn and California.

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'Fearless' PG boosts from bench

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J'Covan Brown is fearless.

So when it came to the Longhorns being down by one point with two seconds remaining against then-No. 8 Connecticut, Rick Barnes knew exactly who he wanted making the inbounds pass.

"When you play this game, you can't be afraid," Brown said. "Sometimes you will turn the ball over, sometimes you won't."

In the midst of his best offensive performance of the season, J'Covan Brown went to the huddle during a timeout with only two seconds remaining in overtime and his team down by one to Connecticut.

During the discussion, Brown let head coach Rick Barnes know he wanted the ball. Not to take the final shot, but to make the inbounds pass.

With a season-high 20 points from seven of 14 shooting and two late clutch free-throws to send the game into overtime, Brown stood from the sideline a few feet inside the half-court line. After looking for a double-teamed Jordan Hamilton, Brown found Cory Joseph, who missed the final shot in an 82-81 loss to then-No. 8 UConn on Jan. 8 at the Frank Erwin Center, across the court.

Even if Brown hadn't asked Barnes to take the final inbounds pass, he still would have been assigned to it.

"He's not afraid to throw it. He's not afraid," Barnes said after the UConn game. "You've got to have somebody that's willing to pull the trigger, and he's not afraid to throw the ball. That's probably more important than the guy that's going to catch and shoot it."

Not only is Brown not afraid to make a risky pass, take a final shot — which he did at the end of regulation, that clanked off the rim — or be at the free-throw line when the game is on the

line, he isn't scared of anything.

Not spiders, not the dark, not even heights. Or so he claims, at least.

His fearless mentality comes from growing up on "the streets" of Port Arthur. Crime is common in Port Arthur, and it is easy to get involved.

"When you are outside on the streets, there are only two things you can do: play basketball or be a drug dealer," Brown said. "I tried to never get involved with the outside life. When I bumped my head a couple times, I knew this was not the type of life I wanted to live."

Brown realized that basketball was his ticket out of Port Arthur. He saw how current NBA player Stephen Jackson and his cousin, former Longhorn B.J. Tyler, were able to get out of that region of Southeast Texas and become stars.

Brown quickly became a star in high school after transferring to Port Arthur's Memorial High School.

But in his senior year, Brown hit one of those bumps. Only a few games into the season, Brown received a technical foul in the first half of a game to which he did not return. To make things worse, he removed his jersey and exited the gym with less than a minute left in the game that his team lost. Brown was later suspended for the remainder of the season.

To add insult to injury, Brown was unable to enroll at Texas following high school because of academic problems, and not much later his Uncle Jeffrey, who is responsible for discovering the name J'Covan, passed away.

"That was a turning point for my life right there," Brown said. "When that happened, I asked God for another chance, and I told Him I would never mess it up again."

His next chance involved him becoming academically eligible and allowing him to play in the 2009-10 season. During his freshman year, Brown began the season coming off the bench and finished the season in the starting rotation because of injuries to Dogus Balbay and Varez Ward.

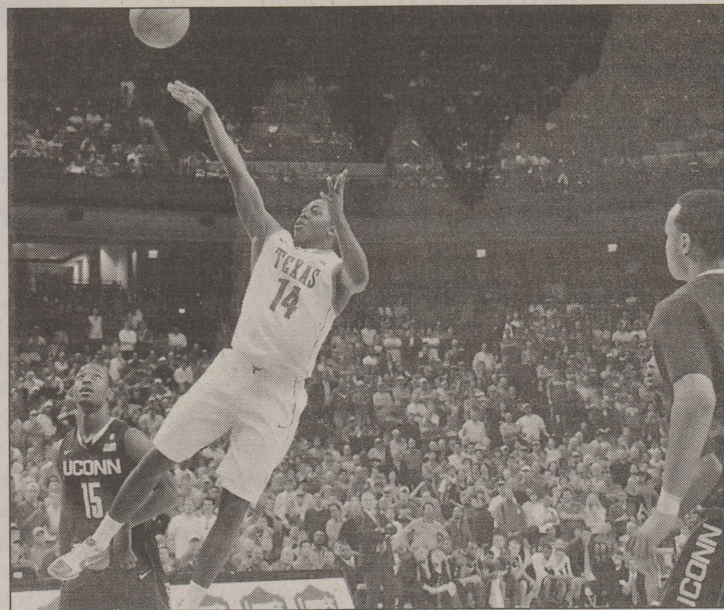


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TEXAS GUARD J'COVAN Brown takes a shot against Connecticut in a game on Jan. 8. Despite coming off the bench, Brown has been a boon to his team on and off the court.

With Balbay healthy again, Brown is back to the bench. Although he may start the game on the sideline, he has embraced the role of being the sixth man. Every game, Brown stands in front of his seat along the sideline yelling instructions and words of encouragement to those on the court. Until he is called to go into the game — usually three or four minutes into the game — Brown remains on his feet.

"Whatever it takes for my team to get rolling I'm going to do it," Brown said. "I think my voice helps during the game. I'm trying to be that extra man to look at if everything's not right."

His teammates would agree. Well, at least the ones who are on the court. Others on the bench sometimes have difficulties seeing around Brown, but no one has confronted him about it yet.

"Yeah, it's Coach J'Covan Brown. You know, one day he's going to be a coach, and he has all the traits to be one," said freshman starter Tristan Thompson.

Part of this new attitude comes with Barnes not being satisfied with Brown's

body language at times last season.

"His body language was always about his insecurity and him being frustrated with himself," Barnes said. "He gets disappointed because he's one of those guys who thinks he can do it right every time."

Though he was frustrated with himself, it didn't help last season with the Longhorns losing 10 of their last 17 games.

"Last year, I didn't get the whole body language part," Brown said. "It's a day-to-day process. It's just a mental thing. I don't try to get upset about too many things anymore."

Instead, Brown has made sure to bring positive energy to the team.

"Coach [Barnes] always says a national championship team starts from a bench with everyone bringing energy," Brown said.

Brown has welcomed the role, maybe even a little too much, as referees have begun telling him to sit down.

But Brown isn't afraid of the referees.

Baylor

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Baylor as a team averages 83.7 points per game, while holding opponents to 50.3 points per game. The last time out, Baylor shellacked the Kansas Jayhawks, 76-37, on Wednesday in Lawrence, Kan.

Considering recent struggles against Baylor, accompanied with factors such as Griner's and Baylor's top rankings, some players would be pessimistic about play-

ing this team on the road — not Chynna Brown.

"Going on the road is always a great thing," Brown said Monday. "I feel like it's better playing on the road because you can go in somebody else's house and beat them."

The Lady Raiders' most consistent, go-to players of late have been Brown and Kierra Mallard.

Mallard recorded her seventh double-double of the season and 15th of her career Wednesday against the Sooners, scoring 21 points and grabbing 12 boards.

Brown went for 17 points in Norman, making it three games in conference play where she has gone for double-digit points coming off the bench.

Although Brown's field-goal percentage has been a positive, it is her efficiency from the free-throw line in conference play that may draw the most attention — Brown is 15-for-15 from the charity stripe during Big 12 play, 23-of-24 on the season.

Brown's only miss from the line occurred in the first game of the season against New Mexico in

Albuquerque, N.M.

But the Lady Raiders have struggled at getting the gears turning early in some games this season, so Jordan Barncastle said a good start to Saturday's game will be vital against Baylor.

"We just (need to) start better," she said. "That's kind of been our area of weakness, but also that shows our toughness and how we've been able to fight back. Not get down on ourselves, and not give up."

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"I think we've got to communicate better," he said. "I think when we get up 10, I think we've got to come together and be like, 'Hey, we need to push this lead up,' and you know, when we're down, we need to get together and talk about the things that we can do to get back in it."

Point guard John Roberson said the turnover problems the team had Tuesday need to be eliminated, specifically through better communication and ball movement.

After a promising end to the 2009-10

campaign, the Red Raiders have struggled mightily this year, causing some fans to lose faith in the team.

"These kids aren't losing on purpose; I mean, you should support Texas Tech because it says it on their jersey, not because of their won-loss record," Knight said. "These kids are giving everything they got, what more do you want from them?"

Additionally, the Tech football team will be presented with the TicketCity-bowl.com championship trophy during halftime of the Red Raider basketball game, and Tech head football coach Tommy Tuberville will address the crowd.

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SPORTS

After loss, Tech set for Baylor

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

Lack of execution and 25 turnovers proved to be too much to handle for the Lady Raiders on the road at No. 14 Oklahoma en route to their first Big 12 Conference loss of the season on Wednesday.

Tech coach Kristy Curry said the only way her squad was going to get the win in Norman, Okla., was to get defensive stops to accompany the offense's production.

"You got to make plays, and we weren't able to sustain any kind of stops coupled with makes on the other end," she said Thursday in a phone interview. "When you're on the road, you got to make sure that you make plays on both ends and you're consistent with that."

Players were not available for comments due to traveling arrangements. The immediate schedule does not get any easier, however, as Tech

(16-2, 3-1 in Big 12 play) travels to the Ferrell Center in Waco to face No. 1 Baylor (17-1, 4-0) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Bears have not lost a game since falling to then-No. 1 Connecticut by one point, 65-64, on Nov. 16. The last time Tech defeated Baylor was Jan. 15, 2006, when the Lady Bears were ranked No. 5.

A cause for concern for teams in the Big 12, though, is the fact that Baylor's main weapons are not seasoned veterans, but rather a freshman and sophomore one-two punch.

Sophomore post Brittany Griner and freshman guard Odyssey Sims lead the way for Baylor, Griner averaging 22 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

Sims is the Lady Bears' second leading scorer, averaging 13.8 points per game.

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Tech men's basketball looks to overcome 0-4 Big 12 start

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech basketball has had its fair share of struggles this season. An 8-7 start to the season and a 0-4 start in Big 12 Conference play have left the Red Raiders in a less than desirable situation.

But the only thing that will stop Tech basketball is death, Tech coach Pat Knight said.

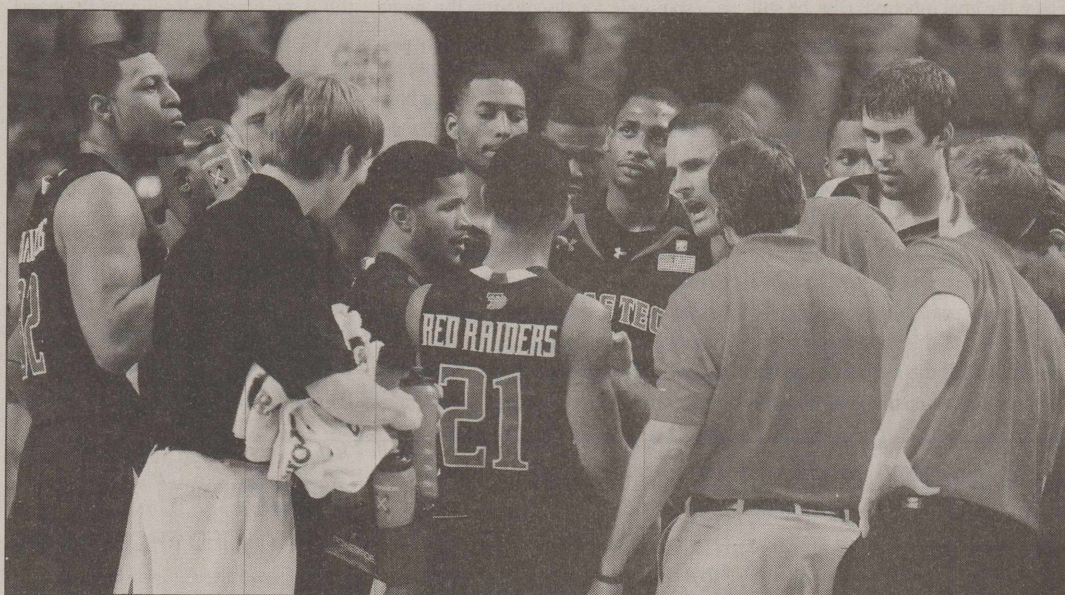
"The only way these guys are going to quit is death, that's the only way I'm going to quit is death, and so people can keep on trying to be negative, but that's just part of it," Knight said. "I mean, these guys are going to keep fighting to the end. Say we lose all the rest of them—we're still going to try to win that last one."

The Red Raiders have a chance to show what they are made of at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the United Spirit Arena against conference foe Nebraska (14-4, 2-2 in Big 12 play).

The Huskers are winless off their home court but are coming off a three-point loss to undefeated Kansas on the road.

After dropping a pair of games by a combined 65 points, the Red Raiders rebounded nicely on the defensive end at Oklahoma on Tuesday, despite the loss.

However, against Oklahoma the Red Raiders shot 39 percent from the field and committed 20 turnovers—Knight said his team's



TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Pat Knight gives his team instructions during a break in the Red Raiders' 83-74 loss to the Sooners on Tuesday in Norman, Okla.

biggest problem is making mistakes.

"It's really just cutting down on mistakes is what we have to do," Knight said. "We made too many mistakes (against Oklahoma), and the problem is you know you want to try to play perfect, but that's impossible, but if you have that mindset is going to cut back on mistakes."

Tech senior Mike Singletary said he is disappointed in the way the season has progressed, especially when the team plays poorly during key stretches.

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Track to host Tech Invitational, hopes to continue success



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
NICK GREEN AND the Red Raiders host the Texas Tech Invitational today and Saturday in the Athletic Training Facility.

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track teams defend their home turf for the second straight week at the Texas Tech Invitational today and Saturday in the Athletic Training Center.

One thing that separates the invitational from the Tech Open, however, will be the quality of opposition Tech faces.

Freshman pole-vaulter Kyal Meyers said he is ready to test his skills against the tougher competition in this field.

"I'm excited to see how I do against better competition," Meyers said. "We're looking good, and we have great coaching. We should be pretty competitive this week."

Meyers started his first meet as a college athlete strong, finishing in first place for the No. 7 Red Raiders and setting a new personal best with a jump of 5.05M (16'-00.75").

Meyers surprised even himself with the performance.

"I was really excited when I found out I won," Meyers said. "I was not expecting it."

Great coaching is what Meyers said helped him achieve his first win as a college athlete. He said he had a great offseason starting in September, and all of his training has really prepared him for college competition.

Coach Wes Kittley also said the offseason work from his teams this year is part of why they have had early

season success. He said this team is the most dedicated group of students he has coached at Tech.

Of the meet this week, Kittley said he is excited to see what his teams can do after last week's great performance. He said the main thing the team has focused on this week is the increased amount of energy this event should contain.

"The intensity this meet is much higher than it was last week," Kittley said at practice Thursday. "We had a good first week of competition, but we want the higher intensity. My goal is to increase the intensity every week."

Kittley said he likes that the meet is split up during a two-day span because it gives most of the team members more time to run their events, rather than having to focus on two or three events in one day.

Some Red Raiders will start their season off this weekend, including jumpers Bryce Lamb and Darell Roddick. Lamb is the defending Big 12 Conference indoor champion for both long jump and triple jump.

But Kittley said he owes much of the early season success to his up-classesmen.

"It really helps to have so many juniors and seniors," Kittley said. "I always say you win championships with juniors and seniors."

One of those seniors is Shannon Jackson, who won the 800m at last week's meet for the No. 18 Lady Raiders. Jackson said the competition in this field helps prepare for tougher challenges down the road.

"I think we have a very powerful team this year," Jackson said. "We have a good chance at winning the Big 12."

When asked about the preparation for both the men's and women's teams, Kittley said some people are in better shape than others, but he feels both teams are in a good place right now.

If the team can handle the intensity this week, Kittley said they have a great shot at building upon last week's performance.

Today's events begin at 6 p.m., and the action picks back up Saturday with field events at 10 a.m. and running events at 11:30 a.m.

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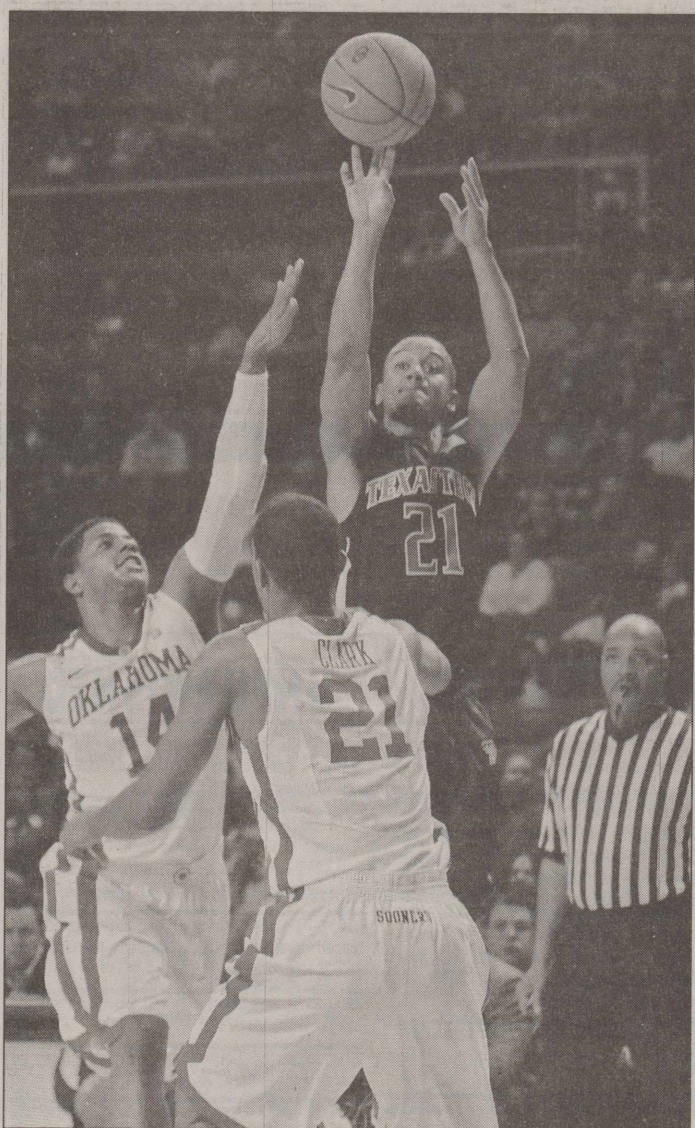
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