

Community Calendar

TODAY

Seventh Triennial Vietnam Symposium

Time: 8 a.m.

Where: Overton Hotel Conference Center
So, what is it?

Vietnam Center symposia are open to presentations that examine any and all aspects of the United States' involvement in Southeast Asia. This includes activities before, during and after the war in Vietnam.

Adrian Cronauer

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Tech Law School, Lanier Auditorium
So, what is it?

Adrian Cronauer is the real-life radio DJ portrayed by Robin Williams in the film "Good Morning Vietnam." He spent many years involved in TV and radio communications and advertising. He later earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to specialize in communications law in Washington, DC. He is now a special assistant to the director of the Pentagon's POW/MIA Office. Admission is free and open to the public.

Scott H. Biram and Ralph White

Time: 9 p.m.

Where: Jake's
So, what is it?

Scott H. Biram, an Austin native, lashes together blues, hillbilly and country precariously to punk and metal. Ralph White, also from Austin, is an avant-garde folk Cajun-African musician.

FRIDAY

Shark Fights 14

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fair Park Coliseum
So, what is it?

Shark Fight Promotions is an integrated media and entertainment company founded in 2007 and based in Amarillo. The company is engaged in the production, promotion, presentation and marketing of premier professional mixed martial arts fighting competitions.

17th Annual Viva Aztlan Festival

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre
So, what is it?

Everyone is invited to watch Folklórico and Mariachi competitions, a Folklórico showcase and a Mariachi concert. The Folklórico competition begins Friday afternoon. The Folklórico showcase, featuring Edinburg Parks and Recreation Folklórico Dance Team from Edinburg, Texas, along with several local Mariachi groups, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday, the adult Folklórico competition will begin at 1 p.m. The Mariachi concert featuring Mariachi Los Arrieros from El Paso will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission prices are \$7 before 5 p.m. and \$10 after 5 p.m.

"A Way in the West"

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: National Ranching Heritage Center
So, what is it?

Learn about several strong women in the West in celebration of Women's History Month. In this one-act play, six women tell the story of how and why they came west, using letters, diaries and autobiographies. RSVP in advance by calling 806-742-0498. Admission is free for RHA members and \$10 for non-members.

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Research

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"Among preschool children, a foodborne disease is the principal cause of mortality," Mindy Brashears said. "Mexico is also the No. 1 export market for beef from the U.S."

The team's biggest challenge was identifying the food safety related to meat products in Mexico, which are prevalent with Salmonella and E. coli, Pond said.

"The results from the research determined a baseline contamination for what is in Mexico in terms of prevalence of salmonella and E. coli," Pond said, "as well as helping the Mexican companies reduce their problems associated with those foodborne pathogens."

The team has undertaken collaborative studies and implemented outreach and educational efforts to determine the

extent of the problem and then alleviate these problems associated with foodborne disease, Mindy Brashears said.

"We have been working for two years now trying to help the businesses and consumers in Mexico have a safer food supply," Miller said. "We have been able to map the patterns and help them implement systems and approaches to reduce the levels of foodborne illness in Mexico."

The international team hopes to expand their research and implement their discoveries to benefit other Latin American countries.

"This project was truly a team effort and has made a major impact in Mexico," Mindy Brashears said. "We have raised awareness of global issues and are now working in Honduras, Belize and Argentina and hope to continue to expand our program through cooperative partnerships."

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Cullen retained as editor

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech Student Media Committee selected next school year's editors-in-chief for both *The Daily Toreador* and *La Ventana* Wednesday evening.

Current *DT* Editor-in-Chief Kevin Cullen was appointed to the same position for the fall semester. Cullen, a senior journalism major from Las Cruces, N.M., said he plans to graduate in December.

Lauren Watkins, current *La Ventana* editor-in-chief, was named to the same position for next year.

Cullen, who has been the editor-in-chief at *The DT* since Spring 2009 and began as a sportswriter in Spring 2008, said his main pitch to the committee included his plan for a transition to next year.

"What I'm looking forward to is training the next generation of *DT* editors and staffers," he said. "We've got a nice transition planned out for someone to take over in the spring, and it will make it a lot easier and a lot smoother of a transition in the fall and having that semester to be

able to train them."

Cullen said he believes this current semester's paper is one of the strongest it has been since he has worked at the newspaper.

Jose Rodriguez, *DT* sports editor, also applied for next year's top editor spot at the student-run newspaper. Rodriguez applied for this summer's editor-

in-chief spot, too, and was awarded the job. No one else applied for the summer position, said Managing Director of Student Media Susan Peterson.

Rodriguez, a sophomore journalism major from Haltom City, said he hopes to earn management experience as summer editor-in-chief and looks forward to managing personnel.

Additionally, Rodriguez said his main pitch involved improv-

ing the work ethic of the reporters.

"A lot of the employees need to have a major attitude change, so to say," he said.

"Not to be cheesy, but that was really my focal point. There's really nothing that the paper really lacks right now, or has holding it back from being a truly great paper."

Peterson said the editor-

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KEVIN CULLEN
EDITOR
THE DAILY TOREADOR

applicant for the position this year. She has been the editor-in-

chief since Fall 2010, she said.

Watkins, a sophomore communication design major from Wylie, said she wants to improve *La Ventana* by "covering everything important" to students.

"(I want to) make it bigger and better than this year, provide more content, more design, more photos, better photos," she said.

The committee consists of six faculty members and six students, Peterson said. Tech Faculty Senate appoints the faculty members on the committee, and Tech Student Government Association appoints the students, she said.

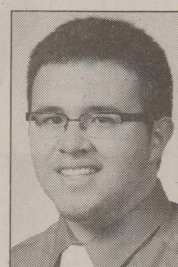
Chair of the Student Media committee Gerald Dolter, a professor in the school of music, said one of the primary qualifications for the position of editor-in-chief is leadership.

Dolter, who is in his third year on the committee and second rotation, said the vote for the *DT*'s editor-in-chief was split, and both candidates were "wonderfully qualified."

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CULLEN



RODRIGUEZ



WATKINS

Professor from U.K. speaks about photography

By LAUREN FERGUSON
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Usually seen as an art or a way to create memories, to Liz Wells, a professor in photographic culture at the University of Plymouth in the United Kingdom, photography can be a form of research.

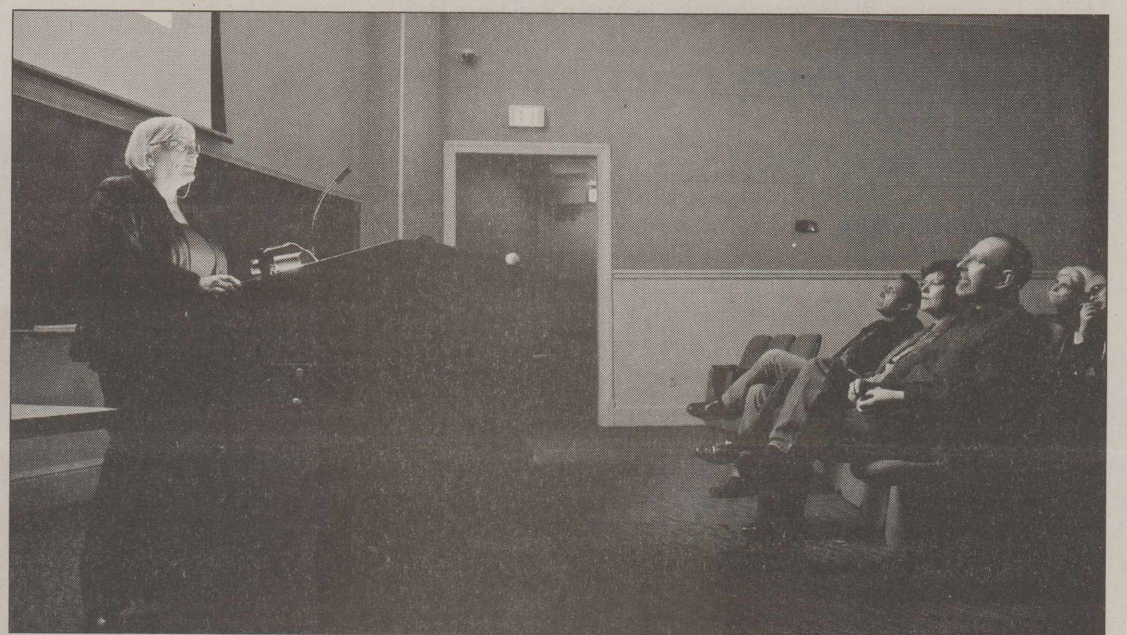
Lecturing for the Landscape as Knowledge series at Texas Tech, Wells spoke about "Topographic Narratives: Photography and Landscape Research" thanks to special funding from the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Texas Tech.

On Tuesday in the English building, Wells spoke to students from various disciplines, including photography, architecture and geography.

"Obviously, photography students (would be interested), but I would have hoped people involved in geography, human geography, sociology and so on as well," Wells said. "It should be, ideally, broader because if you are researching land and environment, you are researching something about the places people inhabit and how they think about those places and some of the histories of the place."

Using photography from various European and American artists, Wells spoke about the photography itself, but also emphasized how the photos can contribute to research in a broader sense of the word.

Adrian Anaya, a Tech alumna from Lubbock, attended after learn-



LIZ WELLS, PROFESSOR of photography history and theory at the University of Plymouth in Plymouth, United Kingdom, speaks to the Texas Tech School of Art and the College of Architecture on Tuesday.

ing about the series from the Tech architecture website.

"(I attended) just to gain more knowledge on other aspects and see what other professionals are doing," Anaya said. "Just seeing how they present themselves and their ideas."

Students currently enrolled in photography classes were encouraged to attend by their professors.

"I'm just in basic (photography) classes, so we learn a lot about light and how that comes out in your prints," said Amanda Goebel, a junior studio art major from Dallas. "It actually helped when she went over images that explored light and its effects."

Wells believes photographers should be taken as seriously as researchers, especially in situations involving people from multiple disciplines.

"What got me interested in the precise topic, which is the question of photography as a means of landscape research," Wells said, "was thinking about ways in which we have, in some respect, re-contextualized art practice as a mode of research in response to the newly found emphasis on research within the academic environment."

Anaya believes the lecture opened him up to photography as an art form. He commented on a slide titled "Watertowers" by Bernd and Hilla Becher, a motif picturing uniform photos of different

water towers.

"Usually I don't think of photographs as very artistic, but she gave me more of an understanding of how they can be art as well," Anaya said. "I now have an appreciation for photography and landscapes and how they are presented."

Goebel emphasized the importance of learning outside of the classroom.

"I think (having guest speakers) is really important because I think it's really good to have these outside interactions that we can connect with," she said. "It's better than the books we have in class and sometimes better than class time. These (speakers) can give us real experiences to connect with."

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"We appreciate that these students are willing to offer assistance," Martinez said. "Any additional assistance that we can provide to these families will go a long way because every little bit helps."

Hilari Vargas, a senior agriculture communications major from El Paso, is a friend of Southworth and will provide her truck to help transport all the

donations to Amarillo.

"Some of the families cannot afford to buy new things," Vargas said. "That is why I am donating a lot of my clothes to these families in need."

Vargas said she is really proud of her friend Southworth for taking the initiative to take something happening three hours away and making it known at Tech.

Matt Armas, a junior broadcast journalism major from Plano, is a friend of Southworth and is assisting to help collect donations as well.

"I am trying to help spread the word," Armas said. "Although we have received donations, we still need so much more, and any little donation can make a big difference to a family that has just lost everything."

Armas is also donating some of his clothes and food to help with the cause.

"I hope that my fellow students and faculty are willing to pull together to help these families out and make a difference," Southworth said.

Southworth can be contacted via her Facebook page or by her cell phone at 806-683-9512.

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Celebrated spoken word group performs



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Treador
THE ASIA PROJECT, a poetry group that incorporates music, performs Tuesday in the Texas Tech Barnes & Noble during a TAB event.

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

With quick words accompanied by soothing guitar, The Asia Project performed Wednesday night at the Texas Tech Cafe in the Student Union Building Barnes & Noble at the Tech Activities Board After Hours Poetry Slam.

"I like to make the show into a conversation rather than a show," said Asia, poet of The Asia Project. "I try to incorporate (the audience), I mean, by telling stories sometimes people will kind of relate to it if they've been through something similar to that."

Asia, who created graffiti art in the past, said the stage name "Asia" was his graffiti tag when he was a teenager. Poems he performed included "Breathe," a poem about his friend's death from cancer; "Sunscreens," an anthem to women; and "The Supersonic Speed of Charmin," a poem about his gratitude for his father.

His other poetry included stories about his own bout with cancer, his wife and self-respect.

The Asia Project is composed of Asia and his brother-in-law and guitar accompanist, Jollan Aurelio. Their combination of music and spoken-word poetry creates a distinct style.

"I don't want to overwhelm and play too much, unless it's necessary, so I try to add something to kinda add another element that have you put yourself into this scenario," Aurelio said. "You know how in movies someone says something and the music just fits, like, the feeling of it? So, I just go by feeling."

The Asia Project began after Asia was first diagnosed with cancer in 2006, soon joined by Aurelio, Asia said.

According to a press release, the group has received numerous recognitions, such as the Association of Promotion of Campus Activities "Performer of the Year" and

"Featured Poet" status at numerous conferences and concerts, and has performed with major label recording artists such as Mos Def, DMX and Jill Scott.

Katie Farmer, nightlife coordinator for TAB said she first saw The Asia Project at the National Association for Campus Activities' central convention in Arlington and fell in love with the performance.

"I think that it's a very cool aspect to incorporate the guitar with the poetry," Farmer said. "It gives it a whole different feel, like the intense part, when it would get louder, I think it ties in so much more emotion, and that really set them apart from other poets."

During the convention, more than 95 colleges booked The Asia Project, Farmer said.

"They're blowing up, and I think we got them at just the right time," Farmer said.

Luke Horton, an accounting major sophomore from Fort Stockton, and Jeffery Jones, a senior personal financial planning major from Lubbock, were also featured during the poetry slam.

Asia gets his material for his poetry from personal everyday situations, a friend's story or just when driving, Asia said.

"I try to tell poets just keep your mind open to the world and let it talk to you and you'll find stuff, find something, to write about," Asia said.

The camaraderie between Aurelio and Asia is clear with Asia's praise of Aurelio's guitar accompaniment and the importance the music has to the poetry.

"This guy is a genius. I'm telling you, he's obsessed," Asia said. "It wasn't until he started playing guitar for my poems when the poems really came alive."

"If it wasn't for him, the show wouldn't be as powerful."

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'StarCraft' group offers students competitive social gaming at Tech

By HALLIE DAVIS
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Texas Tech students can be found in many places; the university is represented from Lubbock to the campus in Seville. Now, Red Raiders are venturing as far away as the Koprulu Sector.

The Tech StarCraft team, currently ranked eighth in the Collegiate Starleague, will play the season's final game Saturday. "StarCraft" is a real-time strategy computer game played around the world on the Internet. The Koprulu Sector is part of the science-fiction universe in which the game takes place.

When the newest version of the game, "StarCraft II," was released last year, team founder Sean Shepard said he began looking for others in the area to play with. The team has about 10 active members who participate in tournaments against other schools.

"There's a real potential for it to be as big here as it is in South Korea, where it is practically a national sport," said sophomore Joseph Corcoran, a history major from Boerne.

In South Korea and other countries, the game is a regular spectator sport. Corcoran said professional players there are the equivalent of a professional football or basketball player in the United States.

Team member Clifton Beech said while video game "sports" are gaining popularity in the country, he knows few members of the collegiate league could compare to even a casual player in South Korea, but everyone is improving.

Before "StarCraft," Beech played baseball for most of his life. He said when he was injured, he turned to "StarCraft" as a "fallback for (his) competitiveness."

The game is set in a fictional future, Corcoran said. After Earth became overpopulated, the outcasts of humanity, mostly criminals, were sent into space. When they finally

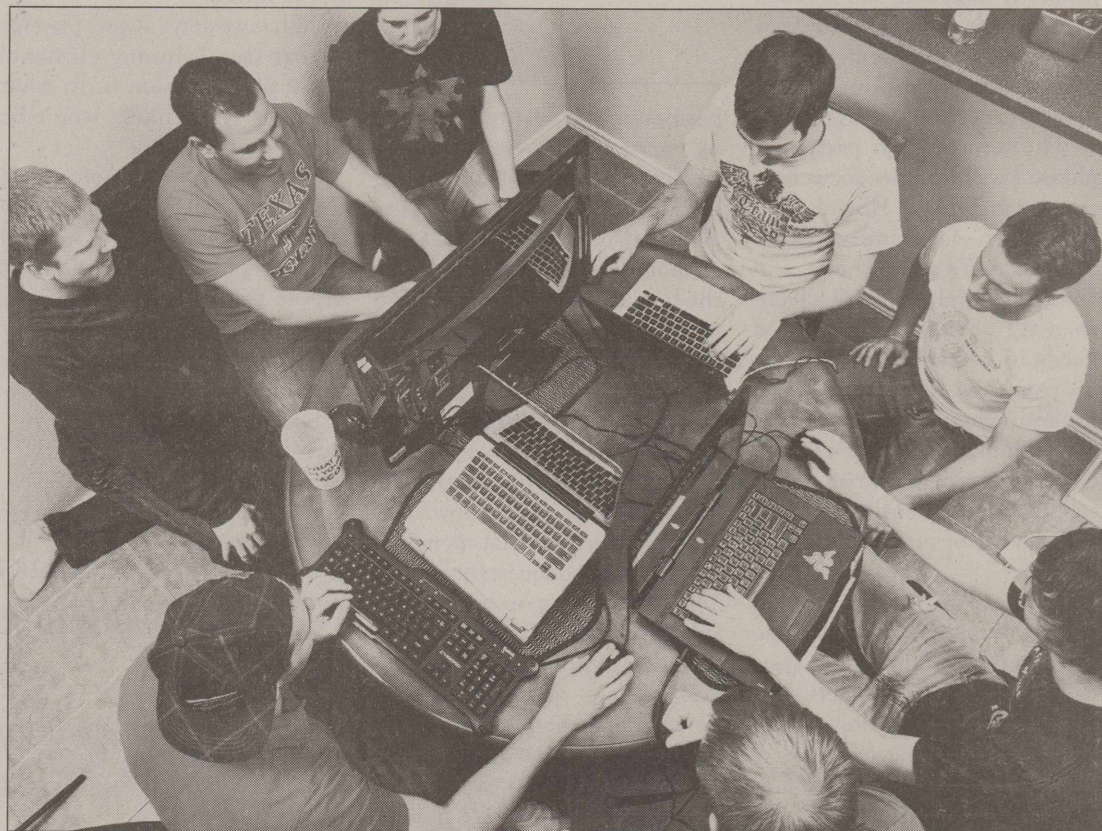


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TEXAS TECH STUDENTS play StarCraft II in a league representing Texas Tech.

settled, they realized they were in the middle of a war between two

alien species. A "StarCraft" player chooses to play as one of the alien races, Zerg or Protoss, or the human race, Terran said.

To practice for tournaments, Corcoran said the player is then matched up against an opponent, or two, if playing a two-on-two game, either someone the player knows or a random player with a similar skill level.

"If you know who you will be playing, you can practice strategy," Beech said. "If not, you just make sure

you know the basics. It's like in a baseball game; you have to make sure you can hit everything."

Before league tournaments, the team has several in-house tournaments to prepare for playing teams from other universities, including UT-Dallas and a school in Hawaii.

Matthew Seyfried, a freshman chemical engineering major from Fort Worth, said one of the highlights of the season was

winning against UT-Austin in November.

While many students may play

individually, Shepard said joining the team improved many players' games with consistent practices and simply being on the team.

"A lot of people will get more involved if they have someone to talk to about it (with)," he said.

Gamers don't always have the best social reputation, Shepard said, and being on the team helps that as well. Team members are also close friends who do things other than play "StarCraft" when they get the chance.

"Everyone thinks gaming is a waste or it's antisocial," Seyfried said. "StarCraft" teaches you problem-solving skills and analyzing through the games, and rather than being antisocial, you meet a lot of people."

Shepard said the team is always interested in new members of any skill level.

"If anybody has even heard of 'StarCraft,'" Beech said, "they should join."

More information can be found at the team's website, ttusc.com.

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Sex Ed

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"If it were shown in my town, there would be outrage," he said. "But it should be shown like this." Though he ended up moving seats to where he couldn't see the screen, he said the photos were extremely effective. "Fear is possibly the best tool for something like this," he said.

The second half of the event explained various forms of birth control many had not learned about in a formal setting before, especially in Texas high schools. Lara Riggs, a freshman pre-nursing major from Lubbock, said she had been in an abstinence-only program in high school.

She said the conservative ideals

of Texas are well known but maybe not realistic.

"Obviously the STD rates are pretty high," she said. "People need to know about this stuff."

Alexandra Ponce de Leon, a junior pre-nursing major from Denton, said she struggled with getting a residence hall to host the event. She said administrators were afraid people might take the event, and even the signs, the wrong way.

As for STDs, Brice said that five years ago, there were only two new cases of HIV in Lubbock in a year. In 2011 alone, there have already been 30 new cases reported, and there are about 19,000 cases total.

"Nobody talks about it," she said. "They think, 'Oh, the other person gets it, I won't.'"

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Success has expiration date

“If it ain't broke, don't fix it.” This is a cliché we're all familiar with. And while this statement seems to generally hold true and is taken at face value, I'd like to advance the idea that this idiom, and the train of thought it brings about, may be deceptively dangerous.

The term in that particular phrase I wish to draw focus to is the word “broke.” How do you know when something is broken?

Well, if it's your iPhone, and you drop it and crack the screen, then it's obviously broken and needs to be replaced. But how do you know if an industry is broken? How do you know if a government is broken? How do you know if an entire philosophical investment is bankrupt and devoid of potential benefit or value?

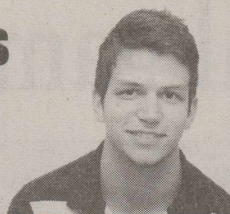
If these questions sound strange or foreign, that's because this is a crevice of thought typically overlooked by society, and we are currently witnessing the backlash of such neglect.

Consider humanity for a moment, the world as a whole, throughout history, even: What is the difference between humanity now and humanity, say, 200 years ago? Besides the obvious material things, the essential difference is an increase in accurate information, progression, a better understanding of our world and how to do things in it.

This advancement of knowledge is a relentless force in the human race, yet it is not without certain “frictions” that work to slow the wheels of this transcendent journey along the way.

When you think about our society in this context, and the

Chris Leal



businesses and institutions that we create in it, these things are caught in a struggle between the human affinity for creativity, innovation and growth (that force of relentless advancement) and the human desire for continuity, predictability and preservation (frictions to this force.)

As society progresses, and we create a new business, or new industry, or new government, this institution is like a snapshot of the pinnacle of our knowledge on that subject at that moment.

However, our quest for knowledge does not care about this snapshot and will advance regardless, continually making old knowledge — and organizations built around that knowledge — obsolete or inadequate. This “snapshot” of a successful organization has an expiration date. It is only the agile institutions, conscious of and responsive to this change that have a shot at survival.

General Motors, the U.S. public education system, the Egyptian government, the healthcare industry, U.S. Congress, American economic dominance — these are all things that, at the time of their creation, were new and innovative.

This innovativeness led to immense success. But it's at the peak of this success where our notorious idiom enters stage left: “If it ain't broke, don't fix it.”

Things are working currently, so naturally, we want to preserve whatever that winning element is to ensure that it keeps winning in the future.

What we don't always plan for is that this “winning element” has a time function to it; what is “right” now likely won't be “right” in the future.

This process of obsolescence will vary based on how much new information is learned in relation to the organization. While most people think of tech gadgets or fashion when they think of obsolescence, the key point here is nothing escapes the grasp of obsolescence —

philosophies, economics, ideologies, governments, industries — nothing.

All will eventually be challenged with new knowledge that shows us a better way to do something.

So, yes — the iPad 2 is out, and your original year-old iPad will become obsolete. But also, your public education system is almost 150 years old and is still fundamentally organized the same way.

Don't you think that with all of our increased understanding of psychology and how people learn along with all of the technology we have created in the last century and a half, that we could produce a more effective and cost-efficient way to run an education system?

This random spasm of innovation is typical in the United States and is termed “disruptive innovation.” In Japan, there is another approach taken, called “incremental innovation,” which, as you can infer, is a more modest but frequent innovation, yet even this is still applied generally to technology and consumer products.

While I'm not advocating a rigid incremental innovation system, we, as a society, need to start institutionalizing innovation. Our country progresses at such a rapid clip; it's amazing

that we have institutions that are as old and unchanged as they are.

If something has been operating for a relatively long time, we should not praise its longevity

or seek its preservation under the guise of “stability” or “tradition,” we should begin to think about how ripe it is for a smarter, more efficient mode of operation. Obsolescence needs to become the norm, not the exception.

When you hear that phrase, “If it ain't broke, don't fix it,” you need to consider what “broke” really means.

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“... it's amazing that we have institutions that are as old and unchanged as they are.”

Van der Sloot abusing justice system

Murderer Joran Van der Sloot is at it again. This time around, however, he is relying on fancy legal maneuvers to save his hide instead of lying, and his newest tactics are insulting to the justice system.

For those of you who have never heard of Van der Sloot, you just might recognize the name of his most famous victim, Natalee Holloway.

It's hard to tell what really happened to the unfortunate Alabama teen killed on her senior trip to Aruba. All we know as fact is that she disappeared in a foreign country and was last seen with the devious Van der Sloot.

There is no doubt in my mind, however, that he did it. Because he is a pathological liar and scheming bastard, we will probably never hear the real truth about Natalee's fate from the twisted man who took her.

While her parents have not given up hope, most of the rest of us, including me, have considered it an unsolvable mystery.

Every now and then over the five years since her death, I have seen specials about the puzzling case on a few scattered TV channels and heard her name mumbled in passing, but in general, her story has been fading into the back. There will always be tragic news plays every night replacing old murmurs of horror with new ones.

As of this week, however, her face is popping up everywhere.

Why? Van der Sloot allegedly took the life of a young girl again in May

Bayley Fuller



2010. I'm outraged justice wasn't served the first time around, and now another family suffers because of the same man.

The deceitful imposter that he is, Van der Sloot has now slapped the justice system in the face by pleading temporary insanity in his newest case, according to ABC News.

The story goes like this. One night, while gambling in his room with a young Peruvian woman, he gets angry and beats her and strangles her until she dies. I'll spare you the specifics, but the point is that he was brutal without cause.

I'm not denying he is a crazy. The insanity plea, however, is completely unjustifiable.

To me, this is to be reserved for people who cannot tell right from wrong and who have diminished mental capacity. That is to say, they are retarded, like

Lennie from “Of Mice and Men.” Van der Sloot is a cold-blooded killer, and a crappy one at that.

The justice system is meant to protect the innocent and punish the guilty. Who is facing justice when the guilty falsely pretends to be an innocent victim himself?

Like many criminals before him, Van der Sloot and his team of lawyers are abusing the system by trying to twist the insanity plea to their own purposes. This act in itself should be punishable by law.

When you take a safeguard for the innocent at heart and abuse it like this you, are essentially spitting on the entire judicial system.

I pray their efforts fail because if they do, Van der Sloot will sit in a prison cell for the next 25 years or more. While this is not justice for Holloway's family, I'd be overjoyed to have the maniac off the streets.

It's not constitutional and would never be acceptable in a democracy, but a part of me wishes we could inflict the same fear and pain on him that he put on those two women.

Van der Sloot, as much as I'd like to admit it, is not the only one at fault here. Abusing the insanity plea is no new idea to the 21st century.

Newspapers, TV and other facets of media have flocked to court cases where the plea is used.

Even Hollywood caught on and made haunting movies such as “Primal Fear,” where Richard Gere is the smooth-talking lawyer arguing insanity for

his client. The surprise ending hit hard, and I felt like a rock had dropped into my stomach.

It is arguable that insanity is pushed as a blanket deal for anyone who committed of a crime. If they're a good actor and research the symptoms, it seems anyone can get away with murder.

Their odds may only be one in four or less, but when faced with the needle or life in prison, you can bet most criminals will consider trying to play those odds.

How do we stop the abuse by characters like Van der Sloot? I say we criminalize those who prove not to be telling the truth. After all, lying in court is a punishable offense, and is that not what these men and women are doing? I say abuse the system then deal with the consequences.

As for Van der Sloot, I hope he enjoys the idea of prison until he grows old because with his weak case and insulting use of the insanity plea, his defense will fail under the facts:

This was not his first criminal offense; he tried to cover up the crime after the fact, and his character in the eyes of the court is already shattered from the fame of his abuses involving Natalee Holloway five years ago.

If he walks free yet again, outrage from American and Peruvian citizens alike will be harsh and immediate.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unions not all good

In the column titled “Unions fight for rights,” the author seems to believe unions have an overall positive effect.

Unions often fight for increases in wages, vacation days and pensions. However, these benefits come at a cost. If a union boss wants his workers to receive more benefits, the cost is ultimately passed on to the consumer. Unions want to protect all workers, including those who are unskilled or unproductive.

The author also suggests labor unions are important for laws regarding how employers should treat workers. For instance, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) established a national minimum wage.

The minimum wage makes it illegal for an employer to hire an employee below a prevailing wage. More people could have jobs if there were no minimum wage.

The FLSA also does not allow minors to be involved in “oppressive child labor.” This might have been more compelling in the early 20th century, when nearly all jobs were agricultural based, but today makes little sense, when a very small percent-

age of jobs are agricultural based.

This same law does not allow capable youngsters to work in air-conditioned offices.

Also, I would question the accountability public unions have. Teachers are employees of the state and have one of the largest public unions. What is troubling, however, is that in major cities, only one out of every 1,000 teachers is fired due to performance.

In the Houston Independent School District, out of 12,000 teachers, only 36 (.3 percent) were fired for performance-related reasons, according to The Houston Chronicle.

The private sector would not tolerate this since they have to meet a bottom line and create value. I am not against teachers; I am against bad teachers.

Public sector unions end up costing taxpayers. Reducing the power of public sector unions would not only increase productivity (since public workers would have to work in the private sector), but also save taxpayers billions of dollars per year.

We have to remember there is no such thing as a free lunch.

■ **Peter Parlapiano is an MBA student from Houston.**

Concerns over SGA Funding Bill

Over the last several weeks, students have been calling for more transparency in the Student Government Association. One way SGA tries to accomplish this is by a voting system called MySenate.

Recently, Senate Bill 46.28, the 2011-2012 Student Organization Funding Bill, was posted and then later reposted as a “corrected” version.

At that point, the only visible difference was you could no longer see the voting statistics. This hiding of statistics seemed odd for an organization that strives to be transparent, so I started to take a closer look at the corrected version.

The first action I took was to acquire an electronic copy of the bill and start statistical analysis. After adding up each category (graduate and undergraduate), it became clear that the Total Allocation listed in the senate bill was incorrect.

The Undergraduate Allocation was listed as \$328,160, while the analysis calculated the same to be \$324,660 — a difference of \$3,500. The Graduate Allocation was listed as \$43,470, while the actual total is \$63,105 — a difference of negative \$19,635.

Additionally, the SGA website states, “Organizations are not eligible for more than a 100 percent increase from one funding year to the next.” After comparing this year's funding to last year's, the analysis shows at least one organization received over a 100 percent increase in funding.

Clearly there are issues with this funding bill that appropriates \$391,265 of your mandatory fess. As a personal favor to me, please visit pulse.ttu.edu and voice your opinion on this bill before noon today.

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Gitmo about-face a necessary concession

STAFF EDITORIAL
TUFTS DAILY (TUFTS U.)

President Barack Obama on Monday rescinded his two-year-old directive banning military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay. In a new executive order, Obama clears the way for resuming military trials at the naval base.

This is regrettable, considering the president campaigned on — and committed to, once taking office — closing Guantanamo within a year of his inauguration. Still, the concession is a prudent one.

In order to deal with the 172 prisoners currently detained at the naval base, the new executive order reinstates a system allowing prisoners to be tried by military courts.

Because many of the detainees were tortured in an effort to obtain information, evidence gained from such tactics would be thrown out in court, weakening the prospect of conviction. The new order attempts to solve this problem by requiring compliance with international treaties barring inhumane treatment.

But a fundamental problem remains: Because evidence obtained under duress is inadmissible — even in these military tribunals — the government faces a “Sophie's choice” between releasing or illegally detaining people it reasonably believes to be terrorist threats to the United States.

Perhaps most important of all, the order establishes a process of periodic review by several federal agencies of the prisoners' threat to our security. This will decide whether prisoners should be tried, released or transferred to a third-party country.

Reviews of each detainee must occur within one year of this order and at least once every three years after that. In the sea of difficult options the administration faces, this step is laudable in that it gives detainees at least some framework for legal recourse.

Nonetheless, the new executive order fails to address many core issues pertaining to Guantanamo. The reinstatement of military tribunals merely reopens an avenue that is widely considered less desirable than civilian trials.

Administration officials have insisted that the president remains committed to closing the base in the near future, but the order sheds little light on when that will be.

The administration faces only bad options when it comes to the detention camp, and it is commendable that Obama has acknowledged his mistake in prematurely steering away from military tribunals. Nonetheless, the new decision has left the long-term plans for Guantanamo up in the air.

Commendable as this executive order is, it is far from resolving an issue that has remained a sore point in the US for years.

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Lady Raiders lose to Sooners



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Danielle Robinson scored 19 points and Carlee Roethlisberger added 18 to lead No. 21 Oklahoma to a 71-69 victory over Texas Tech in the Big 12 tournament on Wednesday night.

The Sooners (21-10) advanced to face Texas A&M in Friday's semifinals.

Casey Morris hit a 3-pointer to pull the Lady Raiders (22-10)

within two with 47.4 seconds left. Oklahoma could have sealed the game when Aaryn Ellenberg came up with a steal, but she missed an open layup.

Texas Tech called timeout with 9 seconds left and put the ball in Chynna Brown's hands for a drive, but she lost the ball on her way to the basket and Oklahoma held on.

Monique Smalls led the Lady Raiders with 15 points.

◀◀ **LADY RAIDER GUARD** Monique Smalls dribbles past Oklahoma's Danielle Robinson on Saturday. The Lady Raiders lost to the Sooners, 71-69, Wednesday night in the second round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament and now wait to find out their NCAA Tournament fate.

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

Escobar, Red Raiders set to take on UNLV, UNM

By EVAN JANS
STAFF WRITER

Gonzalo Escobar doesn't lose often. So when he does, it's not something he forgets.

This weekend, No. 20 Escobar gets the chance to avenge one of his five losses this season when Tech takes on UNLV. In their first meeting Jan. 21, the junior was defeated, 6-1, 6-4, by Mehdi Bouras.

The No. 18 Red Raiders defeated the No. 48 Rebels, 6-1, in their first dual of the spring season.

The rematch Saturday with No. 66 Bouras essentially will serve as a rubber game. In the fall, Escobar handled Bouras, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, at the D'Novo/ITA All-American Championships.

Escobar said the recent loss was tough because he had beaten Bouras last semester.

"That hurt so much — especially because I was the only one that lost in singles that day," Escobar said. "I can't wait to play him again."

The senior said he is optimistic about their third meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., because he knows he can play better.

"Even though he's a good player, I didn't play good," Escobar said. "We'll see now. I don't know if the result is going to be the same or not, but I'm at least going to play better."

Rafael Garcia experienced failure and success in the UNLV (11-5) dual, winning his singles match but falling in doubles alongside Raony Carvalho.

The junior said this will be another tough match for Tech (10-5).

"They are a talented team, and they fight hard," Garcia said. "We need to come out with the same intensity we've

been playing with. They have been playing well lately. We have to be careful and play the hardest we can."

In their first meeting, the Red Raiders did something they haven't done with any frequency this year: win the No. 3 doubles match. Gabriel Wanderley and David Gonzalez beat Will Sublette and Raphael Pfister, 9-7, snagging one of the two victories Tech has had from the position.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said he still has not decided which combination to put in the spot, but he has a positive outlook even though that position hasn't won since Feb. 6.

"We've overcome that position to a point but we have to get better," Siegel said. "I'm still very optimistic that we're going to get some results. We'll put it together."

The Red Raiders also face No. 40

New Mexico on Friday. The Lobos (11-2) are riding a five-match winning streak.

Siegel said New Mexico presents a challenge on its home court.

"They're going to be hungry for us," Siegel said. "We know they've done well recently and we know a lot of their players."

This is the sixth trip Tech has made on the season. After these two matches, the Red Raiders will get some reprieve before taking on UTSA on Feb. 20, something Siegel said will be welcome after playing tough teams in UNLV and New Mexico.

"It's going to be an interesting weekend for us," Siegel said. "We're just looking forward to getting these matches behind us so we can enjoy a nice break next week."

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Softball

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Hays said James was walked a lot when she was at Angelo State because she did not have anyone hitting behind her to protect her in the order. Now that James is part of such a big-hitting team — Tech leads the Big 12 Conference in batting average, slugging percentage, hits, runs, RBIs and home runs — she can see more pitches and capitalize on them, like she did Wednesday.

Tech's lineup is not limited to the middle of the lineup, like some teams are, but rather throughout its entirety. Leadoff hitter Mikey Kenney, who led the Red Raiders last year with 15 regular-season home runs,

said James' addition to the lineup has changed the center fielder's role — but to the team's advantage.

"I wish she could have played with us last year because she's a big bat," Kenney said, "but I'm definitely glad that she was able to start playing with us this year and have her in the lineup."

Kenney doubled on the first pitch she saw in Wednesday's 5-3 win, stole third base and came around to score on an Emily Bledsoe sacrifice fly.

Hays said Kenney's ability to run the bases well suits her perfectly for the leadoff role.

He also said he wants to get the sophomore as many at-bats as possible. He said Kenney can hit anywhere in the lineup because of her versatility and ability at the plate, but the

three through seven hitters behind her make her that more dangerous in the leadoff spot.

Kenney leads the Big 12 in both runs scored, 32, and doubles, 12.

"Her playing well at the front of the lineup has made us the team that we are right now," Hays said.

The Red Raiders host three games apiece against Evansville and Alcorn State this weekend before traveling to the USF-The Game Tournament during spring break.

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March Madness dessert to college basketball season

March Madness is the best postseason in sports.

I love to compare college basketball to a restaurant. The regular season, or the entrée at this restaurant, if you will, is mediocre. There are a few bright parts. Sometimes you are really excited, and sometimes you can do without. It takes way too long to get through the main course, but all of that is OK. Mom always told you, "You can't have dessert until you finish your dinner."

We're almost done with dinner, people. Here comes the best dessert in sports.

Everyone loves March Madness. Millions of Americans fill out the brackets at work, at school, with friends and with enemies. Even if your team isn't in it, you always find someone you love to adopt for the big tourney.

Selection Sunday is basically seeing the waiter come out of the kitchen with your dessert. The fact that most college kids get to experience opening weekend on spring break makes the Madness even crazier.

There are four play-in games this year, making 68 teams in the bracket. Choose wisely when trying to boast to your friends you will win the bracket.

One rule I follow is if you play for money, only play one money bracket. The rest should be just for fun. Everyone likes filling out brackets. It isn't easy to just fill out one. This is a delicious postseason, and your interaction makes it that much more fun.

The one person no one likes hearing when watching the games is bracket guy. The guy who filled out 10 brackets, all in the hopes of winning big money, only to scream and yell when his No. 16 seed doesn't pull the upset. Bracket guy is annoying. Don't be bracket guy.

The one thing March Madness offers up is innocence. The shady cloud of col-

Cody Stoots



lege football has yet to fall over basketball, and these are still kids playing basketball with title hopes. You will see tears of joy, and you will see tears in victory.

Another part that is unmistakably fun about the tournament is there are more than enough close games. You will watch one-sided affairs, but you will see plenty of close games. I can guarantee you will be screaming and yelling with the rest of the people you watch with during at least one buzzer beater.

The many games also bring out one of the more exciting commentators in sports, the wonderful and talented Gus Johnson. If you have never watched a game Johnson calls, pay attention to March Madness; he is very funny and excited to be calling the games.

The college basketball tournament lasts just long enough. It involves just the right amount of teams. Enough of your friends watch it casually to make it an event over a few weeks. It is the most interactive postseason, allowing you to be an amateur bracketologist. It is unmatched.

The other 11 months out of the year, not many people care about basketball, but the Madness takes hold every spring.

It is too sweet to stay away. Usually I would say go light on the dessert, but today, indulge all you want. The tournament is almost here.

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James powers Red Raiders as softball stays undefeated



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Kelsey Dennis throws a pitch during the second game of a double header against New Mexico on Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

By TOMMY MAGELSEN
News Editor

A year spent watching her teammates from the stands did not sit well with Texas Tech first baseman Sandy James.

"It was tough just sitting there watching your team, you know?" James said. "You get to practice with them every day, workout — everything, but you have to sit in the stands; can't talk to them. So it was just so exciting getting to come out here the very first game, and I was just ready to go."

However, the Angelo State transfer, who was forced to sit out during the 2010 season, is making up for lost time.

James put on a power display Wednesday, leading the Red Raiders (24-0) to two victories, 9-6 and 5-3, against visiting New Mexico (6-8) at Rocky Johnson Field.

The sophomore hit two home runs Wednesday, one in each game, and drove in eight runs total in the double header.

"I felt real good this morning whenever we were warming up and everything, and I just felt like it was going to be a good day for all of us," James said.

In the first inning of the second game, James' three-run blast to dead center — right off the top of the American flag — started the game out with a bang and boosted the Red Raiders to a 4-0 lead.

Four innings later, James added an RBI single in her final at-bat of the day.

James is one of eight Red Raiders with at least 15 starts hitting above .300. Tech coach Shanon Hays credits James as one of the keys to Tech's offensive success, just because of how well she protects the batters in front of her.

"Sandy's capable of having those types of days often, and she did that some in Arizona, and she's the reason why Logan (Hall) gets such good pitches to hit because nobody wants to walk Logan to get to Sandy."

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Tigers bounce Tech 88-84 in opening round of tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Denmon scored 20 points, leading Missouri past Texas Tech 88-84 in the first round of the Big 12 tournament Wednesday night and bringing an end to Pat Knight's time as coach of the Red Raiders.

Knight was fired on Monday, effective whenever Tech was eliminated from the conference tournament. The son of Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight, who coached Tech while grooming Pat for the job, finished 50-61 in three disappointing seasons.

Twice Missouri (23-9) had big runs and appeared to pull away. But the Red Raiders (13-19) responded each time and made it close before the Tigers finally nailed down the victory to end a three-game losing streak and advance to a second-round game Thursday against Texas A&M.

John Roberson had 28 points for Texas Tech.

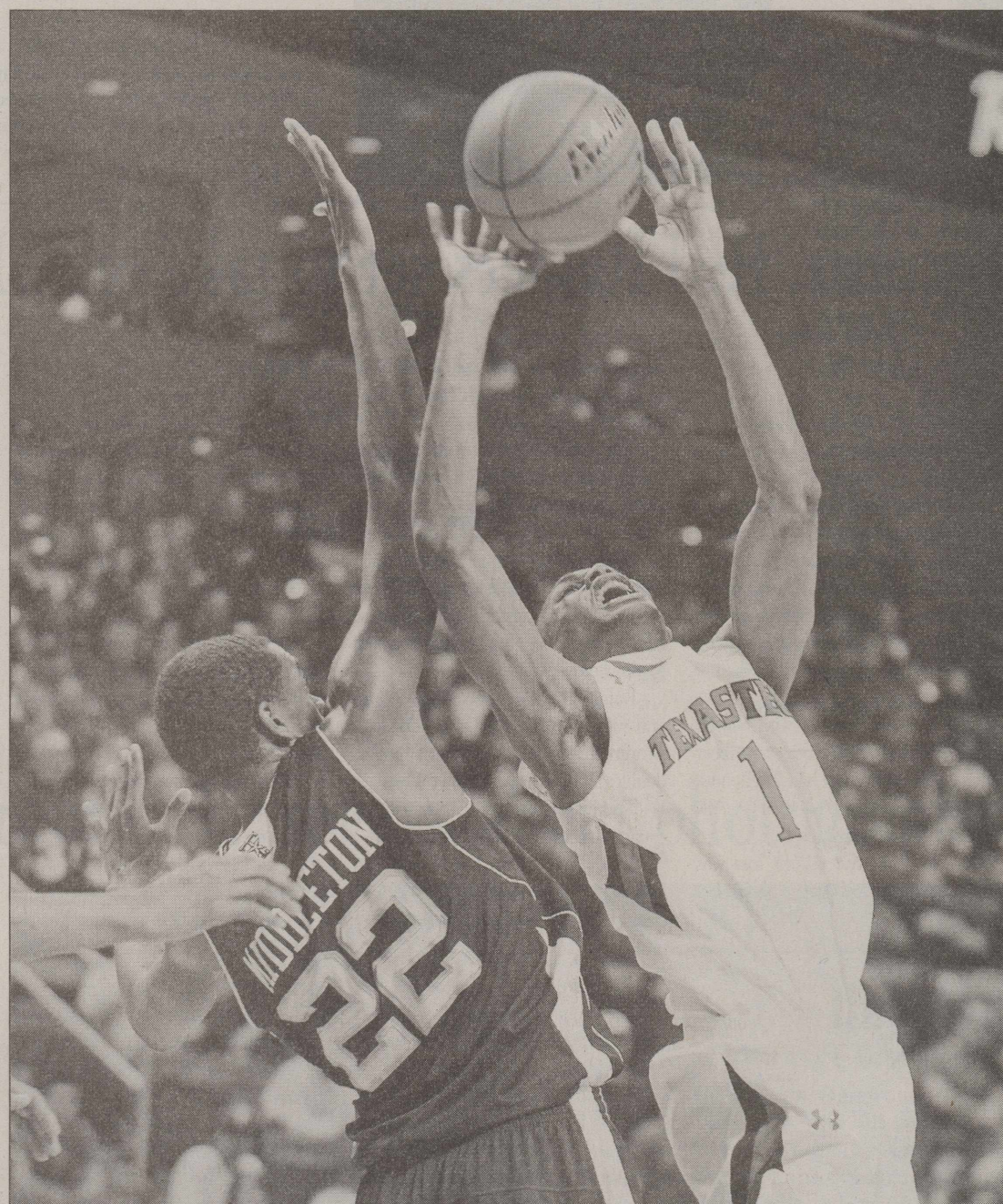
With Denmon and Kim English canning 3-pointers, the Tigers scored the first eight points of the second half and seized a 56-44 lead that ballooned to 58-45 on a bucket by Michael Dixon, who totaled 17 points.

But Roberson followed with a 10-footer and the Red Raiders unreeling an 18-5 run, tying it 63-63 on Roberson's fourth 3-pointer. David Tairu, one of five seniors on Knight's last team, drilled a 3-pointer and converted a rare four-point play in the spree.

Then back came the Tigers, with Denmon and Dixon hitting 3-pointers in a 15-4 spurt, taking a 78-67 lead on Steve Moore's layup.

Mike Singletary's bucket halted the spree for a moment, but English, fouled on consecutive trips down the court, sank four straight free throws, giving the Tigers an 82-69 lead.

Another 3-pointer by Roberson ignited a 13-2 run by Tech. Brad Reese's two free throws made it



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
BRAD REESE ATTEMPTS a shot over Texas A&M's Khriston Middleton earlier this season. Reese and the Red Raiders lost to Missouri in the Big 12 tournament Wednesday night, effectively ending Tech's season.

84-82. Phil Pressey's two foul shots put Missouri back on top 86-82 before Roberson, fouled by Pressey, made two free throws of his own that shrank the lead to 86-84.

With 18 seconds left, Tairu was

called for a foul on Dixon, who made one foul shot. Denmon rebounded a Texas Tech miss on the other end and drew a foul. The Tigers' top scorer, with 1.7 seconds left, made one of two foul shots.

Tairu had 16 points for Texas Tech, Singletary 13, and D'wain Roberts 12. English had 15 points and four assists for Missouri, which lost to Texas A&M in overtime in the regular season.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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

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