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Art of the Striptease

Local exotic dance studio founded by Tech alumna evokes self-confidence, empowerment

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

The art of stripping and exotic dancing has always been labeled taboo, but the women who work at KrisTease, Lubbock's Erotic Studio, work fervently to break the stereotype.

KrisTease is a studio that specializes in teaching pole-dancing, lap-dancing and striptease classes. The classes are taught with the sole purpose of creating a better sense of self-confidence in women and as an alternative to mainstream workouts.

The studio is the product of Kristi Cook, a Texas Tech alumna, who, while in college, worked as an exotic dancer in order to put herself through school. Cook said she felt that because of her knowledge and expertise in the field, opening a studio would be an easy feat.

She began seven years ago by opening the lingerie shop Intimate Expressions. After opening her store, Cook said, she knew she wanted to add just a little something more, so she researched the market, but her findings weren't exactly what she had hoped for.

"I really thought about opening the studio four years ago," she said. "But Lubbock just wasn't ready for something like this."

Therefore, Cook waited until March 2010 before finally opening KrisTease in March 2010 to a still skeptical market. One of the main things Cook wanted her potential clients to know about the studio was the classes weren't limited to pole dancing, and that any woman over the age of 18 can participate.

"We have four different levels of pole dancing, lap dancing and striptease," Cook said. "You don't have to be a certain size or shape to participate, this is for everyone."

The levels of each form of dancing are Goddess, Temptress, Siren and Vixen. The Goddess level functions as the novice level, while the Vixen caters to more advanced participants.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILLES/The Daily Toreador
JENNIFER ROBERTS, KRISTEASE instructor, twists around a pole in the KrisTease studio Thursday. She leads classes designed to make women feel sexy and at the same time get a quality workout.

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Alcohol sales in Lubbock reach 1 year mark

Sept. 24 denotes first anniversary of Lubbock County alcohol policy change

By EDMUND ROSTRAN
NEWS EDITOR

Today marks the one-year anniversary of Lubbock County becoming wet and allowing the sale of alcohol in both convenience stores and stand-alone package stores.

Brian Williams, a lieutenant with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, said not much has changed since this day a year ago and even before alcohol sales were approved in Lubbock.

"As far as we're concerned, not a whole lot (changed), really," Williams said. "We added about an extra — between 100 and 110 permits when Lubbock went for off premise sale."

With the added number of permits being issued, many would believe the TABC would need to hire more agents to serve the larger area, but Williams said this was not the case.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
MORE THAN 100 alcohol permits have been given out to Lubbock retailers since the initial release Sept. 24, 2009.

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Suddenlink provides funds for scholarships

Funds allow Mary W. Doak Housing Scholarship to give 20 awards

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

Suddenlink provided \$20,000 for the Mary W. Doak Housing Scholarship, which hands out 20 \$1,000 scholarships to Texas Tech students living on campus for an entire year.

Erika Allen, a sophomore biology major from Temple, received the scholarship. She said Suddenlink funding the scholarship is an excellent way to help Tech students out.

"I'm appreciative of the money, and wherever it comes from, that's great," she said. "The fact that it's Suddenlink, a big corporation, that's awesome. That really shows that they want to help out students going to Tech."

Allen has received other scholarships from Tech, such as the Presidential Scholarship. She said the friends she made at Gordon Hall during her freshman year helped her decision to stay in the residence hall for another year.

"I consider it a privilege to be paid to stay on campus and enjoy the convenience of it, the friends that I have at Gordon, such an open community — everybody hangs out with everybody — so I'm so happy I get to live here again," Allen said.

Tech students should apply for every scholarship they can,

she said. Having a scholarship allows students to purchase items like textbooks and keep the cost of their living down.

"It also means I get to spend money on other things like books and tuition and all the fees that we have to pay for Tech," Allen said.

Sean Duggan, managing director of University Student Housing, said Suddenlink providing cable services and scholarship money to Tech is a way to show support.

"They're a great partner that helps us to increase services while keeping costs down while giving money back to the students, so it's a very positive relationship," Duggan said.

Last year, more than 200 students applied for the Mary W. Doak Housing Scholarship, he said. Suddenlink paid for a reception, and 19 scholarship winners shared the experience with their parents and other winners.

"I think (the scholarship) helps us create great relationships with students and parents and also to just help pay for higher education," Duggan said.

The only stipulation of the scholarship is living in a Tech residence hall for an academic year, he said.

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The Texas Tech soccer team begins Big 12 Conference play Friday in what could be the toughest conference in the country. BIG 12 PREVIEW, Page 7

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Men's Choir Festival

Time: Noon

Where: Tech School of Music, M01

So, what is it?

Come see the Tech men's choir perform.

Name for a Nation

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane

So, what is it?

Listen to the Lubbock Symphony perform its national-pride season opener with three famed composers.

Opening of 2010 Panhandle

South Plains Fair

Time: 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Where: 1012 Ave. A

So, what is it?

From Sept. 24 to Oct. 2 the South Plains Fair will feature bands like The Eli Young Band (tonight), Blue Oyster Cult and Los Lonely Boys. Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight weekends and 1 p.m. to midnight on weekdays. Hours extend to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information visit www.southplainsfair.com.

SATURDAY

"It's Not Over...Yet"

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 2201 Broadway

So, what is it?

A musical drama about dreams; motivating those who have them and encouraging others to pursue them. Presented by LeGene Brooks of Heavenly Productions

The Paul Bullock Show

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Tornado Gallery
Award winning street poet Paul Bullock returns with his one-man show. He is a fearless poet and winner for seven years of an international music/poetry award.

Alma Trio Performs

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

Where: Overton Hotel & Conference Center, 9th Street and Mac Davis Avenue

So, what is it?

Grab some friends and head to the Overton's smokeless bar to listen to the trio's jazz tunes.

SUNDAY

Country Gospel/Christian Country Concert

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Westview Baptist Church, 810 S. 15th Street

So, what is it?

Genevia Johnson, a Country Gospel and Christian Country National recording and charting artist will be in concert.

Sunday Night Jam

Time: 10 p.m.

Where: Texas Cafe & Bar

So, what is it?

Hosted by Sean Frankhauser, Jesse Ballew, and Eric Holmes. Bring your guitar and be a star. Every week more and more acts show up, so get there early and enjoy some of the best music Lubbock has to offer.

To make a calendar submission e-mail dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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.

Texas Tech ranks in Top 25 in Wall Street Journal recruiters' selections

By KASSIDY KETRON
STAFF WRITER

An article in The Wall Street Journal proves that Texas Tech's students are who employers want working for them.

Jennifer Merritt, careers editor for The Wall Street Journal, said the recruiters for this survey came from the largest companies in the SMP 500, the NASDAQ 100, the largest private corporations and the largest non-profit and government organizations.

The survey was sent to over 800 companies and corporations, which turned out 479 responses, Merritt said. There were about 20 different majors covered in the study and after asking general questions about each, they were broken down more specifically.

"One of the big takeaways is that there are lots of companies and recruiters who are looking for young professionals at state schools," she said. "Probably the biggest takeaway is that you don't have to go to an elite liberal arts

school in order to get noticed by recruiters."

Chancellor Kent Hance said the study puts students in a position that enables them to be recruited more aggressively than they might have been in the past.

It was a study in which actual recruiters were being asked where the best and most qualified people came from, Hance said. Recruiters are going to come to the conclusion that Tech is one of the best.

"Eighteenth in nation says a lot," he said. "We were ahead of schools like MIT, University of Virginia, Notre Dame and a lot of other well-known competitors."

In many cases, Merritt said, the schools that have a wider range of majors and a stronger foundation are the ones being noticed more by recruiters and companies.

Companies aren't just looking for the bright, polished students, Merritt said. Although they do want students who have a strong academic background, they also want students who have the technical skills necessary to do the job.

It's important for students to know, before deciding on a school or specific major, the kind of relationships colleges have with companies, and if they come to the college to recruit, and if students get hired to those companies for internships and jobs, Merritt said.

"Many more companies are hiring directly from their internship pool, and so you really want to make sure that you seek out internships early," Merritt said. "If you do get an internship, do a great job at it, treat it like it's a full-time job, because that's how most internship employers are evaluating you."

John Kobza, senior associate academic dean of industrial engineering, said the study shows that Tech is providing the type of education and skills to students that employers are looking for. The students that come to Tech are who companies want in their organizations.

When the list was narrowed down to rankings by major, Tech was ranked as the 25th best school for engineering.

I think other companies will see the survey and reconsider Tech when it comes to recruiting, Kobza said.

They might take a second look at who they have hired from Tech and want to come back to hire more.

"We produce a student who has practical work-based skills," he said. "We have students that are ready to go to work, and they've got skills that can be used at problem solving, technology skills and people skills. They're ready to go."

Chase Merrill, a senior instructional engineering major from Bedford, said the study could mean more research money for Tech and potentially lead to growth within the university.

The engineering program is underrated at Tech, Merrill said. Not many people know how good the program actually is, and the study can give students the confidence to know that they stand a chance against people from more prestigious universities.

"Hopefully, [the study] will open potential employers' eyes a bit and say, 'Hey, we need to talk to him or her and give them a shot,'" Merrill said.

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HSC SGA working to serve student interests

By SOPHIA HALBROOK
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The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Student Government Association recently completed multiple projects in an attempt to better serve students.

Geoffrey Lowe, HSC SGA president, said their purpose of the organization is to serve the interest of their students.

"Over the summer, we recently accomplished the construction of a Sam's Express Coffee Shop in our Academic Classroom building as well as a multi-use bike path to provide safe transportation for cyclists

and pedestrians to the Recreation Center and Tech's campus from the HSC," Lowe said.

This year the SGA is focusing on promoting student life at the HSC and connecting students with alumni, Lowe said.

"We also partnered with the TTUHSC Alumni Association to hold an Alumni/Future Alumni Tailgate prior to the SMU game, allowing our students to connect with alumni in their field of study," he said.

The organization is also involved in RaiderGATE, and provided free hamburgers and hotdogs to students before the Texas game last week, Lowe said. The SGA has also been involved with recruiting new students.

"This fall, with a charge from President Mitchell, SGA has helped produce a new student recruitment video for the HSC, which will be ready within a month," he said.

The Vice President of Operations, Camille Vincent, explained the difference between the HSC SGA and Tech's SGA.

"Texas Tech University Health Science Center is a separate institution from Texas Tech University," she said. "Therefore, we have our own Student Government Association to represent HSC students with their wants and needs for our institution."

Lowe said the HSC is a multi-campus institution serving the health care needs of West Texas, with campuses in Amarillo, Abilene, Dallas, El Paso, Highland Lakes, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa.

Jeremy Davies is the vice president of communications. It is his second year as a senator, and first year as an officer.

Davies said he would like to see more teamwork and collaboration with other campuses.

"One of my own personal goals is to establish a better rapport with the other regional senators across our campuses, Dallas, El Paso, Amarillo, Abilene, Midland, and Odessa," he said. "We have a Techlink system that connects all our campuses via video and classrooms. Many of our teachers travel to different campuses throughout the year, and programs are spread out among the campuses, so this system lets everyone in the same program have the same classes at the same time and lets them stay connected to ask questions."

The coordination has been beneficial, Davies said.

"Through this Techlink system,

I can meet with the other senators face to face, when I can't drive to see them," he said. "We are also really trying to establish a better inter-professional teamwork among all the programs throughout the campuses."

Davies said he would like to see students and SGA communicate more effectively. He said students should come to SGA with any concerns they have for the school, and he highly encourages them to come find out about the events and scholarships SGA has planned for the year.

"One of the main goals of the SGA this year is promoting student life and enhancing communication to the students," he said. "We are in the process of putting up digital signage at all the HSC campuses that will be run and controlled by our SGA for announcements, events, and any information pertaining to the students."

Davies speaks highly of his involvement with SGA.

"I love the involvement of all the programs acting together as a whole and being a representative for my entire school," he said. "This also provides great opportunities to meet other people in different programs and learn about the different aspects of the healthcare system."

According to the TTUHSC website, the HSC consists of six schools with an enrollment of 3,727 students in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso.

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Recipients were chosen based on their academic achievements, involvement with the campus, community service and their descriptions of how living on campus has changed their lives.

Brian Borthwick, assistant director of business operations of Suddenlink in Lubbock, said there are many Tech alumni, including himself, at Suddenlink.

"I'm an alumnus of Texas Tech there in the Mass Comm," he said. "We feel strongly about giving back to Texas Tech and also giving back to Lubbock and the surrounding communities."

Suddenlink provides cable television for the campus, wi-fi connectivity at certain school events, Suddenlink Gameday at Tech games and a host of other services to the Tech campus, Borthwick said.

"We're just excited about being able to offer services there on the campus and being able to work with Texas Tech," he said.

Students are able to upgrade their current dorm services by contacting Suddenlink, Borthwick said. High definition television, recording capabilities and other programs are available to Tech students.

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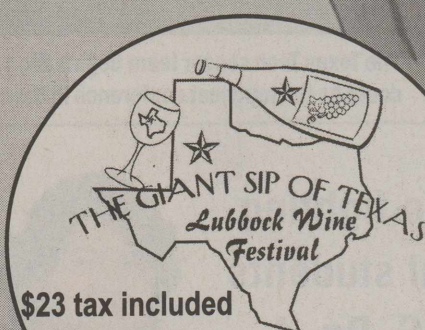
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Academy preps autistic students for workforce

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

After graduating from high school, 90 percent of autistic students who have never held a job before will never work in their life.

Janice Magness, director of the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research, said she does everything she can to help any work-ready students in the Burkhart Transition Academy to go out and get a part-time job before they graduate from the program.

In the public school system, students with disabilities can refrain from graduating until they are 22 years old, allowing them to continue learning and working on social skills in a classroom. Magness said this helps students keep a routine, but often parents don't think about their child's future or plan for a post-graduation job. The transition academy works with high school graduates with autism to enhance their social and job skills.

"I think the biggest mistake parents could make is let them stay off a year and not do anything," Magness said. "I think most people need a goal and a direction, and my students are no different."

People with autism sometimes don't realize they shouldn't say or do something, she said, and this academy works with them on these basic communication skills. In the center, academy students work for the College of Education shredding papers. This is a job skill they could apply to other potential employment since they know how to work and oil the machines and how to clean up. Shredding is very routine, making this an ideal job for someone with autism.

"As a group, most of my students are very dedicated and very loyal," Magness said. "Once

they learn a job, they're the best employee (their boss) will ever have. They're never late, they wear what they're supposed to and they are good employees."

Currently, five of the 10 students at the academy hold part-time jobs working between six and 12 hours a week. Although some of her students aren't ready to hold a part-time job just yet, Magness said, they are eager.

One student wants to work at Ross Dress for Less, while others hold jobs in the Student Union Building, The Market at Stangel/Murdough and Good Will. Karlie Watts and Brianne Curlee, both August 2010 academy graduates, hold jobs on campus. Both said working with the academy and a job coach has helped them with their work.

Curlee has been working at The Market since fall 2007, and said she now enjoys her job. Her job coach would go to work with her at first to make sure she knew how to do everything correctly. Eventually, her coach would only come in for surprise visits to check on how Curlee was doing.

"I appreciate it now," Curlee said after they told her what she needed to improve on.

Because students go through the academy to find a job, the Burkhart Center works with employers when students apply for jobs to educate them on any special needs or concerns the students might have. Whenever there is a problem at work, they contact the center to find a solution rather than calling the parents.

"It helps when you have a support system and a group of people who talk to the employer first, give them some background on her as to problems and issues she could face," said Julann Curlee, Brianne's mother and agriculture sciences and natural resources administrative busi-



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador
LACEY HENDRICKSON, PARTICIPANT of the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research Transition Academy for Young Adults, practices her aim during a game of bocce ball on Thursday outside the Sport Studies Center.

ness assistant. "When things go wrong in the job, I can't always leave my job to go check on her, and that's what (the Burkhart Center) did."

Watts, now 29, worked in the office at the Burkhart Center before entering the academy. Because working in the office didn't help her social skills as much as she wanted, she now works in the SUB and at a local church with 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds once a week. Unlike some of the other students at the academy, she had all of these jobs prior to beginning in the Burkhart Center.

"My mom wanted a place for me to go, and it meant a lot for me to come here," Watts said. "It did help me be sociable."

Both women said they want to come back and visit the center since that is where they

have made many of their friends. Twice a month, the Student Supporters of Autism Awareness host events for anyone interested in supporting the research of autism. In October, both Watts and Curlee said, they plan to come back for the Burkhart Center's Halloween party.

"I do miss them," Watts said. "It was a good three years of my life."

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Dance

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Each level builds upon itself every week. There are four classes in a series, one class a week for four weeks, and each class is an hour and a half long. After each class, students are given "homework," Cook said, to better prepare them for the routine they will perform at the end of the series.

"We give you things to practice and exercises to do," she said.

"At the end of the series, the girls will get dressed up in little outfits and perform their routine."

For the majority of classes, are asked to wear normal workout attire with tennis shoes, but to bring a pair of heels to practice in. The pole dancing class dress code is a bit different.

"For the pole dancing class, we ask the women to wear more form fitting attire," Cook said. "That allows the dancer to better grip the pole without her clothes getting tangled."

And although this is an exotic dance studio, students are never encouraged or forced to strip down to their knickers, which is a common misconception amongst people who have never participated in any type of exotic dancing.

"People usually have no idea what to expect," Cook said. "With each class series, we are really just

trying to give you material you will be able to use at home."

Jennifer Roberts, an instructor at KrisTease, has been working at the studio since March and teaches every class that is offered at the studio. Roberts is quick to reassure those who are apprehensive to take classes that these classes are for real women.

"These classes aren't for strippers," Roberts said. "We are getting more housewives than anyone else. There isn't any nudity, and the class sizes are small to ensure our students get personal attention."

Another main goal at KrisTease is helping women to "invoke their inner goddess." The instructors focus on making sure each woman attending class feels as confident as possible. Roberts said the main thing she sees in students who came into the classes a little more skeptical is confidence.

"I see them come out confident," she said. "Both with their skill and with their bodies."

Whether taking the classes for a fun workout regimen or to spice up a dull love life, Cook thinks it's all about gaining confidence and getting out of the classes what you want.

"Women have such poor body image," Cook said. "And we want to show them that every woman has it in her to be sexy."

For more information on KrisTease, visit the website at <http://www.kristease.com> or their Facebook page, KrisTease Exotic Dance Studio.

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"For the pole dancing class, we ask the women to wear more form fitting attire. That allows the dancer to better grip the pole without her clothes getting tangled."

KRISTI COOK
FOUNDER
KRISTEASE

Elementary students to get hands-on learning at Super Saturdays program

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Super Saturdays, beginning Oct. 2, will provide an assortment of out-of-the-ordinary classes for area elementary school students.

The academic enrichment program, put on by The Institute For the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL), features an assortment of classes for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Michelle Hamman, the assistant director of IDEAL, said the program tries to attract first-generation minority students and is funded by the LISD Foundation for Excellence, and IDEAL often partners with Pegasus and MentorTech.

The program is in its 25th year, and Hamman said it is only getting better.

"People come back with their kids and say, 'I was a part of that,'" Hamman said.

Texas Tech professors and graduate students who teach the classes recommend others in order to keep the program strong, she said.

"Faculties offer the best," Hamman said, "so we have the best."

The 16 classes offered range from "Cooking and Cultures" to "Toxicology," according to the Super Saturdays website. Hamman said the Lego robotics class is always the favorite.

"It's all hands-on," Hamman said. "It's stuff they don't get in a regular classroom." The

subjects, like engineering and forensics, are things many elementary school students are not even aware of, and Hamman said this was a good way to open their eyes to degree and even job opportunities they did not know existed.

Most of the classes are run through their respective departments at Tech, Hamman said. The program's longest-standing relationship is with the animal science department, which runs

a class at the New Deal Field Laboratory.

This familiarizes the students with the campus, the buildings the departments are housed in and college as a whole, which aims toward the ultimate goal of recruitment.

"We want to expose them to all the things college could be for them," she said. "It's a positive experience; we want that excitement."

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OPINIONS

US wasted good crisis opportunity

“Never waste a good crisis.” This is a phrase that has been echoed by politicians and policy wonks for the past couple of years. It is a concept that was supposed to be seen as the silver lining of the recent financial crisis.

Crises are typically monumental precipices whose rarities galvanize momentum of the public, enabling an extraordinary opportunity for elected officials to bypass mainstream politics in order to make meaningful and lasting changes to a system that has clearly run its course erroneously.

The most famous such example in the United States is Franklin Delano Roosevelt's “New Deal” following the Great Depression.

Today, with the National Bureau of Economic Research declaring the official end of the recession as June of 2009, coupled with the nation entering the run-up to the midterm elections, it is clear that we have wasted the only silver lining that a crisis may bring.

And ironically, this was presided over by a president who ran on a platform of change. However, I don't blame this waste on the president, insofar as “blaming” him assumes he did so intentionally or negligently. However, given his office, he ultimately assumes responsibility for it.

But one might point to “landmark” legislation such as health care reform, financial regulation, the stimulus bill and student loan reform as proof that we have indeed made meaningful and lasting changes to our country and that in fact we have utilized the rare opportunity for change a crisis brings us.

To this, I would respond that student loan reform is the only radical and meaningful change implemented. Health care reform was supposed to address two things: increase coverage and renovate the cost structure.

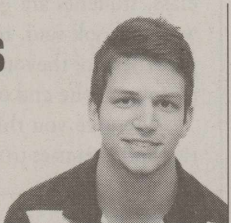
However, HCR essentially kept the current system in place, simply making it larger; failing to address the serious problems of its increasingly inefficient cost structure, “kicking the can down the road,” so to speak.

As for financial regulation, the bill failed to make fundamental changes to the banking industry, such as putting a finite barrier between government insured deposit accounts and speculative gambles with the banks' money, while also failing to crack down with more stringent regulations of derivatives' contracts.

In both of these instances, Obama went wrong by attempting to play nice politically. He was hoping to make friends in the Republican Party and make good on his campaign promise to work across party lines.

However the president quickly learned the Republican Party is too selfish for that. Placing their own short-term power (or lack thereof) over the long-

Chris Leal



term good of the country, the Republicans are willing to obstruct any action by the government so long as it can benefit them politically — even if it means opposing bills they previously endorsed.

As for the stimulus bill, Obama went wrong by completely handing that over to Congress to write. The stimulus was priced by what was politically attractive and not what was economically effective, and should have focused primarily on building a state-of-the-art electrical infrastructure for the country.

Along with infrastructure, the stimulus should have focused on improving public school education and job training programs to help modernize our outdated industrial-age workforce. If we are to partake in free trade, we must have a more agile labor force better suited to adapt to industries better aligned with our nation's comparative advantages. This is one point our unrelentingly high unemployment rate is trying to tell us.

So, what happened? With a single political party controlling the executive branch and the entire legislative branch, and a crisis of monumental proportions, why were there so few meaningful changes enacted? Why didn't we have the FDR New Deal 2.0?

Aside from the president hopelessly attempting to achieve bi-partisan support and please everybody, I believe the central cause for the relative inactivity is the bank bailout bill and subsequent stimulus bill itself.

Yes, we went through a dramatic recession, but due to these measures by our government, we never came close to a depression. It was the severity of the Great Depression that made such bold changes to our country politically possible; however, through our own intelligence and ability to learn from our history, we have effectively avoided a similar fate.

So, while everybody was expecting dramatic legislative changes and the president to essentially become the architect of the New Deal 2.0, we had already extinguished the flames that would make such change possible.

Granted, it would be naïve to expect one administration to fix all of the nation's problems, especially in 24 months. But given the severity of the problems, the once-in-a-generation chance to tackle them head on and the weak attempts to do so legislatively, we have certainly wasted our good crisis.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Changing the world ... maybe

I am writing again because it seems that I was misunderstood in my previous “rebuttal” to *The Daily Toreador*. Since written words do not carry context or underlining, please allow me to explain.

I agree with author RoAnne Romo on her newest article about the bystander effect. I also agreed with her previous articles. I, too, called for action, for change. I actually wanted to strengthen her cause. These three topics are very critical topics, and society has become a bystander in all of three: suicide, sex and general disregard for our fellow human beings.

My meaning was that society will not change, but we can. One person will not change the world, but that one person changing is worth it.

This hit home to me because I have attempted suicide in the past and I am still a virgin; both of these were and are my own personal choices. But I probably wouldn't have to deal with

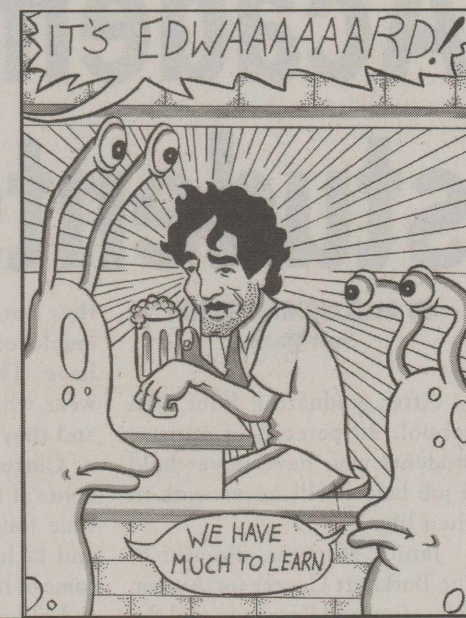
the added stressors if society accepted me as who I am.

The author can preach all day, but she has yet to walk one step in my shoes. It's naïve to think that society will change; there isn't power in numbers when it comes to society. People generally lose their personal convictions in majority settings. They adopt a distorted viewpoint and believe, “Well, everyone else did it, so it must be okay, I'll do the same...” The power is in each of us, in our souls, to determine right from wrong, to make the world a better place.

So, again, as much as I felt offended by the author misreading my words and using them against me, listen to her. Change for the better; be a better person. The world won't demand it from you, but you should demand it from yourself.

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WASTOIDS



Fighting opposing students makes no sense

At the Texas Tech vs. University of Texas game this past weekend, a good friend of mine who is a UT alumnus came to Lubbock for the game and enjoyed some verbal assaults from Tech fans.

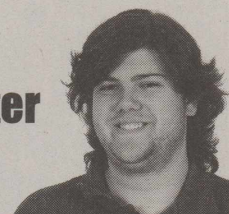
After the game, someone yelled a very harsh carnal word followed by “Texas” at my pal, which isn't particularly surprising. My buddy said, “Scoreboard,” in reference to our football team losing the game, which was immediately followed by the Tech fan saying, “Your face is a scoreboard,” quite angrily.

In a less colorful, but still amusing, story, another buddy was walking back to one of our radio station's postgame show at the Overton Hotel when, in the mass exodus of people, he and a student in UT garb bumped shoulders, and my chum, being of the polite sort, apologized. The UT fan asked angrily if he wanted to fight and began to show off what a knuckle-dragging moron he was.

My friend, being a calm and pragmatic person, didn't feed the Neanderthal's post-game bloodlust, yet the cross cretin continued to trumpet for a tussle. The Longhorn fan's pleas were soon answered by a large Texas Tech fan sporting military tattoos who led him away for what I like to imagine was an unpleasant conversation.

I don't pay much attention to football or team rivalries, and I haven't been to a Texas Tech game since they played

Cole Shooter



Nebraska in 2004, where I was vomited upon by the inebriated student behind me. I'd just as soon tailgate, then go back home and

“One thing I can't understand is the eagerness of some fans to hurl witless epithets at those who are fans of the opposing team, or are even willing to get into an altercation over which school one chose to attend.”

One thing I can't understand is the eagerness of some fans to hurl witless epithets at those who are fans of the opposing team, or are even willing to get into an altercation over which school one chose to attend. After all, the majority of those yelling inane things at one another weren't out on the field battling it out, and were instead drinking and yelling from the stands.

School spirit is a great thing, but before engaging someone in

some useless bickering, the best thing one could do is think before they begin popping off.

Our students are ambassadors of Texas Tech University and really do give an impression to outsiders of the types of people that we sit in class with daily. Even if you're not worried about the esteem of the university that you're funneling money into every semester,

at least have enough respect for yourself to not use a come-back involving anyone's mother or face.

The urge to let the opposing university's fans know how daft they are can be very strong. During last Saturday's game, I was out of town, bowling at a place that had the game on large projection screens. After spending so much time in Lubbock, which takes so much pride in

our university, it was a bit strange to be in a land where the waists of blue jeans swaddle the wearers' thighs, their necks draped in gold chains, and University of Texas hats adorn the skulls of those that hurl shouts of adoration every time those fighting for the scarlet and the black made a mistake.

Not surprisingly, many of these

T-shirt fans were somewhat classless and could barely complete a coherent sentence expounding their pleasure at the success of those in that nasty “found-in-a-diaper” burnt orange color. I just couldn't see what I would achieve by telling these people that I suspected romantic inclinations between them and Bevo, or that their face resembled anything other than what it was. I cheered when Tech scored, enjoyed the company of those around me and had a fine time either way.

Plus, I can't really hate their university because some of my good friends and favorite professors have gotten degrees from UT and are working to impart some of the knowledge they gained there to Texas Tech students, contributing to the circle of education. Sure, some of their sports fans are obnoxious, but so are some of ours.

If you simply must engage in bickering with the other team's fans, think through your insults. Watch some old Don Rickles comedies, Friar's Club roasts, or, even better, come up with some witty retorts on your own. For goodness sake, it's embarrassing to all Texas Tech students when a few loudmouths wearing the university emblem wind up looking like idiots.

If we really want to make others realize how much better our university is when compared to the rivals, let them be the ones to sound like dolts. They don't need our assistance with that endeavor.

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RED RAIDER ETHICS GENERATOR

Tyler Patton



In an age when technology has broken down the last physical barriers between societies across the world, our generation has been introduced to an entirely new set of challenges.

In many ways, this chapter in our lives is a testing ground, and how our students spend their days long after they walk across the stage with a degree is an important indicator of things to come.

Texas Tech is the place where young men and women begin journeys that will lead them to become CEOs, elected officials, professional athletes, astronauts and so much more.

The common thread that stitches the fabric through each of their stories is the integrity they displayed along the way.

For us, this is the time in our lives when we begin a similar journey, strung together by that same thread.

With these new challenges, I urge you all to stand up today and do what is right, even when it seems like the least desirable option.

Many of the guest columns that

will be published alongside my own will come from a wide range of faculty and staff throughout the university — with most having significant life experience to reflect on.

Frankly, I do not have any such experience to offer.

I am 21 years old, and I walk this campus every day with the rest of the student body.

In 10 years, I may have something a bit more profound to relate back to our readers, but until then, I hope my message still has a place in this column.

If there is a single concept I have come to understand, it is that our students harbor the unbelievable capacity to display compassion and courage that I never expected to find when I first stepped foot on this campus.

Whether our students are volunteering in the community or organizing philanthropy events on campus

— our students make a difference.

The university has put great effort into distributing its statement on ethical principles to as many students and staff as possible, and I believe the message has clearly resonated.

It is not so much that we consciously reflect back on these principles; rather, I truly believe that our students inherently share the same values and vision outlined in the statement.

Specifically, our students particularly excel in their creativity and their innovation.

Just two years ago, many were writing off Tech's goal of Tier One research status as a pipe dream — a goal that would not be reached for at least two decades.

Today — two years later — we find ourselves at an incredibly important crossroads.

Texas Tech has out-raised and out-researched virtually every other school working toward the same goal, and we are on track to set an even higher pace in the coming months.

The point is, none of that would have come to pass had our students not risen to the challenge before them.

Instead of meeting expectations, our faculty, staff and students have exceeded all of them — and that is a testament to their innovation and creativity.

Community service and leadership are also included in our statement of ethical principles, and once again, our students have been leading conference schools for years on this front.

Regardless of the principle, regardless of my confidence or satisfaction, there is still so much more we can show for who we are as students and as Red Raiders.

After graduation, I want nothing more than each of our students to look back on their four years here and see they are leaving our campus as even better versions of themselves than when they first arrived.

The words “Strive for Honor” are etched in our cornerstones as much as in our history.

Live out those words today as much as the first 20,000 Techsians did more than 80 years ago when that first cornerstone was laid.

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One-of-a-kind venue invites students



ESTELLINE, SHOWN PLAYING at MotherLand Amphitheater in April, will return to the venue to perform 2 p.m. Saturday.

By KATHERINE ROWE
STAFF WRITER

A two-day music and art festival will begin Saturday at the MotherLand Amphitheater, a homemade venue off of I-27 and 88th Street.

Matthew and Carol Yugovich, owners and coordinators of the MotherLand Amphitheater, hope that people will come out and support the venue this weekend. This festival is one of the only times they will be trying to raise money for the venue, so that they may expand and add to the aesthetics of this outdoor venue.

The amphitheater has a large blue stage and several permanent structures to hold sound systems and concessions. Guests may bring chairs, tents and art or other "gizmos" to sell at the event.

"I don't care if you make art out of bed springs and spark plugs," Matthew said. "If it's cool, bring it out."

A \$15 entry fee will be required at the door for this show. According to the event posting on Facebook, more than 10 bands and a few disc jockeys will be playing. Matthew said the "mom and pop" venue guarantees a good time.

"I'm trying to get us back the festival spirit, the hippy spirit," Matthew said. "This is good energy."

He said he wants to bring out talented musicians and display them to the public.

If they set the show early, he said, maybe an older crowd will be willing to enjoy the music.

Matthew and Carol expect a peaceful crowd and are focusing on bringing the "warm and fuzzy" back to Lubbock.

"Let's bring the warm and fuzzy back to Lubbock. I remember it being here one time; where'd it go? What happened to our music scene?" Matthew said. "If they can keep Austin weird, by God, we can rub a little funk on Lubbock."

The open-air venue has been open since April, but it has deep roots in Lubbock. Matthew and his friends would bring 20 to 30 people to Mackenzie in the 1960s.

"We like to think of ourselves catering to the top one percent of Lubbock, the cultural undergrounds," he said. "That's what the venue is all about: the artists, the musicians, the cultural underground, gypsies and hippies. We're trying to take this from a subculture and make it mainstream, and we are trying to bring a bit of this culture out into the daylight and maybe attract some of the older people."

The Gypsy Caravan and the Lights of the Caravan, two different groups of artists, will be painting to the music, body painting and performing with fire.

Amy McElowney of Lubbock and Sandy Casparis of Odessa are two of the artists that are involved in the Gypsy

Caravan and the Lights of the Caravan. McElowney, the Gypsy's coordinator and promoter, said there will be plenty of good things to do at the event, like the artists, fire spinners, fire breathers and an open fire pit to walk on.

Casparis said one of her favorite things about the MotherLand Amphitheater is the families and different mixes of people that come out and keep to themselves.

"Everybody does their own thing, but they're mindful of everyone else," Casparis said.

Although there will be concessions and camping, the event is focused around music, art and fun.

"We are all about the arts," Matthew said. "We are all about the music. Money is a secondary thing, but every once in a while we have to have festivals and shows to support the MotherLand."

Matthew said he is pulling out all of his personal and financial stops to make this show a success.

"It's important to us because it's our money-making show," Matthew said. "We're going to break out all of the bells and whistles, the lights, the fancy PA, and really do the venue up nice because we want to put our best foot forward. If the weather holds for us, we will have a good show."

Along with the music and art, Mat-

thew said they focus on being a family-oriented event.

"All of this has fallen into the hands of the right people for the job, good family," Casparis said. "It doesn't come from money, even though that is a necessary part of it, it comes from the passion and the drive for the art and the community."

To cover their investment, Matthew said, they need at least 200 people, but the venue holds about 7,000.

Visitors are invited to set up tents Friday, but the event doesn't start until 2 p.m. Saturday.

"Our headliner, Spoonfed Tribe, will start at 10 p.m. Saturday, but there will be several other local musicians playing at the event, like Estelline and Tori Vasquez," Matthew said.

After they close the onstage music down, Matthew said, there will be acoustic sets and drum circles going on all night.

"I hope that when people come to the venue, they leave any bad vibes at the gate and just come in and have fun with us and enjoy the music," Matthew said. "Leave your worries behind for a day or two, and let us help you think about something else. Let us try to brighten your day a little bit."

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Pagan group invites, tries to raise awareness

By BRITTANY HOOVER
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In a region marginally dominated by Christianity, one Texas Tech student organization focuses on changing the traditional, stereotypical perceptions of Paganism.

A perhaps lesser-known religious group on campus, Tech Pagan Student Union often faces misconceptions about their beliefs from peers.

Like many student groups on campus, the group has weekly meetings, guest speakers, volunteer projects and social gatherings.

"We're not big scary witches with giant black cauldrons," said the group's president, Sarah Mann. "We're actual people out in the community and we're helping. We're people with faith, as many people are."

The organization has two discussions each month on metaphysical topics, generally at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month in the Student Union Building, said Mann, a senior psychology major from Houston.

They also hold a tarot card reading study group on campus, she said. This way, members seeking certification, in

Day, said Baker. This year's celebration is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Clapp Park, near the intersection of 46th Street and Avenue W.

"The goal (of Pagan Pride Day) is to encourage diversity and to eliminate prejudices and discrimination based off of religion," said Aaron Brocklehurst, program coordinator for quality service and professional development at Tech and the advisor for Pagan Student Union.

This year, the national event, Brocklehurst said, will feature presentations covering topics from collegiate Paganism through Slavic Paganism. He encourages students of all religious backgrounds to attend and experience something new.

"The best way to learn about a religion or a belief system that is different than yours is to come and talk about it, and we'll give you an idea of what it's about," Brocklehurst said. "It's held every September throughout the nation."

Pagan Pride Day opens with a traditional ritual and will also include a noon ritual and a greenman march.

The rituals are very elaborate and interesting, said Brocklehurst. Vendors will sell candles, incense, potions and homemade items.

Also available for sale will be books, herbs, cloaks, pendulums, crystal balls and anything else "associated with occult supply," Mann said.

One unique item for sale is the "spell kits" Mann said the organization sold for a fundraiser last year. They consist of a candle, a piece of charcoal, an herb mixture and a written spell for things like prosperity, relaxation and happiness.

"We're not big scary witches with giant black cauldrons. We're actual people out in the community and we're helping. We're people with faith, as many people are."

SARAH MANN
TECH PAGAN STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT

Alcohol

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"Our office was already fully staffed with agents because we already covered 20 counties," he said. "So, I mean, we didn't have to hire anybody."

The number of permits being issued within Lubbock County has pretty much evened out, Williams said.

He said he believes the status quo will remain unchanged.

"That first day that we issued permits, I think we issued 94 and since then we've probably had another 15 to 20 overall come in," he said. "There may be a few smaller places pop up, you know, like mom-and-pop stuff. But as far as big chains go, I think we've got all that."

Williams pointed out many stores only sell beer and wine rather than liquor. This is because liquor stores have strict hours of operation.

"(Package store) hours of sale are strict, they can only be open from 10 in the morning to nine at night and closed on Sunday," he said. "That's why you don't see like Wal-Mart, United, Krogers, Albertsons, stores like that selling liquor because they wouldn't be able to operate at all on the hours that you couldn't sell liquor because you can't have that permit and be open at any other time."

While the city was voting on the alcohol issue a year ago, many groups protested the new law in an attempt to keep Lubbock dry, Williams said.

"When Lubbock initially had the

election, we had the big, county-wide almost, protest that we had," he said. "Since that, one or two particular locations protested, but for the most part nothing, nothing at all."

A concern for many protestors was the accessibility of alcohol, especially to minors.

There have been six more cases for sale to minor than the year before Lubbock was wet, Williams said. Much of this is due in part to the educational classes offered to the retailers to teach them what to look for.

"One thing is when Lubbock went wet is (the retailers) were prepared for when a kid came in or when a drunk came in or when somebody gave them what they thought was a fake ID," Williams said, "because that is part of the class we teach — we teach them what to look for."

If TABC catches retailers selling to minors, the retailers can face criminal charges and up to a year in jail, he said.

"They are looking at a severe penalty of anywhere from about \$2,400 up to about \$3,600 for the first offense, or we can shut them down for that amount of time for about eight to 12 days," Williams said. "Depending on how many times they are caught selling to minors, I mean, they can lose their permit if they get caught too many times."

Pedro Cerda, a student planning to attend medical school from Plainview, said he hasn't seen a negative impact since Lubbock became wet one year ago.

"I think the fact that people can drive to a convenience store and purchase their alcohol kind of helps them stay at home where they need to be and not out driving around," Cerda said.

He said his hometown of Plainview became wet a year before Lubbock did.

He said the prison there was built due to the number of drunken drivers in the area, and they were running out of space to put violators, Cerda said.

"Now with alcohol sales there, really, I mean, it's a quite town," he said. "People used to have to come and drive to Lubbock and then go back to Plainview and most of the time they wouldn't wait so they would drink on the road and that was a big problem."

Joshua Gorham, a junior business administration major from Vernon, said he thought the sale of alcohol in Lubbock has both its positives and negatives.

"I kind of have conflicting opinions about it because it's good in some ways, and one of those ways being people aren't driving distances drinking and coming back into town driving long distances," Gorham said. "So they're saving their life and they're saving others."

People are willing to take a risk, whether it is going back and getting another drink very accessible or if the store was further away causing them to think about waiting until the next day, he said.

Another issue Gorham had with alcohol sales was the accessibility of alcohol for minors.

"When so many stores are doing

it in town, you are more likely to find a place that isn't going to be as professional about it, especially in convenience stores, I believe," he said. "I think those places out in the strip and over here in Wolfthor, I think they were the store to go to, so people were very serious that worked there about carding everyone."

Gorham also sees advantages for minors with the sale of alcohol within the city limits.

He said seeing alcohol in stores will make children curious about alcohol.

"I think that is a good opportunity to educate your kids," Gorham said. "If they never see it, then you may never think to bring it up."

Cerda said, in the end, things have become much more convenient for everyone.

"I think it is very convenient, I mean, me personally, I go by a grocery store, I mean I really don't go to the liquor store or anything like that — I'm not really a big drinker so if I'm out buying groceries, if I happen to want a beer, well, it's right there, it's just the best of both worlds."

Multiple calls to Tech and Lubbock police for comment on this story were not returned as of press time.

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Tech volleyball continues Big 12 play against A&M

By JOSH KOCH
STAFF WRITER

Every program, probably more so when losing, experiences some growing pains.

That's what the Texas Tech volleyball team and head coach Trish Knight are going through right now.

The Red Raiders (2-10, 0-3 in Big 12 Conference play) fell to Oklahoma (10-3, 2-0) Wednesday night in Norman, Okla., in front of a crowd of more than 1,000 fans, 3-1.

But Tech coach Knight said the loss provided some positives.

"Well, I just think we played well," Knight said. "We found a lineup that we can do some variations on and still make it work, and put some kids in if somebody's struggling."

But the Red Raiders had to kick things back into gear upon arriving in Lubbock today to begin preparing for Texas A&M Saturday.

Tech faces the Aggies (7-5, 1-1) at Reed Arena Saturday at 6:30 p.m. This will be the first game the Aggies have played in a week.

That last outing for A&M was against Kansas Sept. 18, a game the Aggies lost 3-2.

This loss may have been a disheartening one for the Aggies, considering they beat No. 12 Texas in College Station, 3-0, just days before.

The loss to Kansas also snapped a four-match winning streak that A&M was riding into that game.

The Red Raiders, even though they haven't won a Big 12 match in their last 62 attempts, did take a step forward in losing to Oklahoma.

Tech recorded its first set vic-

tory of Big 12 play this season against the Sooners, which serves as a sign of improvement for what is a relatively young team.

Nonetheless, Tech continues its struggles away from the United Spirit Arena.

Justine Young, an outside hitter and middle blocker who had a season-high nine kills

"It's gonna be a fun game for everybody...playing at A&M in that atmosphere, it's a lot of fun."

AMANDA DOWDY
MIDDLE BLOCKER
OUTSIDE HITTER
TECH VOLLEYBALL

and eight blocks in Tech's loss to OU, said the team took a lot from losing to the Sooners, but the biggest thing is that they have to take the stuff from practice and put it on the floor in the matches.

"Well, our focus is, like I said, eliminating our mistakes,"

Young said. "Just being positive, and just putting all of our work out on the floor. Just giving it our best, working together and having fun."

The Red Raiders have been inching closer and closer to that elusive Big 12 win during the past weeks with the close losses, along with that third set win against the Sooners.

But outside hitter and middle blocker Amanda Dowdy — who posted her sixth double-double of her career against Oklahoma — said it's not just another Big 12 match; it's against A&M, which makes it special because of the rivalry between the two schools.

"It's gonna be a fun game for everybody," Dowdy said. "I mean, playing at A&M in that atmosphere, it's a lot of fun. I think we have a lot of positivity coming off of Oklahoma, and we just take that and go with it. I mean, we're taking baby steps, but we're getting there."

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Tech tennis teams on road this weekend

By EVAN JANS
STAFF WRITER

While the Texas Tech football team enjoys a week off, both tennis teams will keep their noses to the grindstone this weekend.

The teams will look to build on their performances at their first tournament last week, when both teams competed at the Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational in Midland.

The Lady Raiders begin play today in Big 12 Conference territory, at the Oklahoma Invitational in Norman, Okla. This will be the first time Tech has played in the 11-team tournament on the University of Oklahoma campus.

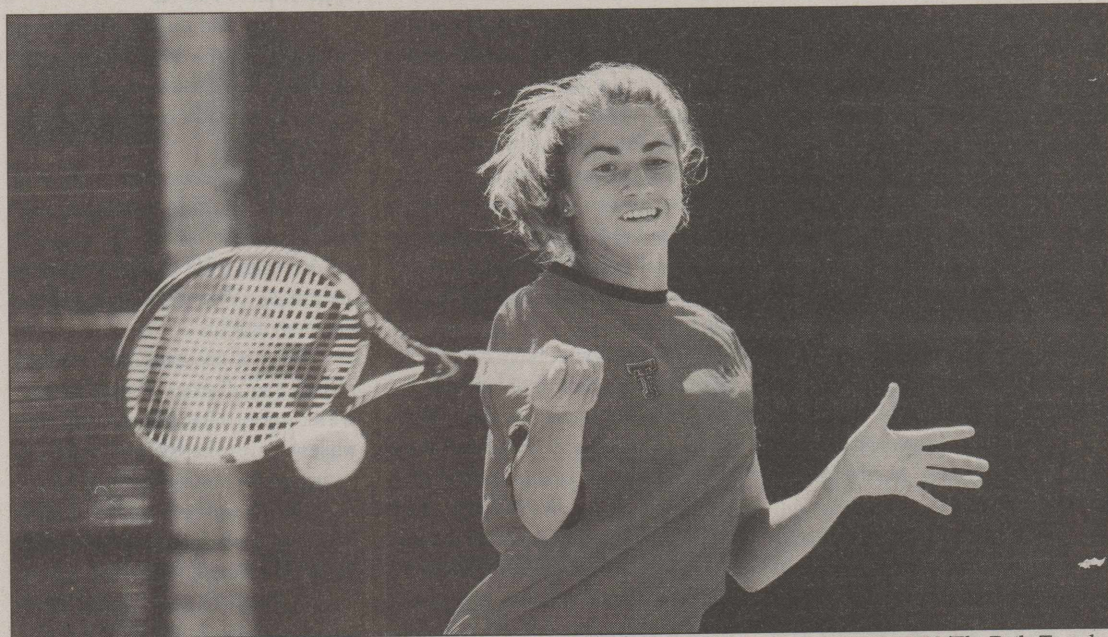
Head coach Todd Petty said seven of the teams in this field made the NCAA Tournament last year.

"There's no question that the competition is going to be at the elite level," Petty said. "It's something that we're looking forward to."

Senior captain Kelsey Garland, along with Samantha Adams, Elizabeth Ullathorne and Nikki Sanders, will be competing for the Lady Raiders in the tournament. This will be the first action for all of them this fall.

Garland and Adams will be paired in doubles, with Ullathorne and Sanders comprising the other team. All four athletes will compete in the singles bracket as well.

Petty said he hopes his team will perform better in the doubles bracket this weekend than last weekend. Caroline Starck



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KELSEY GARLAND, SHOWN at a practice earlier this season, the Lady Raider tennis team are headed to Oklahoma to take on a strong field in the Oklahoma Invitational.

and Haley Fornier were defeated 8-2 by conference foe Nebraska at the Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational.

Petty also said his team has benefited from the extra week of practice—especially on the doubles side.

"It takes time for that kind of thing to gel," Petty said. "The more you're on the court with it, the better it's going to get."

The pairing of Garland and Adams will look to perform well this weekend before heading to California Thursday to compete in the Riviera All-American in Pacific Palisades, Calif. The duo was selected to participate in the tournament by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Petty said the single-elimina-

tion tournament begins Oct. 2 and is comprised of the top 200 players in the country.

"It's a great thing to get invited," Petty said. "It's a springboard to the NCAA Tournament in the spring because it gives you time to get your foot in the door and get big wins."

The tournament will also give Garland and Adams the

chance to garner some national attention.

"This gives them the opportunity to get a ranking and start moving forward," Petty said. "It's so hard to get in the rankings, but once you're there, it's a great chance to move up and down."

The Red Raiders also begin

play today at the Baylor HEB Intercollegiate Invitational in Waco. They will look to follow up a solid performance last week in Midland by sending Raony Carvalho, Rafael Garcia, Vitor Manzini and Gonzalo Escobar to Waco Friday.

Men's head coach Tim Seigel was not available for comment.

The field for the men's side consists of 16 schools, with seven individuals in play who ranked in the ITA national pre-season polls, five of whom are ranked in the top 30.

Carvalho and Manzini will be paired against Maryland's duo of John Collins and Jesse Kiuru. Carvalho faces Maryland's Sergio Wyss in singles action Friday while Manzini deals with Baylor's John Peers.

Escobar and Garcia play against Texas A&M's Daniel Brown and John Lewis on opening day. Escobar will match up with Idaho's Marius Cirstea, and Garcia is paired against Oklahoma State's Ilija Martinoski on Friday as well.

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By Kelsey Blakley

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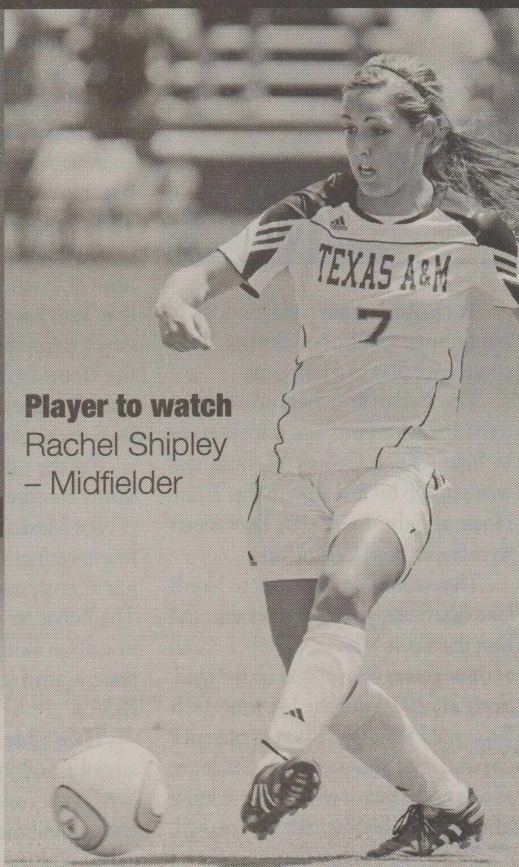
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Big 12 Losses Up

By Tommy Magelssen

Texas A&MAggies

The Aggies (7-2) are coming off a successful nonconference schedule, only losing to No. 1 North Carolina and No. 3 Portland. A&M advanced to the Elite-8 in last year's NCAA tournament, and are poised for another deep run.



Player to watch
Rachel Shipley
— Midfielder

By the numbers

6

A&M's current ranking, the highest for any Big 12 team

Oklahoma St. Cowgirls

The Cowgirls (7-1-1) ended last year on an eight-game winning streak, catapulting them into the NCAA tournament. The reigning Big 12 tournament champs' only loss came to Portland on a last-second goal. OSU's best win this season came against No. 25 Memphis, a 2-1 victory.

Player to watch
Krista Lopez
— Forward

By the numbers

12

Of the Cowgirls' 20 goals this season, 12 are unassisted

Nebraska Cornhuskers

The bug eaters can make a huge step toward a Big 12 title this weekend as they host Texas and Texas A&M. Nebraska (7-2) already has given up 11 goals this season and has just three shutout victories. 2009 Big 12 Player of the Year Morgan Marlborough leads the Big 12 with 17 points.

By the numbers

21

Number of goals Marlborough scored last year — the sophomore has 7 this year



Player to watch
Morgan Marlborough
— Forward

Missouri Tigers

Last year's Big 12 regular season winner, the Tigers (2-4-2) have started the season with the Big 12's worst record. However, the Tigers have played one of the conference's toughest schedules to date, playing against three ranked ACC teams.

By the numbers

10

Mizzou leads the Big 12 with 10 yellow cards and 117 fouls

Player to watch
Alysha Bonnick
— Forward

Texas Tech Red Raiders

The young Red Raiders (7-2) return a solid core of sophomores leading the young Lubbock team. All seven of Tech's wins have come in shutout victories. However, Tech is winless when allowing a goal.

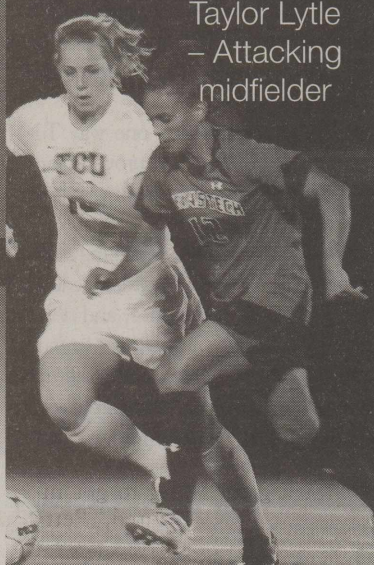
Player to watch

Taylor Lytle
— Attacking
midfielder

By the numbers

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Number of Big 12 road victories the Red Raiders logged last year



Texas Longhorns

A dark horse pick to win the conference crown, Texas (6-1-1) already has a win against Top-10 BYU. However, the Longhorns showed their inexperience in a 4-0 loss to No. 11 Virginia. The Longhorns do not have a clear offensive threat, but spread the ball across the field.

By the numbers

10

Number of different Longhorns who have scored this year

Player to watch
Erica Campanelli
— Defender

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Baylor Bears

By the numbers

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Goals BU scored against McNeese St., Houston Baptist and Prairie View A&M

A surprising Bears team (7-1-1) holds a plus-28 goal differential coming into Big 12 play. Baylor has scored 31 goals this year, fourth in the nation. However, the Bears have played one of the weakest schedules this year with their best win coming in a 1-0 victory against Houston.

Player to watch
Lucy Quintana
— Defender

By the numbers

10

Mizzou leads the Big 12 with 10 yellow cards and 117 fouls

Oklahoma Sooners

The Sooners (4-3-1) need to open conference play with a bang in order to prevent another losing season. They open up against a Red Raider team winless in Norman, Okla., since 1999.

By the numbers

2

Number of Big 12 wins last year for OU

Player to watch
Whitney Palmer
— Forward

By the numbers

56

Number of saves collected by Cyclone keepers, tops in the Big 12

Perennial bottom dwellers of the Big 12, the Cyclones (5-2-2) have finished above .500 once the last decade. This season appears to be headed toward the cellar of the conference, but Iowa State's five wins are just two shy of its total from last season.

Player to watch
Maddie Jobe
— Goalkeeper

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SPORTS

Red Raiders on road to play OU, No. 12 OSU this weekend

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**
STAFF WRITER

The Big 12 Conference preseason poll may have predicted Texas Tech soccer to finish sixth in the conference, but co-captain Casey McCall has her sights set a bit higher.

"You know what, I think top three," the defender said. "I think it's good for us to be picked No. 6 because it gives us motivation, and we know we're so much better than that. I think we're really going to accomplish a lot and prove people wrong."

Tech (7-2) opens its Big 12 schedule today against Oklahoma (4-3-1) at 7 p.m. at John Crain Field in Norman, Okla. The Red Raiders also play at No. 12 Oklahoma State (6-1-1) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Last year, the Red Raiders opened conference play on a tear, going undefeated in their first four games. However, a mid-season free-fall saw the Red Raiders go winless in their final six conference games.

In order to maintain a high level of play, midfielder Tiffini Smith said, the players compete hard at every practice.

"I think, definitely in practice,

we're starting to push each other a lot more so that it will come into the games," Smith said. "We don't let anyone slack and we're just really fit."

Additionally, Smith said, the team finds success playing their style of soccer and not conforming to those of other teams. This weekend, both the Sooners and Cowgirls will likely utilize a 4-3-3 formation.

Last weekend, Tech lost to Alabama, a team also employing the 4-3-3. But Tech was without starters Whitney Sharpe and Taylor Lytle, who are both expected to play this weekend.

Smith said the Red Raider backline shouldn't have too many problems with three forwards.

"I think our defenders are

really good and are well equipped to handle any forward that we face," she said. "Even when we played the No. 3 team in the country (Notre Dame), we handled them like nothing. I think they'll be fine, and we just have to make sure we are organized and adjusting well to help them out, too."

Leading the Sooners offensively is forward Whitney Palmer. McCall said she is one of the top forwards in the conference, but the senior defender will be ready for her.

"We're going to be stubborn, we're going to be resolute and we're going to be a pain in the butt to play against."

TOM STONE
SOCCER COACH
TEXAS TECH



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
FRESHMAN MALLORY YACULLO runs past a North Texas defender Sept. 10 at the John Walker Soccer Complex. The Red Raiders begin Big 12 Conference play Friday at Oklahoma.

Palmer leads the Oklahoma attack with three goals this season. However, the rest of her Sooner comrades have a combined six goals to pace one of the worst scoring offenses in the Big 12.

Oklahoma State, however, has the third-best offense in the conference in terms of goals scored, and is tied for second-best goal differential.

Even though the Cowgirls may look like a better team than the Sooners, Tech coach Tom Stone said the Big 12 is the toughest conference in the nation.

"Top to bottom, I think it's the toughest schedule of any conference," Stone said. "I think the ACC and the Pac-10 have the elite teams at the very top.... but top to bottom, those conferences don't have what we have."

"There is not an easy game in the Big 12 — every game is a rivalry game."

Stone said his team is by no means content with its projected sixth-place finish. The Red Raiders are going to compete in every game, and they have an opportunity to win each one — something that couldn't be said about the team three or four years ago, he said.

"We're going to be stubborn, we're going to be resolute and we're going to be a pain in the butt to play against," he said. "You know, the Big 12 is where it all happens. 7-2 is a great start — if we went 7-2 again, it would be a great season."

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Texas Tech should keep TCU on 2011 schedule

Jon
Arnold



Texas Tech hasn't played a BCS conference opponent during non-conference play in a long time.

The last time it happened, quarterback Taylor Potts was a sophomore in high school, George W. Bush was wrapping up his first term in the White House and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were Super Bowl Champions.

That year, 2003, Tech lost to North Carolina State, an ACC opponent, and beat the SEC's Mississippi Rebels. Both of those games were played on the road. Sept. 21, 2002, was the last time Tech fans could see a BCS non-conference opponent at Jones AT&T Stadium, except at the time it was known as Jones SBC Stadium because SBC still existed.

Since then, under the direction of Mike Leach, Tech scheduled cream puff after cream puff in non-conference play. There have been rumors of first-year coach Tommy Tuberville looking to schedule some major opposition, but since college football scheduling is done years in advance, it will at least be a couple of years until we see any of this come to fruition.

There is, however, one way Tuberville and his staff can prove to fans they're serious about scheduling at least one serious game a year.

Tech has a bit of a scheduling problem for 2011. As mentioned, schedules are done years in advance, and don't take into account things like conference realignment. So when the Big 12 drops two teams next season and goes to a round-robin scheduling format, Tech will have too many games.

Currently, the 2011 schedule con-

sists of a trip to Fort Worth to play TCU and home contests against Texas State, New Mexico and Nevada.

It might seem easy to axe the TCU contest. After all, the Frogs were supposed to come to Lubbock but dropped Tech from their slate.

But the TCU Horned Frogs, while not a BCS school, are big boys. Big boys that Tech has played in the past but has never seen riding this high. Currently, the Horned Frogs are ranked No. 4 in the AP poll and are on pace to bust the BCS once again.

On the other hand, Tech fans are slowly but surely learning the members of New Mexico's team, as the second of four meetings between the two teams just recently transpired in Albuquerque. The Lobos are one of the worst teams in college football as of late and don't present anything of value for the Red Raiders.

Texas State, while currently an FCS school, is pushing for membership in the WAC, and Tech would be kind to honor their commitment with the Bobcats and aid in pushing another Texas college into the FBS ranks.

It doesn't make too much sense to give Nevada the boot, and I say there's merit in the Texas State game, so Tech is left to choose. Play TCU or play New Mexico. The AP Top 5 team or the doormat. The purple pill or the red pill.

Pick the purple pill, Tommy.

Tech hasn't played a good team out of conference in a long time. The risk is much higher playing good teams, but the reward is much greater as well. Fans love top matchups as well, and if you win or even perform well, you do more for your reputation than if you stomp New Mexico.

It's about time Tech scheduled some good teams. Here's a prime opportunity to take the initiative and show fans you're serious about playing better non-conference opponents in the future.

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Red Raider baseball begins fall practices

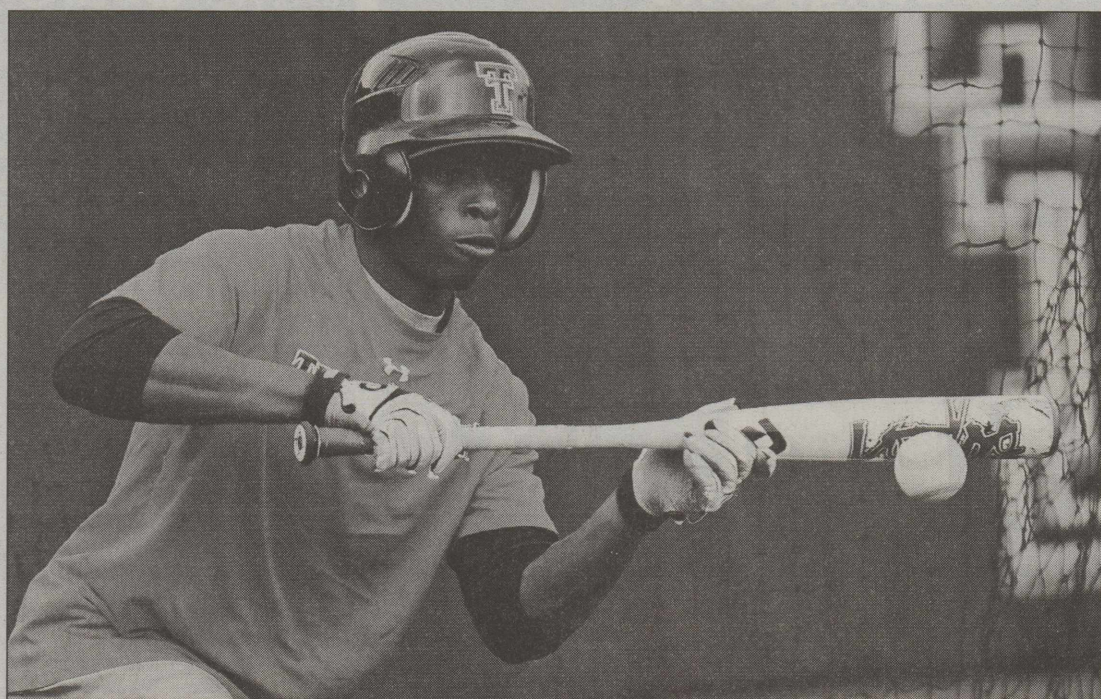


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JAMODRICK MCGRUDER BUNTS the ball during practice Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech baseball season is still months away, but Red Raider fans can see the team in action soon enough.

The 2010 Tech baseball team started fall workouts Monday that will continue through the Red and Black intrasquad series scheduled from Oct. 25 to Oct. 29.

"Basically, what we like to get out of the fall is who is going to play where," head coach Dan Spencer said. "Knowing that things can change during the first six weeks of the spring when you're getting ready to go, but we just like to get a base plan of what we would do today if we were getting ready for a three-game series."

Spencer also said he hopes to find five or six pitchers that can be considered for the starting rotation, and get every batter at least 75 at-bat opportunities during fall practice sessions.

Spencer said he can keep 37 or 38 players through the fall and then will make more personnel decisions as the season draws nearer. Spencer can have as many as 27 players on the travel roster and 35 on the team in total.

The Red Raiders started fall practice with 44 players Monday, a number that was cut down to 40 on the roster for Thursday's practice.

Junior and returning starting pitcher Ben Flora is one of the few players

who should have no problem making the 2011 roster, but he said he knows he can't afford to take any fall days off.

"You've just got to come out every day and do your best," Flora said. "Even though you're playing our guys, you've still got to compete at the same level you would on a Friday night, Saturday night or whatever. I think it's good, you've just got to come out here and do your best; there's no pressure into it, but that doesn't mean you can take days off."

For other players, like returning fresh-

man All-American Barrett Barnes, fall practice is the final phase of a baseball season that started in February when the Red Raiders played their first game.

After Tech's 2010 season ended in the Big 12 Conference Tournament, Barnes, who will be a sophomore this season, spent his summer playing in

the elite Cape Cod Baseball League for collegiate players.

"I went up to Cape Cod up in Massachusetts," Barnes said. "I had a good time up there; it's a real tough league, real competitive and a good learning experience for me."

"It's good to keep playing. You should never stop playing. You've got to keep playing or you'll lose your rhythm and stuff like that."

Flora also said he believes fall ball is a great opportunity for the baseball program's younger players to become accustomed to collegiate baseball.

"I know for me at least it was kind of a culture shock," Flora said. "I think it's good. I think everyone's having fun and getting developed for this next season."

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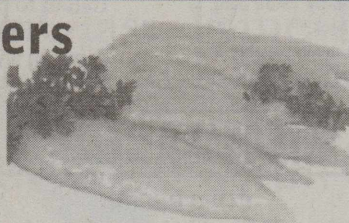
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