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Vanstory death ruled suicide according to autopsy report

Student's alcohol level almost twice the state's legal limit

By IOANNA MAKRIS
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office has ruled Texas Tech student Mason Vanstory's death a suicide.

However, the autopsy report, not

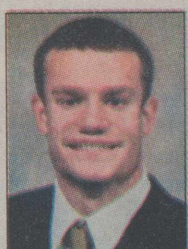
released until more than four months after the autopsy was conducted, does not cite any reason for its conclusion of suicide.

The manner of death is listed as multiple blunt force injuries due to a fall from height.

The Lubbock Medical Examiner's

office did not return phone calls from *The Daily Treador* prior to publication.

The Lubbock Police Department has not made its findings available and would not return phone calls prior to publication.



MASON VANSTORY

Vanstory was a 19-year-old student from Dallas in the College of Mass Communications and was an active member of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. His father and stepmother were in Lubbock for Tech's Family Weekend on Sept. 25, 2011, the date of his death.

Vanstory fell to his death from Raider Park parking garage, located at 2522 Marsha Sharp Freeway.

The autopsy was conducted Sept. 27, 2011. *The Daily Treador* did not

receive the report until Monday.

The report stated Vanstory had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.144 percent. In Texas, 0.08 percent blood alcohol concentration is the legal limit.

According to Mother's Against Drunk Driving, at a BAC of 0.15 percent, the individual will have a major loss of balance, far less muscle control than normal and vomiting may occur.

Vanstory being intoxicated as a minor indicates he obtained

alcohol illegally.

Courtney Phifer, Vanstory's roommate and friend, said Vanstory had told her he was headed to Rowdy Raider, a former bar near Texas Tech, the night he died, but she is not sure if he made it to the club.

"I feel like they ruled it as suicide because they did not have any other way of concluding it," Phifer said.

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Texas Tech students robbed at gunpoint

Special task force examining crime on, off campus

By IOANNA MAKRIS
STAFF WRITER

Two Texas Tech students were robbed at gunpoint Jan. 28 by two men wearing ski masks in the 1700 block of Avenue S.

Police have not located the two suspects.

"One of the men pulled the gun out immediately and pointed it at my friend and said 'Drop your wallets and cell phones, turn around and walk away,'" said Nathan Duck, a postgraduate Tech student. "I was thinking about all the self-defense you see on YouTube, but it all flies out of the window when you have a gun in your face."

Duck said the other robber yelled, "Do it, do it now!" Duck said it all happened so fast, he did not have time to think about his actions.

Lubbock police were contacted after Duck and his friends

fled the crime scene. No one was shot or injured.

"The police were helpful," Duck said. "They asked routine questions, but you get the feeling that not much can be done."

The police told Duck similar incidents have happened in the past, and his case was not original. Duck said when speaking with the police officers, they did not seem hopeful about finding the suspects.

This crime will not be reported in Tech's federally mandated Jeanne Clery Act report because it occurred off campus, thus many Tech students will be unaware the suspects have not been apprehended.

On Jan. 31, officials within the university and a representative from the Lubbock Police Department met for the first time to discuss how to keep Tech students safe off campus.

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Batwoman



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/*The Daily Treador*

KENDRA PHELPS IS a doctoral student studying bat conservation in the Philippines. Phelps plans to return to the Philippines in the summer.

Doctorate student studies bats extensively in Philippines

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

She said she has heard them referred to as Satan — and of course — as being associated with the worst kind of vampire, but Kendra Phelps has never been the least bit afraid.

In fact, the Texas Tech doctoral candidate from the small town of Lineville, Iowa, said she loves bats, caves and anything associated with them.

Phelps works with cave bats around the world, spending months

abroad for research on conservations and the human/wildlife interaction of the shrinking bat populations.

As an undergraduate at Auburn, Phelps went to Kenya with an adviser in 2007 and fell in love with working in the field.

"I was always really excited about going out and catching things, seeing things up close," she said. "I've always liked the research aspect of it."

Phelps said she encourages anyone who was interested in fieldwork to get involved. She said most researchers and graduate students at

Tech could use an extra hand.

"Whatever a student's interest is, there is something," she said. "This whole (biology) building is filled with graduate students doing any kind of work you can think of."

Since her trips to Kenya, Phelps said she has worked with rodents, black bears and bats.

She is most often in the Philippines, where she said 40 percent of the country's mammals are bats, yet the local population has almost no clue about the need for conservation.

Phelps recently returned from a trip, and will go back to the Philippines in May for about 8 months.

Her trips usually last long enough for her to adjust to the lifestyle there, which she said is much less stressful than life in the U.S.

"The Philippines is 7,000 islands, so you're always close to the beach," she said. "It's warm year round. On the island I work on, it's about 82 degrees (Fahrenheit) every day...It's very pleasant."

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Shortstop battle, Sports



Three freshman look to secure the starting shortstop job for Texas Tech baseball this season. Sports, Page 8

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace: A Symposium on Africa

Time: Noon
Where: Holden Hall, Room 129
So, what is it?
Enjoy a lecture led by Douglas Johnson, titled "The Context of South Sudan's Independence: Ending One War and Starting Another?"

Safer Internet Day

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building
So, what is it?
According to a 2010 Javelin Strategy and Research survey, the number one target for identity theft is people ages 18-24. Go by the TTU ID Office in the SUB to pick up information on how you can protect your identity.

Tech Activities Board: Bongo Ball

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Indoor Soccer Field
So, what is it?
Enjoy a game that combines American Gladiator, laser tag and paintball all into one and plays much like capture the flag.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
OLLI presents "HGTV House Hunters" as they take viewers behind the scenes with potential buyers. Learn what to look for in a house and decide whether or not a house is meant for them.

Center for Undergraduate Research Information Session

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Texas Tech Library
So, what is it?
Attend this information session to find out more about undergraduate research.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
OLLI presents "Literary Journalism," led by associate professor of journalism, Kevin Stoker, in which class participants will begin by reading stories by past and present literary journalists

and learn the principles of immersive narrative journalism.

WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp Job Fair

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Ballroom
So, what is it?
Attend this job fair to learn more about summer job opportunities.

Conditions for War, Conditions for Peace: A Symposium on Africa

Time: Noon
Where: Holden Hall, Room 129
So, what is it?
Enjoy a lecture led by Ahmed Samatar titled, "Journey to Mogadishu: Reflections on the Somali Catastrophe."

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center
So, what is it?
OLLI presents "Master Touch Gardening Series-Living High and Dry and Surviving." Charlotte Davidson will give advice on how growing plants on the Llano Estacado, and a list of water wise flowers, trees, shrubs and vines.

Training Sessions for Undergraduates

Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Soapsuds Room
So, what is it?
Learn tips, formatting, structure and how to create a scholarly research paper for the sciences.

SDS Student Success Seminar: Foundations of Study Skills

Time: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: West Hall
So, what is it?
Learn how to study smarter, as well as discuss the science behind studying more efficiently.

To make a calendar submission email 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.

RAISING THE BAR



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS LAY rebar while working on the new residence hall and dining facility on the corner of Boston and 18th Street on Monday.

Vanstory

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Phifer said Vanstory was not showing any signs of suicide, and she had never known him to get belligerently drunk. She said the police have told her no foul play occurred the night of his death.

"We told each other everything," Phifer said in an interview conducted in September. "We were very open and trusting with each other. We would know if something was wrong, if there was someone he was having troubles with."

In an interview conducted in September, Colleen Vanstory, Mason Vanstory's stepmother, said Mason Vanstory was a very happy person and

was even discussing having a double major the week-end his family was in town.

Phifer said her fondest memory of Mason Vanstory was his "goofy" smile and how laid back he was.

The chancellor's office was contacted for comment. Chancellor Kent Hance is an alumnus of Delta Tau Delta.

Robert Giovannetti, associate vice chancellor of communications and marketing, returned a phone call and left a voicemail message stating:

"We would know if something was wrong, if there was someone he was having troubles with."

COURTNEY PHIFER
ROOMMATE AND FRIEND OF MASON VANSTORY

I just think this is five months after

the fact, and again I am surprised you guys are doing a story on a suicide."

Kelly Kaufhold, assistant professor of journalism at Tech, said he is on the fence about reporting on a suicide, but noted Mason Vanstory's death is a high profile case that was reported on across the state and the autopsy report is the first new piece of evidence in the last five months.

Brian Roberts, a fraternity brother of Mason Vanstory's, said the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Mason Vanstory Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech Foundation, Box 41081, Lubbock, TX 79409.

"All contributions are greatly appreciated and will go back to Texas Tech students in need," Roberts said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Non-student views pornography in library

Friday
7:09 a.m. — A Texas Tech officer documented a medical emergency in Stangel Residence Hall. A student was suffering from back pain. The student was transported to the Covenant Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.
11:39 a.m. — A Tech officer documented information in reference to a domestic disturbance at the Physicians Medical Pavilion. A non-student male and non-student female had a verbal dispute.
12:07 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency in the Mechanical Engineering building. A student had a seizure. The student was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

2:29 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated a theft in Murray Residence Hall. U.S. currency was taken from a package.
8:40 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated graffiti on the east stairwell between the fifth and sixth floors of

Weymouth Residence Hall.

Saturday
12:05 a.m. — A Tech officer detained a student for possession of alcohol by a minor in Murdough Residence Hall. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.
12:54 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a non-student for public intoxication in the law school. The non-student was issued a Lubbock County Sheriff's Department outstanding warrant and was criminally trespassed from Tech property. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:19 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a non-student in the CI parking lot for driving while intoxicated. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail. The vehicle was impounded by Lubbock Wrecker Service.
1:05 p.m. — A Tech officer issued a non-student a Lubbock County citation for obscene display or distribution on the first floor of the Texas Tech Library. The non-student was viewing pornographic

material on a university computer. The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning for all Tech property and released.

3:41 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency, which occurred at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. A student dislocated his knee and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.
10:29 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief, which occurred at Weymouth Residence Hall. A handle to an entrance door was damaged.

Sunday
12:09 a.m. — A Tech officer released a student pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by minor in Chitwood Residence Hall.

12:48 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated a false alarm or report in Bledsoe Residence Hall. The fire alarm in the dining hall had been activated.

1:49 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated graffiti in the east stairwell from the third floor to the fifth floor of Weymouth Residence Hall.

4:40 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated an accident, without injuries, upon striking a highway fixture, at the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and 5th Street. An unknown vehicle struck and damaged a pedestrian crossing light.
1:58 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency in the Wiggins Dining Hall. A student fainted and was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

7:33 p.m. — A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at the Student Union Building. A non-student fell and injured his hip. The non-student was transported to the University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

Information provided by B.J. Watson of the Texas Tech Police Department.

US judge says he cannot block Texas sonogram law

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge in Austin said Monday that he couldn't block a Texas law requiring women to have a sonogram before having an abortion any longer because an appeals court had ordered it to take effect.

District Judge Sam Sparks earlier ruled parts of the law unconstitutional, but his latest ruling said he's bound to follow the direction of the New Orleans-based appeals court, which said last month it believed the law to be constitutional.

The New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights said it will continue to pursue appeals to block the law requiring doctors to show women images from sonograms, play fetal heartbeats aloud and describe the features of fetuses at least 24 hours before abortions.

There are exceptions in cases of rape, incest, fetal deformity and for women who travel great distances to a doctor.

Supporters argue the law ensures women will fully understand

what abortion entails and will lead to fewer abortions. About 81,000 abortions are performed every year in Texas.

But a group of doctors who joined the Center for Reproductive Rights to sue the state argue the law infringes on their First Amendment rights and is unconstitutionally vague regarding enforcement. The doctors claim the law requires them to perform a procedure that is not medically necessary and that women may not want to have done.

Sparks upheld the sonogram requirement last year but struck down the provisions requiring doctors to describe the images. He also struck down a requirement that victims of sexual assault or incest sign statements attesting to that fact, writing that the state was trying to "permanently brand" those women.

But a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Sparks and used its opinion to direct Sparks how to rule in the future.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Bruce Venzke and Gail Grabowski

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ACROSS

- Hook or Cook: Abbr.
- For the calorie-conscious
- Purse handle
- Fairy tale baddie
- Ugandan baddie
- Remove pencil marks
- Completely destroy
- Ricki-Tiki-Tavi: Kipling critter
- Carlo: Grand Prix setting
- Reason consumers purchase certain brands
- Ankle artwork, briefly
- Fathers and grandfathers
- Bks.-to-be
- Bumbling beginner
- Historic WWII bomber
- Threat punctuator
- Timber wolf
- Mill. detainee who may reveal only the starts of the answers to starred clues
- Paper purchase
- Poll findings
- Island state of Australia
- "Hookups for computer peripherals
- Dadalist Jean
- Wish undone
- Opposite of "neat"
- Financial analysts
- Inventor Howe
- Winslet of "Titanic"
- "The rest ___ to you"
- Insurance giant
- "Did You ___ See a Dream Walking?"
- Int'l alliance
- "Our Gang" dog
- Ph.D. hurdle
- Remove from power

DOWN

- Ear on your plate
- Isis surrounder
- Stiffly neat
- Religious belief
- Infielder's untimely move
- 1998 Apple debut
- DVR pioneer
- Tough nut to crack
- Advanced study group
- Relaxed pace
- Hindu princess
- Regarding
- Rounded end of a hammer
- Uncommon, avish
- Much sought-after clownfish of film
- Gals all goopy
- Nocturnal noise
- Clearheaded
- Brit.: lie-down :: Yank. ___
- Former Japanese capital
- Trillion: Pref.
- Kagan of the Supreme Court
- TWA competitor
- Plot a new route

Monday's Puzzle Solved

CRTS	OAFS	APPL
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Cafe J

THIS WEEK'S DINNER SPECIAL

Parchment Baked Sea Bass with Provincial Vegetables in a Garlic and Olive Oil Infusion served on a Bed of House-Made Fettucini, Topped with Caramelized Lemons.

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SGA launches S-Bus, acknowledges problems

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association began its trial run of the S-Bus this weekend, transporting Texas Tech students to and from bars in Lubbock's depot district.

More than 60 students rode on the S-Bus, a division of SafeRide, since its launch Thursday, a number that shows the potential success of the program, said SGA President Tyler Patton.

Kassidy Jones, a sophomore psychology major from San Angelo, said she waited for the university to develop a system like the S-Bus since she started school.

"As soon as I heard about the S-Bus," she said, "I was like, 'that's it, we are riding it this Thursday,'" she said.

Though the number of riders pointed to success, there were several issues that arose during the weekend that have some SGA executive officers concerned.

Multiple students carried alcoholic beverages onto the bus, an act, Patton said, that would not be tolerated.

"We are not tolerating drinking," he said. "That is not at all something that we do. It is against the liability."

Val Cochran, the Citibus director of sales and marketing, said it is currently the bus driver's responsibility to enforce the company's "no open container" policy.

"Only the front doors will be open in the future, so the driver can monitor what is being brought

on the bus," she said. "If a student hides open containers and the driver sees it, the passenger will be asked to pour it out. And if they refuse, a supervisor will be called out to the scene. We heard that some students did this last week. The drivers have all been instructed not to allow any open container, soft drink or otherwise — it is like this on our regular routes as well."

The bus driver is also within legal rights to bring in local authorities if there is a violation, Cochran said.

“We are not tolerating drinking. That is not at all something that we do. It is against liability.”

TYLER PATTON
SGA PRESIDENT

Another issue SGA officers are attempting to resolve is restricting the route to only Tech students.

In an interview last week, SGA External Vice President Mike Uryasz said the

service will only be available to Tech students.

"Each student, when they enroll at Texas Tech, pays a transportation fee which goes towards supporting our busing and SafeRide system," he said. "But as with any component of our SafeRide system, it is completely free at the time of use."

Citibus representatives have a different perspective.

"It is designated to cater to Tech students, but it is still a public route," Cochran said. "By federal law, we cannot refuse service to anyone."

Patton said this is a problem he is working to fix.

"They are Citibus drivers. The

directive for them is really not any different than how our on-campus bus system runs," he said. "We ask them to check the I.D.'s, but they are a public transportation company that we just contract out, so they have their own rules and regulations."

The SGA is investigating means to make the bus a more secure environment, Patton said.

"We are going to have to work with Citibus because they are really our first line of defense," he said. "But we have really been looking at developing an initiative out of student government because I'd like for this to be maybe a community responsibility. We are just now getting into working with office hours, and I'd like to see if we can do maybe a volunteer shift, so that student government members are actually riding this bus."

With this plan, members of the student senate, executive office and other committees would be responsible for riding the bus for a certain number of hours every weekend, to monitor and ensure safety is maintained.

In the case of confrontation, Cochran said authorities would be called immediately.

"If there is any form of confrontation on any Citibus, the protocol is to ask the persons involved to stop," she said. "If they do not, dispatch is called and the police are sent out immediately. Citibus has not had any problems in the past, and we don't anticipate any with the new S-Bus route."

Patton said the SGA plans to handle security issues on a case-by-case basis, but contracting a private security officer would be a last resort.

For now, SafeRide will continue to operate with one bus in the Overton Park Area, and a fleet of 17 cabs, he said.

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Gunpoint

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The special task force was created after *The Daily Toreador* published an article in August 2011 related to students being victims of crime off campus.

In 2009, approximately 1,600 students were victimized off campus, which is about 10 percent of the major crimes reported in Lubbock that year. These crimes were not included in Tech's federally mandated crime disclosure report, which only requires reporting of on-campus crimes.

In an interview conducted in August, Chancellor Kent Hance said he was unaware of the high crime rates until reading the original article.

Amy Murphy, the managing director of Center for Campus Life, has taken on the lead position of the task force.

A list of people assigned to the task force has been published on *The Daily Toreador's* website.

Murphy said all the representatives were appointed to the task force by the President's office, and the team is currently focused on identifying what is already being done to keep students safe.

The group will focus on ways to educate students about crime on and off campus and make them more aware of the resources already available to them.

Capt. Jon Caspell, the task force representative from the Lubbock Police Department, said the communication between Tech Police and Lubbock Police is already very strong.

He said the Lubbock community is notified by news releases of any crimes that might occur throughout the day, but Tech students are not specifically singled out.

Duck said he hopes the task force strengthens the communication between Lubbock Police and Tech Police. He said other students could be at risk of being held at gunpoint, and students need to know about the incidents.

Reed Young, a Student Government Association senator and a member of the task force, said

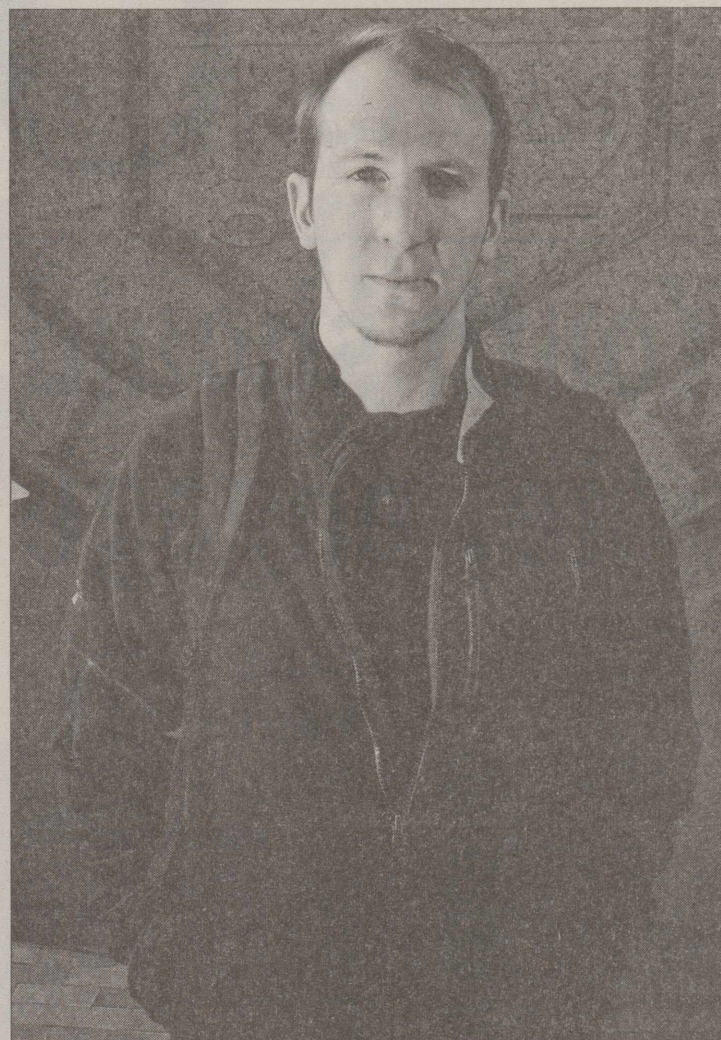


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/*The Daily Toreador*
NATHAN DUCK, A graduate working toward a nursing degree from Abilene, was robbed at gunpoint January 28 on the 1700 block of Avenue S.

Tech's IT division recommended creating an alert system, similar to the one already implemented for the Jeanne Clery Act, to notify students if a crime against a Tech student occurs off campus.

Young said he is hopeful the task force can devise a system to notify students of off-campus crime.

The task force will be meeting by the end of February to further discuss its options.

Last year *The Daily Toreador* published a map from compiled data consisting of off-campus crime information. The information was gathered from the names and dates of birth of all students who attended Tech in 2009. This information was cross-referenced with LPD's list of victimized residents.

The Daily Toreador has asked Tech to release the 2010 names and date of births of students for a

similar comparison. The university refused to release the information, citing federal education privacy laws, despite the fact *The Daily Toreador* did not violate any FERPA laws in its compilation of last year's data.

The Daily Toreador filed an open records request with the Lubbock Police Department asking for the names and dates of birth of victims for crimes that appear in the Clery Act, for 2010. The Lubbock Police Department only sent the offense report number and the type of crime that occurred.

When *The Daily Toreador* asked the police department why they were unable to release the information, the Lubbock Police Department said it was because of a new software system, which does not allow them to query for specific crimes.

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Filipino villagers may have helped kill terrorist

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Abu Sayyaf commander Umbra Jum-dail had deviated from the brutal image of his al-Qaida-linked militant group by playing doctor to poor Filipino villagers, whose backing he needed to stay safe from military troops. But those villagers may have been used by the military to finally track him down last week.

A U.S.-backed airstrike killed Jum-dail, his son and several militants while they slept in huts or hammocks Thursday near Parang town on southern Jolo island, dealing the latest blow to the Abu Sayyaf and depriving it of a key leader.

Surviving militants suspect that villagers secretly working for the military helped track down Jum-dail, said a Philippine military intelligence official who had been helping monitor the militants. The official said militants believe villagers pretending to seek medical treatment traveled to Jum-dail's hideout and left some kind of sensor that the military used to target his Abu Sayyaf lair.

The impact of the blasts destroyed huts and toppled trees, including a mango tree that pinned Jum-dail, said

the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

Jum-dail had harbored a top Southeast Asian terror suspect, Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as Marwan. Among the FBI's most-wanted terrorists, Marwan, a U.S.-educated engineer, had been crucial in helping turn mostly desperate peasant recruits into Abu Sayyaf bombers and training them to carry out deadly attacks.

The Philippine military announced that the long-hunted Marwan and his Singaporean ally Abdullah Ali, better known as Muawiyah, were killed in the air raid along with Jum-dail and other Filipino extremists. But two security officials said Sunday that new intelligence shows that Jum-dail was killed but that the two foreign terror suspects are still alive and were not in the Abu Sayyaf lair that was bombed.

The military continues to insist that Marwan and Muawiyah are dead and are searching for their remains. Not a single body was retrieved by police in the bombed hilly jungle lair near Lanao Dakulah village, fueling different versions of who was killed.

Philippine officials, nevertheless, hailed Jum-dail's death as the latest major blow to the Abu Sayyaf, which has carved its name in blood through bombings, kidnappings and beheadings. The extremist group is on Washington's list of terrorist organizations. The militants, currently estimated to number less than 400, have endured years of battle setbacks and the loss of key commanders.

"He had the charisma and was the real link used by foreign militants," military spokesman Col. Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos said of Jum-dail. "He was a big loss."

Jum-dail had taken a course related to medicine, enabling him to serve as a rebel medic who treated wounded comrades when he joined the Moro National Liberation Front, once the Philippines' largest Muslim separatist group.

He left the Moro group after it signed a 1996 peace pact with the government and eventually emerged as a commander of the violent Abu Sayyaf, which was organized by a Filipino militant after helping wage the anti-Soviet resistance in Afghanistan, according to Jum-dail's former comrades.

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Youth should vote, engage

For many years, political candidates at local, state and national levels have basically ignored the so-called "youth vote," which is the term used to describe 18-29-year-old Americans who vote.

Many reasons have been given as to why this demographic is ignored: too apathetic, too weak and so on.

If the past several years are any indication, then young Americans are far from apathetic. Since 1996, youth turnout in Presidential elections has increased in every election reaching a high of 51.1 percent in the historic 2008 election. Even with these encouraging numbers, youth turnout still lags behind the rest of the general population.

How can we increase youth turnout in elections?

Perhaps candidates need to concentrate on issues that are important to young voters. Issues like the economy and jobs are extremely important to this demographic, especially college students who will be entering the workforce soon. Aside from Newt Gingrich's moon base and Rick Perry's debate gaffes, the economy has been the number one topic of contention between all of the presidential candidates.

It's possible candidates are not reaching out to young voters in ways that work. But this is not completely the case. Just about every single candidate uses social media to a great extent in order to reach potential voters. Many candidates have answered questions on Twitter or posted information about their platform on Facebook pages. Some of the recent debates even have been streamed live on YouTube.

In my opinion, the problem lies not with the candidates themselves or their campaign methods, but with young voters individually.

Youth voting has increased during the past 16 years, but it seems young voters are not as passionate and informed as they should be about issues facing the United States and about where political candidates stand on various issues. I know this can seem like a cliché, but our particular demographic represents the future of this nation and we should be worried about issues

Hasan Masood



that concern our country.

However, there is still a lot of hope for the political power within the youth. If international events from the past year are any indication, young people can be passionate about political issues.

We watched in amazement as young people across the Middle East rose up and vented their anger about the lack of democracy in their nations, even using social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook to organize protests and voice their frustrations. In some cases, these young people even managed to topple despotic and tyrannical regimes.

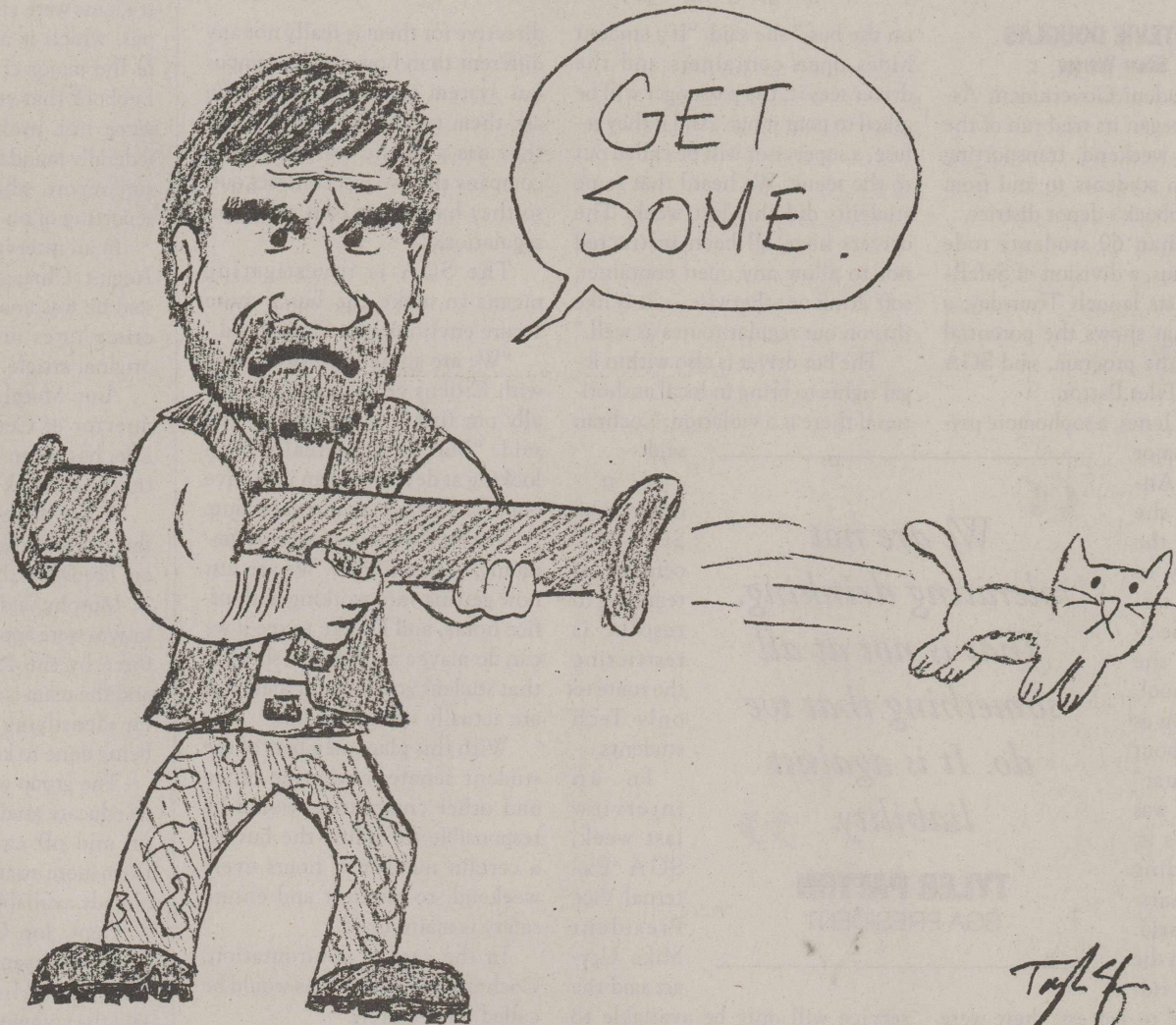
In the past year, it seems like the spirit of Tahrir Square in Cairo has managed to reach Times Square. The Occupy movement, which has largely been a youth movement, sprung up within the past year and has given a voice to many young people frustrated by what they see as an inequitable system that is in the hands of a wealthy few.

Despite how you may feel about the Occupy movement and its political leanings, one cannot deny the significance of this group and the number of young people who have taken part in it.

Our demographic simply needs to get involved and be informed. Find a candidate you like or agree with and become involved in some way — whether it is making phone calls or even just going to the polls on Election Day and casting your vote. Get informed by watching the news or even blogs covering the various presidential candidates (and by news, I mean not just The Daily Show or The Colbert Report).

It may not seem particularly fun or entertaining, but the actions we take in this election year or the next will have reverberations for a long time to come.

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China more involved with global economics

By **ROBERT FIX**
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China has bought much of the United States' debt to help prevent us from borrowing against the International Monetary Fund or going bankrupt.

Now, it seems like another world power is knocking on China's door with their hands out. The German Prime Minister Angela Merkel visited with the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, according to BBC, for the fifth time to keep up good relations.

Merkel claims she went to China merely to put fears to rest about the stability of Germany and Europe as a whole. China buys many products from Germany, which is one of the reasons why Germany has managed to prosper at a faster rate than many of the other European nations. This has led to a very strong alliance between the two countries.

The BBC reports there is a belief in the European countries that China holds about \$3.2 trillion in a foreign reserve to be used for potential bailouts of foreign countries. There was no direct statement between Merkel and Wen as to whether or not Germany asked for China to help out the European Union. Merkel did strongly encourage Chinese leaders to help out the EU, claiming that it would be in everyone's best interest if China decided to help.

However, this claim may have persuaded Wen, because after the meeting between the two, Wen told the press, "China is considering greater involvement in resolving Europe's debt crisis by participating in the European

Financial Stability Fund and the European Stability Mechanism." The ESM will be launched in July of this year to help the EU pull itself out of debt through different techniques, and is the successor to the European Financial Stability Facility.

The ESM is attempting to set up a 500 billion euro fund to help with potential bailouts in the future, along with setting much stricter trade regulations. If China decides to help out the EU, then the EU might be able to put more money in the fund, or have greater access to the Chinese resources.

This is of great interest to all countries, because China is believed to be mining 97 percent of the world's supply of "rare-earth materials" used for technology, according to BBC. In the economic war, China seems to be holding all the money, all the resources and all the answers.

There aren't too many problems with China buying up the world. I don't believe it will affect government policies, but I definitely see a change in the wind regarding economic influences. This could be good for the United States and the EU; America is facing a growing debt with a falling dollar and there aren't any pills to fix that, and the EU is going bankrupt one country at a time, starting with Greece.

Maybe China buying up European properties could help stabilize Europe and allow the United States to increase exports rather than imports. There isn't much we can do but hope that China doesn't acquire boardwalk and park place in this game — otherwise, we might have to completely submit to any of China's demands.

Since China is considering buying other countries or at least

helping them out, the United States might find increased visits and relations to China to be more beneficial. Germany hasn't suffered from staying on great terms with China; there is no reason why President Obama, or maybe the winner of the election this year, can't make a few more trips over there. America doesn't have quite the discretionary fund that China has for foreign bailouts, but I think we could make a bid to help out the EU.

The goal is to prevent China, or any country for that matter, from becoming a monopoly. If China were ever to really reach the point of controlling all the money and all the resources, there isn't going to be much for the United States and Europe to play with.

Nothing against China — the country is great, the people are friendly and the United States enjoys many of the imports we get

from China. However, with that being said, no one country should have an economic monopoly controlling the rest of the world. There are too many pieces in play and too many lives at stake to put one country in control of dividing resources and wealth.

I have previously suggested that the world moves to an economic warfare instead of guns and missiles — in the sense that we should be arguing over who can make a better laptop, cell phone or car. But I did not expect the economic war to involve a country buying another country.

Luckily, for the United States, our debt is so big that it would take every other country in the world, including China, to buy us out. Europe isn't so fortunate. Time will tell how this all plays out; we can only hope, the world can pull itself out of this recession and start moving forward.

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Video game study used to measure disorientation, help pilots in flight

By CAROLYN HECK
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A graduate student in the College of Engineering is researching to see if video games can help improve training for pilots.

Jacob Banda, an industrial engineering graduate student from El Paso, said he is conducting a research study to see if video games can help reduce disorientation.

Disorientation happens when a person's eyes and ears are receiving different information, he said.

"So basically, you perform worse at certain cognitive tasks, certain mental capabilities," Banda said.

Banda is a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy, and became interested in spatial orientation after discovering he had motion sickness, which he said is closely related to disorientation.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration's website, spatial orientation defines the natural ability to maintain body orientation and in relation to the surrounding environment at rest and during motion.

Pilots often receive spatial dis-

orientation training, Banda said, so they are less likely to be disoriented while flying an aircraft.

The FAA reported that between 5 to 10 percent of aviation accidents are attributed to spatial disorientation, 90 percent of which are fatal.

Banda said after repeated exposure to a disorienting stimulus, like flying, a person can become less sensitive to it.

"Whenever they take vacations, whenever they're away from flying for a period of time, sometimes the training they've had reduces its effectiveness," he said, "so I'm trying to see if video games help at all."

Banda said he hopes video games will help improve pilots' spatial orientation after an extended period of not flying.

"And the reason that would happen is because when you're playing video games, you have a visual stimulus, so a video, telling you that you're moving, but you're just sitting there," he said. "So again, your eyes and your ears are telling you something different."

Participants will take part in a five-day long study, he said. On the first day, the participant is spun around in a swivel chair

for a minute then takes a letter cancellation test to measure their disorientation.

Afterward, Banda said, the participant plays an hour and thirty minutes of the video game, "Ace Combat."

The participant returns for four days to play the video game, and on the fifth day, they are disoriented again and retake the test to see if their scores have changed.

Justin Williams, a senior international economics major from Houston, is a participant in the research study. He said he joined the study after seeing a post on TechAnnounce.

"I thought it would be fun to participate and help out a fellow student," he said.

Williams said while he has never participated in a research study before, he was eager to try Banda's.

"It was something different, something I've never done before," he said. "Hopefully, I can help him out in his study."

Banda said he hopes his findings will help improve methods of disorientation training, and help pilots cope with and prevent the Coriolis Illusion from affecting their piloting.

The inner ear contains a canal

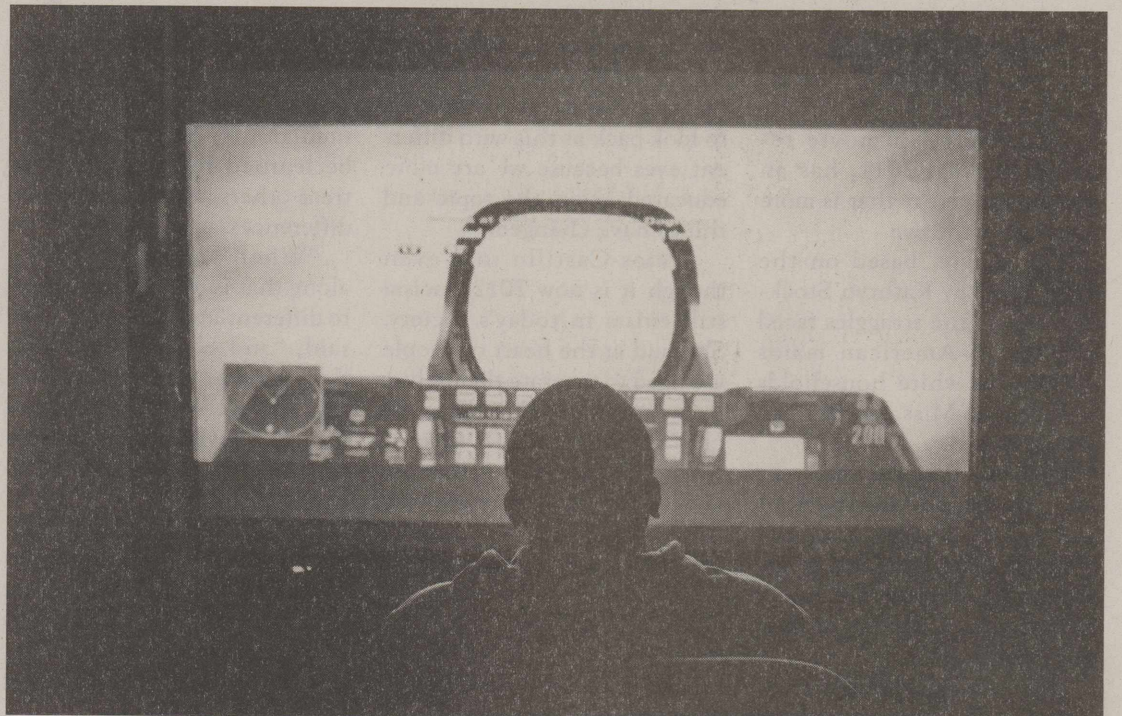


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JUSTIN WILLIAMS, A senior international economics major from Houston, plays "Ace Combat" as a part of a spatial disorientation study on Monday in the Industrial Engineering building.

with three separate tubes filled with fluid, according to the FAA, which respond to the three main directions a plane can move, referred to as the yaw, pitch and roll.

According to the FAA website, the Coriolis Illusion, which stimulates two of the canals, hap-

pens with the sudden tilting of the pilot's head when the aircraft is turning, which can produce the disorienting sensation that the plane is yawning, pitching and rolling all at once, as if the pilot is rolling down a hill.

The study is assisted by professor Simon Hsiang, and will

be open to anyone who wants to participate, Banda said.

"We still need plenty more participants, both experienced and inexperienced players," he said, "so if anyone's interested, they should contact me by email (at jacob.banda@ttu.edu)."

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Family of 3 lost in Ore. considered eating dog to live

GOLD BEACH, Ore. (AP) — Three mushroom pickers lost six nights in the rugged forest of southwest Oregon with no food considered eating their dog, and used the screen on their dead cellphone and the blade of a sheath knife to flash a signal at the helicopter pilot who found them.

Dan Conne said Sunday from his hospital bed in Gold Beach that he and his wife and son spent the nights huddled in a hollow log with nothing to eat, and considered sacrificing their pit bull, Jesse, for food.

"She's that good a dog, she'd have done it, too," Conne said.

A volunteer helicopter pilot looking outside the search area Saturday spotted Dan and Belinda Conne, both 47, along with 25-year-old Michael, on the edge of a deep ravine in tall timber. They were about 10 miles northeast of the town of Gold Beach, roughly 330 miles south-southwest of Portland.

"The wife had the Blackberry and I had the knife," Dan Conne told The Associated Press. "I kept flashing. The wife said, 'You're blinding them.' But I wanted to make sure they seen us. I wasn't taking no chance."

The three had given up hope and

thought they were going to die when rescuers came.

"None of us thought we were coming out of there," he said.

While lost, the cold and hungry family could see search helicopters and airplanes flying low and slow overhead, but they couldn't get the pilots' attention through the thick, coastal forest vegetation.

When they were found, the Connes were just five football fields from a road, and a mile from their Jeep.

The three were airlifted to a Gold Beach hospital, where they stayed overnight.

Dan Conne hurt his back, and Belinda Conne had hypothermia, Curry County Sheriff John Bishop said. All three were hungry, and enjoyed their potato soup and sandwiches at the hospital.

Belinda and Dan Conne were discharged Sunday. Their son, who suffered frostbite, hypothermia and a sprained ankle, remained in the hospital for more treatment.

The family was spotted by Jackson County Commissioner John Rachor, spending his first day searching for them in his own helicopter with Curry County Sheriff's Lt. John Ward.

Rachor had been up two hours and decided to go outside the search area, heading uphill from where the family parked their Jeep, instead of down.

"We couldn't find anything in the obvious places, so we decide to go to the not-obvious places," he said. "I kind of think outside the box on these things sometimes, and it pays off."

Rachor is the same pilot who found a San Francisco family lost in a snowstorm in 2006 just 35 miles from where he found the Connes. In 2006, Rachor flew Kati Kim and her two young daughters to safety after

spotting them near their car. James Kim died of hypothermia trying to hike out for help.

On Saturday, Rachor saw a movement on the edge of a deep ravine in tall timber. A man in tan bib overalls was waving his arms. Ward marked the spot on his GPS and called the Coast Guard for a helicopter to winch the family out. He also called a nearby ground team to give them immediate aid, then flew back to Gold Beach for fuel.

The Coast Guard lifted Michael and Dan Conne out first, then returned for Belinda. The dog walked out with searchers.

Judge: Keep negotiating Texas redistricting deal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge ordered all sides in the Texas redistricting lawsuit to keep talking Monday, just hours after the attorney general announced a compromise plan that prompted immediate pushback from several minority groups involved in the case.

Attorney General Greg Abbott had said several minority groups agreed to a plan that would put two new congressional seats in Hispanic-dominated districts for this year's elections. But some of the groups that sued the state, alleging the GOP-controlled Legislature drafted redistricting maps that were discriminatory, scoffed at the new plan and said it diluted the voice of minority voters in some parts of the state.

Judge Orlando Garcia noted that Monday was the deadline for all sides to agree.

"The parties should continue their negotiations to the extent possible, but all deadlines remain in place until the Court is notified that an agreement has been reached," Garcia said in the court order.

Garcia and two other San Antonio-based federal judges are hearing the lawsuit. The judges said that if all sides couldn't draft compromise maps by Monday, then the April 3 primary would likely be delayed.

That would mark the second time the state's primary elections were pushed back because of the legal fight — a move that Republicans feared could prevent Texas voters from helping decide which GOP presidential candidate challenges President Barack Obama in November.

Abbott said earlier Monday that new plan, which would give Hispanics control of two of the four new congressional seats Texas earned thanks to its population spike in the 2010 census, minimizes changes to the Legislature's original redistricting maps.

"Today's maps should allow the court to finalize the interim redistricting maps in time to have elections in April," Abbott said in a statement.

But some of the groups suing the state said the deal was no compromise. The Mexican American Legislative Caucus argued that the new plan, which redraws boundaries for both congressional and state legislative districts, actually dilutes minority influence in some areas. Its chairman, Democratic state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, said the two Hispanic congressional seats would come on the condition of losing ground in other districts currently dominated by Hispanic voters.

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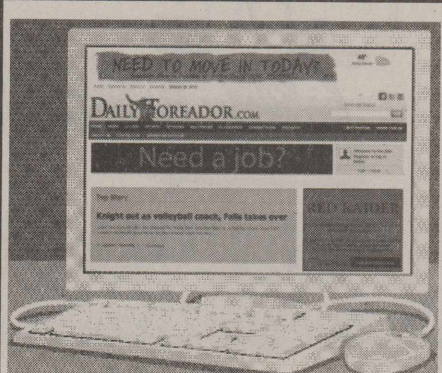
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Educator, students discuss past, present racism challenges

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

"The Help," a movie released in Aug. 2011, has an entertaining story that is more than meets the eye.

The movie, based on the 2009 novel by Kathryn Stockett, depicts the struggles faced by African-American maids working in white households in Jackson, Miss. during the early 1960s.

Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, an assistant human development and family studies professor at Texas Tech, said the movie accurately depicts the racial discrimination present in that period of time.

"We can only imagine the suffering, the pain and all the hard times that they had to go through," she said. "If you think about being in the shoes

of the people at the time in the movie, when they were going through that, we probably tend to look back at this with different eyes because we are more educated about the topic and things have changed."

Trejos-Castillo said even though it is now 2012, racism still exists in today's society. She said at the heart of people is a need to separate themselves from other people's physical characteristics and stereotypes, possibly because they are scared, competitive or striving to survive.

"I still think there's the same kind of problems, but we tackle them in a different way," she said. "We have different ways to talk about the same issue, but in the end we're still fighting for the same kind of rights."

Trejos-Castillo said although human beings have learned

how to behave better during thousands of years toward African Americans, women and immigrants, there is more to be learned regarding how to treat others and accommodate differences.

"When somebody comes along that is different, we need to differentiate the person," she said, "and by differentiating that person, we are just putting that person aside and not trying to give that person the same rights or opportunities we have."

In the movie, Skeeter Phelan is a white journalist who writes a controversial book from the viewpoint of the maids and reveals the racism they encounter as they work in white households.

Trejos-Castillo said it is important Skeeter does this because the maids did not have

the same rights as everyone, and everyone has an important story to tell.

"Everyone is different," she said. "There is a uniqueness of being a human being, so if we will do more by listening and understanding that everyone has a different experience and a story to tell, I think that would be the beginning of something that hopefully would be contagious and people would start understanding others."

Amy Hannemann, a freshman prenursing major from Fredericksburg, said the movie proved races are not barriers.

"I think that people are still discriminated against, but the relationship between Skeeter and the maids shows that strong friendships can be built between different races," she said. "The movie made me laugh, but it also made me cry."

Trejos-Castillo said Skeeter's struggle with peer pressure to believe a certain way is common today as well.

"We know when we aren't doing something right and that we should not be doing that because we have a person in front of that is just like us: has a life, needs, expectations and rights that a person should be entitled for more," she said, "but because of the social pressure, everyone there is telling you not to, then you struggle and you're in the middle."

Leigh Drabing, a freshman exercise sports science major from Kingwood, said she is glad racial discrimination is less prevalent than it was during the 1960s.

"People have become a lot more accepting of each other," she said. "The book was a lot better than the movie, but the

movie showed how people like to band together to help one another out rather than break each other down."

Trejos-Castillo said making little changes from the inside out will suffice just as well as writing a book, as far as reducing racial discrimination in society. She said any type of racial act is wrong, and suggests listening and paying attention to people as one solution.

"If we can think about the small things that we can do from the inside, that is the essence of inclusiveness because you're looking at everyone in front of you as a human being who is unique," she said. "When you're thinking that way, then there's no room for differences with colors, cultures or languages. Everyone is unique, so what do we fight for?"

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Bats ←

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While in the Philippines, a nation of more than 7,000 islands, Phelps works closely with Bohol Island State University, which offers her lodging and comprises most of the research team.

Most evenings, she and her Filipino research partner, Reizl Jose, go to a cave with five undergraduates from BISU. The team explores the cave and sets up a thin net and waits for nightfall.

Then, the bats come out. "You have to have a lack of fear. You have to tolerate being in the dark a lot," she said. "(You can) not be afraid of the dark or of what's around the corner."

The team catches a sample of the bats and then, after the initial rush, identifies, measures and generally checks the bats out before releasing them out into the night to find food.

The Philippines is home to 78 species of bats, Phelps said, and most locals only recognize two.

Ultimately, her research aims to raise awareness about the bats with locals who find them to be scary and a nuisance, often killing, spooking or even eating the creatures.

"They don't understand the diversity or the benefits — the ecological as well as the economical — that bats play in their environment," she said.

The guano, or bat fecal matter, is a great fertilizer, she said, and the bats pollinate most of the fruits and flowers on the islands. Since the bats

eat mosquitoes, they also stop the spread of diseases.

The Filipinos usually harvest the guano during the day while bats are roosting, often waking them up and frequently causing them to drop their pups who then die.

In this case, Phelps suggests they harvest at night while the bats are out hunting, thereby keeping the practice sustainable.

"You never want to chastise," she said. "Most of it is a result of a lack of education about the bats."

She said that while most people equate bats with rats, their breeding habits are completely different. While rats repopulate quickly with many large litters per year, bats only have about one pup a year, 7-10 in a lifetime.

Any small disturbance that causes a pup to drop can have a drastic effect on the population of bats in that cave or area.

"Little impacts can make a big difference," she said.

She said she has heard it all when it comes to myths about bats. Once, she was told they were scary because they could get caught in a person's hair and lay eggs, which she immediately had to point out as untrue, since not only are bats mammals who birth live young, but they also have advanced echolocation abilities and would not accidentally get caught in someone's hair.

To help in the awareness and education, she said she and BISU work with the wildlife department of the Philippines to hopefully have protected caves one day. Un-

til then, she will continue to return to the islands and educate people on local levels.

Eventually, Phelps said her team would turn all information over to the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources, indicating which caves are home to the most bats and the widest varieties, so that these can be top priority for protection.

Many of the undergraduates on her team will go on to work for the department, Phelps said, and their experience in the field will be vital to their jobs.

"It's local Filipinos," she said of the nature of the training and teamwork, "learning about the Philippines, and how to conserve Philippine wildlife."

Until the research is done and the legislation is written, it is still up to Phelps and others like her to educate Filipinos on a smaller scale.

"Not many people want to know about bats, except for people who work with them," said Juliana Senawi, a doctoral candidate who works on Phelps' team at Tech. "This gives her the opportunity to work with them, and to teach the kids why bats are important."

Since children with slingshots are one of Filipino bats' predators, being able to work well with them is one of Phelps' great strengths, Senawi said.

The best thing about teaching children, Phelps said, is that they are always more receptive.

"The younger the person is," she said, "the more they like bats."

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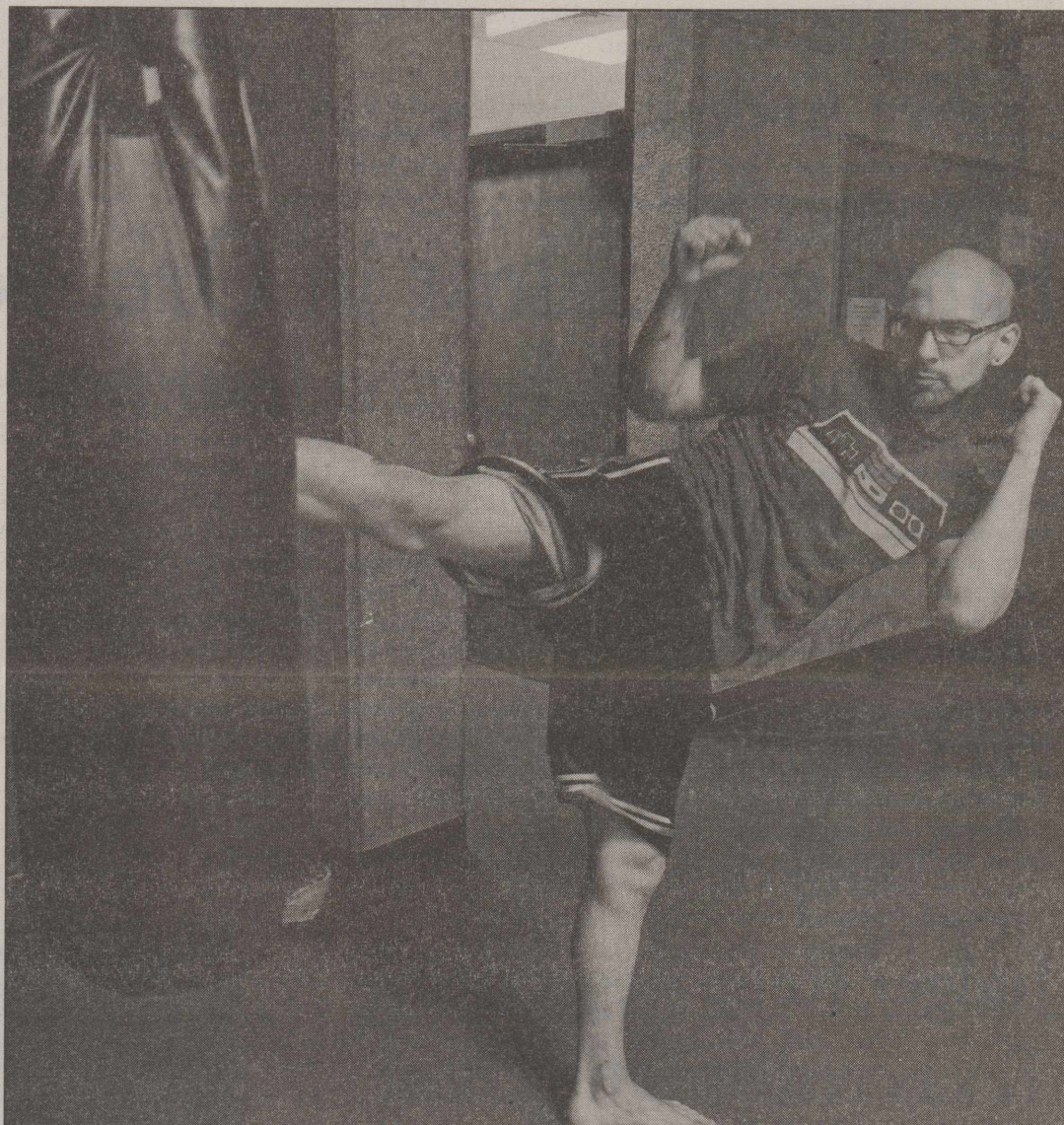


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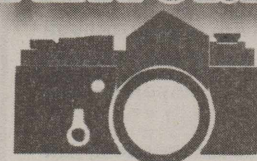
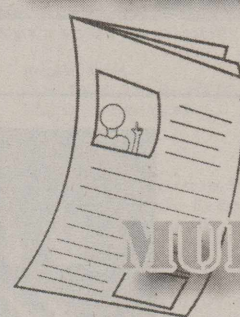
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Richardson given second chance, redeems self as Red Raider

By **MATT VILLANUEVA**
STAFF WRITER

As a young girl growing up in San Diego, Raven Richardson never took a liking to dolls or playing house.

Instead, her days consisted of playing sports outside well past sundown.

From tennis to basketball to soccer to baseball, Richardson loved it all.

Richardson's grandmother, Peggy Howard, attended most of her granddaughter's games. She recalls her granddaughter as being a very mature and unique girl while growing up.

"When they made her, they threw away the mold," Howard said. "She said she'd hurt the girls when she played with them, so she played with the boys at such a young age."

Howard recalled one Little League baseball camp in Colorado Richardson attended, and that is when she realized her granddaughter was special.

"The camp had around 1,400 boys and one girl," Howard said. "I'll let you guess who that one girl was."

The diversity of the numerous sports Richardson played at a young age paid off.

She excelled in many, lettering in softball, basketball and track and field at El Dorado High School in Placentia, Calif. Of the three sports Richardson played, it was softball she showed the most potential to play at the next level. Colleges began to take notice of her accomplishments during her junior year of high school, when she maintained a .345 batting average to go along with a pair of home runs and a triple.

In 2008, Richardson's senior season, Washington began to show interest in her. She wanted to go there, however, a failed course in mathematics prompted Washington coach Heather Tarr to assign her to Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz., under coach Stacy Iveson.

In 2009, Richardson appeared in

21 games, batting for a .371 average.

However, life away from family and friends got the best of Richardson, and soon she would begin to experiment with drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy, she said.

"Around college kids all the time, a new environment without your parents, and that's when I got into a whole bunch of trouble with a whole bunch of drugs," Richardson said.

Iveson gave Richardson numerous chances, but her off-field behavior and run-ins with the law prompted Iveson to kick Richardson off the team three times. Richardson said the last time was the hardest to swallow, as her team would eventually go on to win the NJCAA championship.

In two years, Richardson had squandered her opportunity to be a collegiate athlete.

"I didn't have Washington. I didn't have any other school. But (Iveson) believed in me," she said, "and so she said she was going to talk to some schools for me."

One of the coaches Iveson talked to about Richardson transferring was Texas Tech's first year head coach Shanon Hays.

Hays said he was aware of her situation, but decided to take a chance on her anyways.

"I knew she had some issues," Hays said, "so we talked to Raven and let her know she couldn't mess up anymore."

Richardson said she chose Tech instead of other schools such as Washington, Oregon and San Diego State because of Hays's accepting approach to her, plus the opportunity to start a clean slate away from everything was too good to pass up.

Hays and Richardson's first season at Tech was 2010, and expectations were unsure at the time for a softball team that had a record of 14-42 the previous season.

Richardson said becoming acquainted with the new coaches and

philosophies was a learning process, but the results that have come from the process have been rewarding.

"It was cool to see that meshing well together can really take you to new heights," Richardson said, "and it just created for the next year and then this year, which is going to be really special."

This past season, Richardson was asked to make the transition from first base to shortstop. Not only did she record a team-high .384 batting average with 10 home runs at her new position, but she also excelled in the classroom, earning a spot on the Academic All-Big 12 first team.

Hays said he has noticed a definite change in Richardson as a player and a person.

"She's a more mature hitter and now looks for her pitch," Hays said. "As a person, she is settled and is more comfortable. She always shows up ready to work and is consistent."

Richardson plans to graduate in 2013 with university studies in six categories: psychology, organizational leadership, exercise sports science, Spanish, personal finance and communication studies.

Originally wanting to be a sports agent, Richardson now aspires to become an athletic adviser, and ultimately become an athletic director for a Division I or II university.

Richardson said the switch of career interest stemmed from being an advocate of education and having a passion for helping people out.

"Being in college and seeing how far I can take myself and taking myself to everything I thought I could, that was just a real 'I really like education for me,'" Richardson said.

Richardson and the Red Raiders begin the 2012 season with the Arizona State Kajikawa Classic at 3 p.m. Thursday in Tempe, Ariz.

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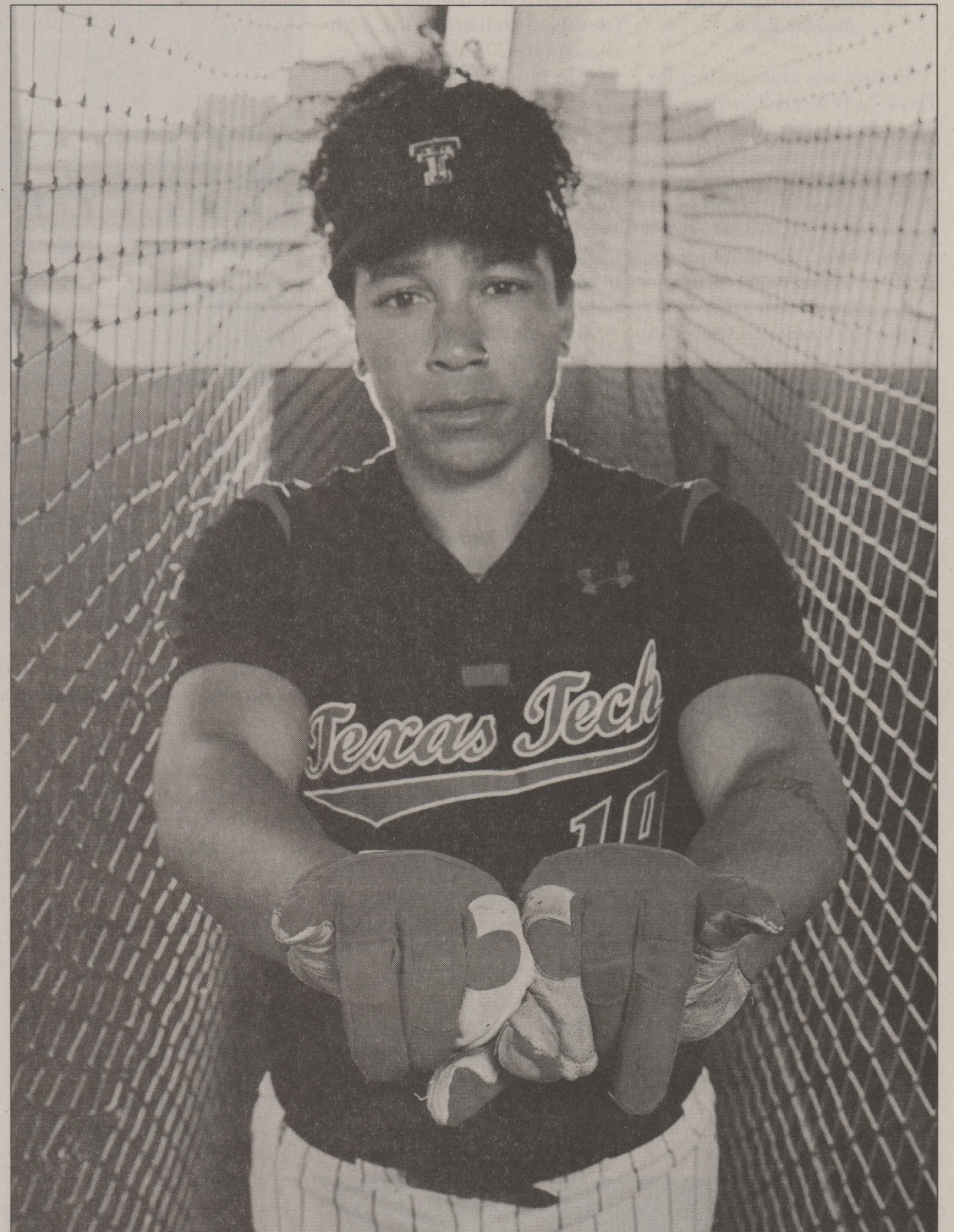


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TEXAS TECH SHORTSTOP Raven Richardson holds up the team "Rock Star" symbol. Richardson excelled during her time at Tech after having some troubles during her time at Yavapai College.

Minnesota's Love suspended 2 games for stepping on Houston's Scola

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Love's frustration with physical play and officiating have been apparent early and often this season.

Emotion got the best of him on Saturday night against the Rockets, and now he and the Minnesota Timberwolves have to pay the price: Love, his team's leading scorer and rebounder, was suspended for two games by the NBA for "driving his foot into the upper body and face of the Rockets' Luis Scola as Scola was lying on the floor."

The play happened in the third quarter of Saturday's victory over the Rockets after the two tangled while going for a rebound. As Love went to step over Scola, who a week earlier had

thrown a ball off Love's groin while trying to save it from going out of bounds, he looked down at the Rockets forward and stepped on him as he headed back up the court.

It marked the second time last week Love delivered a hard foul after not getting a call on the other end. He raked Pacers forward Danny Granger across the chest on Wednesday, touching off a small skirmish in a loss to Indiana.

Love apologized to Scola both after the game and in a statement issued by the team on Monday following the suspension, and said he has to do a better job handling his emotions.

"I don't want to be known for that," Love said after practice. "I want to be

known as a stand-up guy who happened to make a mistake with a size 19 shoe and just move on. So everybody knows there were no ill intentions there."

He will miss Tuesday's game against Sacramento and Wednesday's game at Memphis as the Timberwolves (12-12) look to climb above .500 for the first time this season.

Love is averaging 25.0 points and 13.7 rebounds per game and leads the NBA with 39.4 minutes per game. The All-Star forward was contrite on Monday, saying he thought the suspension from NBA executive vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson "was warranted."

"It's been a chippy year," Love said.

"It's not only us. It's not only the Pacers, the Rockets or anything like that. It's a lot of games. The guys are tired. Games are being drawn out and guys are worn down."

"For me and for us, it's no different. And also for the refs as well. They've got to go over film just like we do, maybe even more. So you've got to respect them and get to respect what they do."

Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman said he has spoken with Love and the rest of his young team about playing through any perceived mistreatment from the other team or the officials.

Adelman did wonder how Jackson landed on two games as proper punishment.

"Do I think it's fair? No. Absolutely (not)," Adelman said. "I don't know the reasoning. They don't tell you the reasoning. I don't know the reasoning why two games. They haven't said anything. You've just got to move on."

The 23-year-old Love, who recently signed a four-year extension worth more than \$60 million, has been barking at the officials most of the season.

Adelman said he saw Love get upset with no-calls on two straight possessions before the run-in with Scola "and it led to the incident."

"You've got to play through," Adelman said. "Play with emotion, but you've got to play through it and not let it affect what happens on the court."

Adelman didn't say who would start in Love's place against the Kings, but Derrick Williams and Anthony Tolliver figure to see a lot more time. Williams, the No. 2 overall pick, has had a tough time getting settled into a role with the Wolves.

He has played just 37 minutes combined in the last four games and tweeted on Saturday "anybody ever felt like a caged lion?"

"I guess it's just patience and hopefully I pick up (Adelman's) trust and have the ball in my hands more often," Williams said. "I kind of feel like it's just a lack of confidence, not in myself, but him in me being in that position. I've just got to earn his trust."

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Shortstop battle: Tech freshmen compete for starting job

Tomlinson's departure to the MLB leaves major void to fill

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
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If there was one certainty for Texas Tech baseball last season, it was continuity at the shortstop position.

This year will not be quite the same after the departure of Kelby Tomlinson, Tech's source of consistency at shortstop in 2011, who was selected in the 12th round of the MLB Draft by the San Francisco Giants in June. The ABCA D-1 Rawlings Gold Glove Award winner stayed at Tech for one year before signing a professional contract with the Giants.

Now, three freshman are competing to fill the void of a player who maintained a .307 batting average, a .415 on-base percentage, batted in 43 runs, walked 39 times and started in all 58 games — all while committing just nine errors.

The trio of freshman shortstops consists of Tim Proudfoot, Matt Eureste and Bryant Burleson. Although opening day is Feb. 17, head coach Dan Spencer said the battle for the position is still ongoing and all three remain in the running to win the starting job.

"I think it's pretty even because they all have strengths and they're different from each other," Spencer said. "So I would hate to say there's a frontrunner because if the guy doesn't get the job then he thinks he did something not to get it."

However, one player has one qualification the other two do not.

Eureste was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 40th round in the 2012 MLB Draft before deciding to play in college.

Eureste also has the numbers to validate himself worthy of a draft pick, as he belted seven home runs while batting .420 in his senior year at St. Pius X High School in Houston.

Eureste said he is excited to have competition for the starting spot.

"It's nice to know there's a lot of depth at the position because it's what you need at shortstop," he said. "And we have three very talented shortstops, so it'll be good."

Spencer noted Eureste's athletic approach to the game and said he was pleased Eureste decided to attend college instead of playing in the big leagues.

"You know, Matt Eureste obviously is a really athletic player, left-handed hitter, runs very well," Spencer said. "Drafted by the Indians, but came to college — thank goodness."

"We have high hopes for him."

Burleson boasts the most staggering offensive numbers of the three candidates.

As a senior at Midland Christian High School in Midland, he accompanied his .567 batting average with 47 RBI and showed some versatility by stealing 20 bases.

"All three of us are really good players, and we are working hard every day," Burleson said. "So all three of us can play at the position, and we are just going to leave it up to the coaches."

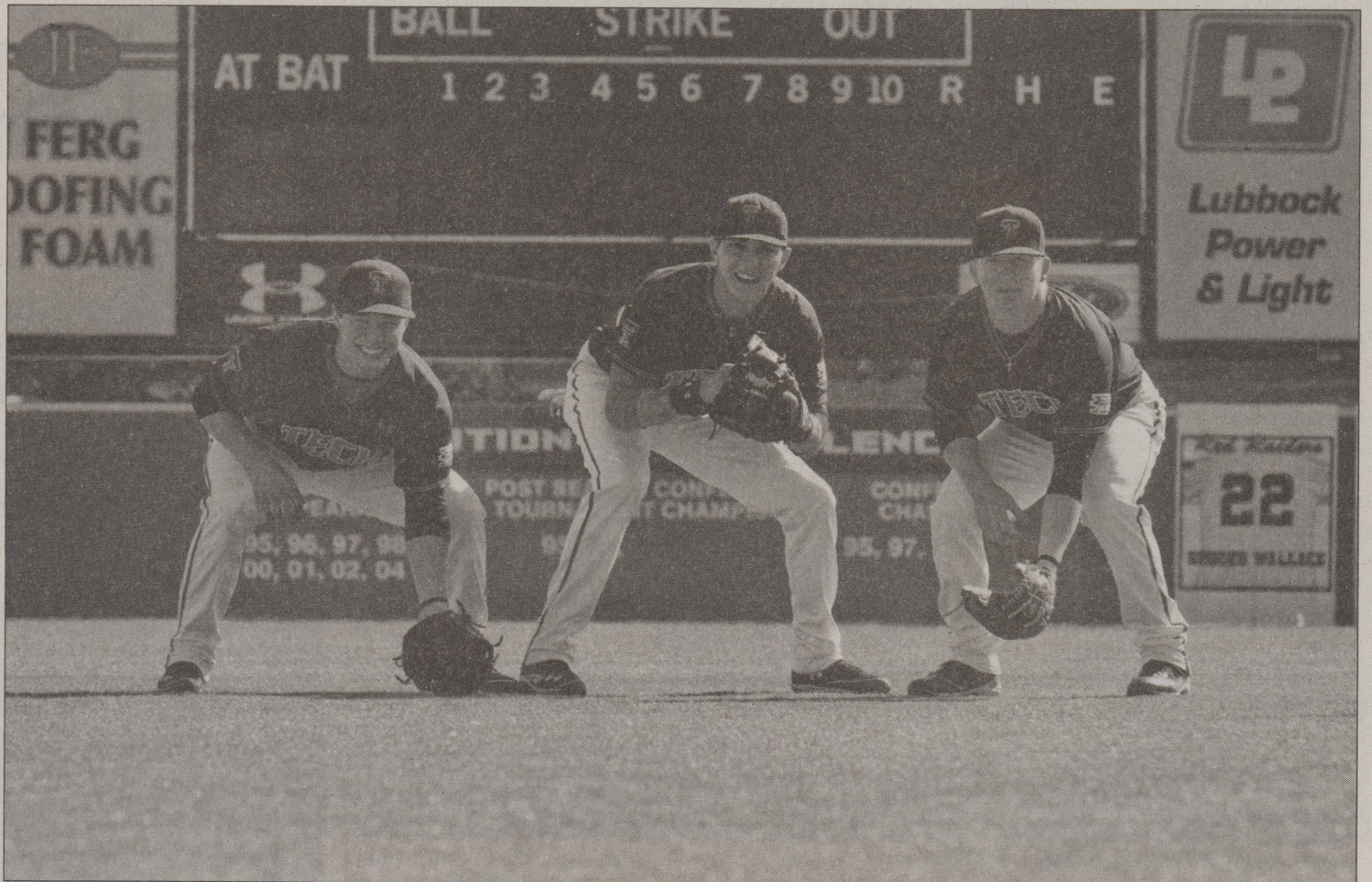


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FRESHMAN SHORTSTOPS, FROM left, Tim Proudfoot, Matt Eureste and Bryant Burleson are competing for the starting shortstop job that is now vacant after Kelby Tomlinson signed a professional contract.

Spencer said Burleson stood out during fall practices, as the freshman accumulated one of the team's best batting average going 23-for-68 at the plate while striking out only five times.

However, Spencer said the best offensive player out of the three might not get the starting gig.

"The key is at that position we're not asking them to do a lot offensively," he said.

The final player who could possibly fill the void is Proudfoot. Proudfoot has the least ap-

pealing offensive numbers from high school, but is still no slouch at the plate considering he tallied a .360 batting average and nine homers.

He also is the only one out of the three to not have graduated from Texas, as he comes to Tech from Mount Si High School in North Bend, Wash.

During his senior year, Proudfoot's team won its first state title and finished the season ranked 46th in the country and first in the state of Washington by PerfectGame.org.

Proudfoot said despite the

fact the three are all battling for one position, there is no bad blood involved.

"It's friendly," he said. "We're all good friends. I mean we're all competing at the same time, but we have a good time doing it."

Spencer acknowledged Proudfoot is going to have a tough time catching up to the other two offensively, but said he has put in the effort toward getting better at the plate.

"Proudfoot is a very, very good defender that had some work to do at the plate and spent a lot of

time with coach (Jim) Horner in the winter and has had a good spring and has been good offensively," Spencer said.

Filling the void between second baseman Jamodrick McGruder and third baseman Reid Redman remains a work in progress, but will be a focal point as the Red Raiders continue gearing up for the start of the season.

Detached from the comfort of Tomlinson's presence, the shortstop position at Tech in 2012, for now, looks to be a certain uncertainty.

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Coughlin-Manning top Belichick-Brady at top duo

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tom Coughlin has never won the NFL's coach of the year award. Eli Manning has never been the league's MVP.

With two Super Bowl victories in the past five seasons, though, they have emerged as the NFL's top coaching-quarterback tandem.

And the best may be yet to come.

The 65-year-old Coughlin and the 30-year-old quarterback are getting better with time, and it was never more obvious than in this past season, which the Giants capped with a 21-17 victory over the New England Patriots on Sunday night for the franchise's fourth Super Bowl title.

The bond between Coughlin and Manning is there for all to see. It is found in the word, team.

"He epitomizes everything that I believe in as a player," Coughlin said of Manning at a news conference Monday. "(That's) In terms of the quality, the way he produces, the way he handles it among his teammates, on and off the field."

It's sometimes hard to tell whether Coughlin has rubbed

off on Manning, or vice versa.

Either way, Coughlin and Manning are the perfect match in a state that once had an advertising slogan of "New Jersey and you, perfect together."

"He is confident," Coughlin said of Manning. "He is not arrogant. He has always thought about team first. He is the perfect guy in regard to that because he is continuously spreading things around. He hands the praise out, he distributes it well. He looks to his teammates. He is a guy who is an outstanding leader. He has taken responsibility for his team."

Never was that leadership more evident than late in games this season. Seven times Manning led the Giants (13-7) to fourth-quarter victories and the last was the most impressive — an 88-yard title-winning drive that he started with a pinpoint 38-yard pass.

"A championship is a championship," said Manning, who threw for a career-best and franchise-best 4,933 yards this season. "Each one is special. Each one has special moments during the season and, obviously, different teammates. This year, I am just happy for a

number of guys getting a championship.

"...To give them that opportunity for these next five or six months, we can say, 'Hey, we are the best. We are the champs.' That's a pretty nice feeling."

The one thing Manning didn't want to hear anything about was having bragging rights over his brother, Peyton, with two championships.

"This isn't about bragging rights," Eli said. "This is a lot bigger. This is about a team, an organization being named world champions, and that was the ultimate goal. That's the only thing that's important, is the team finding a way to get a victory. That's the only thing I care about and Peyton and I both know that's what the goal is every year. It's not about anything else."

Giants chief executive John Mara said the secret to Manning's success is his calm demeanor.

"The more his back is against the wall, the better he performs," Mara said before the team left its hotel for a flight to New Jersey and a planned parade up the "Canyon of Heroes" in Manhattan on Tuesday.

"There is nobody I would rather have with the ball in his hands at the end of the game, with a chance to win, than Eli Manning."

Linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka said Manning is the perfect quarterback for the New York metropolitan area because he is so resilient on and off the field. He gets knocked down, he gets back up. He gets criticized by the media, he doesn't care.

"If you can't get back up, you are not going to stay around that long," Kiwanuka said.

Coughlin left little doubt that he wants to go for a third title next season, joking he was only 45.

"I mean, it's what I do," Coughlin said at the news conference where Manning was presented another automobile for winning his second Super Bowl MVP award. "So, the alternative I've never really given it a whole lot of consideration. (Just coach) as long as I can."

Coughlin could be around for a while following his second title as a head coach. He signed a contract extension in July that runs through next season, but it looks as the Giants could revisit that deal following the franchise's fourth Super Bowl win.

It's obvious he still wants to coach.

"I don't fish, I don't golf," he said. "My wife keeps telling me, 'You better have something to do, buddy boy. If you think you're going to hang around here, you're crazy.'"

Mara said it's safe to say the team wants Coughlin to return. "He might be 65, but he's got the energy of somebody quite younger than that," he said.

Few of the Giants appeared as if they had any energy on Monday morning after a night of celebrating.

Kiwanuka was still wearing a blue wrist band that admitted players to a team party after the game. He like many teammates didn't get much sleep.

However, he saved some of his confidence for next season. "We won it this year, so there is no doubt in my mind we can," Kiwanuka said of a repeat.

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