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Texas Tech enrollment numbers continue to rise

Spring 2012 has third highest numbers in school history

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech officials released enrollment numbers for this semester, with Spring 2012 having the third highest enrollment in the university's history.

Tech is on the right track toward achieving its goal of 40,000 students by 2020, said Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing, as evident by the number of students enrolled in the past few years.

Cook said this spring's undergraduate enrollment set a record with 24,133 students. Graduate students were at 5,301 and the law school was 668, totaling 30,102 students at the university. This is the first time more than 30,000 students have been enrolled for a spring semester.

Typically, Cook said, the spring semester numbers drop from the fall, but this spring was the third highest semester enrollment in school history, behind Fall 2011's 32,000 students and Fall 2010's 31,637 students. Fall 2009 had 30,049 students enrolled, with Spring 2011 following close behind with 29,604 students.

Undergraduate enrollment increased to 23,550 students last year, while the law school experienced an increase from 650 students last spring.

Ethan Logan, director of undergraduate admissions at Tech, said newly

enrolled students are typically only one-third of new students in the fall.

"It's not the same entrance into the way we normally recruit students," he said, "because normally there are more transfer students in the spring, compared to new freshmen in the fall."

Guy Bailey, president of Tech, said as far as achieving tier-one status, the quality of a university's student population is more important than the quantity.

"We have experienced tremendous growth in our student population in the last several years, including a more than 25 percent increase in

enrollment in the last decade," he said. "And, we're recruiting the highest quality students."

The spring semester is a good indicator of how numbers will look in the next fall semester, Logan said.

"The fall is the structured beginning of the academic year, and the spring is the continuation of that year," he said. "The closer the numbers for each semester become, it shows us a number of good things, like the fact that students are being successful and are having a positive academic experience."

Logan said the two key factors in

increased enrollment are persistence and retention.

"The continuing fall is indicative of persistence because you can expect students to be more comfortable in their second year," he said. "Increased retention in the spring shows a positive student experience, from well-rounded faculty and teaching pedagogy, to a high amount of institutional resources and students becoming more involved. There are an unlimited number of factors."

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Amendments reflect changes in SGA campaigning process

Revisions made to how, where candidates petition for votes

By STEVIE DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Review Committee on Governing Documents outlined changes to the election code at the student senate meeting Thursday, in preparation for the Student Government Association's spring elections.

The first amendment the committee recommended was that the final authority to ratify election results be the responsibility of the student senate, rather than the responsibility of the director of student government operations, as the code previously stated.

"We represent the students, so (the student senate) should have the final authority to accept and ratify election results," said College of Arts and Sciences Senator Collin Davis.

However, if the senate cannot ratify the election results for any reason, the director of student government operations

will have the authority to do so after 14 days, according to Senate Bill 47.26.

The committee then recommended the results of an election should be announced within 24 hours after the polls closed, rather than the 12-hour time frame originally stated in the election code.

"It is impossible to have an accurate count within 12 to 18 hours," Davis said. "Even 24 hours is pushing it, but that is what we are striving for."

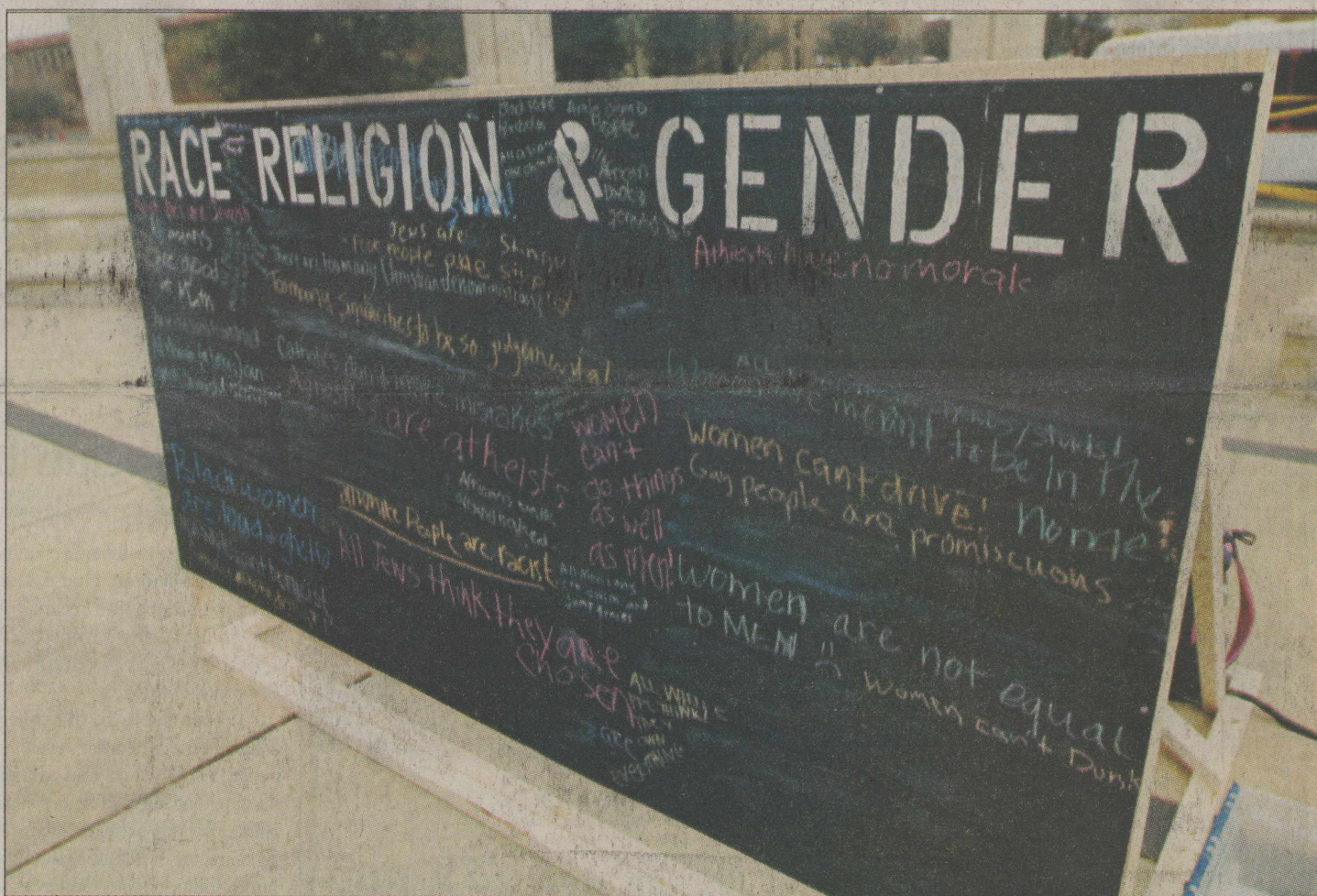
The senate approved the change to the code and voted to pass the amendment.

The Review Committee on Governing Documents also proposed revisions to where and how SGA candidates campaign.

With this resolution, candidates would no longer be able to campaign in the library or the Student Union Building, except in private meeting rooms.

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Whack-A-Wall



Residence Hall Association hosts event, tears down wall

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Many Texas Tech students feel strongly about Texas A&M. So, it is fitting, that a Tech student modeled an Aggie project after a recent event on putting a stop to stereotyping.

Sophomore Serena Smith said she saw the "Tearing Down the Wall" project at a regional Residence Halls Association event, and knew it would be perfect for Tech. She hosted the come-and-go event in partnership with the Tech RHA.

After securing a chalkboard and having a stand built for it, the electronic media and communications major from Richmond, Va., said there was not much to it.

She had participants from Tunnel of Oppression write both positive and negative stereotypes on the board

Wednesday under the headings: race, religion and gender.

Thursday, she set the board up in the Student Union Building north courtyard, and invited passers-by to refute the stereotypes. Once one was proven untrue, it was erased from the board.

"If you get rid of the stereotypes, you work to find out what's real," said Chris Wright, a Spanish instructor from Iowa.

After discussing how Latinos were from all across South America, and not just Mexico, Wright went on to dispel other stereotypes not written on the board. He said he had heard quite a few regarding Latinos, most of which were completely false.

"Rupturing the stereotype," he said, "it's the first step to understanding others."

Though Jayme Epstein, a senior



PHOTOS BY LAUREN PAPE / The Daily Toreador

TOP: RACE, RELIGION AND GENDER stereotypes are written on a chalkboard for the Residence Hall Association's "Tearing Down the Wall" event outside of the Student Union Building on Thursday. ABOVE: Evan Dixon, a junior broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M., uses a hammer to break a chalkboard with stereotypes on it during the event.

accounting major, is from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and not Texas, she said she had seen all the stereotypes before; they do not change from place to place, even though they are untrue everywhere.

Epstein said she erased four stereotypes from the board, but wished she could have erased them all.

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TODAY

Conference Prep Workshop

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, Room 151
So, what is it?
The "Conference Prep Workshop: A How-To Workshop for Getting Your Conference Proposal Ready to Submit," will teach attendees how to submit proposals and other valuable tools.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Missouri State

Time: 4 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Missouri State.

The New York-based Ailey II Dance Company Performs

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre
So, what is it?
Enjoy a performance from Ailey II, a renowned dance company based out of New York.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy a symphonic wind ensemble concert presented by the School of Music.

SATURDAY

Saturday at the Museum

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech, New Assembly Room
So, what is it?
Enjoy this come-and-go event in conjunction with an exhibition, gallery or

museum collection.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech

Time: 4 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Tennessee Tech.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech

Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Tennessee Tech.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Missouri State

Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Missouri State.

University Symphony Orchestra Concert

Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy the University Symphony Orchestra concert presented by the School of Music.

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.

Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the photo's caption for the "Lubbock Mini Maker Faire conducts search for 'makers'" should have said the faire will begin April 28.

Daily Toreador, the story "Hot doggin' it" should have said Cody Stoots, a senior broadcast journalism major from Houston, placed second in the contest.

The DT regrets these errors.



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/*The Daily Toreador*
DYLAN SCHNEIDER, A junior music education major from Jonestown, practices an Asian form of drumming, known as Taiko, inside the Music building Thursday.

Enrollment

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Bailey said the increased enrollment has been done with stricter admissions standards — such as higher SAT and ACT scores — yet the university's quality of students continues to grow.

"We are talking to high school students, and they want to be at Texas Tech," he said. "This is an exciting time in our school's history and everyone from current students, faculty and staff, to alumni and supporters should be proud of the direction we're headed."

Cook said Tech is aggressively

recruiting high school students, especially those in the top 10 percentile of their class.

"The standards have been raised, yet the quality of students are still growing," he said. "A lot of people would see that as a detriment to your growth, but it's not. We're going out and aggressively recruiting high schools and getting into these schools and talking to these students and actively recruiting them. We have great students and we will continue to have great students who want to come to Texas Tech."

In an earlier interview, Bailey said he easily expects the university to reach its goal of 40,000 students by 2020.

"We need about 7,500 to 8,000 more students, and right now we have 80 percent of that (40,000)," he said. "Since 2008 we've averaged about 1,100 to 1,200 students a year."

Bailey said something university officials are focused on is increasing the presence of the graduate population.

Normally, systems of higher education have more graduate students than undergraduates, he said, which is something Tech must improve on.

"It's real important to have more graduate students than undergraduate students," Bailey said. "If you look at most tier-one institutions, they have a ratio of graduate-to-undergraduate

at 25-to-75. Right now we're at about 20 percent of graduate students, so we need to grow the graduate population at a much faster rate."

Increased retention rates and recruitment persistence are also reflected in graduation rates, Logan said.

"Hopefully, we can expect a domino effect," he said, "The beautiful thing about the spring semester is it builds from the foundation of the fall. Each semester is a building block for the next, and it sets a precedent. It's wonderful that this semester is the third highest in the school's history. It shows growth and student satisfaction in itself."

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US officials tie terror group to Syrian bombings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U.S. intelligence officials pointed to al-Qaida in Iraq on Thursday as the likely culprit behind recent bombings in Syria, the deadliest attacks against the Syrian government in the 11-month uprising.

Though the U.S. has called for Syrian President Bashar Assad to step down, his fall could lead to a power vacuum that al-Qaida's largest regional affiliate or other extremist groups could fill, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told Congress. And that could allow such groups to help themselves to Syria's vast stockpiles of chemical weapons.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the crisis in Syria has become "that much more serious" and worrisome to the United States as a result of indications that al-Qaida has infiltrated the government's opposition.

"It does raise concerns for us that al-Qaida is trying to assert a presence there," he said. "As to just what their role is and how extensive their role is, I think that still remains to be seen."

In New York, meanwhile, the U.N.

General Assembly approved a resolution backing an Arab League plan calling for Assad to step down and strongly condemning human rights violations it said his government had committed. The vote, though not legally binding, reflects widespread world opinion.

Likewise, in Vienna, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon accused the Syrian government of committing "almost certain" crimes against humanity as activists reported fresh violence and the arrest of several prominent dissidents, including a U.S.-born blogger.

The comments by Panetta and Clapper in Washington marked a diplomatically dissonant moment of near-agreement between American officials and the Syrian leadership they have called on to step down, after the deaths of thousands of Syrians in the unrest that started during last year's Arab Spring.

Syrian President Assad has long blamed terrorists for starting the uprising, which has pitted his military against a rag-tag group of angry Syrians, divided by religion and neighborhood.

Al-Qaida's leader called for Assad's ouster last week. That endorsement has created new obstacles for the U.S., its Western allies and Arab states trying to figure out a way to help push Assad from power.

Clapper said bombings against Syrian security and intelligence targets in Damascus in December, and two more recent bombings in the nation's largest city, Aleppo, bear "all the earmarks of an al-Qaida-like attack," leading the U.S. intelligence to believe the Iraqi militant branch is extending its reach into Syria.

He added the mixture of Syrian opposition groups may have been infiltrated by such militants, probably without their knowledge.

"We've seen evidence of Sunni extremists," he said. "Can't label them specifically as al-Qaida, but similar ilk who are infiltrating the oppositionist groups."

Clapper predicted continued stalemate in Syria, with the opposition too disorganized to present a formidable threat on one side, and Iran providing arms and continued support to prop up the government on the other.

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Chip implant delivers bone drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medication via remote-control instead of a shot? Scientists implanted microchips in seven women that did just that, oozing out the right dose of a bone-strengthening drug once a day without them even noticing.

Implanted medicine is a hot field, aiming to help patients better stick to their meds and to deliver those drugs straight to the body part that needs them.

But Thursday's study is believed the first attempt at using a wirelessly controlled drug chip in people. If this early-stage testing eventually pans out, the idea is that doctors one day might program dose changes from afar with the push of a button, or time them for when the patient is sleeping to minimize side effects.

The implant initially is being studied to treat severe bone-thinning osteoporosis. But it could be filled with other types of medication, said co-inventor Robert Langer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"It's like 'Star Trek,'" said Langer, who co-authored the study appearing Thursday in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. "Just send a signal over a special radio wave, and out comes the drug."

Today's medication implants continuously emit their drugs until they run dry. One example is a dime-sized wafer that oozes chemotherapy directly onto the site of a surgically removed brain

tumor, targeting any remaining cancer cells. Another is a contraceptive rod that is implanted in the arm and releases hormones to prevent pregnancy.

A next step would be more sophisticated implants that release one dose at a time, programmable to skip or add a dose as needed, said biomedical engineer Ellis Meng of the University of Southern California. Meng wasn't involved with the MIT study but also is developing this kind of technology, and called Thursday's report "an important milestone."

Women with severe osteoporosis sometimes are prescribed daily injections of the bone-building drug teriparatide, known by the brand Forteo. But many quit taking it because of the hassle of the shots.

In the study, the microchip held doses of that drug inside tiny wells that are sealed shut with a nano-thin layer of gold. Sending a wireless signal causes the gold on an individual well to dissolve, allowing that dose to diffuse into the bloodstream, Langer explained.

In a doctor's-office procedure, the microchip was implanted just below the waistline into eight women with osteoporosis in Denmark. Testing found one microchip wasn't responding to the signals. The other seven women had their implants programmed to automatically emit a once-a-day dose beginning eight weeks later.

The chips could have begun working right away, said Robert Farra, CEO of MicroCHIPS Inc., a Massachusetts company that has licensed the device and funded the study. But animal research showed a scar tissue-like membrane forms around the pacemaker-sized implant. So he waited until that blockage formed to signal the first of 20 once-a-day doses to begin, to see if the drug could get through.

Blood testing showed the implant delivered the drug as effectively as the women's usual daily injections, and the device appeared to be safe, the researchers reported.

It will take large-scale studies to prove the implant works as well as the long-used shots, cautioned osteoporosis specialist Dr. Ethel Siris of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University.

"They're a long way from proving that this mode of administration is going to work," she said. But it's an intriguing idea because "it's daunting to have to take a daily shot."

Farra said his company hopes to begin a larger-scale test, using a chip that can hold 365 doses, in 2014. While doses of this osteoporosis medicine typically aren't adjusted, he said, the eventual goal is for patients to carry a cell phone-sized device that would provide wireless feedback to the doctor who programs their implants.

CREATIVE CONTEMPLATION

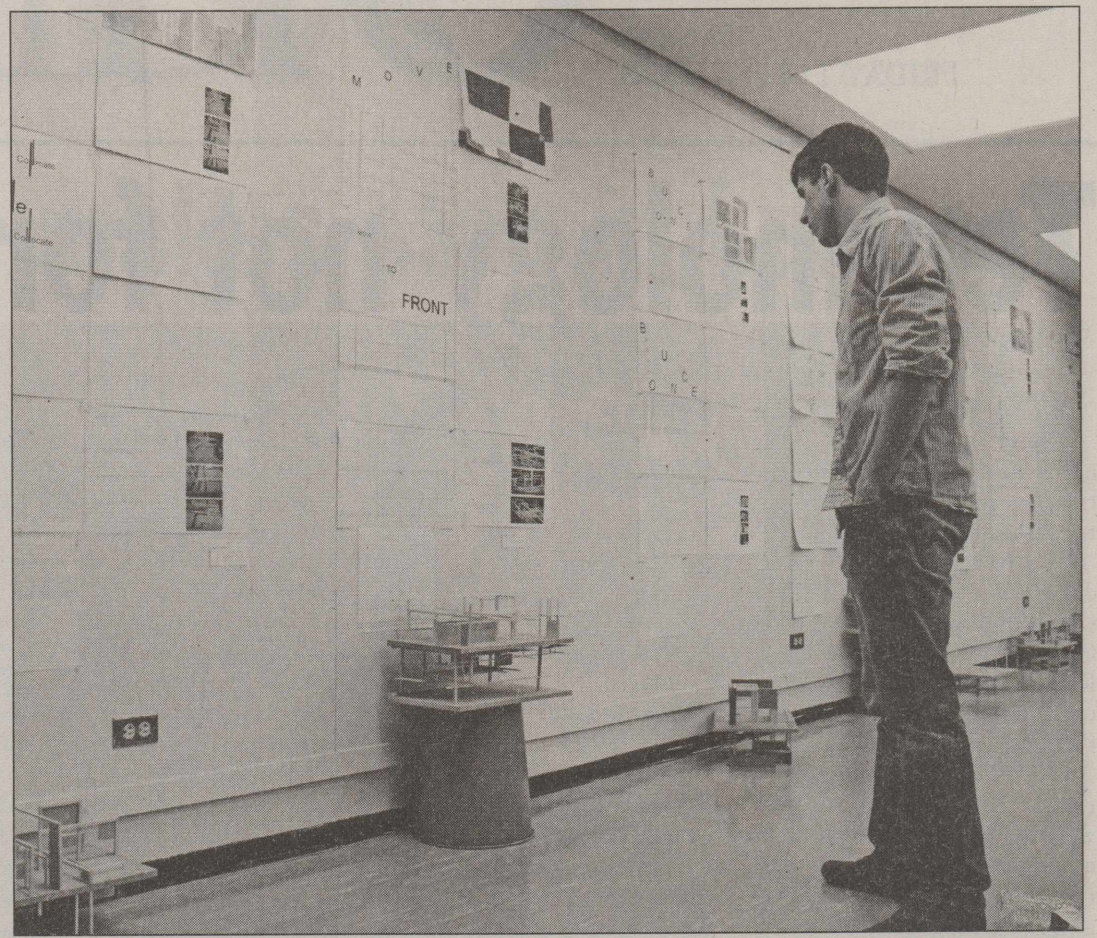


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CALEB LIGHTFOOT, A freshmen architecture major from Midland, observes student projects completed for the Studio 1 course in the Architecture building studio Wednesday. Student projects include a basswood model and hand drawings.

Blotter: Tech officer investigates off-campus assault at apartment complex

Wednesday

12:06 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer responded to a medical emergency at Gates Residence Hall. A student was suffering from an anxiety attack. She was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

1:53 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated theft at the Garst Plaza Building, located between Rocky Johnson Field and McLeod Tennis Center. The refrigeration unit from a water fountain on the exterior of the building was taken.

5:05 p.m.

— A Tech officer documented information concerning an off-campus aggravated assault of a female student at the 25Twenty Apartments, near Marsha Sharp Freeway. The student was assaulted by her boyfriend who is a non-student. A criminal trespass warning letter was sent to the non-student for all Texas Tech University property. The Lubbock Police Department is investigating the assault.

5:48 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated an assault on the west side of the Human Science Building. A student was pushed from

behind by an unknown male.

9:50 p.m. — A Tech officer investigated an assault at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center. A student was pushed by a staff member during a verbal altercation.

Thursday

2:14 a.m. — A Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication in Chitwood Residence Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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

SGA

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"University polices have always restricted campaigning in the SUB, so it makes sense to include it in our election code as well," Davis said. "As far as campaigning in the library, people are trying to study and they don't want to hear campaign, well, I'm going to call it campaign garbage."

The revisions go on to include what the College of Agriculture Sciences Senator Trevor White calls a "non-intimidation clause."

The proposed bill states under no circumstances shall

any penalty, reward or incentive be applied or offered in exchange for voting in general or for a specific candidate or candidates.

"Basically this just means that a fraternity can't say that because that fraternity supports candidate X that you have to vote for candidate X or face the consequences, and reversely, you can't set up a computer at the entrance of a party and say you can't come in and drink our free beer until you vote for me," White said. "I don't like trying to police off-campus because it is almost impossible, but at the same time, we shouldn't be able to reward or punish students for their vote."

This amendment was also passed.

Because the SGA constitution requires a bill amending the election code to be ratified at least a week prior to the election, this change will not be enacted until next year, Davis said. However, the election commissioner may write an advisory requiring these new rules be taken into consideration during this SGA executive election.

Potential student senators and executive officers will begin campaigning next week, Davis said, and voting polls will be open online from Feb. 28-29.

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Women

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The Lubbock chapter is the first central United States chapter of Women for Women, said Lauren Spangler, a senior music theory major from Albuquerque, N.M.

"It's exciting to see this particular organization at Tech, because we're the only central United States chapter," Spangler said. "All the other chapters are on the east or west coast."

Funding and awareness events are scheduled throughout the rest of the year, Lilly said.

"We'll have a bake sale on March 28 and 29 in the free speech area at the Student Union Building," she said. "We're going to co-sponsor an awareness event with another women's organization on campus, the Feminist

Majority Leadership Alliance. We'll show, "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," a movie about women in war."

A silent auction will be scheduled at an upcoming First Friday Art Trail, Lilly said.

"The silent auction is the biggest community event we have so far," she said. "Funds raised will go toward the Women for Women chapter in Lubbock."

In addition to funds raised, Women for Women are looking for local support, Lilly said.

"We'll see if some local business would be willing to donate some of their profits to our organization," she said.

Members of Women for Women are looking to reach out into the Lubbock community, said Rachel Tekola, a junior political science major from Richardson and a chairperson for the organization.

"This is an international ef-

fort, but we're looking to make it a domestic effort as well," she said. "Hopefully we'll be working with other women organizations in Lubbock."

Taking advantage of an opportunity with an organization like this is important, said Lanna Sheldon, a senior mass communications major from Evant.

"There are many women on campus who are willing to help out and want to get involved, but don't know where to start first," she said. "Our goal right now is to reach more students on campus and help them to get involved, so we can make an impact in women's lives, not only locally but ideally abroad."

The next meeting of Women for Women International Lubbock will be at 5:30 p.m. March 1 in the Llano Estacado room in the SUB.

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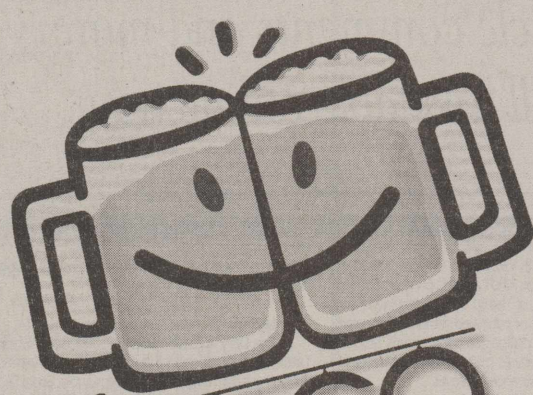
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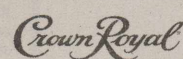


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Technology not for some

Growing up in a digital age is awesome, in my opinion. I don't understand how my parents got through college without a laptop, Google or a smart phone.

If a professor says a word I don't know the definition of, I simply and quickly search it on Google and within seconds I learn the dictionary definition of the word, and sometimes even the Urban Dictionary definition.

But, I'm convinced there is nothing more frustrating than watching a professor try to work a computer. They wrestle with the mouse, keyboard, volume and everything else for minutes while we, the students, sit there in shame and I wonder how an electronic media professor got this far without knowing how to work YouTube.

Recently though, I went with my mom to buy her a new laptop. My dad insisted my mom buy an Apple because her Dell had crapped out.

While shopping for the computer, I had to do all the talking to the Apple salesman. My mom looked like a lost dog in the Apple store. The people, products and noise were too much for her to handle. And even though my mom has worked in IT for more

Paige Skinner



than 25 years, she is computer-challenged.

As the Apple employee begins to set up my mom's new computer, he quickly realizes she will only be using this nice, brand new computer to create Excel spreadsheets. Excel: something Macs don't even come with.

She doesn't have an iTunes account, she didn't want her email set up on her computer and she sighed heavily at the thought of not having a right-click.

The last time I went home to visit my parents, I spent about one hour on my bed with three laptops trying to fix all the dam-

age they had done. Seriously, what do they do without me there? I really don't understand what my mom does at her IT job if she can't figure out how to set her homepage to Foxnews.com.

My grandmothers are a different story. Gigi, my 85-year-old grandmother, only turns on her cell phone when there is an emergency. This creates a problem when there is, well, an emergency and we can't get ahold of her.

And while showing Grammy, my 95-year-old grandmother, a building on Google maps one time, she demanded to see the interior of the building. She couldn't understand why my family busted into laughter and shook our

heads at the thought of people seeing inside people's homes on Google maps. Bless her little heart.

Now, dads are just a different breed in general. God love

them because while they are cool enough to have iPhones, they text like middle school girls. My friends and I have laughed at how our dads text with a full keyboard right in front of them. No punctuation, abbreviated words and the use of "dunno" in place of "I don't know" are just some of the shortcuts they take to make themselves appear more hip.

Now, I can make fun of older people all day long because, hey, they didn't grow up with Internet, laptops and all that jazz.

But, my 28-year-old sister knows better. When my dad told her he had been emailing my uncle while my uncle was on the space station (my uncle is an astronaut, Mike Fossum. Google him), she replied with, "Do they have wireless Internet?" Poor, Britney. She may never live that one down.

I am so thankful to have grown up in a digital age and cannot wait to see what my children will be mastering, while I stare at it blankly.

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"... I wonder how an electronic media professor got this far without knowing how to work YouTube."

Determine when marriage is right

While I'm currently in my last year of college, I have been noticing many of my sorority sisters and other friends starting to get engaged.

I would love to be engaged one day, but we all don't get what we want, when we want it. Slight jealousy has caused me to consider when a good time to get engaged would be. Perhaps in this situation a better question would be, when is a good time to get married?

An engagement is simply a promise and first step toward getting married. But being engaged doesn't always mean you will get married. It only means that you have real intentions to do so. Also, getting married doesn't mean that you will stay married. There are individuals who stay engaged for extended amounts of time, sometimes as long as 10 or 12 years.

Does life change the instant you get engaged? If so, even this verbal contract deserves some type of consideration. To what lengths are you willing to go to for someone you are engaged to?

When making this type of commitment, you must be prepared to make life-altering decisions with this person. Your life must be shaped around what makes the two of you, as a couple, happy.

With factors like this, I am forced to wonder whether being engaged even matters. It's just an in-between state. Not actually married but more than just dating. For the purpose of this discussion, let's ignore engagement because during that time there is no legal document to keep a couple together or even make it difficult for them to split.

I learned many interesting things while conducting research on substance abuse and its relation to divorce. During the research process I was forced to look at documents that explored reasons why people get divorced as well as what types of people are likely to stay married.

Jaira Keys



One particular study showed the ages between 23 and 29 were the best times to get married. Another study simply showed the older you are the more likely it is that your marriage won't end in divorce. There are many articles that show 25 and older is a great age to get married.

Putting statistics and scholarly journals aside, there is no perfect time to settle down. There is no literal or figurative clock ticking that tells you when it's the perfect time to get off the figurative dating bus. We all must listen to our heart to answer these questions for ourselves.

Many decades ago, people used to get married at a much younger age. Is it because we have a longer life expectancy that we tend to wait longer to get married than our ancestors? Maybe. Another hypothesis is that we have more ways of getting in contact with more

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people in different places.

With things like online dating, it makes it easier for individuals to be more choosy. There is always the possibility that you could run into the love of your life on Facebook. Are we holding out for something better?

I guess we all have to decide for ourselves. We have one life to live and we should live it as an individual and not for society. We can't decide to settle down because the world says you're at the age when you should do so.

You'll know when it's time. I just hope you take being engaged as serious as you take an actual marriage. So, to everyone who is headed down the aisle soon, I wish you all good luck in your marriage.

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High court rules on students Facebook use

By THE MARQUETTE TRIBUNE EDITORIAL BOARD
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A mortuary sciences student from U. Minnesota is in court for a Facebook post involving a photo of a cadaver and a joke about slitting her ex-fiancee's throat. Creepy joke, or threatening violation of university policy?

That's exactly what the Minnesota Supreme Court has to decide.

According to the Minnesota Daily, Amanda Tatro posted she wanted to "stab a certain someone in the throat with a trocar" and that she updated her "Death List #5," while also posting a video of a cadaver she was working on in the mortuary science lab which she nicknamed "Bernie," after the popular 80s movie "Weekend at Bernie's."

A fellow mortuary sciences student reported her to their professor, the university police and their program director. The university police found that no crime was committed, but according to the

Minnesota Daily, a student conduct committee "ruled the posts were threatening and disrespectful — a violation of conduct codes and of rules for the Anatomy Bequest Program, which provides bodies for mortuary science students to learn embalming."

Tatro has since appealed the decision and it has made it all the way to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Lower appellate courts have thus far ruled in favor of the university.

We here at the Tribune think that despite the odd nature of the case, it is going to have a huge impact on the future of universities' control over social media.

Regardless of whether Minnesota is willing to admit it, Tatro's case — which has potential to go beyond the state supreme court — could set a dangerous precedent for future cases involving free speech, social networking sites and universities.

Ruling in favor of Tatro could prevent universities from enforcing their honor codes with actions like mandating ethics classes, dropping

grades or requiring students to write papers and apology letters, to name a few. People would not be responsible for breaking codes if they could argue it fell under free speech, like Tatro is trying to do.

On the other hand, if Tatro's appeal loses and U. Minnesota wins, there would be important implications for universities everywhere, including Marquette. Administrations could then regulate any-

thing we post on Facebook if they could argue it is threatening or violating some sort of contract, such as the one mortuary science students sign at Minnesota when dealing with cadavers.

Essentially, coming down on the side of the university will allow schools to infringe on any form of Internet speech, so long as they can make a case that it might "disrupt" the university's mission or be deemed "threatening."

For Marquette, this would include any protest or student demonstration that is organized through Facebook, status updates about homework, teachers, other students, athletics ... the list could go on and on. There would be no limit to the amount of content the administration would be allowed to review, even if — like in Tatro's case — the comments were made online.

We aren't saying that threatening comments should be tolerated, but it seems Tatro's were not

threatening to the university or her mortuary sciences program. However, ruling in favor of the university would lead to many more problems than solutions on social media issues. Ruling in favor of U. Minnesota, in this case, is clearly the worse precedent to set.

The court's ruling will definitely apply to the state of Minnesota, but if the university wins, there are possible ramifications for the entire country, including Wisconsin.

Tatro's circumstances may have been unusual, but that doesn't deny her right to free speech on Facebook, especially when off-campus. Yes, school codes — especially those in the premedical professions

— should be adhered to because of patient confidentiality and other factors. However, this incident had nothing to do with the school itself; it just happened to relate to the mortuary sciences curriculum and lesson that day.

We can't punish every angry 20-something because they had a bad day and decided to let the whole world know on Facebook. As long as a person's speech isn't genuinely threatening to the institution, it should be upheld by the First Amendment, plain and simple.

Taking away students' rights to free speech on Facebook is a dangerous precedent to set — a precedent we do not want to see happen.

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Brad Paisley's world tour makes stop in Lubbock

By HALLIE DAVIS
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The night began with Scotty McCreery, Fox Network's 2011 "American Idol" winner singing a set including his hit "I Love You This Big."

"I was surprised by Scotty," said Jack Johnson, a senior bio-chemistry major from Lubbock. "I didn't like him on American Idol, but I do now. He won me over."

McCreery's fame from the reality show translated well to country radio.

Devon Norwood, a student at Coronado High School, came to see Brad Paisley, but her friend Madisen Pollock said she was far more excited for McCreery.

"I followed Scotty on 'American Idol,'" said Johnson's aunt, Cathy Lehtinen, a Lubbock resident. "and I've loved Brad, I had to come see them all."

Lehtinen said she also followed the second act, The Band Perry. Along with its two hits "If I Die Young" and "You Lie," the band also sang Queen's "Fat Bottomed Girls" and sampled

other famous songs.

"I really liked the variety," Lehtinen said. "They have a rock background."

Though Lehtinen said she loved the way the band acknowledged its roots, Johnson said the song was an odd choice for the country group.

"He couldn't quite pull off Queen," Johnson said, "but no one really can."

After both opening acts, Paisley came out to his first round of applause. Johnson said he had seen Paisley before and was expecting this show to be better. He said he was especially excited to watch the guitars, as each song had an entirely new guitar, often painted to the theme of the song.

A high-tech light show accompanied most songs and some had music videos played on the screen behind him.

During the segment for "Waiting on a Woman," many in the audience were in tears.

They dried quickly, however, as Paisley was quick to humor, calling his song "Ticks" a public service announcement, then referencing the Kardashians, Charlie Sheen and YouTube's

infamous honey badger.

Altering the lyrics in some places, Paisley went out of his way to sing to Texans, and even the Red Raiders; in the song "Ticks" he mentioned a "Texas Tech tattoo."

Emotions ran high for most of Paisley's songs; one called on the classics of country, and honored singers from George Strait to Tammy Wynette.

Several times, Paisley stepped down into the audience, hugging fans and even letting them play his guitar. One woman tried to take a photo with her cell phone, and he took it from her.

"Let's make a video," he said, and proceeded to sing the song, holding up the camera to the audience and himself.

This played into the idea of the Virtual Reality Tour, with so much interaction.

Additionally, much of his show focused on pop culture, with songs like "Welcome to the Future" and an entire segment dedicated to Star Wars.

That wasn't the only surprise though, country artist Carrie Under-

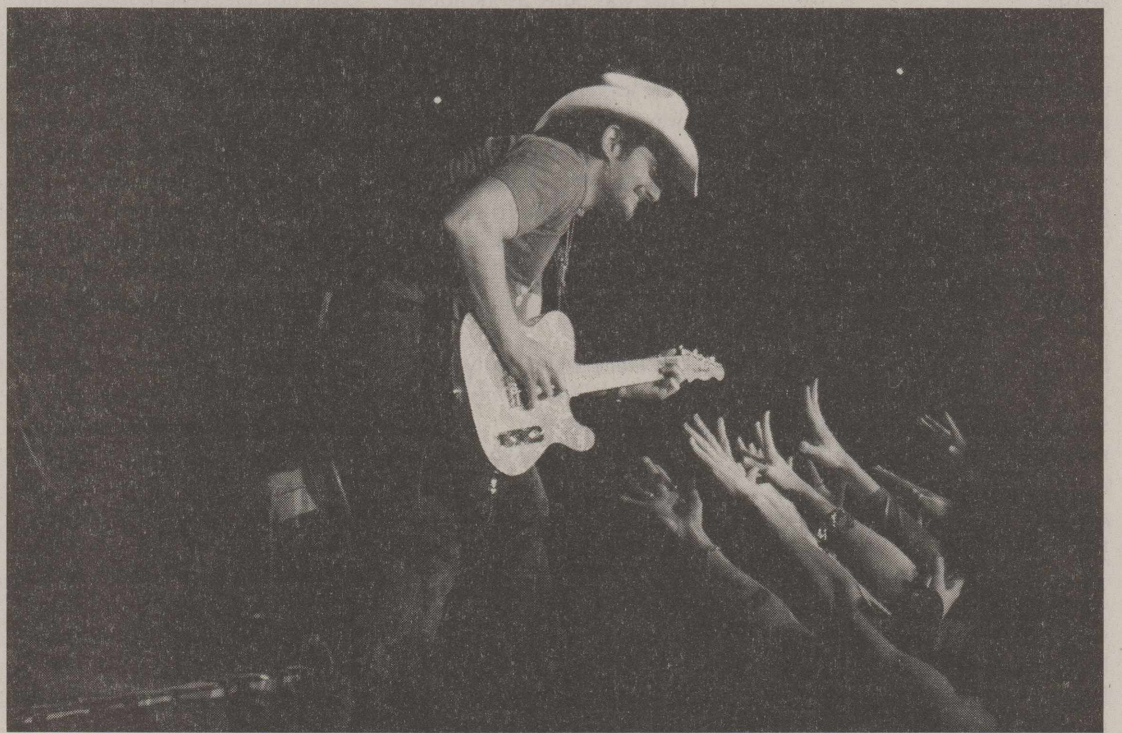


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BRAD PAISLEY SINGS in United Spirited Arena on Thursday night during his Virtual Reality World Tour.

wood made an appearance and sang a duet to "Remind Me."

"Just seeing him in person is so cool," said Norwood. "I've listened

to him forever."

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Obama goes on three-day trip to raise campaign cash in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Barack Obama pitched for blue-collar jobs and then dashed for campaign cash on Wednesday, embarking on a three-day West Coast trip to haul in millions of dollars for his re-election bid.

Obama's day brought him from the factory floor of a Milwaukee padlock manufacturer to the posh home of a Hollywood soap opera producer, where 1,000 people paid hundreds of dollars apiece to support Obama and listen to the rock band the Foo Fighters. The messages throughout the day — from policies to spur job growth to the need to mobilize for a tough campaign ahead — are intertwined as Obama seeks re-election.

"It's not going to be easier this time. It's going to be harder this time," Obama said Wednesday night at the home of Bradley Bell, the executive producer of "The Bold and the Beautiful," at an event attended by notables that included actors Jack Black and Rashida Jones. "People out there are hurting and they need us to do more."

The president later attended a swanky dinner at Bell's Holmby Hills home that included actors George Clooney, James Belushi

and other guests paying \$35,800 each. Will Ferrell was a co-host of the event but was filming in New Orleans and did not attend.

The president recalled a common refrain from former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who said, "campaigning is poetry and governance is prose."

"We've been slogging through prose for the last three years," Obama said, noting that "people, they like the poetry." He acknowledged that some of his supporters remain frustrated that the war in Afghanistan has yet to end and the U.S. naval prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, remains open.

"I understand that. I feel the same way sometimes," he said.

Obama was spending the night at the Beverly Hilton, the same hotel where singer Whitney Houston died on Saturday.

California traditionally has been a fundraising mecca for Democrats — and a reliably blue state — and Obama's campaign was expected to collect millions from six events in Los Angeles and San Francisco over two days. He was wrapping up the week with two fundraisers in the Seattle area.

The president raised more than \$220 million for his campaign and the Democratic National Committee in 2011 and is trying to use a protracted Republican presidential

primary to build a financial buffer zone to help his cause in the November general election. Democrats have warned that outside groups supporting Republicans will pour hundreds of millions of dollars into the campaign to target Obama.

Obama was making his first fundraising trip outside Wash-

ington since his campaign announced it would encourage supporters to donate to a Democratic super PAC backing Obama's campaign. Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and their wives do not plan to appear at events for the super PAC, Priorities USA.

It was also Obama's first trip to Hollywood since Congress delayed action on legislation cracking down on online piracy. The legislation was pushed by the film industry and garnered major opposition from Internet companies before it stalled, pitting two Democratic constituencies against each other.

Obama has said any legislation must protect intellectual property that creates jobs in the U.S., while still respecting the integrity of the Internet as an open system. The president made no mention of the issue during remarks to the large audience of activists.

Obama started his day in Milwaukee, where he called for tax cuts for American manufacturers and higher taxes for companies that move overseas, pressing what he hopes will be a winning campaign issue. He also acknowledged that many factories have closed, their jobs have gone overseas and

a lot of them "are not going to come back."

"In a global economy, some companies will always find it more profitable to pick up and do business in other part of the world. That's just a fact," Obama said at the Master Lock plant in Milwaukee. "But that doesn't mean we have to sit by and settle for a lesser future."

Obama carried Wisconsin by 14 percentage points in 2008 but has watched his popularity fall amid tough economic conditions. Republicans, led by Gov. Scott Walker, captured nearly every statewide office two years ago and GOP leaders expect to target Obama throughout the Midwest this year.

Walker infuriated Democrats with efforts to curtail collective bargaining rights and faces a recall election later in the spring or summer that could serve as a bellwether for Obama in the state. Walker has said a win would deliver a "devastating blow" to Obama's re-election campaign.

Yet he was all smiles he greeted the president at the airport, a Milwaukee Brewers jersey in hand

as a gift.

The president hit the road with good political news trailing him. Congress had reached a tentative agreement to extend a payroll tax cut that would mean an extra \$40 per paycheck for a typical family, along with an extension of unemployment benefits. The payroll tax break was the heart of Obama's jobs plan.

He suggested that a range of changes in the tax code could keep the momentum going. Obama has sought a reduction in tax rates for manufacturers and proposed tax credits that would cover moving expenses for companies that close production overseas and bring jobs back to the U.S.

He noted that Master Lock has returned about 100 jobs to the United States from China since mid-2010 in response to higher labor and logistical costs in Asia. "Manufacturing is coming back," Obama said. "The economy is getting stronger."

Obama plans to take the manufacturing message to Washington state on Friday, touring a Boeing facility at the end of a brisk West Coast trip.

We've been slogging through prose for the last three years, people, they like the poetry.

BARACK OBAMA
U.S. PRESIDENT

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Any not erased by passers-by were still disproven in the end, when Smith said a hammer was taken to the chalkboard and the whole thing was smashed.

The events served to draw attention to issues students are most likely aware of, but often do not talk about, Smith said.

"While Tech is pretty friendly," she said, "I thought this would be a good way to have a forum to talk about (stereotyping)."

She said many students seemed impressed by the idea, and were getting questions answered with the truth behind common misconceptions.

Smith said her own thoughts were reversed when a male student erased a comment about feminists, which Smith had thought would be removed by a female.

Next year, she said, she hopes to see the Residence Hall Association continue the event and to have it gain traction and improve every year.

This year, she said, she was happy to get off to a good start, with the sentences being removed slowly, but surely, throughout the day.

"It's important to bring (stereotypes) to attention," Epstein said. "There's no way to have peace if this is how we think about each other."

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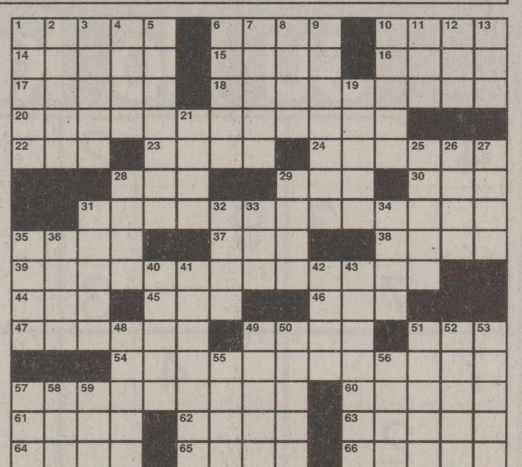
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By Annemarie Brethauer

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Tech alumni, faculty, staff honored for contributions

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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In order to honor people who have made outstanding contributions to Texas Tech, a gift was given to them that keeps on giving.

Selected buildings, colleges and even freeways have been named after a select number of people who have proven their passion and support for Tech.

One man this applies to is Dossie M. Wiggins, former president of Tech from 1948 to 1952.

Wiggins' great nephew, Robert Dillman, said Wiggins had a passion for education and primarily for teachers and professors.

"He very much encouraged students to look to the future and to invest in their education," Dillman said. "When I was there, he talked about having a real passion for the teachers and professors who were there because he knew they were the people who dealt with the students on a day-to-day basis. He encouraged them to become the best educators they possibly could."

Dillman said Tech campus

underwent quite a transformation while Wiggins served as president. He modernized it by getting rid of dirt roads and adding a number of new buildings. Now, a building has his name in honor of his work, known as the Wiggins Complex.

"That was quite an honor because he was very much still alive and active at the time," Dillman said. "He was pretty humbled, and he always considered that a great honor."

Dillman, who graduated with a mechanical engineering degree from Tech in 1975, said Wiggins would take him to church and out for breakfast every Sunday while he attended Tech.

"He was a tremendous man," Dillman said. "I was privileged to know him personally."

The Rawls College of Business Administration was the first college on campus to receive a name. Jerry S. Rawls, a Tech alumnus, donated \$25 million to Tech in December 2000.

"He came back into Texas Tech to do something good for Texas Tech," said Bob Rhoades, assistant dean for finance and operations for Rawls College. "He had several

options on what he could do for the institution and he chose Rawls College because he felt that could make the most impact."

Rawls' gift has been used for more than 10 years and has allowed the college to gain chairs, chair holders, professorship holders, scholarships, travel operations and other components necessary to make a college function.

"We were very pleased and very honored that he would choose the college to place his money with, knowing that he wanted us to do a lot of good and a much better than we were able to do in the past," Rhoades said. "It has made a tremendous impact on the college."

Another college named after an alumnus is the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

Whitacre, the former CEO of AT&T, graduated from Tech in 1964 with an industrial engineering degree.

In 2008, AT&T and friends of the company gave gifts of \$25 million to the College of Engineering to honor Whitacre.

"Ed Whitacre has contributed to a variety of things at Texas Tech, too many to just name in a

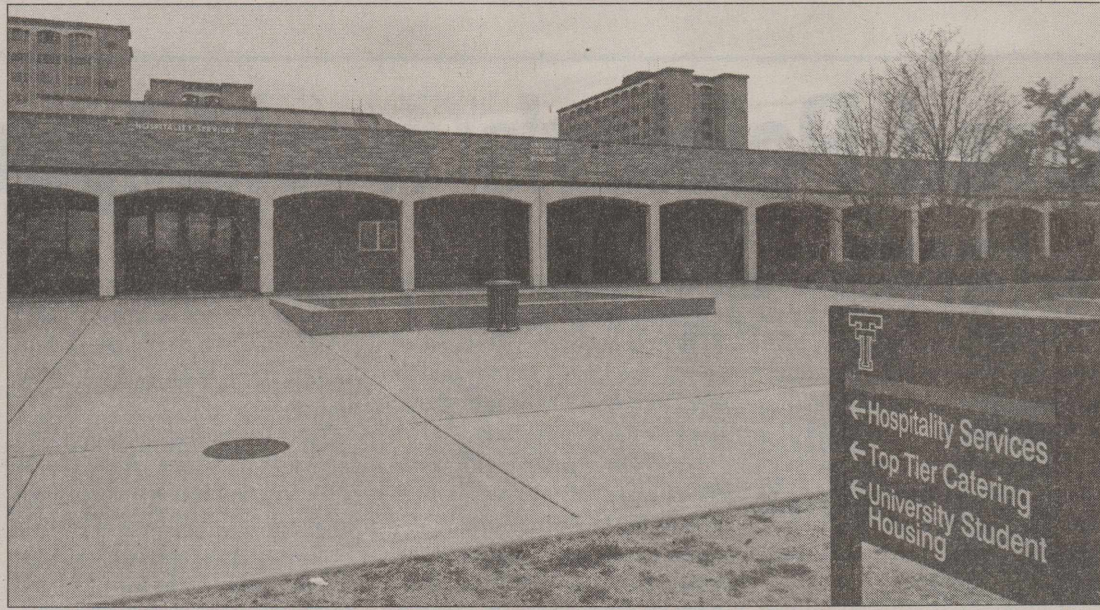


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THE WIGGINS COMPLEX is named after Dossie M. Wiggins, a former Texas Tech president who served from 1948 to 1952. While at Tech, Wiggins rid the campus of dirt roads and added a number of buildings.

few minutes," said Jeff Sammon, director of marketing and communications in the College of Engineering.

In addition to these stories, there are many other buildings and residence halls around campus named for those who made a difference in Tech history. Doak

Hall was named for Mary W. Doak, Tech's first Dean of Women.

Sports facilities fall under this category as well. The Rocky Johnson Field, the Lady Raider's softball field, is named in honor of James L. "Rocky" Johnson, a CEO of GTE who is an alumnus of the Rawls College of Business

at Tech and who also served as a Tech regent.

Even the Marsha Sharp Freeway is named after former Lady Raider basketball coach Marsha Sharp, who coached the team for 24 seasons and won the 1993 NCAA Championship. >>>atubbs@dailytoreador.com

James Haven, father Jon Voight promote Texas film

AUSTIN (AP) — Jon Voight helped his son James Haven on Wednesday to promote a new inspirational film about a Texan who lost everything because of alcoholism, but eventually redeemed himself, built a successful business and now dedicates himself to promoting education.

The independent production called "Deep in the Heart of Texas" is based on the true story of Dick Wallrath. He overcame alcoholism to reunite with his family, build a successful ranching business and then support college scholarships for rural kids through 4H and Future Farmers of America. Wallrath has made record-setting bids on best-in-show livestock at 4H and FFA events across the state.

The story focuses on Wallrath reconciling with his children after years of estrangement, something Haven and his father experienced. Haven and his older sister, actress Angelina Jolie, were raised by their mother after their parents divorced.

On Wednesday, Haven refused to talk about reconciling with Voight, but said he was inspired

by the people portrayed in the film. Jon Gries plays Wallrath and Haven plays his daughter's boyfriend, Gary, at the time that Wallrath is trying to win his family's trust again.

"I was very blessed to meet the real Gary and the real Alexander, who is their son. It was an honor because it is the first time I've ever played anybody who's real; I've played a lot of fictional creations," Haven said. "Anytime you have the opportunity to do any kind of story that is based on a true story, I think those are the most inspirational."

Christopher Cain directed Haven in "Deep in the Heart." He also directed Voight and Gries in the 2007 film "September Dawn," about the killing of 120 unarmed Arkansas pioneers by Mormon settlers in Utah in 1857.

Voight said he was impressed with the new film, and his son's acting in it.

"I think there is something very appealing in it, and I think that is because of the actors," Voight said.

The film's world premiere was in Austin on Wednesday night.

Lecture and performance series welcomes Ailey II

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The acclaimed modern dance company Ailey II will perform tonight at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theatre, as part of the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

Having seen the original Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater perform, Jo Moore, the administrator for the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series, said she could not wait for Ailey II to come to Lubbock.

"Ailey II is an exceptional company," she said. "They have the same principles and spirit as the first, and they are so energetic."

This year's group includes 12 of the Ailey School's most promising scholarship students. Ailey II began as a touring group more than 35 years ago. Moore

said they perform some of the dances Ailey is known for, and a few others. Standbys like the groups' "Revelations," which Alvin Ailey himself choreographed, have been universally renowned. Ailey II has been featured in publications like *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

"It's going to be not only dynamic," she said, "they're beautiful, and athletic."

Before taking the stage in the Allen Theatre, Moore said, the group would teach a master class to a group of dance students. She said it is a fabulous opportunity for the students to work with professionals in the field.

Senior dance major Hannah Granville, from Garland, said she was excited for the class, which filled quickly. She said she hoped the whole group would

be there, and it would be a great opportunity for individualized instruction from some of the best modern dancers.

Knowing the prestige of Alvin Ailey and the Ailey School, Granville said, she was sure the class would be a lot of fun, very modern and really hard, as well as an intense workout.

In the evening, she will see the show with many other dance majors, for whom it is a requirement. Still, she said, the company appeals to anyone, whether or not they are familiar with contemporary dance.

"It's going to be a very modern dance show," she said. "It's going to be amazing. You'll be blown away no matter what."

She echoed Moore's thoughts on their excitement and professionalism; she said since Ailey II is one of the premier contem-

porary dance companies, the event would be an experience all to itself.

"I expect it to be perfect," she said, "with a lot of energy."

With February being Black History Month, Moore said, it was also very timely to have the group of diverse performers dance in Lubbock.

Moore said ultimately, Ailey II embodied the ideals of this year's Presidential Lecture and Performance Series.

"We say, 'You don't want to miss a moment,'" she said, "and you definitely don't want to miss a moment of Ailey II."

Tickets are available at the SUB box office for \$15, or free with a valid student ID.

Next in the series is Anoushka Shankar on March 30.

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Houston's death spurs look at her doctors, medications

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's become standard operating procedure when a celebrity dies too young — investigators immediately go looking through their nightstand and medicine cabinet.

That effort is well under way in the death of Whitney Houston, with investigators saying Wednesday they have subpoenaed records from the singer's doctors and pharmacies who dispensed medication found in her hotel room.

The inquiries are routine in virtually all death investigations, Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said, noting that similar measures are taken when a person dies in a car crash, shoots themselves or, as in Houston's case, dies unexpectedly.

It will be weeks before toxicology results reveal the medications and quantities, if any, that were in Houston's system when she died. The Grammy winner's history of substance abuse has added to the speculation that her death may have been caused by prescription drugs.

Abuse of prescribed medications has skyrocketed in recent years. In 2008, more than 36,000 people died

from drug overdoses — triple the number from 1990 — with most of these deaths caused by prescription drugs.

Drug deaths, fueled by prescription drug overdoses, now surpass motor vehicle deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Investigators have not said what medications they have recovered from Houston's room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The singer was found underwater in a bathtub by a member of her staff hours before she planned to attend a chic pre-Grammy gala. Police have said there were no signs of foul play and Winter said there were no signs of trauma on her body when an autopsy was conducted on Sunday.

Among the scenarios that will likely be explored is whether Houston was drinking before her death, which could compound the effects of any medications she was taking.

"Sometimes people fall into a stupor when they're on a combination of drugs so they're difficult to arouse," said clinical psychiatrist and addiction specialist Dr. Karen Miotto

at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Sober people who fall asleep in the bathtub will wake up when water hits their face. An impaired person may not respond the same way.

Even a small amount of prescription drugs combined with alcohol "can result in a state of unconsciousness and inability to rescue oneself from drowning in the bathtub," said Bruce Goldberger, a forensic toxicologist at the University of Florida.

In celebrity-rich California, the sudden death of a star always sparks interest in their medical history. When actress Brittany Murphy and actor Corey Haim died, their prescription medications became an early focus.

In April 2010, Jerry Brown, then California Attorney General, proclaimed Haim was the poster-child of prescription drug abuse and doctor-shopping. The former child star of films such as "The Lost Boys" and "License to Drive" had long struggled with addiction, but coroner's officials ultimately determined prescription medications played no role in his death, which was attributed to pneu-

monia and an enlarged heart.

A similar finding was made in the death of "Clueless" star Murphy, whose December 2009 death was attributed to pneumonia, along with severe anemia and prescription drug intoxication. A coroner's report stated that Murphy, who had been sick in the days before her December 2009 death, showed no signs she abused medication.

California maintains a prescription drug monitoring database known as CURES, which contains more than 100 million prescriptions and receives anywhere from four to six million additions every month. Law enforcement officers can review the data culled from pharmacies to check whether doctors are prescribing outside the course of normal medical practice and see if a patient is getting multiple prescriptions from various physicians, commonly known as doctor shopping.

Brown, now California governor, touted the CURES program as attorney general and, in addition to Haim, launched high-profile investigations into the deaths of Michael Jackson and Anna Nicole Smith.

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Red Raider baseball set for season opener, hosts Red Raider Classic

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
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After coming up just short of reaching the postseason in 2011 with a 33-25 record, Texas Tech baseball will look to make that extra push it needs to earn a postseason berth this year.

Tech begins its journey toward its goal Friday, as it hosts Missouri State as a part of the Red Raider Classic at the newly renovated Rip Griffin Park.

Left-handed pitcher Daniel Coulombe said he is ready to pitch against someone other than a teammate because it will help the team gauge where it is at.

"We are always competing against each other," he said, "so you don't really know how to benchmark yourself against other teams, but now we'll be able to see and face other competition, and I'm just excited for it."

Coulombe and the rest of the pitching staff will have to make some improvements from last year if they want to help lead Tech to the postseason, as the Red Raiders struggled on the mound last year compiling a 4.92 ERA which was last in the Big 12 Conference.

One thing Tech head coach Dan Spencer said he is focusing on this season is for his starters to go deeper into games.

"We'd like to be efficient and go get five or six innings out of each of starter," he said. "Now, whether or not that's possible, we'll see."

If the starters are successful in going deep into games, they will have a proven closer to hand the ball off to.

John Neely returns as Tech's closer after recording a 9-1 record with seven saves and a 2.97 ERA — 13th best in the Big 12 among all pitchers. Neely's 2011 statistics have earned him some preseason honors, as he was named a second team preseason All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and was awarded a spot on the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List.

Additionally, the Red Raiders are faced with the task of replacing the bat — and more importantly, the glove — of an American Baseball Coaches Association Rawlings Division I Gold Glove Award winner in Kelly Tomlinson.

Tech will have to replace a bat that drove in 43 RBIs while maintaining a .307 batting average. Tomlinson also did not com-

mit a single error in the final 24 games of the 2011 season.

Spencer said Tech's new shortstop will not be revealed until game time Friday.

"You know what, almost, yeah almost — we'll have (a starter named) tomorrow right when we hit," he said. "You can come see it."

However, the Red Raiders will return what is arguably their biggest bat, as Barrett Barnes returns for his junior season.

Barnes already has racked up numerous preseason accolades including a spot on Perfect Game's preseason All-Big 12 team, was named the No. 8 outfielder in Perfect Game's college power rankings and is the College Baseball Daily's projected No. 19 player in the country.

Last season, Barnes showed off his versatility by hitting 10 home runs, driving in 38 RBIs and stealing 19 bases.

Barnes said he and his teammates continue to evolve into better players as each year goes by.

"Each one of us grows every year as we come out and play more baseball — that's the beauty about the game," he said. "The longer you play, the better you get."

Barnes also said he has noticed the pitching staff's growth during the off-season, and said they have had much better command and have pounded the strike zone during spring practices.

"I think what is going to make them the best is they get ahead and they throw strikes," he said. "My freshman year, our biggest Achilles (heel) was our walks and our pitching, and I think this year we have a lot of guys that throw strikes, fill up the zone and get ahead early and they compete."

Despite the large amount of starters Tech has returning, the Red Raiders have been picked to finish seventh in the preseason Big 12 baseball

coaches' poll.

Pitcher Rusty Shellhorn said being picked to finish near the bottom of the Big 12 — the conference features just nine teams because Iowa State does not have a team — does not effect how the team will play because it does not matter at the moment.

"I don't really care what the polls say, and I don't think any of us care what the polls say," he said. "Whether they say we finish first or last, our only goal here is to win the Big 12, and I think that we're going to do our best to do that. And it really doesn't matter what the polls say because in the end the only poll that matters is the last one."

Tech will finish out the weekend by playing Tennessee Tech both Saturday and Sunday, then will play Missouri State again Sunday as part of its double-header.

Coach Spencer said he is eager to see what he is working with, and will have a better idea of where this team stands after the final out Sunday.

"I think by the end of the weekend, we will at least have an early idea of where we're at," he said, "and it will be good to get guys through the first time. Just excited to run all of the pieces out and see what you've got."

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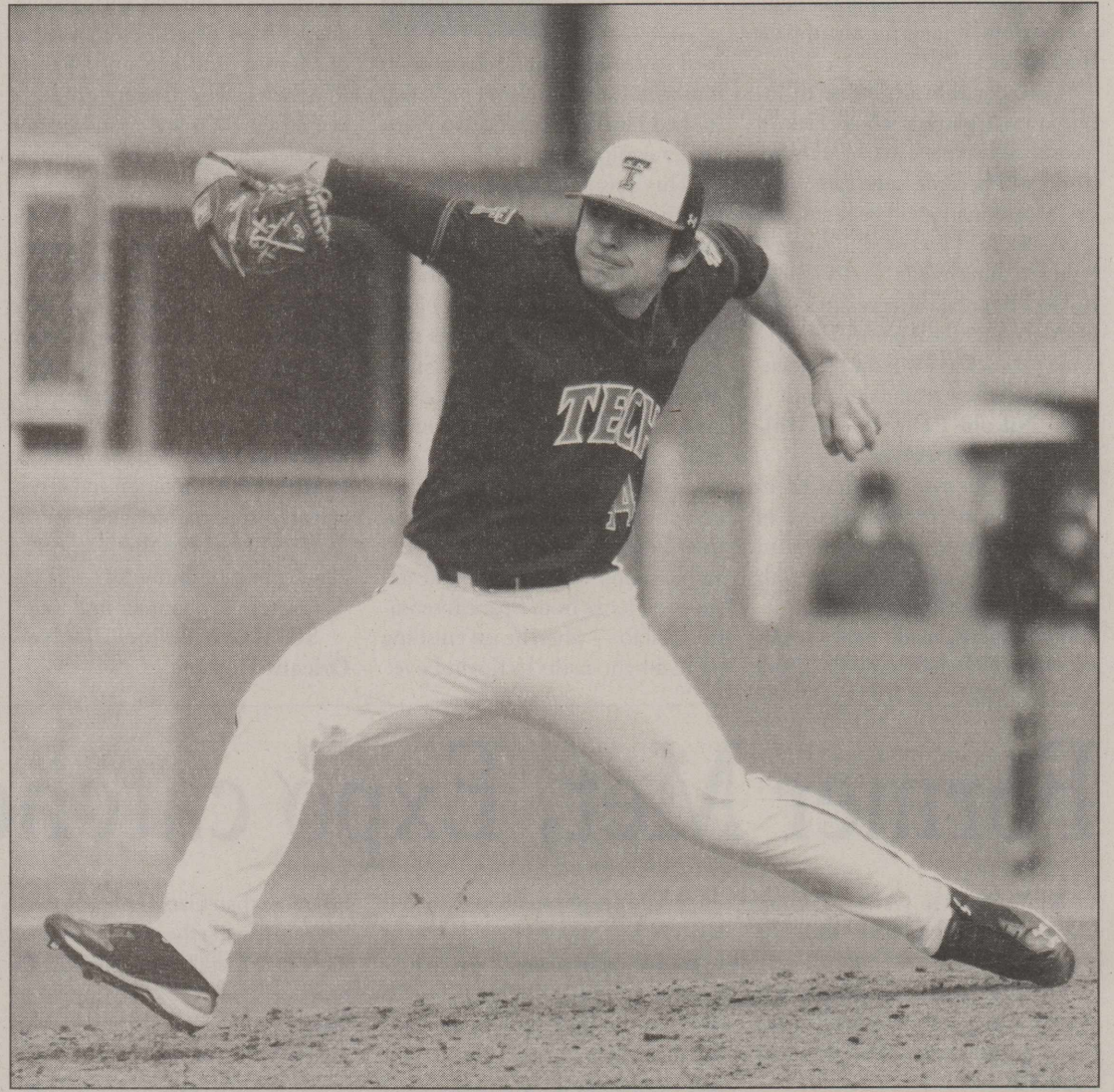


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TEXAS TECH PITCHER Rusty Shellhorn pitches during the alumni game Saturday at at Rip Griffin Park.

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Foreign finds for your NBA fantasy team

While the breakout story of the year of Jeremy Lin ignites the NBA and fuels the entire New York and Asian market, we fans and fantasy owners may forget about other non-American players who are currently making an impact this season.

Consider this a homage to international players whose lack of household names in the fantasy world will become your gain. And yes, accent marks will be respected.

As badly as I wanted to start off by mentioning rookie “Pretty” Ricky Rubio, I refrained after realizing you can’t score fantasy points for awesome passes. But I will start by mentioning a fellow teammate of his:

C Nikola Pekovic — Minnesota Timberwolves

When Pekovic was drafted in 2008, he was considered one of the top international big men in the draft. But contract issues with his former Greek powerhouse club, Panathinaikos, made many teams take him off their board. Minnesota



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used its second round selection on him with the 31st overall pick, and stashed him overseas for two years, finally signing him in 2010.

This season, a timely injury to starting center Darko Milicic (you know, that player who Detroit selected instead of Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh or Dwayne Wade) gave Pekovic a chance to show his skill set. He hasn’t disappointed. Since starting Jan. 25, Pekovic has averaged 15.7 points and 10 rebounds in 12 games.

Milicic does not appear to have earned back his starting position from Pekovic, meaning you have a viable center who can rebound and get good looks from Spanish sensation Rubio — when he isn’t dishing out highlight assists to Kevin Love.

Add, or trade for him, without owner’s remorse.

SF Nicolas Batum — Portland Trail Blazers

There was a time last offseason when the Trail Blazers were at the crossroads of parting with Batum, due to their depth of acquisitions of Gerald Wallace and Wesley Matthews. The Blazers opted to keep their 2008 first round French selection, and instead bid adieu to Rudy Fernandez.

On Feb. 4, Batum erupted off the bench, scoring 33 points and leading the Blazers to a 20 point victory, 117-97. This Valentine’s Day, head coach Nate McMillan sent Batum a gift of love — starting him rather than Matthews. Batum answered by scoring 33 again.

Batum looks to have replaced Matthews in the rotation and, if not, will at least be the sixth man for the Blazers throughout the season and play significant minutes.

Owners, say bonjour to Batum.
SG Marco Belinelli — New Orleans Hornets

The New Orleans Bumblebees are in rock-bottom last place in the Western Conference, and are currently in the hunt for worst record overall with the Charlotte Kittens.

All levity aside, this team is bad, and losing Chris Paul for, at best, a potential All-Star in an injured Eric Gordon — who might not even play this season — will set them back a couple of years.

Because of New Orleans’s self-aware notion of sucking, the Hornets will be experimenting with players all season in hopes of finding pieces to build upon for the future. Italian Belinelli seems to be one as of late.

Belinelli averages 10.2 points but, since last Monday, the 6-foot-5-inch Italian has shown a knack for the three (12-for-24) and points, earning 15.6 a game. The majority of statistical relevance was done Wednesday against Milwaukee, when he scored a game high 22 and was 6-for-7 from three-point land.

Belinelli is only 0.8 percent owned in ESPN Fantasy Basketball,

but keep monitor on his performance these next few games to see if he can be consistent.

PG José Calderón — Toronto Raptors

If you’re in a head-to-head league that rewards wins by category and in dire need of assists, say “Si” to Spaniard José Calderón.

Signed by the Raptors in 2005, Calderón is one of those players who puts up commendable statistics year after year, but never seems to get the recognition he deserves. Well, let me toot his horn for him.

Record holder of the highest free throw percentage in a season (.981 in 2008-2009) and Eastern Conference assist leader that same year, Calderón averages 11.1 points and 8.8 assists this season. The past four games — aka the “Lin Age” — Calderón is averaging 22 points, 10 assists and four rebounds a contest.

Chances are Calderón is already owned in your league, but due to him always flying under the radar and not being named an All-Star, you could probably snag him from

an uneducated fantasy owner for a couple of your bench players.

Butterfly Catch of the Week: SF/PF Ersan Ilyasova — Milwaukee Bucks

With Andrew Bogut out potentially the remainder of the season, head coach Scott Skiles will be toying with his frontcourt lineup in hopes of sneaking the Bucks in the playoffs. As of recent, Ilyasova seems to be the toy Skiles has been playing with the most — just like when Woody got thrown to the side for Buzz Lightyear on “Toy Story.”

Hailing from Turkey, Ilyasova has averaged 15.2 points and 9.4 rebounds the past five games he’s played in, making him an intriguing option in fantasy when you look at the lack of depth Milwaukee has in its frontcourt.

As with Belinelli, keep monitor of Milwaukee’s box scores with Ilyasova in mind, and if you like what you see, go dust off that net of yours.

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Former Met, Expo catcher Gary Carter dies at 57

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Carter was nicknamed “Kid” for good reason.

His smile, bubbly personality and eagerness to excel on a ballfield made him a joy to watch at the plate and behind it.

Even his Hall of Fame bronze plaque at Cooperstown shows him with a toothy grin — the Kid forever.

The star catcher, whose single for the New York Mets in the 1986 World Series touched off one of the most improbable rallies in baseball, died Thursday. He was 57.

Carter was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor last May, two weeks after finishing his second season as coach at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said Carter died at a hospice in the West Palm Beach, Fla., area.

“I am deeply saddened to tell you all that my precious dad went to be with Jesus today at 4:10 p.m.,” Carter’s daughter Kimmy Bloomers wrote on the family website. “This is the most difficult thing I have ever had to write in my entire life but I wanted you all to know.”

Carter was an 11-time All-Star and three-time Gold Glove winner. His bottom-of-the-10th single in Game 6 of the 1986 Series helped the Mets mount a charge against the Boston Red Sox and eventually beat them.

With curly, blond locks flaring out from beneath his helmet, and a rigid, upright batting stance, Carter was immediately recognizable. And anyone who watched Carter recognized his zest.

“Nobody loved the game of base-

ball more than Gary Carter. Nobody enjoyed playing the game of baseball more than Gary Carter. He wore his heart on his sleeve every inning he played,” Mets Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver said.

After Carter’s diagnosis, the Mets began playing a highlight reel of his accomplishments on the video board during games at Citi Field and posted this message: “Our thoughts are with you Gary. From your millions of fans and the New York Mets.”

“His nickname ‘The Kid’ captured how Gary approached life,” the Mets said Thursday in a statement. “He did everything with enthusiasm and with gusto on and off the field. His smile was infectious. ... He was a Hall of Famer in everything he did.”

Carter played nearly two decades with the Mets, Montreal, San Fran-

cisco and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He led the Expos to their only playoff berth and was the first player enshrined in Cooperstown wearing an Expos cap.

“Gary was one of the happiest guys in the world every day,” Mets teammate Mookie Wilson once said.

Carter was known as much for his effervescent personality as his talents. He earned his nickname as an eager teen in his first major league camp and the label stuck for the rest of his career, and beyond.

“An exuberant on-field general with a signature smile who was known for clutch hitting and rock-solid defense over 19 seasons,” reads his Hall plaque.

He was especially pumped during the biggest moment of his career. The powerful Mets were down to their last

chance in the ‘86 Series when Carter stepped up with two outs. No one was on base, and New York was trailing Boston 5-3 in the bottom of the 10th inning in Game 6.

Carter said he had just one thought in mind: “I wasn’t going to make the last out of the World Series.”

True to his word, he delivered a clean single to left field off Red Sox reliever Calvin Schiraldi. Kevin Mitchell followed with a single, and when Ray Knight also singled, Carter scampered home from second base.

As Carter crossed the plate, he clapped his hands, pointed at Wilson on deck and clapped again. Moments later, Bill Buckner’s error scored Knight for an amazing 6-5 win. Carter rushed from the dugout to join the celebration at home plate, catcher’s

gear already on. Overshadowed by the rally was the fact that Carter had tied the game with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. Then in Game 7, Carter drove in the tying run in the sixth inning, and the Mets went on to win their most recent championship. “What he added to the team was character. His approach to the game was contagious. It spread to the rest of us. He helped each of us understand what it took to win,” former teammate Darryl Strawberry said.

Carter homered twice over the Green Monster at Fenway Park in Game 4 and totaled nine RBIs in that Series. Since then, only two players have gotten more in a World Series (Mike Napoli for Texas in 2011 and Sandy Alomar Jr. for Cleveland in 1997 each had 10).

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TCU drug bust sign of increased pot problem with college athletes

(AP) — Maybe this week’s drug bust at TCU shouldn’t surprise anyone.

National Center for Drug Free Sport vice president Andrea Wickerham said the arrests of four football players among 15 TCU students and four former students on suspicion of selling marijuana is symbolic of an increasing pot problem in college athletics.

She hopes administrators across the nation are paying attention.

“I hope they don’t see this event at TCU as an isolated incident. It’s not,” she said. “The question is, ‘What does TCU do about it?’ and what do other college administrators do?”

The arrests at TCU came Wednesday, just a month after the NCAA said that 22.6 percent of 20,474 student-athletes participating in an anonymous survey in 2009 admitted to using marijuana the previous 12 months. That number was up from 21.2 percent in 2005.

Among the most high-profile sports, across all divisions, 26.7 percent of football players and 22 percent of men’s basketball players admitted in 2009 to using marijuana the previous year. Both were up significantly from the 2005 numbers (21.7 percent and 18.6 percent, respectively).

The report has been done every four years since 1985 and alcohol always has been the overwhelming substance of choice. Marijuana is No. 2. The NCAA tests for marijuana at its championship events and football bowl games but not in its year-round testing program that has been in place since 1990.

In 2009-10, the most recent academic year for which data is available, 72 of 1,645 tested athletes (4.3 percent) turned up positive for marijuana. That was up from 28 of 1,799 tested athletes (1.6 percent) in 2008-09.

Chris Herren, a former player at Fresno State who struggled with cocaine and marijuana in college and during his brief stay in the NBA, said his marijuana use in high school led to his well-documented

problems. Herren, who said he has been clean since 2008, travels the country lecturing high school and college athletes about the dangers of street drugs.

Herren acknowledges the power of addiction. But with a clear mind now, he said, he can’t help but find the survey findings and NCAA testing results disheartening. “We can sit here and say marijuana is no big deal,” he said. “But in (athletes’) situations, it is a big deal. If they’re willing to throw away \$200,000 of their education because of a blunt or a bong, let’s be honest, something’s not right there.”

The National Center for Drug Free Sport administers drug tests for more than 250 colleges as well as the NCAA. Wickerham said testing is the most effective deterrent and works best if it is consistently inconsistent.

“You want to test often enough so athletes truly believe they have a likelihood of being selected,” she said. “If you’re only doing it once a semester, or if you do it only when you hear about a bad event, that’s not a huge deterrent over time.”

More than 90 percent of the schools in Division I, more than 50 percent in Division II and about 20 percent in Division III have drug-testing programs, NCAA associate director of educational affairs Mary Wilfert said. Many offer counseling and treatment programs for those who test positive. It is common for an athlete to be suspended for a year, or permanently, after a third positive test.

Seminars addressing the dangers of substance abuse and outlining testing programs and penalties are annual events at many colleges.

Still, the evidence shows marijuana use is on the rise, despite what Wilfert said was an intensified effort the past four or five years to curb its use.

The NCAA and athletic departments are exploring ways to keep athletes from using marijuana or stopping the activity. Wilfert said peer intervention has become a

popular tactic, with non-using athletes talking to marijuana-using teammates about the potential risks.

“One of the things we want to emphasize is that most student-athletes are not using — and the most recent substance-abuse report supports that,” Wilfert said. “It is something to note and part of the (education) strategy, that most students make good choices.”

TCU said in a statement Wednesday that it tests its athletes for drug use “on a regular basis.” At Nebraska, which started drug testing in the 1980s, an athlete is selected at random or if there is reason to believe he or she is using illegal drugs, athletic director Tom Osborne said.

Nebraska athletes can expect to be tested as many as three times a year, either by the school, Big Ten or NCAA. Historically, Osborne said, fewer than 2 percent of athletes at Nebraska have turned up positive for any banned substance.

“Most of our student-athletes realize there isn’t going to be a six-month window or three-month window where they can violate the substance-abuse policy without any risk of getting caught,” Osborne said.

Wickerham and athletic administrators have discussed whether more lax laws for possession in some states and increased use of medical marijuana has, in part, led to more acceptance of pot in society at large. Herren said some athletes might look at marijuana as an escape from the pressure to perform and the increasing scrutiny, much of it from fans on social media.

“A kid goes to an AAU tournament and then reads 10 minutes after the game he’s not worthy of a scholarship or that he doesn’t jump high enough. It’s got to be detrimental,” Herren said. “Adults, if they were criticized day in and day out about their performance at work, usually that results in them stopping off for a glass of wine or beer after a stressful day. So what does a 14- or 15-year-old do? They tend to search other avenues.”