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## Attorney in Leach case working pro bono

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**Dicky Grigg**  
 Texas Tech Attorney

By **CAROLINE COURTNEY**  
 STAFF WRITER

After more than two years of battling in the courts concerning former head football coach Mike Leach's lawsuit, Texas Tech's attorney, Dicky Grigg, acknowledged he is working for the university pro bono, meaning he has worked for two years without receiving any money from Tech. Grigg played football for Tech and said he took the case pro bono because he felt it was an opportunity to give back

to the university that gave him so much.

"I'm happy to do it and I would do it again," Grigg said. "I got a good education at Tech and football opened a lot of doors for me."

While Grigg, an Austin attorney, took on the majority of the original briefs



LEACH

and depositions, he said attorneys in the Texas Attorney General's office, including Lynn Carter, Sean Jordan and Daniel Perkins, did the lion's share of the work on the appeal.

The Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo denied all of Leach's appeals from the Lubbock County District Court's decision — except one. The appellate court let stand Leach's request for a declaratory judgment that his constitutional rights, under due course of law, had been violated when he was fired. However, un-

der Tech's sovereign immunity, Leach and his legal team cannot receive any money if they win their suit.

There is no relief or remedy of any other kind that the district court can award him either. The only remedies would be money, which is prohibited by the appellate court decision, or a job, which is now out of the question since Leach has taken the head coaching position at Washington State University.

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## Texas Tech head coach accused of investment fraud

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville has been sued in federal court, accused of defrauding investors out of more than \$1.7 million in Alabama following his tenure at Auburn.

A federal lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Montgomery, Ala., names Tuberville, John David Stroud and eight investment entities as defendants, claiming the two men "employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud" seven plaintiffs from Arkansas, Alabama and Tennessee.

The lawsuit said Tuberville and Stroud misappropriated assets, and falsified client statements and fund performance reports as they "unjustly enriched themselves" at the expense of the investors.

Tuberville, who spent two seasons away from coaching after leaving Auburn in 2008, released a statement through his attorney, Vic Hayslip of Birmingham, Ala. Tuberville was "surprised" at the lawsuit and has never even met or spoken with most of the plaintiffs, the statement reads.

"He categorically denies any wrongdoing which has been attributed to him in this suit," Hayslip's statement says. "Coach Tuberville absolutely never solicited any investment from any of these or other individuals."

The statement also said Tuberville invested significant funds and has not gotten any return. He intends to defend the allegations against him and is confident he'll be exonerated, the statement says.

A woman who answered the phone at Stroud's home in Auburn said he wasn't there and she didn't know how he could be reached. Plaintiffs' attorneys declined comment Tuesday.

Tuberville and Texas Tech agreed to a five-year, \$11 million contract after last season that included a \$500,000-a-year raise.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, said Tuberville told Baron Lowe and Glen Williams in late September that all of the investors' funds would be returned to them, and that Stroud indicated that they'd get their money back before Oct. 7, 2011. Most of them have requested return of their money in writing but haven't been repaid, the suit said.

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**VIC HAYSLIP**  
 TOMMY TUBERVILLE'S ATTORNEY

The suit contends that Tuberville and Stroud "intentionally or recklessly made untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts ... to induce plaintiffs to purchase interests in the hedge fund or funds operated and managed by defendants."

Tuberville and Stroud cofounded TS Capital Management, according to the suit, which said Tuberville was "responsible for the investment direction, capital raising, and the day-to-day oversight of business decisions of TSCM."

Tuberville and Stroud, who were described as equal partners in the firm, didn't file federal or state income tax returns in a timely fashion and weren't registered to do business in Alabama, according to the suit.

The suit said that John and Priscilla Abrams of Wetumpka, Ala., invested more than \$745,000 and that Baron and Melanie Lowe put more than \$532,000 into the funds, including the college accounts of their two children worth some \$61,000.

Debra Clark of Lake Village, Ark., (\$284,345), Fredrick Williams (\$120,005) and Kristy Williams (\$18,921) of Auburn are the other defendants.



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/ The Daily Toreador  
**DIEGO TORRES**, A senior mechanical engineering major from Lima, Peru, performs a wall flip during practice for the student organization Lubbock Parkour on Thursday outside of the Civil and Environmental Engineering building.

## Student parkour group stays safe during extremes

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**  
 STAFF WRITER

Parkour is a training method which has not exactly hit mainstream audiences in the United States.

Texas Tech's parkour organization does not encourage the flashy shows that get thousands of YouTube hits, but they do not shy away from it either.

Matthew Webster, a sophomore computer science major from Keller, said parkour was founded by choreographer David Belle and has foreign origins.

"Parkour is a French discipline — it originated in France," he said. "There are numerous influences, but it was founded by David Belle."

Webster said he thinks training in parkour helps people to be safer in dangerous situations.

"Safety is kind of a funny issue," he said. "We actually practice parkour to enhance our safety techniques. If I ever had to jump out of a second story window, I could do this and feel comfortable about it because I've practiced it."

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## TechBriefly

### Marine Corps general to speak at law school

Brig. Gen. Tom Draude will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Texas Tech School of Law in the Lanier Auditorium.

Draude, president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps University Foundation, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than 30 years and served in three tours of Vietnam.

Draude also received two Distinguished Service medals and 10 personal awards for combat, including the Purple Heart and two Silver Stars.

The event is hosted through the Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive, to further education about the Vietnam War's lasting impact on culture, politics and society.

### Chess Grandmaster wins championship

Chess Grandmaster Georg Meier, a freshman finance major from Germany, won the United States g/15 Open Championship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a perfect score Sunday.

Meier is co-captain of Tech's Knight Raiders A-team, under the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence.

Meier and the rest of the chess team will defend its national title at the Final Four competition from March 30 – April 1 in Washington, D.C.

### Philosophy of Art specialist to visit Tech

Sherri Irvin, an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, will speak in the Texas Tech Human Sciences building about aesthetics and the philosophy of art.

Irvin, hosted by Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art, will present "Making Contemporary Art: Fabrication and Negotiation" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in room 169 of the Human Sciences building.

Irvin will argue how making contemporary works of art are not just fabricating objects. She will discuss how the hybrid process of fabrication and negotiation between curators and conservators shapes artwork.

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## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY

#### Skinner Clothes Challenge: Feed Your Body and Soul Week

**Time:** All day  
**Where:** Various locations  
**So what is it?**  
Practice body acceptance and donate your skinny clothes in various locations around campus. Donations go to Women's Protective Services.

#### Free Car Clinic

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Commuter West C17 Parking Lot, TTU Parkway and Indiana  
**So, what is it?**  
Receive a number of services before you leave for spring break with Scott's Car Care, the Student Government Association, Student Health Services, Broadway Bikes, Bike Tech, the Injury Prevention Coalition and University Parking Services.

#### Texas Tech Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Sooners. This will be Tech's final home game of the season, and also a night to honor the seniors in their last home game.

#### Rossita Jekova Goza and Ani Gogova

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Legacy, Great Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Enjoy a violin and piano performance at this guest artist recital.

#### Graduate Brass Quintet

**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Enjoy a performance from this graduate brass quintet.

### THURSDAY

#### Senior Studio BFA Group Exhibition

**Time:** All Day  
**Where:** School of Art  
**So, what is it?**  
Enjoy the artwork from 34 graduating art majors.

#### Texas Tech Women's Tennis vs. Baylor

**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Where:** McLeod Tennis Center  
**So, what is it?**  
Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against the Bears.

#### PreLaw March Roundtable: "Mock First Year Law School Class"

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Where:** School of Law  
**So, what is it?**  
Learn first-hand what it would be like to be a law school student by sitting in on a mock class led by professor Richard Rosen with the Texas Tech School of Law.

#### Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series

**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Lanier Auditorium  
**So, what is it?**  
The Vietnam Center and Archive present the president and chief executive officer of the Marine Corps University Foundation, General Tom Draude.

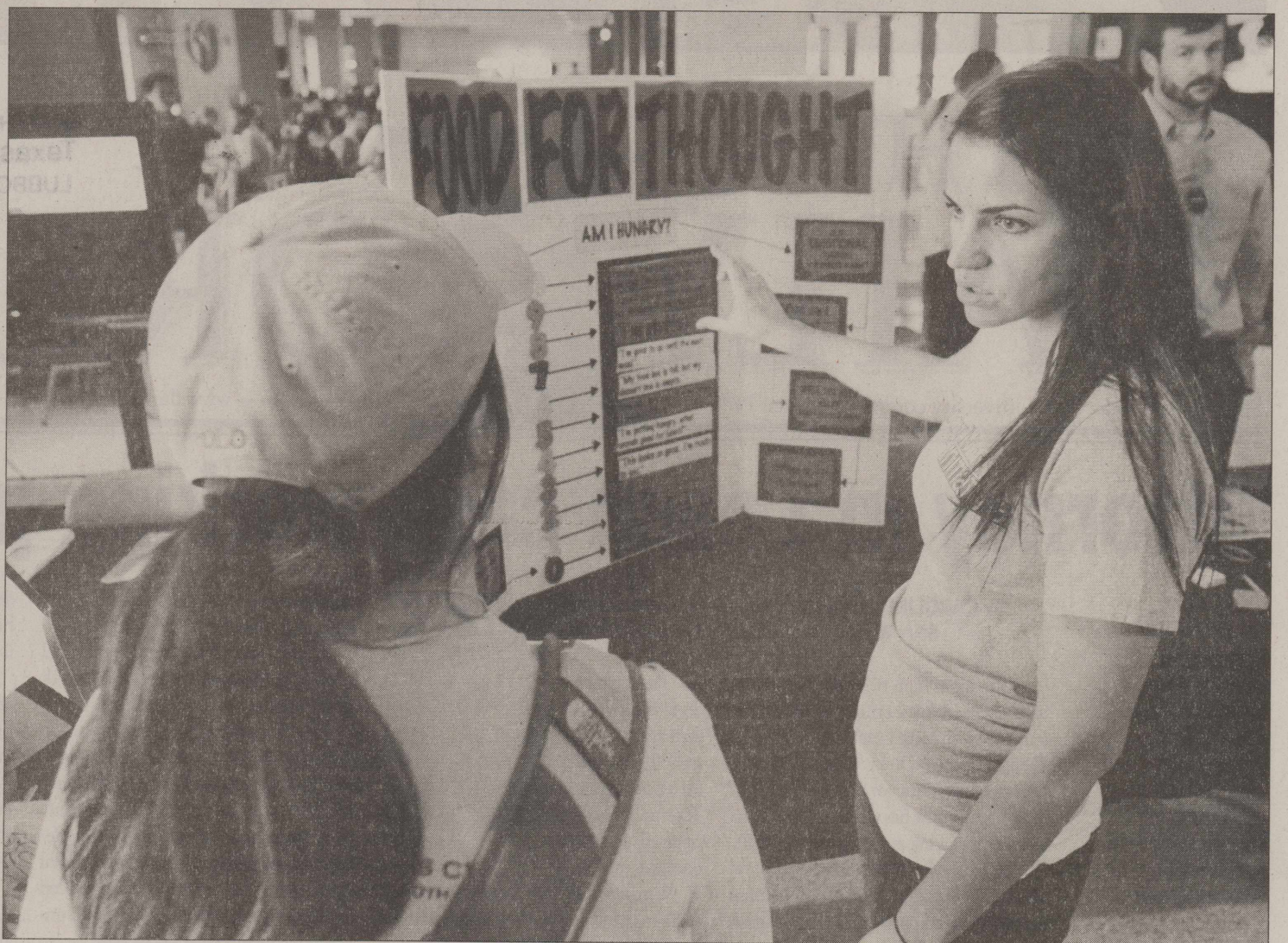
#### Concert Band Concert

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 pm  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
Enjoy this concert band performance presented by the School of Music.

To make a calendar submission email [dailytoreador@ttu.edu](mailto: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.

## HUNGER HELP



EMMY TRAMMELL, A natural sciences doctoral student from Lindsay, talks to Gabriella Moreno, a senior early-childhood education major from Abernathy, about feeling hungry at the Feed Your Body Fair as a part of Feed Your Body and Soul Week in the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

## Grigg

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Even if Leach were granted a declaratory judgment from the 99th District Court in Lubbock, there will be no attorneys fees awarded, said Ted Liggett, Leach's lawyer. Leach could still pay Liggett himself from the millions he made coaching the Tech football team for ten seasons, but Liggett refused to discuss his attorney-client fee relationship.

Liggett said the only relief or remedy the attorneys seek is for Leach's good name to be cleared. But he acknowledged this was not a defamation action. "We've been denied our ability to seek compensation and obviously (Leach) doesn't want the job back," Liggett said. "So the remedy is a judge coming forth in a declaration issued by the state district judge saying his due process rights are violated. That's it — a declaration."

The declaration Leach is willing to fight for, without the promise of a payoff, is that he was not given 10 days notice before he was fired. This argu-

ment — what, Liggett said, was a due process claim — is the only argument the Texas Supreme Court will allow Leach to pursue. The Texas Supreme Court previously denied both Leach's and Tech's petitions for review of the Seventh Court of Appeals' decision.

When asked if there were other ways in which Leach's due process rights were violated, Liggett said he was not ready to discuss these issues yet, but will in the future.

Victor Mellinger, the deputy general counsel for Tech who worked on the Leach case since its inception, said the claim that Leach was not given 10 days notice is not a due process argument. He said it is a breach of contract argument, which the appellate court has already ruled Leach is not allowed to pursue.

There is no written rule or operating policy which states an employee of the university must be given 10 days notice before being fired, Mellinger said. The 10-day rule appeared in Leach's contract and, he said, that is the reason Leach's argument against Tech in the district court is a breach-of-contract claim and not a due process claim.

"A due process argument is that he wasn't given notice or an opportunity to be heard," Mellinger said. "The 10-day rule — he may think that's a due process question — but it is not."

Mellinger said Leach had "far more opportunities to be heard than anybody could think is necessary." He said Leach had discussions with chancellor Kent Hance, Tech attorney Charlotte Bingham, who investigated the case internally, former athletic director Gerald Meyers and Tech president Guy Bailey.

Furthermore, Tech attorney Grigg said, the 10 days in Leach's contract is nullified if Leach's action causing him to be fired cannot be rectified.

"Say Leach charged alcoholic beverages to his university account," Grigg said, using a hypothetical situation to explain why Leach was not owed 10 days. "They could say you can't charge alcohol to your university account so you need to pay us \$45 within 10 days. But what he did with Adam James is something that couldn't be corrected and he refused to do anything anyway."

Leach is alleged by Tech to have locked former football player James in a dark closet as punishment for hav-

ing suffered a concussion. Leach was subsequently suspended from coaching the upcoming bowl game and was then fired after he sued Tech and refused to sign a letter of acknowledgment of his responsibilities. Leach was fired one day before he was to receive an \$800,000 bonus from Tech.

Liggett said Leach still plans on seeking a declaratory judgment in the case against Tech, which is in the 99th District Court, along with Leach's case against former ESPN analyst and current United States Senate candidate Craig James, Adam James' father. Craig James said he complained to Tech about Leach's actions against his son, calling Leach a "bully."

Liggett said he hopes to consolidate these cases with the cases against James' public relations firm, Spaeth Communications of Dallas, and ESPN, which are in the 72nd District Court in Lubbock.

Although the final decision is up to the judge on whether the cases can be consolidated, or even tried, and when the cases can be scheduled, Liggett said, he expects them to be scheduled for this fall.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Officers investigate traffic accident, injury

**Monday**  
7:25 p.m. — A Texas Tech officer documented a medical emergency in Hulen Residence Hall. A student slipped and cut his head on a desk. The student was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services.

**Tuesday**  
12:07 a.m. — A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident, without injuries, from striking an unattended vehicle in the C11 parking lot.

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Defense lawyers' adversaries, for short
- Otherwise
- Smidgen
- Certain
- Molored
- Agitate
- Member of Hook's band
- Ear-related
- Time-half link
- Shooter of soft confections
- Gp. that issues canine pedigrees
- Blue wearer, usually
- In reserve
- Satchel, aptly named dog in the comic "Get Fuzzy"
- Make fun of
- Beatty of "Deliverance"
- Formal coil, perhaps
- More sleazy
- Minor motoring mishaps
- Exercise popularized by Jim Fox
- Tennis do-overs
- JFK alternative in NYC
- Certain stove filler
- In a convincing way
- Palmer with an army
- Show about Capote
- Avenues of access
- Strains credulity
- Rock's partner
- "... never see — lovely as ..."
- Kilmer
- Build a tree house
- Chevy subcompact
- Firma
- Möley
- Greenhorn

**DOWN**

- Obstinate beast
- Dolt
- Alaska's 907, e.g.
- Clairvoyant
- Where Moscow is
- Dowdy dresser
- Author Ephron
- Racetrack
- Tattle
- Sketched
- Welcome, as a new year
- Moniker for Mussolini
- Hit with a pitch, in a way
- Academic inst.
- Sleeced
- Kwik-E-Mart proprietor on "The Simpsons"
- "And" or "or," e.g.
- Abbr.
- Ooerly enthusiastic
- "I'm all for that!"
- Overwhelm, or a relative of the first syllable of 20-, 36-, or 53-Across
- Overdone publicity
- Pizazz
- Bell-shaped illy
- Therefore
- Depend (on)
- Fastening pin
- Oil plant
- Gets to one's feet
- Jun. grads
- Maze runner
- Old-style "Coccol"
- Rod-and-reel welder
- Mooch, as a smoke
- Domed home
- Heat unit
- Plot anew
- Welcome sign for a hungry traveler
- Eject, as lava
- When tripled, a 1970 war film
- Waistline unit
- Golf bag item

By Donna S. Levin 2/29/12

## 7 accused of bilking \$375M from Medicare, Medicaid

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas doctor is accused of running a massive health fraud care scheme with thousands of fraudulent patients and intermediaries offering cash, food stamps or free groceries, to bilk Medicare and Medicaid of nearly \$375 million, authorities said Tuesday.

The federal indictment unsealed Tuesday charges Jacques Roy, a doctor who owned Medistat Group Associates in DeSoto, Texas, and six others in an alleged scheme to bill Medicare for home health services that were not properly billed, not medically necessary or not done.

The scheme was the largest dollar amount by a single doctor uncovered by a task force on Medicare fraud, authorities said.

U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldana ac-

cused Roy of "selling his signature" to home health agencies that rounded up thousands of patients' names and billed Medicare and Medicaid for five years.

The indictment alleged that from January 2006 through November 2011, Roy or others certified 11,000 Medicare beneficiaries for more than 500 home health service agencies — more patients than any other medical practice in the U.S. More than 75 of those agencies have had their Medicare payments suspended.

Roy, 54, is charged with several counts of health care fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. He faces up to 100 years in prison if convicted on all counts. He appeared briefly in court Tuesday and is scheduled to have a detention hearing Wednesday. Authorities also moved to

seize cash in Roy's bank accounts, cars and two sailboats.

His attorney, Patrick McLain, said authorities had contacted Roy months ago. McLain said it was too soon to comment on the case because prosecutors hadn't provided him with most of the evidence yet. Phone messages and emails left with Medistat, located just south of Dallas, were not immediately returned Tuesday.

The attorney for one of the home health agency owners, Cynthia Stiger, alleged to be part of the scheme called the charges and the dollar amounts listed overblown. Stiger pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

"They're not anywhere close to accurate," said Jeffrey Grass, Stiger's attorney.

Investigators for the U.S. Health

and Human Services department noticed irregularities with Roy's practice about one year ago, officials said.

Roy had "recruiters" finding people to bill for home health services, said Saldana, the top federal prosecutor in Dallas. Some of those alleged patients, when approached by investigators, were found working on their cars and clearly not in need of home healthcare, she said.

Medicare patients qualify for home health care if they are confined to their homes and need care there, according to the indictment.

Saldana said Roy used the home health agencies as "his soldiers on the ground to go door to door to recruit Medicare beneficiaries."

"He was selling his signature," she said.

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## Tech student works to become Texas country star

By ASHLYN TUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

He plans to follow in the footsteps of Josh Abbott, Pat Green and Cory Morrow: To go from being a student who graduated from Texas Tech to a Texas country music star.

Tech student Haden Burchard will continue strumming and singing to ensure this path because he believes it is his purpose.

"I know for a fact that this is what I'm here to do," he said. "When I graduate, I'm going to give it 100 percent and try to be as professional as I can, and hit the road and play as much as I possibly can. It's a never-ending journey for me."

Burchard, a senior communication studies major from San Angelo, said he has always loved music and began writing some of his own songs in high school.

His said his passion for music only increased in college.

"Whenever I got to college it was natural," he said. "I was like, 'Hey, let's start a band.' It's what I knew I wanted to do when I got here."

His freshman year, Burchard said, he began singing and playing acoustic music back home and then started playing in the depot district. He said he was then joined by a lead guitarist, and found a

drummer and bass guitar player within 45 minutes by posting flyers in Wall/Gates Residence Halls.

Hayden Faram, the bass guitarist for Burchard and a senior advertising major from Dallas, said he joined Burchard the second semester of his freshman year and enjoys playing music and having fun being in the band.

"I like traveling and playing music in different towns and getting to experience different parts of Texas," he said.

Together, Burchard and his band began rehearsing and playing in a little studio space in the depot.

Burchard said he released his first CD last October entitled "Wrapped Up," in which he wrote every song. He said he has written countless songs and hundreds of half songs that he blames on his attention deficit disorder.

Writing songs, which he has done nonstop for four years, Burchard said, is a way for him to express his thoughts.

"It really lets me tell the stories in my head and the kind of songs that make people happy," he said. "I feel like I can't really say that kind of stuff, but when I put a pen to a piece of paper and have a guitar in my hand playing it, I can turn those stories into reality. It's cool for me to be able to reflect onto a pen and paper."

Burchard's favorite song on his CD is

"Song for Everyone," because he aims to please his audience with his lyrics.

"Literally, my goal whenever we play shows, as a musician, is everyone who is in the bar or venue that night — my goal is to, by the time they leave that night, — that I will have sang a song and my band will have played a song at least touched or got to one person," he said.

Burchard said one of the reasons he pursues a career in music is to attract women.

"One of my buddies sat down at a piano when we were in, like, ninth grade and this girl he had a crush on went crazy because he could play a piano and sing and I was like, 'I could do that,'" he said. "So, I learned how to play guitar and sing."

Burchard said when he plays for girls, all the guys follow them and it makes for a larger crowd.

Burchard and his band have played all across Texas. He said they play in West Texas most frequently. He has played with an abundance of artists including Kyle Park, Bart Crow, Eli Young Band and Josh Abbott. His said his dream is to perform with Pat Green, who he looks up to because of his roots at Tech.

"When I played with Bart Crow on stage, I sang the entire 'Wear My Ring'

song because his throat was going bad."

Burchard said he is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and plays for fraternity and sorority events as well as Greek Wide. In fact, he said, one of his favorite shows he has played was at his fraternity's tailgate.

Luke Cotton, a sophomore energy commerce major from League City, is one of Burchard's fraternity brothers and became an instant fan after listening to him play at their tailgates and other events. Now, Cotton said, he attends every show he can.

"The music really caught on to me," he said. "Pretty much everywhere I go I throw his music on and everyone loves it and I tell everyone to check it out on iTunes."

Burchard's next show in Lubbock is scheduled for April 14 at the Relay for Life.

As he continues to perform and excel in the music industry, Burchard receives heartfelt support from Cotton, who said he would remain one of Burchard's biggest fans.

"I really hope it works out for him and he blows up," Cotton said, "because he definitely has the potential to be the next Josh Abbott or Pat Green to come out of Tech."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HADEN BURCHARD

HADEN BURCHARD, A senior communications studies major from San Angelo, is the lead singer of his own band, which he started his freshman year at Tech.

## Community for Ethical Business works to negate immoral stereotype

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

While the nation's economists struggle to deal with events like the housing bubble and bankruptcy of companies like the Enron Corporation, Texas Tech student Shaun Mardones has come up with a grassroots campaign to prevent such scandals.

The senior marketing and accounting major from Sanger founded the Community for Ethical Business to combat the idea that business people are entirely immoral.

"Business and ethics, unfortunately, do not always go hand in hand," said the group vice president James Haire, a senior business management major from Tyler.

While many other schools have classes in business, Mardones said, this would be the

first-ever undergraduate ethics organization.

"We feel pretty ahead of the curve," he said.

The organization grew out of an idea Mardones had last summer. He noticed all of the corruption in business and recognized how other professions — like doctors and lawyers — had ethics codes, but business does not.

At first, he wanted to create a series of videos with students and professionals stating their personal codes of ethics.

"It's a neat way to get students involved and to really think about ethics," said Justin Louder, the group's faculty adviser, "and, hopefully, to go beyond Tech."

Mardones said when he approached the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business faculty with his idea, he was encouraged to create a whole organization

based on the ethical side of business. While Tech does offer a few classes in ethics, Mardones said, there is no comparison in the business school, especially when universities like Harvard offer various business ethics courses.

Still, even with these courses, the universities produce corrupt business people, he said. Members of CEB hope to fill this gap and get students interested in ethics outside of the classroom.

As the administrator for the TTU Ethics Center, Louder said, the new group fits perfectly with Tech's overall mission statement, in that it aims to produce ethical leaders.

In the professional world, Haire said, it is vital to present oneself as ethical in order to get a job and to continue in a career. Having a tangible line on a resume showing a student's interest in ethics can go a long way.

"It shows the true character of Tech students," Mardones said. "It shows the students' drive to create change, rather than waiting for society to act."

CEB hopes to showcase all of the value in ethics, Mardones said, and it will highlight the many opportunities in a growing field. Many companies now have divisions dedicated to corporate ethics.

Additionally, members will

be encouraged to keep up with ethical issues in the world and will learn to react in tough situations, Haire said.

Ultimately, he said, it is a good way to mark a student as moral.

Many religious organizations exist, Haire said, but they might not get the point across or be as universally accepted once a student is in the job market.

"Ethics are values that people

across the religious spectrum agree on," he said. "To associate oneself with that gives credibility."

The Community for Ethical Business is open to students of all majors, especially those going into careers in business. The group will host its first official meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 11 of the College of Business Administration building.

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## Texas district embarks on widespread iPad program

McAlLEN (AP) — A Texas school district is trying to close its digital divide by distributing thousands of Apple tablet computers in a move that could make it the largest iPads program for students in the nation.

McAllen Independent School District in the southern part of the state began distributing 6,800 devices this week — mostly the iPad tablet computers, but also hundreds of iPod Touch devices for its youngest students.

By this time next year, the district says every one of its more than 25,000 students in grades K-12 will receive an iPad or iPod Touch. The district believes it's the largest to try for complete coverage and while Apple would not confirm that, other districts the company noted as having made large investments have not made ones as big as McAllen's.

Educational use of the tablet computers is so new that there's little evidence available on their impact. Superintendent James Ponce said the district wanted to change the classroom culture, making it more interactive and creative and decided Apple's devices — even at \$500 retail for an iPad2 — were the best investment. "We're just choosing to invest differently going forward," Ponce said.

The district's typical classroom is outfitted with three computers for students and one for the teacher. Going forward those technology investments will be supplanted by the iPads. For now, McAllen's iPads don't carry its textbooks, but eventually they will and at much lower cost than the hard copies that can cost \$200 apiece.

A small group of teachers in

the district began preparing more than a year ago on incorporating the devices into their lessons. Recently, more instructors have started studying the devices. Teachers already training will see their students receive the first wave of devices.

About two-thirds of McAllen students were characterized as economically disadvantaged in 2010, the most recent data available according to the district. The median household income in McAllen, a city on the U.S.-Mexico border near the southern tip of Texas, was about \$41,000 in 2010.

School board president Sam Saldivar Jr. said the \$20.5 million investment in the technology aims at "equity."

"We know that when they do achieve and are successful they are going to be generationally impacting their families and this community," Saldivar said.

Stacey Banks, a social studies teacher at McAllen Memorial High School, helped the district shape its program. She said textbooks for her class were 12 years old and she hadn't used them in the past five years, choosing to cobble together her own lessons instead with hopes of collaborating with colleagues to build electronic textbooks.

"It's given us a great opportunity to hone our skills as teachers and change our paradigm a little bit about what our classrooms look like and how we approach learning," Banks said of the iPads program. "That excitement has definitely migrated to the kids."

Sophomores in her class pulled up art images Monday on their iPads. Banks asked them to find out how changes taking place

during the Renaissance were demonstrated in art from the period.

"It's actually a really good technology," said 15-year-old Christian Hernandez, gently polishing the screen with the cuff of his sweatshirt.

He had never used an iPad before last week when he and other students got a sneak preview. After spending some time with it over the weekend, Hernandez was using the note-taking application and others with ease.

The district installed tracking software on the iPads so they won't go missing and their Internet connections will still be through the school district's filter, meaning students won't be able to access any sites that they'd be restricted from in school. Parents have to pay a \$40 refundable deposit in two payments and can receive help with paying.

Zeeland Public Schools in Michigan gave 1,800 iPads to all of its high school students last fall and hopes to eventually cover every student in grades 3-12. Chicago Public Schools bought about 10,000 iPads and some individual schools in the district have bought more using discretionary funds, but it's far from districtwide.

Hundreds of other districts are experimenting with iPads in individual schools or grades.

Carmen Garcia, director of instructional technology for the McAllen district in Texas, said past technology investments only benefited the students when they were at school. But with the iPads, students and their families will be able to use the technology at home, too.

"It's about transforming learning," Garcia said. "It's really not about the device."

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# OPINIONS

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## Tier one should not be ultimate goal

As our university begins to grow and gain acclamations nationwide, it behooves me to worry about the path Texas Tech has started down.

While enrollment steadily increases and we inch closer toward Tier-one status, we must take a step back and admire where we have come from as an institution and as a community.

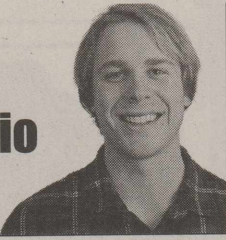
It was not until 1964 that Texas Tech earned the title "University," which is extremely young compared to other schools in this state and, no less, the nation. My parents attended Texas Tech in the late 1970s and fell in love with everything the school and west Texas had to offer.

Naturally, I have been a passionate Red Raider since the day I was born.

There have been certain tendencies I have noticed throughout the years where our university consistently struggles, and also areas where it has enjoyed success.

For instance, the annual rankings released by U.S. News

**Nick Maggio**



and World Report have actually shown a steady decline in Texas Tech's performance. However, our reputation for producing quality graduates, in state and nationwide, has gained recognition by the Wall Street Journal and other publications.

Personally, I believe the greatest attribute of Tech is the treatment and focus on its "average" students. Some may claim Tech is a fairly large school, yet more often than not I feel like I am more than just a number. This is what concerns me when I hear our administration speak of raising enrollment and putting more emphasis on research.

The focus this past decade for Texas Tech has clearly been to increase the student body and achieve tier-one status, as well as boost our endowment and begin

to work toward becoming an Association of American Universities establishment.

My question for the administration and for our board of regents is this: Will our focus on these achievements neglect the average student who chose this university for reasons other than rankings and merit?

Recently, The Texas Tribune released a story announcing Texas Tech and the University of Houston as having met "tier-one eligibility requirements" and could begin receiving funding for research as soon as this fall. The universities that were also in competition for the National Research University Fund funding were Texas State University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at

El Paso and University of North Texas. Every single one of these schools listed has set new records for enrollment and, in certain contexts, could be considered as "commuter" schools.

Furthermore, it is expected that if these listed schools do not become eligible immediately for NRUF funding, it is not too far off in the future. I would urge our administration to recognize this "achievement" will lose its legitimacy when these other universities earn tier-one status. While the label of tier one may seem like a positive step for Texas Tech, I believe it causes the focus of our university to shift away from the foundations that have made Tech a special and unique place for thousands of students and alumni.

The quest for 40,000 students

by 2020 will cost the school enormous amounts of money to accommodate such an enrollment. Also, the admissions requirements will have to remain stagnant, though the past few years University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M have raised their standards. If not careful, our reputation could actually plummet to that of the aforementioned "commuter" schools.

As for attaining AAU membership, it is evident more than half of the universities that are AAU members have enrollments of 20,000 students or less. It would be nice to take quality over quantity in terms of freshmen classes, but to get to 40,000 students would be impossible within the next 10 years.

Our youth as a university should be the main reason to abstain from rapid growth and an immediate desire for new accomplishments.

The average student may never even see the benefits attending a tier-one university. According to the issue of The Texas Tribune mentioned above, the

requirements to be considered for tier one are a "\$400 million endowment, 200 PhDs awarded annually, high achieving freshman class, high quality faculty, membership in a national honors society and a commitment to graduate research."

As you can see, only one of these requirements involves undergraduate students, who outnumber graduate students ten to one.

My desire is that administration realizes its obligation to thousands of undergraduate students who love Texas Tech and the sense of identity and exclusiveness felt within this community.

I am in no way against the progression of our beloved institution, but if it comes at the cost of losing respect for our average student just to gain a few accolades, then I deem our journey toward tier one as disreputable.

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*"... Will our focus on these achievements neglect the average student ... ?"*

## Arts integral in early education

I started playing the violin in the second grade and began playing the French horn in the sixth grade. I continued to play both until I graduated high school in 2010 and subsequently stopped playing the French horn.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed band and my brief yearlong experience in theater, I could never listen to someone refer to band as an "extracurricular" without wincing a little.

The term "extracurricular" is used to describe any activity falling outside the normal school curriculum. Your typical public school curriculum will include subjects like sciences, mathematics and history. However, if there is one thing I have learned during my time involved in the fine arts, it's that they should be considered anything but "extracurricular."

Music and other arts are critical to not only the economic success, but also the cultural success of a society.

When most people write or speak about the importance of the arts to a society, they like to point out the quantitative benefits of emphasizing the arts in education. For example, a series of studies conducted from 2006-2010 by the College Entrance Examination Board showed students involved in the fine arts scored 11-13 percent higher on the SAT than their counterparts who were not involved in the arts.

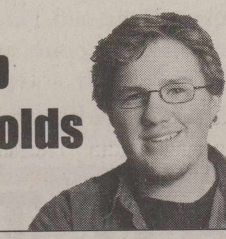
A report issued in 2008 by the Dana Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports brain research, showed "interest in a performing art leads to a high state of motivation that produces the sustained attention necessary to improve performance... in other domains of cognition."

The report also included a study showing a correlation between formal musical training and spatial reasoning skills.

Furthermore, many industry leaders have also been known to comment on their preference for hiring artistically trained applicants because of their tendency to think more creatively, work better with teams and show stronger discipline. Therefore, including an emphasis on the arts in the core curriculum of schools holds great economic potential.

However, while it may be true there are numerous benefits to

**Jakob Reynolds**



emphasizing training in the arts to individuals for their careers, I think what people forget is the arts are much more important when you consider their role in our culture.

Music, art, dance, poetry and theater are all important mediums through which a civilization can immortalize its ideas, beliefs, values and even its history.

In fact, the arts sometimes provide us with the only historical accounts of some societies. Cave paintings and sculptures have been excavated dating back to the Paleolithic era. The arts of non-literate or semi-literate civilizations have carried important aspects of their culture, through the centuries, which otherwise would not have survived.

In a time when everyone is trying to place the utmost importance on science and mathematics in our education and careers, it is sometimes easy to forget that although mathematic and scientific breakthroughs are important to a civilization's history, their cultural feats are going to be even better remembered.

This has been demonstrated in any history or literature class you've taken, most of which have at least touched on the art, poetry, or literary works of the time period being covered.

Indeed, Homer, Shakespeare, Beethoven, Mozart, Picasso and their works are all household names even centuries after their lifetimes. When future generations look back on our civilization, they may judge us by our technological innovations or our scientific achievements, but what they will really judge us by is what we did to contribute to the cultural heritage of humanity.

The education of the arts is therefore crucial to not only the economic prosperity of our society but also to the survival of our cultural identity and should be treated as such.

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## Counting delegates in GOP primary

By ELIAS J. GROLL  
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In a Republican nominating contest that has been marked by fiery debate performances, Tuesday's debate, the twentieth and final such event, underwhelmed.

No candidate delivered a memorable performance, and the debate lacked the fire that helped resuscitate some campaigns—think Newt Gingrich in South Carolina, for example—or flubs that sank others—think Rick Perry's "oops" moment.

With the floodgates opened on so-called super PAC spending, this nominating cycle has seen an unusual level of menacing attack ads. But the unprecedented number of debates has offered voters an important chance to view their candidates in a (relatively) unscripted situation.

Voters have responded in kind, and this year's debates have received record ratings. So in a race that was supposed to be Mitt Romney's for the taking, the debates have offered a leveling effect and have contributed to the race's longevity.

Newt Gingrich's fiery debate performances in South Carolina, for example, were widely credited with his victory in that state, which played a small part in helping his candidacy limp forward.

So if the Republican debates have helped define the race, what impact does Tuesday's debate have on the remainder of the contest?

Most observers have argued that Romney has the momentum going into next Tuesday's primaries in Arizona and Michigan, but this week's debate occurred against the backdrop of a national surge by Rick Santorum, who now has a slim lead in national polls. But Santorum failed to deliver a knock out blow on Tuesday, offering a convoluted response on Congressional ear marks and a rigmarole explanation of why he had chosen to endorse Arlen Specter over Patrick J. Toomey, Sr., his conservative rival, in

the 2006 Senate election in his home state of Pennsylvania.

Romney, meanwhile, acquitted himself just well enough and offered a disciplined performance that saw him deliver a few effective jobs at Santorum over his Congressional voting record.

To Santorum's chagrin, Ron Paul continued to play the part of Romney's unlikely attack dog. Paul delivered the night's most memorable line when asked by CNN's John King why he had chosen to air an ad describing Santorum as a fake. "Because he is a fake," Paul said, grinning.

On a set that resembled a set of school desks, Paul looked like the class prankster who had just made a fool of his teacher and got the entire class to laugh along with him. The only thing missing from Santorum's embarrassed teacher-get-up was his sweater vest. Paul continued to play that role throughout the evening, and Santorum could do little but look on in astonishment as the boyish Constitutionalist ran circles around him.

The issues discussed in Tuesday's debate, however, did little to set up the Republican candidates for the upcoming contests. The economic portion of Tuesday's debate was dominated by a discussion over the federal deficit. Jobs seemed to take a backseat as the candidates bickered over one another's budget-cutting credentials.

That did not do the candidates any favors as they head into contests in Michigan and Arizona on Tuesday, which boast a 9.3 and 8.7 percent unemployment rate, respectively.

With the debate being held in Mesa, AZ, there was plenty of red meat served on the immigration question. But no candidate distinguished them-

selves on the issue, and the debate was a wash on this point as well.

When the debate shifted to social issues, Santorum owned the stage, but Romney turned in an acceptable performance on this point as well. Mystifyingly, no candidate brought up Romney's shifting position on abortion, and Romney managed to escape unharmed on an issue that many Conservatives have doubted his credibility.

On the Middle East, Romney presented himself as the most statesman-like of the bunch as Santorum continued to pound his steady drumbeat for a war against Iran. Gingrich offered a blistering argument in favor of intervening in Iran, bringing up the historical backdrop of the Holocaust to explain Israeli thinking about an Iranian nuclear bomb. But the moment was an exception in his overall performance, which lacked the fire of his previous performances. As Slate's John F. Dickerson wryly noted, "he sounded like a man who will make mountains of money on the lecture circuit."

With no defining narrative emerging out of Tuesday's debate, the time is long past to start looking long and hard at the delegate math of this year's primary.

Romney currently has the lead in delegates, but that lead does not amount to much at this point—only 12 percent of delegates have been divvied up. After Super Tuesday on March 6, 34 percent of delegates will have been decided. While those contests offer the opportunity for a candidate to deliver a knock out blow, polling data indicates that much of the race remains up in the air.

Of the upcoming contests, swing states Michigan and Ohio will be most

closely watched. In Michigan, the race is currently in a dead heat. In Ohio, Santorum has the edge. On March 3, in a prelude to Super Tuesday, Washington will hold its GOP caucus, and according to the latest Public Policy Poll, Santorum has an 11 point lead in that state.

But given the state of the race, Super Tuesday appears unlikely to settle the affair. Georgia, which with 76 delegates is the largest state to go to the polls that day, is in a statistical tie according to the latest local poll. However, Mike Huckabee's win there in 2008 should give hope to Santorum who appeals to a similarly minded religious electorate.

Massachusetts, with 41 delegates, will likely go to Romney. In Idaho, with 32 delegates, the state's significant Mormon population should give Romney a boost, though, according to media reports, Santorum has been generating some buzz in the state in recent weeks. But it is important to note that many of these primaries are proportional, so even if one candidate racks up a series of wins, a challenger could easily limp along and keep accumulating delegates in the hope of staging a late upset in a large state like Texas or California, both of which vote late in the calendar.

While the specter of a brokered convention seems ludicrous, if the candidates continue to amass delegates at about the same pace as they are currently doing, that dream may very well become a reality.

So with the race in flux, the fact that no narrative emerged out of Tuesday's debate only reflects the state of the Republican nominating process, which now appears headed toward an extended fight not unlike the 2008 Democratic primary. And Tuesday's debate only exacerbated this problem for all three candidates, as no one was able to craft a moment off of which they could pivot into Super Tuesday.

But is there any way one can find a winner in this mess? Yes—Barack Obama, who can only be watching with glee as his would be opponents destroy one another.

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 Men's Rugby defeated Angelo State 34-0

Wrestling placed 3rd at the UT-Arlington Wrestling Tournament earlier this month. Here are their individual results:

Chris Luna 1st 197lbs  
 Eric Cadwell 2nd 184lbs  
 Tim Mcallister 2nd 154lbs  
 Charlie Spoolstra 3rd 165lbs

The Triathlon Club placed 2nd overall in the College Team Division (men and women) at the Dallas Motor Speedway Duathlon.

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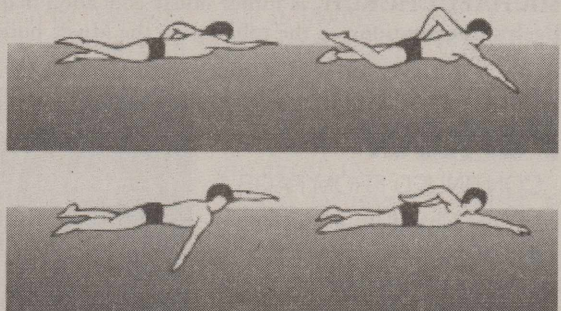
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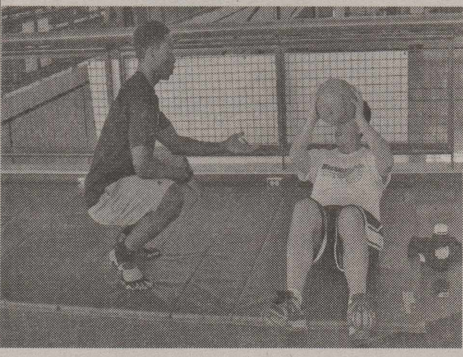
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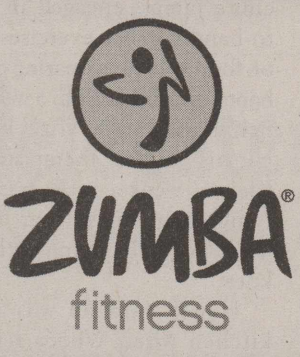
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 TLPOD RM 153 (University Library)  
 Guest Speaker: Coriella deRuse, MD, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The forum will discuss the current changes in US and state laws pertaining to reproductive health.

**Try Bellydancing!**  
 Wednesday, February 29, 5:30pm  
 Student Rec Center, Room 114  
 Bellydancing provides a great workout while helping you to appreciate your curves! Come join our free introductory class. FREE t-shirts while supplies last!

**Movie Presentation: THIN**  
 Wednesday, February 29, 6:45pm to 8:45pm  
 Student Rec Center, Room 203  
 Follow up your bellydancing class with a free movie. Thin tells the story of four women struggling to maintain recovery from eating disorders. This movie provides unique insight into one of society's most difficult problems. A brief discussion will follow the movie. FREE popcorn and FREE t-shirts.

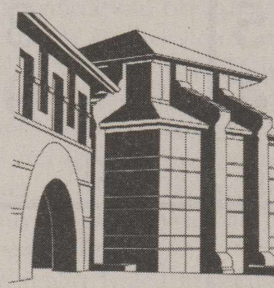
**Skinnny Clothes Challenge**  
 Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 2  
 Does holding on to clothes that don't fit hold you back? Practice body acceptance by donating your skinnny clothes! All donations go to Women's Protective Services. Clothes will be collected at the Student Union Building.

**Feed Your Body Fair**  
 Tuesday, February 28, 11:00am to 1:00pm  
 Student Union Building  
 Come visit the Feed Your Body Fair to learn more on intuitive eating, media literacy and activism, and health at every size! FREE goody bags, FREE food, and FREE t-shirts while supplies last!

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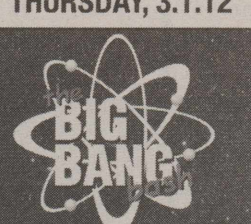


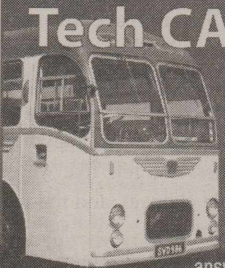


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## Seniors prepare to play their final game in United Spirit Arena

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's basketball team will honor its two seniors as they play for the final time in United Spirit Arena tonight.

The team will be expecting a large crowd for the final home game of the season, as Tech takes on Oklahoma, Tech senior Jordan Barncastle said.

"I'm sure we'll have a great crowd," she said. "There's so much to be thankful for. Them, and all the support that they've shown us throughout the years in all of the ups and downs. It's just something really special, and my family will be here and that will be nice."

The Lady Raiders will be trying to halt their four-game losing streak.

After losing to the Sooners in the first meeting this season, Tech will try to improve from its mistakes in Norman, Okla., Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

"You just want to see them go out with a win," she said. "You want to see them beat a very, very good Oklahoma team. Obviously, being close up there we feel like we can make a few adjustments here or there and grab another loose ball or two and give ourselves a chance."

Tech senior Kierra Mallard still is not officially cleared to play on senior night after she was suspended for the game at Texas A&M on Saturday for violating team rules, Curry said.

"We're just taking it one day at a time," she said. "We got through today and we're just taking it one day at a time. It's all you can do. Live in the moment and see what tomorrow brings. Today was a good day."

Her career has not gone as she has anticipated, but she will learn from her experiences at Tech later on in life, Barncastle said.

"I don't really think life ever goes as you would expect it," she said. "That's what makes it exciting and you just



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Kierra Mallard shoots the ball while Texas A&M's Karla Gilbert tries to block it during the Lady Raiders' 67-55 loss against the Aggies on Feb. 1 in United Spirit Arena. Tech will play in its final home game tonight, as the Lady Raiders take on Oklahoma.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle's shot gets blocked during the Lady Raiders' 76-49 victory against the Tigers in United Spirit Arena on Feb. 5.

never know. And I think some things we would have liked to have gone differently, obviously, and maybe not be in the position that we are, but I'm sure that I'll be thankful for it down the road and it will have taught me something along the way."

Curry said she is as proud of Barncastle as she has been of any player she has coached in her career.

"You want your little girl to grow up

and be like Jordan (Barncastle) as far as — you know, she really walks the walk every day and gives you everything she's got — classroom, court, community; never asks why," Curry said.

The seventh year head coach described her other senior's career as "up and down."

Both seniors will go on to do great things in life after basketball, Curry said.

"The thing that I'm most excited

about is I know (Barncastle) is going to have a great future and hopefully Kierra (Mallard) as well," Curry said. "Just going to be ultra successful in the game of life and that's what it's about."

The seniors want to go out with a win in their final home game, Barncastle said.

"Nobody wants to end the season on a loss or go out wondering what might have been or leaving any re-

grets," she said. "I think that's kind of where we are now and where I am personally is just leaving it all out on the floor and knowing that I've done the absolute best that I can every single day."

After a 14-0 start and being ranked as high as No. 10 earlier in the season, the Lady Raiders looked like an automatic in for the NCAA Tournament, but now a tournament bid is doubtful

for Tech. However, the Lady Raiders are not completely out of the race for getting a bid, Curry said.

"There's a lot that can still happen," she said. "Not only that, but I don't think that we think we're out of the NCAA tournament because I'm going to wake up planning to go win that tournament."

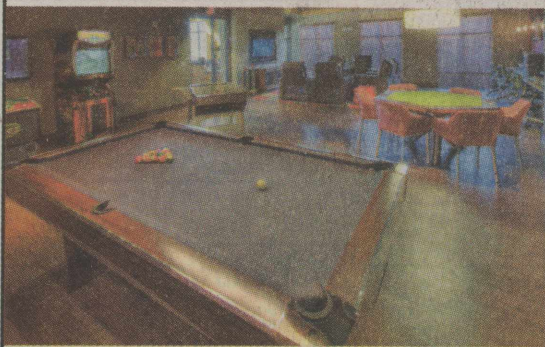
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