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SGA swears in new elected officials

Discusses resolution aimed at student loans

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Student Government Association University Student Senate began its 48th session Thursday night.

New senators were sworn in, as well as Tech Supreme Court justices. Senator Matt Pippen was elected president, pro temp, and Stuart Williams was sworn in as Chief Justice.

It was the first meeting for the newly elected senators and executive branch. Each member of the executive branch and the new chief of staff, Jake Bray,

spoke to the senate, welcoming them to the new session and encouraging them for the next year.

Legislation passed included two resolutions of recognition and an emergency resolution presented by Pippen, a junior mechanical engineering major from Monahans.

Senate Resolution 48.05 states the sentiments of the senate relating to the current argument about student loans in the U.S. Congress.

"That affects just about everyone here," said Reed Young, external vice president and a junior agriculture and applied

economics major from Abilene. "It really hits home."

The resolution encourages Texas's Congress members to consider extending current student loan interest rates, rather than doubling them.

"It's monumental," Pippen said. "(It needs to pass to) keep college as affordable as possible."

Since the resolution passed, it will be sent to state senators Kay Bailey Hutchison, John Cornyn and Randy Neugebauer. Pippen said he hopes it encourages them to come to a decision, despite party attitudes.

Internal Vice President No-

elle Trotter presided over the meeting, her first time at the podium.

"It was kind of a struggle," said the junior mechanical engineering major from Odessa. "But we got through ... Everyone here is on their game, we have a great group."

Trotter said the legislation most important to her was Senate Resolution 48.03, which allows for an award to be created in honor of alumna Maxine Fry McCullough, Tech's first female SGA president.

"It was quite unheard of," Senator Colin Davis, the resolution's author, said. "She took on the challenge, and won

overwhelmingly."

McCullough served as student body president in 1937. She died in March, and the resolution was created to honor her life.

Resolution 48.02 recognized the Knight Raiders chess team's recent National Championship win. Resolution 48.04 regarding Student Government office hours was sent to committee.

Trotter said the meeting went well, and she looks forward to the rest of the session.

"We set the right foot forward to start the 48th session the way it needs to be," Trotter said.

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Tech Briefly

Red Bag Campaign created to welcome new students

The Texas Tech community is doing more to make prospective students feel welcome during their visits on campus.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions recently created the Red Bag Campaign to make Tech visitors easier to spot on and off campus.

"We consider the campus visit to be one of our strongest tools in recruiting new Red Raiders," said Jamie Hansard, director of recruitment and marketing for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, in a news release. "Many of our prospective students and their parents are getting their first opportunity to make an emotional connection to Texas Tech and we want to ensure that they have the best experience possible. Texas Tech and the Lubbock community already are known for their friendliness, so we believe that this campaign builds upon one of our greatest strengths: our West Texas hospitality."

Institute awarded \$1.5 million to study quail decline

The Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation will provide \$1.5 million to the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health to support the assessment of diseases, parasites and contaminants that could impact quail, according to a news release.

Researchers from the Institute and the Quail Research Foundation, as well as Texas A&M and Texas A&M at Kingsville, will sample quail from 19 different counties across West Texas and 10 sites in western Oklahoma, through a partnership labeled Operation Idiopathic Decline.

"I'd say the fall quail population declined by as much as 80 to 90 percent in 2010," said Ron Kendall, director of TIEHH, in the news release. "This is a huge drop. Ranchers contacted us and said they were finding dead birds, or weren't seeing quail like they had seen them before. This happened late last summer to a large degree."

With the funding, researchers plan to collect 600-1,500 birds per year during the three-year project, to study the effects of the decline.

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Climate experts discuss drought in outlook forum

Region already experiencing recovery

By CAROLYN HECK
STAFF WRITER

West Texas is already seeing improving rainfall conditions this year, after experiencing the worst drought on state record in 2011, according to experts at the Southern Great Plains Drought Outlook Assessment and Forum.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hosted the event at the Texas Tech International Cultural Center on Thursday to discuss the current drought situation, economic and environmental impacts, and future drought outlook for the coming summer.

The event lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the day was divided between two purposes. The morning discussion was focused on drought status and outlook, while the afternoon discussion was a panel-based assessment of drought impacts on different areas of the region.

Several climate service entities were involved in the forum, said Mark Shafer, an employee of the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program.

"The weather forecast service offices have been very involved in monitoring this progression of drought," he said, "contributing to drought monitor discussion and trying to stay ahead of it."

The forum served as a two-way connection point for discussion between climate

scientists and practitioners, Shafer said, so the two parties could exchange information effectively.

"And what we're trying to do is to bring all these people together and compare notes," he said, "and get a clear picture of what's going on."

The drought was not an unexpected occurrence, he said, but climate scientists did not foresee its magnitude.

The West Texas region gets 10 to 15 inches of rain a year on average, said Victor Murphy, a climate services program manager for the National Weather Service, but Lubbock specifically saw as much as a 12-inch deficit in rainfall due to the drought.

"This period right here, pretty much October 2010 through September 2011," he said, "clearly was the most intense one-year drought on record for Texas."

However, he said the drought affected more than just Texas.

"Almost across the entire region — Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma — there's almost a uniform onset of the drought in the entire region," Murphy said, "which began roughly October/November of 2010."

Several records were broken in 2011, he said. The months of June, July and August consecutively broke heat records, with August being the hottest month in history.

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Noticing Nature



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

RYAN MCCABE, A senior mechanical engineering major from League City, Jarrett Gottardy, a senior math major from Boulevard, and Alex Lake, a senior interdisciplinary science major from Spring Branch, plant flowers with the Saddle Tramps during last year's Arbor Day festivities at Memorial Circle. Today starting at 11 a.m. students will be able to line up for T-shirts and planting supplies. Planting is expected to begin at 1:20 p.m.

Tech community plans to beautify campus for Arbor Day

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

After today, Texas Tech campus will become a little brighter.

Flowers will be planted in various locations around campus as part of the Arbor Day activities the university is hosting at Memorial Circle.

Students, faculty and staff have many opportunities to get involved on this day dedicated to beautifying the campus and building a sense of community.

"It is really a chance for the university and community to get together for one right reason," said Meredith Gooch, assistant director of Student Union and Activities, "to beautify our campus and have a good time with good food and music."

The events, which are sponsored by the Student Union and Activities, Hospitality Services, the Center for Campus Life, Grounds Maintenance and Tech Activities Board, will

begin at 11 a.m. with Seeds for Needs, Gooch said, which is an opportunity for students to get pots and planting supplies and choose a seed to plant for themselves.

She said supplies run out quickly and advises interested students to arrive early.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be free food and a T-shirt, with a student ID. The shirt will cost \$5 for faculty and staff members.

Then, the California-based band, Fallen Riviera, will perform live music from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

"The concert committee took a vote for which band would perform," said Heather Banning, concert coordinator for Tech Activities Board, "and we liked their style. We thought they would be a good fit for Texas Tech."

Following the concert, a ceremony will occur from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Red Bag Alert

Time: All day
Where: None
So, what is it?
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will host the first Techsan Preview, which gives high school juniors and their families a chance to experience Texas Tech.

Arbor Day

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Memorial Circle
So, what is it?
Arbor Day gives students, faculty and staff the opportunity to come together and listen to live music, eat free food and get T-shirts, all while planting alongside each other beautifying Tech campus.

Feminist Forum: Women Leading Women Through Passion and Perseverance

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Professional Development Center, Room 153
So, what is it?
In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, guest speakers of this forum will discuss ways they have brought the community together to organize, plan and discuss sexual violence and how they feel these events have reinforced the need for preventative efforts.

International Food Festival

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: International Cultural Center, Hall of Nations
So, what is it?
Join the International Cultural Center and taste foods from around the world.

Texas Tech Baseball vs. Missouri

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Rip Griffin Park
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders today as

they compete against Missouri, and again at 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

10th Annual Mentor Tech Celebration Banquet

Time: 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
So, what is it?
As part of the Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, actor, author and activist Hill Harper will give the keynote speech for the 10th annual Celebration Banquet.

SATURDAY

36th Annual Scholarship Concert – Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter (Overture) and Mozart's Requiem

Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Broadway Church of Christ
So, what is it?
Conducted by Andrew George and Richard Bjella, the Texas Tech Orchestra, University Choir, Women's Chorale, Matador Singers, University Singers, and The Lubbock Chorale will join together to perform for this annual music scholarship fundraiser.

SUNDAY

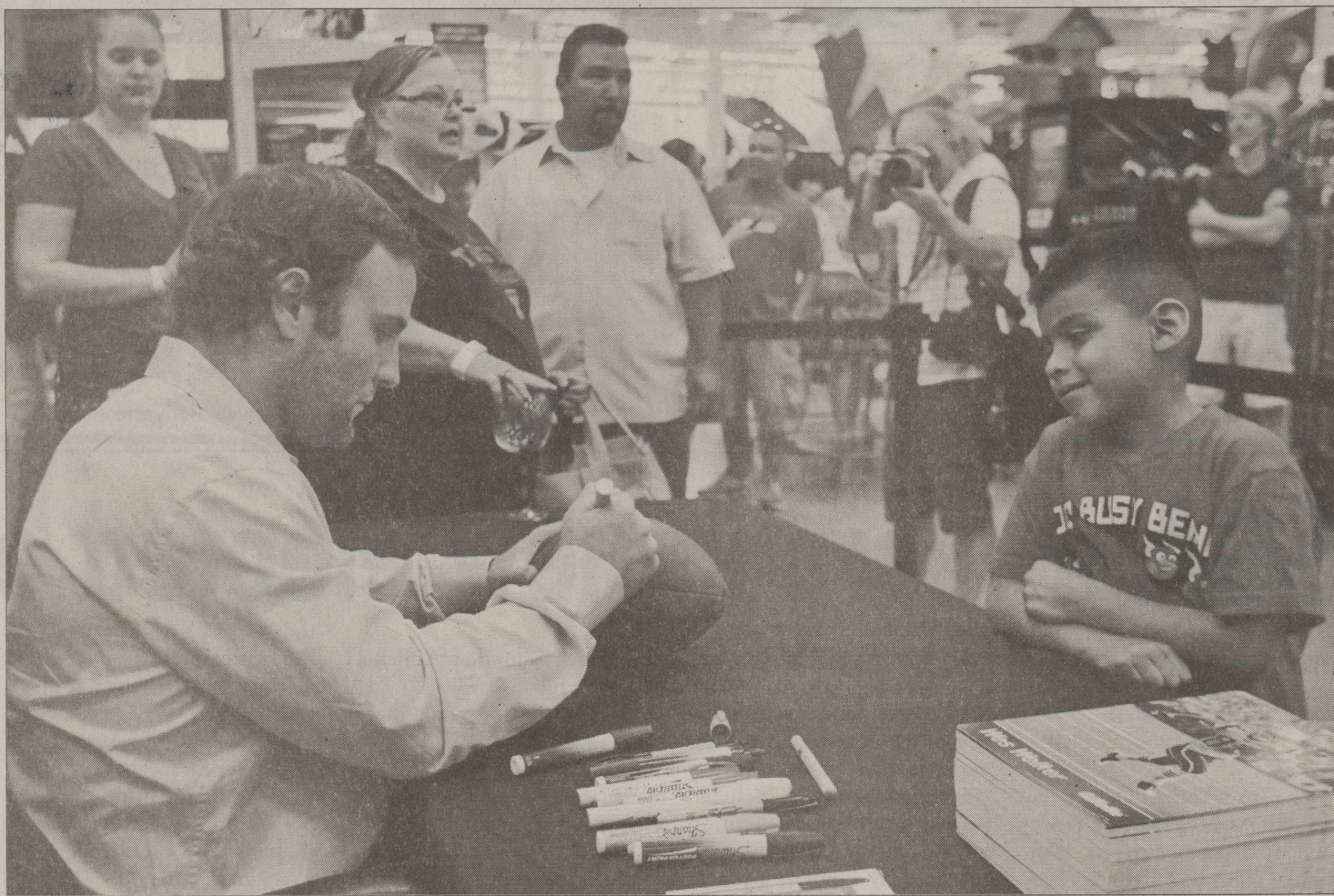
Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour

Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Avastar, a one-act original production, is described as a dramatic journey incorporating musical work from opera, Broadway and popular 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.

WELKER WELCOME



WES WELKER, WIDE receiver for the New England Patriots, signs a football for Immanuel Gonzales, 6, at the new Sam's Club near Marsha Sharp Freeway and Milwaukee Avenue on Thursday. Welker is a Texas Tech alumnus who had a successful career at Tech as a wide receiver.

Drought

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"Literally, not only was it the driest ever," he said, "but correspondingly, the temperatures were just literally through the roof — about three degrees warmer than anything we've ever experienced."

In October 2011, Murphy said, 88 percent of Texas reached exceptional drought levels, which by definition only occurs once every 50 to 100 years.

All of Texas, except for three or four counties, was under the burn ban.

"In Texas, we had our worst fire season ever," Murphy said. "Over four million acres burned — an area roughly the size of Rhode Island and Connecticut combined."

That amount is twice the acreage than what was burned by wildfires in 2006, he said.

There were as many as 30,457 fires and 3,017 homes destroyed,

said David Dubois of the New Mexico Climate Center. The Texas town of Bastrop was the most effected, having been ravaged by the worst wildfire in state history.

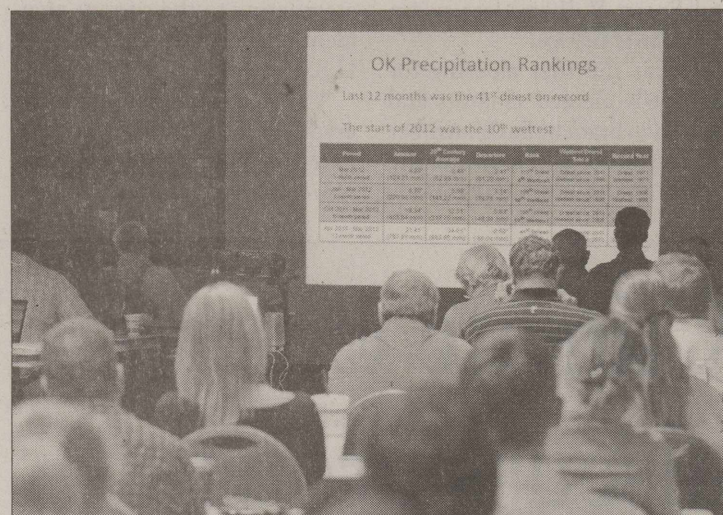
Agriculture was devastated as well, Murphy said, totaling to \$7.6 billion in losses as estimated by Texas AgriLife. \$4.4 billion were crop losses, \$3.2 billion were livestock losses and \$2.5 billion were specifically cotton losses.

This is partly due to the weather phenomenon of La Nina, he said.

"La Nina is when sea surface temperatures are about .5 degrees or more colder than normal," he said. "El Nino events are the opposite, when the sea surface temperatures are about .5 degrees or more warmer than normal."

These natural phenomena have a great impact on the Southern Great Plains regions, Murphy said.

"There is a strong correlation between sea surface temperatures



A FORUM WAS hosted Thursday at the International Culture Center by climate experts to explain and answer questions about the current drought and the possibility of the emergence of La Nina this fall.

in the equatorial ocean," he said, "and the (precipitation) in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas."

When El Nino occurs, Murphy said, there is a greater propensity for rainfall. However, La Nina has been in effect for the second time, he said, the first being in 2008 to 2009 and the second being from 2010 to 2011 — which is one major contributing factor to last year's drought.

Climatologists are now looking for evidence of whether this fall will be an El Nino or a La Nina event, he said. This will determine the amount of rainfall the region will receive and, ultimately, if the drought will continue.

Whether Texas will see rainfall this coming year or not is up in the air, Murphy said. The chances are neutral — one-third of a chance for above average rainfall, one-third for normal rainfall and one-third for below average rainfall.

Scientists should be able

to determine in two months if La Nina or El Nino will occur, said Klaus Wolter, a research scientist at the University of Colorado.

Rainfall levels in Texas have improved since the start of 2012, Murphy said, but not enough to pull the area out of the drought. "Even if you see near normal rainfall, with these types of above normal temperatures, continually," he said, "you're going to have more evaporation, a lot more stress on water availability, more stress on water management, things like that."

Still, people are hopeful for the future.

"As far as looking at Texas goes, this is our wettest time of the year," Murphy said, "so if we're going to get any rainfall, hopefully it should occur here in the May/June time period. The next couple of months are going to be very critical in getting us out of this drought, or at least seeing improvement."

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Texas man executed for robbery-shooting

HUNTSVILLE, (AP) — A Texas man was executed Thursday for his role in a 2002 robbery in which three people were shot, one fatally.

The lethal injection of Beunka Adams, 29, was carried out less than three hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a last-day appeal to postpone the punishment, the fifth this year in Texas.

Adams expressed love to his family and apologized to witnesses, including one of the women who survived the attack and relatives of the man who was killed.

He said he was a stupid kid in a man's body at the time of the crime.

"I'm very sorry. Everything that happened that night was wrong," Adams said. "If I could take it back, I would. Not a day goes by I wish I could take it back. ... I messed up and can't take that back."

He asked those gathered to not let any hate they had for him "eat you up." "Find a way to get past ... I really hate things turned out the way they did. For everybody involved, I don't think any good came out of it."

Adams took about a dozen breaths, then began wheezing and snoring. Eventually, he became still. He was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m. CDT, nine minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow into his body.

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Gas prices continue to creep lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Retail gasoline prices continued their surprising spring slide Thursday, dropping a penny to \$3.83 per gallon.

It's the 10th straight day of declines for the national average retail price. Pump prices are 4 cents lower than they were last year at this time.

Retail gasoline prices typically rise in the spring and peak for the year in May after refiners switch to a more expensive summer blend of gasoline that is required to meet clean air rules. Analysts say this year's spring peak may have come early — a relief to drivers show saw prices rise 66 cents from Jan. 1 through the first week of April.

Gasoline prices have fallen from a high of \$3.94 per gallon on April 6 as this year's rise in oil prices has leveled off and U.S. gasoline demand has fallen.

Missouri drivers enjoyed the

lowest average price in the U.S., at \$3.56 per gallon. California drivers are paying \$4.18, the highest in the nation outside of Alaska and Hawaii.

Drivers in Connecticut, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia are all still paying more than \$4 per gallon on average, though, according to the Oil Price Information Service, AAA and Wright Express.

Benchmark crude rose slightly Thursday to \$104.55, a gain of 0.4 percent, on expectations that the U.S. economy will continue to grow modestly and that the European debt crisis would not spread further.

Brent crude, which is used by refiners to make most of the gasoline sold in the U.S., rose 80 cents to \$119.92.

Natural gas prices fell at the end of the trading day to \$2.036 per thousand cubic feet, a decline of 3

cents, after spending most of the day in positive territory.

In recent weeks natural gas prices have fallen to their lowest levels since 2007 because a historically warm winter and increased domestic production have boosted the amount of natural gas in storage.

The U.S. government reported Thursday that natural gas in storage rose by 47 billion cubic feet to 2.548 trillion cubic feet for the week ended April 20. That's 56 percent above the five-year average. The report was in line with what analysts expected according to a survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill.

There is some expectation that natural gas will begin to rise. The price inched upward this week on forecasts a cool May in the Northeast, which could increase demand for the fuel.

Mexico truckers protest dangerous double trailers

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Independent Mexican truckers launched nationwide protests Thursday calling for clearer, fairer rules on vehicle weights and dimensions and for an end to discretionary permits that they say let double-trailer vehicles carrying as much as 100 metric tons of freight operate on narrow, two-lane roads.

U.S. union and consumer groups have complained for years about dangerous Mexican trucks. Now independent Mexican truckers have grown fed up after two horrifying crashes in less than a month.

The protests by the Alliance of Mexican Transport Organizations follows two accidents in which the rear units of double trailers came loose and careened into passenger buses, killing a total of 49 bus passengers.

Mexico's Communications Transport Department, which oversees trucking, did not respond to requests for comment about the protest.

Alliance national coordinator Francisco Leyva said discretionary rules put pressure on truckers to carry bigger loads and allow corrupt police and officials to get more bribes when truckers are caught.

Leyva said his group set up roadside

encampments with parked trucks carrying banners and placards denouncing the double-trailers, which also cost truckers jobs because one driver carries twice as much.

"As far as I know, there is not a country in the world that carries as much weight (in trucks) as we do," Leyva said.

In the United States, the federal commercial vehicle maximum weight standard on the Interstate Highway System is 80,000 pounds (40 tons). Mexican norms allow twice that much, and even that limit is frequently exceeded.

On April 13, a semi-truck pulling two trailers of grain allegedly lost its brakes while speeding along a highway west of Mexico City, then the rear trailer broke free and slammed into the back of a bus carrying university students. Five students and a teacher were killed.

Leyva said two full trailers of grain would easily break the 80-ton weight limit.

On Friday, a double-trailer truck traveling on a two-lane road in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz also lost its rear trailer, which slammed into a bus carrying farm workers, killing

43 people.

At issue is an obscure rule that normally bans semis hauling double trailers from using Mexico's secondary roads, unless the trucking company applies for a "connectivity permit" that allows such travel by trucks that meet certain requirements. The Communications Transport Department, known as the SCT, said in a statement that the truck involved in the most recent accident didn't have such a permit.

But truckers say the mere fact that some double-trailers are allowed on back roads encourages other drivers to do make similar trips, paying bribes if their 106-foot-long vehicles are caught without a permit.

The SCT says 5,710 trucks were fined for being overweight in 2011. In an interview with local media, SCT trucking director Miguel Elizalde said roughly half the 30,000 accidents registered each year on Mexico's federal highways involved trucks, and about 900 of those were double trailers.

But Leyva, the trucker alliance official, said "there are many, many accidents" that may never be registered, in which vehicles are simply run off the road by semis pulling double-trailers on tight curves.

RAPID RETURN

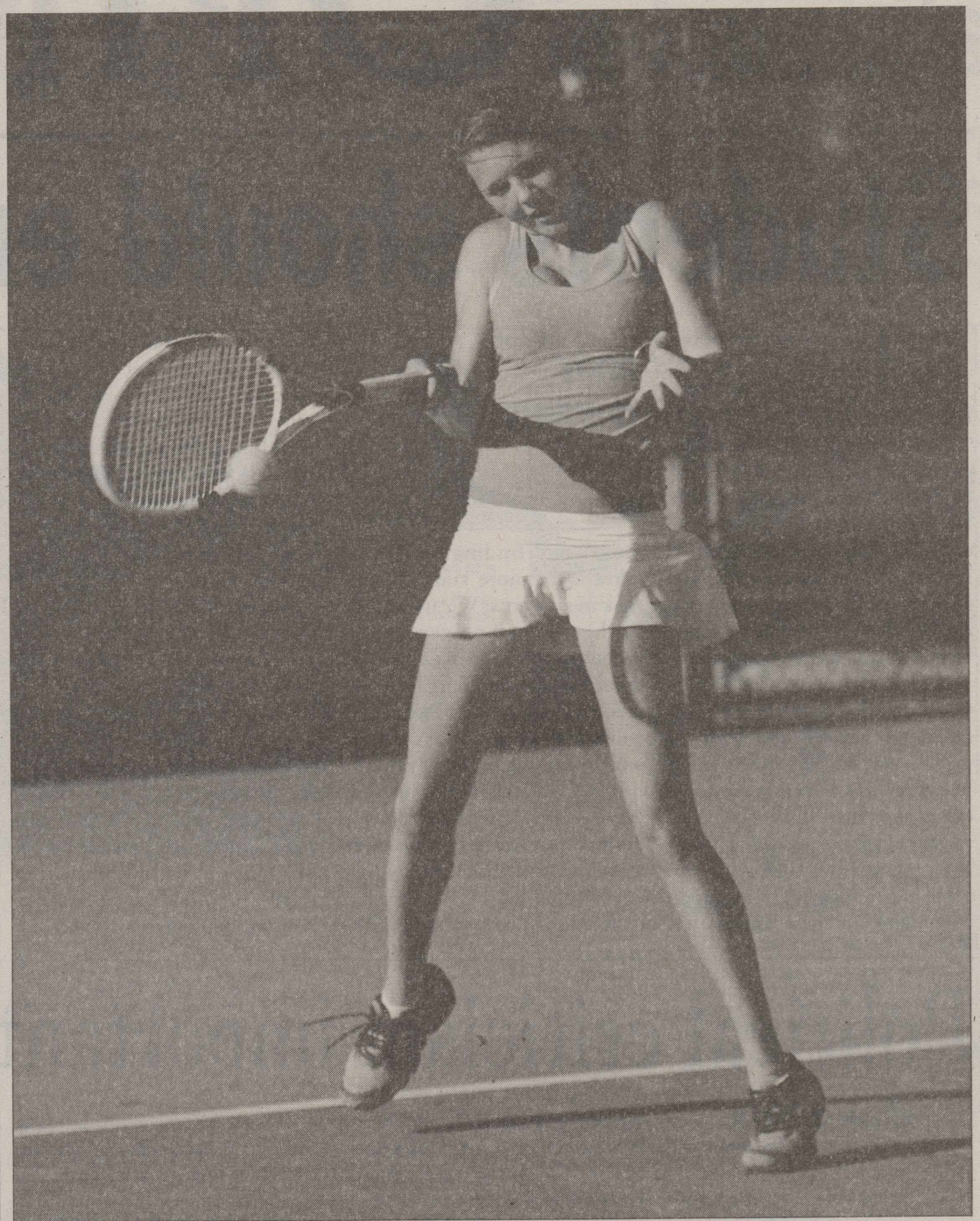


PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador
KATY MORRIS, A freshman electronic media major from Glastonbury, Conn., returns a hit Wednesday afternoon at the tennis courts outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Texas A&M penalizes student in Las Vegas photo

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — For one Texas A&M University graduate student, what happened in Vegas didn't stay in Vegas.

Justin Newman says he ran into academic trouble after The Associated Press published a photo of him in a story about a mobile medical clinic dubbed "Hangover

Heaven" that aids Las Vegas tourists who drank too much alcohol the night before.

Newman's name wasn't used, but he said people in his college department recognized him sitting in the bus. He was wearing an "AGGIE Athletic Training" T-shirt.

In an email to the AP on Tuesday asking that his photo be removed, Newman said he was fired from his research position and lost a fall campus internship. He faced a disciplinary hearing, but said in a follow-up email Thursday there were "no repercussions for my actions."

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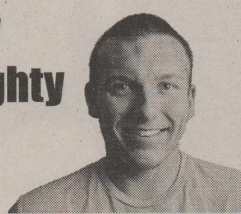
How many times have you heard the words, "These are the best times of your life?"

It never fails when I begin complaining about college and being poor, my family reminds me that living as a minimalist is essential to my happiness. I have found 37 different ways to cook Ramen noodles without using a cookbook; surely I can put that in my resume somewhere.

I have read many articles contradicting theories that the ages 20-29 are the best time of life. It may or may not be, but it can't be denied those years are vital to our growth into adulthood.

We've experienced a shift in society with the world of academia. Young adults are more dependent on their parents for

Andy Doughty



longer and finding our niche takes a lot more time than it took our parents. We are known as the boomerang generation because it's cheaper to live on mom's couch than rent an apartment in downtown Dallas, all while getting a master's degree and being artsy. However, it's not looked down upon. Instead, we are economically savvy for saving ourselves a lot of money and having the highest level of education.

It's fun to be in your 20s be-

cause the rule seems to be, "anything goes." We get to stay out late, party hard, sleep late and be indecisive. We don't have to be afraid of making a big move or working for a company where we might not stay.

It's easy to just chalk it up to a learning experience, put it on the resume and move on to the next resume builder.

No longer do we have to get married at early ages and begin raising a family. Instead, we get to embark on journeys to find our inner selves. It is all about finding our happiness in life and everyone

around us promotes happiness, too. How many of your friends do you know have "studied" abroad for a summer or even a full semester? I know plenty of them. How many people above

the age of 30 do you know who have even take a vacation longer than a week outside of Texas? The list is probably a lot shorter.

Being in our 20s, we are encouraged to become enlightened and live as many experiences as we can. However, along the way, many influential people will impart their advice to us and my one

recommendation is to listen. Nothing chaps me more than having to tell my mom or dad they were right.

Some of the best advice I received is to never waste time. Always make every decision as if it affects the rest of your life. I had an economics teacher tell me that once I graduate college and get a "big boy" job, I should continue to live like a college student. He advised me not to go out and buy an expensive car or large purchases. He said by the time I am 30, I could have a savings account most people won't have in their entire lives. I think this is a smart recommendation because so many of us already have student loans and other debt. So, it is important to get the debt paid and begin saving

for the future.

I think another important factor of being in your 20s is finding what you believe in. It doesn't matter what it is, whether Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc. Whatever it is, find your place in this world and hold on tight to your beliefs because, without them, one can never find self-fulfillment.

The 20s are a journey that are necessary to every other decade you will endure, so why not make them the best ones of your life. I say buy those shoes, take that trip or get a mohawk. Remember, you're young and anything goes.

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"It's fun to be in your 20s because the rule seems to be, 'anything goes.'"

Political criticism important, healthy

By **SAM CARRIGAN**
CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)

During an election, it can sometimes seem as if nothing is more important than the victory of one's preferred candidate.

For intensely passionate supporters, criticism of one's favorite must be refuted immediately, and any advantages for their opponent must be debunked as exaggerated or outright false.

When the stakes are high and there are only two parties, it becomes difficult for politically active individuals to avoid falling into an "us versus them" mentality which demands full, unqualified support for your lesser evil. In its most unfortunate incarnation, this structure can lead to the silencing of dissenters who are attempting to earnestly criticize a weakness in their preferred candidate's platform.

Any negative comments, it could be said, will be giving ammunition to the enemy. Though the desire to unify camps is understandable, it is important that open and necessary debate does not get squelched for some perceived short-term political gain which is, invariably, not worth the cost.

This is not a problem which exclusively affects liberals, conservatives or any other politically active group. The "tribal" mindset, where protecting group members takes a priority over anything else, is a side effect of the human condition and can manifest in people regardless of their ideology or education.

This comes into conflict with the ideal purpose of a presidential election, which is to do what is best for the country, and not one's party. When James

Madison wrote about the importance of safeguarding the Union against factions in Federalist 10, he wanted to prevent large groups in society from taking away the rights of others.

While it is not a clear infringement of the freedom of expression, demanding that minority members of a "tribe" silence themselves until after an election does harm everyone involved. There is a strategic rationale for withholding dissent for your party during election season, but asking for a pause on free criticism is asking too much.

It is not bold to say that neither of the two parties in the United States are correct about everything. Both suffer from serious problems and even disconnects in opinion from the majority of their supporters. For instance, President Obama's continued acceptance of raids on medical marijuana dispensaries stands in contrast to a 77 percent national approval rating for medicinal use of marijuana.

Because of people's reluctance to listen to their opponents' supporters during elections, there is no one more capable of helping point out their candidates' flaws than a potential supporter. This benefit goes away, though, when criticism from political allies is viewed as an attack.

There is still the distinction to be made between substantive criticisms against candidates from one's party and those made for the purpose of "scoring points" against an opponent. The latter variety often take the form of fake outrage, something which Republicans have already successfully employed this year. That said, it is possible Democrats are even guiltier of silencing dissenting voices within their ranks — a bad sign for the self-styled liberals.

In Pakistan, Obama has allowed the use of "signature strikes" against suspected militants, where the identities of missile victims are not known but people are targeted based on "suspicious" behavior. His top military advisors are now considering expanding this power to the

drone-plagued nation of Yemen. As we get closer to the election, a liberal critic of the president could be told by fellow Democrats, "Oh, so you'd rather have Mitt Romney bombing civilians in Yemen?"

Substance is ignored, and every self-criticism is seen as the potential "domino" which could fall over and destroy the party from inside. Hon-

est questions — such as whether or not indiscriminate bombings inspire more terrorists than they kill — are dismissed out of hand, or told to wait until after the election. After the election, of course, there will be less pressures on the president to act one way or another.

While those who seek the end of criticism against their party justify this in terms of electoral politics, they overlook the potential benefits of pushing an important issue before moderates and the politically uninvolved during an election. If something is worth saying, then surely it is best said when everyone is paying attention.

Criticism of a candidate's weaknesses should not be silenced simply because it seems like it may help an enemy. Generally, politicians can only be made stronger if they face some serious challenges from their friends before dealing with the attacks from their opponents.

The brave German political theorist Rosa Luxemburg was alleged to have said, "Freedom is always the freedom of dissenters." The spirit of these words holds true, and we alone are the guarantors of our freedom. We must protest where we see it necessary, and patiently listen to substantive criticism which could ultimately better the nation.

Lastly, consider one thing: If speaking the truth will cost your favorite politician greatly, then perhaps it is time to ask yourself what makes him so worthy of your support.

"... the ideal purpose of a presidential election ... is to do what is best for the country, and not one's party."

Federal college aid must be extended

By **THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD**
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An issue that both President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney actually agree on can only mean two things for America — either the Mayans were right or it's something that should be seriously considered.

With Congress' College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which decreased the interest rate on federal student loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent, set to expire July 1, both class-equality advocate Obama and champion for the private sector Romney have finally found some common ground. Not extending the act could cripple the future generation of college students and workforce beyond repair.

According to The Atlantic, the typical college tuition has tripled over the last 30 years, yet the earnings gap between college graduates and high school graduates has also tripled during the same timeframe, from 75 percent in 1979 to 230 percent in 2003.

This "paradox of college costs," as The Atlantic calls it, means that it is now just as expensive to go to college as it is not to go. And when considering that tuition in Florida is set to escalate yet again — the State University System sustained a \$300 billion funding cut in next year's budget — loans will have an even bigger presence in Florida students' battle against a 9 percent un-

employment rate, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

If the act is not renewed, students would watch those loan rates double overnight — a difference of about \$1,000, according to the Washington Post.

The only hitch in the plan, and the issue giving pause to Congressional action, is the \$6 billion it would cost to extend the program for another year, according to the Post. However, it's worth noting that the cost could have been almost completely covered by the extra revenue brought in from the "Buffett Rule," a tax plan recently defeated by Congress that would place a minimum tax of 30 percent on American millionaires.

There is no easy solution to helping today's college students when 50 percent of recent grads are unemployed or underemployed, as Romney told reporters Monday. Without changes to government spending, this temporary so-

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lution to boosting job prospects for students will become a repeated discussion. However, with severe cuts to federal aid programs and 7.4 million students across the U.S. affected by the act, according to the Chicago Tribune, it is necessary to preserving the future of the economy.

Romney and Obama have realized that this is not a party issue and Congress should too. Creating opportunities for future generations is a platform that all allege to work toward, and actually finding a solution to turn words into action would secure votes on either side of the political spectrum.

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2012 READER'S CHOICE AWARDS

BEST FOOD & RESTAURANTS

Best Steak
Texas Roadhouse
2nd Place- Texas Land & Cattle
3rd Place-Double Nickle

Best Barbecue
Rudy's
2nd Place-Rib Crib
3rd Place (Tie) -Bigham's
& Triple J Chophouse

Best Hamburger
Blue Sky
2nd Place- Spanky's
3rd Place- 5 Guys

Best Pizza
One Guy From Italy
2nd Place-Dion's
3rd Place (Tie)-Domino's &
West Crust

Best Buffet
Cici's Pizza
2nd Place- Lin's
3rd Place - Hong Kong Buffet

Best Mexican Food
Abuelo's
2nd Place- Ruby Tequila's
3rd Place- Rosa's

Best Italian Food
Orlando's
2nd Place-Olive Garden
3rd Place (Tie) - Stella's &
One Guy From Italy

Best Asian Food (Tie)
Pei Wei & Thai Pepper
2nd Place- Genghis Grill
3rd Place- O'Hana

Best Margarita
Chimy's
2nd Place- Fuzzy's
3rd Place- Ruby Tequila's

Best Cold Beer
Cricket's Drafthouse
2nd Place-Fuzzy's
3rd Place- Fox & Hound

Best Happy Hour
Fuzzy's
2nd Place- Chimy's
3rd Place- Ruby Tequila's

Best Fast Food
Raising Cane's
2nd Place- Rosa's
3rd Place (Tie) -Chipotle & Chick Fil A

Best All Night Restaurant
IHOP
2nd Place-Whataburger
3rd Place- Josie's

Best-All You-Can-Eat-Deal
CiCi's Pizza
2nd Place- Genghis Grill
3rd Place- Double Dave's

Favorite Restaurant
Chili's
2nd Place - One Guy From Italy
3rd Place (Tie) -Blue Sky & Gardski's

Friendliest Service
United Supermarkets
2nd Place- Spoonful
3rd Place- Chick Fil A

Best Supermarket
United Marketstreet
2nd Place-Walmart
3rd Place- Leonard's

BEST SHOPPING

Best Sporting Goods
Academy
2nd Place- Cardinal's
3rd Place- Mountain Hideaway

Best Department Store
Dillard's
2nd Place- J.C. Penny
3rd Place- Kohl's

Best Women's Shoes
DSW
2nd Place- Payless
3rd Place-Lady Footlocker

Best Men's Shoes
Academy
2nd Place- DSW
3rd Place- Dillard's

Best Jewelry Store
James Avery
2nd Place (Tie) - Robery Lance Jewelers &
Anderson Bros.
3rd Place (Tie)- Kays & Zales

Best Western Wear
Cavender's
2nd Place- Dollar Western Wear
3rd Place- Boot City

Best Discount Store
Target
2nd Place- Walmart
3rd Place - Ross

Best Consumer Electronic Store
Best Buy
2nd Place-Target
3rd Place-Walmart

Best Text Bookstore
Varsity Bookstore
2nd Place-Double T Bookstore
3rd Place- Barnes & Noble

Best Clothing Bargains (Tie)
Forever 21 & Old Navy
2nd Place- Kohl's
3rd Place- Ross

Best Tire Store
Discount Tire
2nd Place- Autozone
3rd Place - Firestone

Best Women's Clothing
Forever 21
2nd Place- Chrome
3rd Place (Tie) - Old Navy & J.C. Penny

Best Women's Casual Clothing
Target
2nd Place- Gap
3rd Place- American Eagle

Best Men's Clothing Store
American Eagle
2nd Place- Dillard's
3rd Place (Tie)- Banana Republic & Gap

Best Shopping Center/Mall
South Plains Mall
2nd Place-Kingsgate,
3rd Place- Canyon West

Best Place to Buy Jeans
American Eagle
2nd Place- Gap
3rd Place- Old Navy

Best Tattoo Shop
Big Buddah
2nd Place-Inkfluence
3rd Place-Identity Ink

BEST SIGHTS & SOUNDS

Best Local TV News Team

KCBD-TV Channel 11
2nd Place-KLBK-TV (CBS) Channel 13
3rd Place-KMAC-TV (ABC) Channel 28

Best Local TV Sportscaster (Tie)

Pete Christy-KCBD-TV &
David Collier - KAMC-TV
2nd Place- Brandon Rawe - KLBK-TV
3rd Place- Rob Verby - KJTV-TV

Best Local TV Weathercaster (Tie)

Ron Roberts - KAMC &
Nikki-Dee Ray - KLBK-TV
2nd Place- John Robison - KCBD TV
3rd Place-Matt Ernst - KJTV-TV

Best TV Show

Big Bang Theory
2nd Place-Once Upon a Time
3rd Place- Glee

Best Radio Morning Show

Kid Kraddick
2nd Place- The Bobby Bones Show
3rd Place- Jeff, Kelli and Mudflap

Best TV Station

KMAC/ABC/Ch.28
2nd Place- KCBD-TV/NBC/Ch.11
3rd Place- KLBK-TV/CBS/Ch. 13

Best Radio Station

KQBR-FM 99.5
2nd Place -KZII 102.5
3rd Place (Tie)- KLLL-FM 96.3 &
KMMX-FM 100.3

Best Movie Theater

Tinseltown
2nd Place- Stars & Stripes
3rd Place- Cinemark 16

BEST PLACES

Best Place to Study

TTU Library
2nd Place- J&B Coffee
3rd Place- Starbuck's

Best Place to take a Date

Stars & Stripes
2nd Place- Spoonful
3rd Place- Orlando's

Best Place to Work

TTU Student Housing
2nd Place-The Daily Toreador
3rd Place- The Rec Center

Best Night Club

Wild West
2nd Place- The Blue Light
3rd Place-Heaven

Best Bar

Chimy's
2nd Place-Fox & Hound
3rd Place (Tie) - Wild West & Bar PM

Best Liquor Store

Pinkie's
2nd Place- Doc's
3rd Place- University Liquor

Best Cleaners

Comet
2nd Place- Gristy's
3rd Place (Tie) - \$1.99 & Master Cleaners

Best Carwash

Quick Quak
2nd Place-X-treme Wash
3rd Place- Racer Classic

Best Car Repair

Gene Messer
2nd Place- Collision King
3rd Place- Scott's

Best Hair Salon

Sports Clips
2nd Place (Tie) - Aalon Salon & Great Clips
3rd Place- Bijou

Best Tanning Salon

Always Tan
2nd Place-Planet Beach
3rd Place- iBeach

Best Apartment/Housing Community

TTU Student Housing
2nd Place- 25 Twenty
3rd Place (Tie) - U-Lofts & University Courtyard

Best Place to Buy Flowers

College Flowers
2nd Place-United Supermarkets
3rd Place (Tie) - University Flowers & Walmart

Best Church

St. Elizabeth's Catholic
2nd Place- Experience Life
3rd Place- First Baptist Church

Best Bank

Wells Fargo
2nd Place-Bank of America
3rd Place- American State Bank

Best Pharmacy

CVS
2nd Place- Walgreens
3rd Place- TTU Student Wellness Center

Best Romantic Dinner (Tie)

Stella's & Olive Garden
2nd Place (Tie)- Sky Views & Gardski's
3rd Place- La Diosa

Best Health Club

TTU Recreational Center
2nd Place- Body Works
3rd Place- Planet Fitness

Best Hangout

TTU Student Union Building
2nd Place- TTU Rec Center
3rd Place- Starbucks

Best Coffee Shop

Starbuck's
2nd Place- J&B Coffee
3rd Place (Tie) - Daybreak & Barnes & Noble

BEST OF TECH

Best Residence Hall

Stangel/Murdough
2nd Place- Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed
3rd Place- Carpenter/Wells

Best Place to Eat on Campus

The Market @ Stangel/Murdough
2nd Place- Student Union Plaza Food Court
3rd Place (Tie) - 1923 &
Horn/Knapp All-You-Care-To-Eat

Best Tech Tradition

Carol of Lights
2nd Place-Fight Song
3rd Place- Guns Up & Masked Rider

Best Men's Sport

Football
2nd Place- Baseball
3rd Place-Track & Field

Best Women's Sport

Basketball
2nd Place- Soccer
3rd Place- Volleyball

Best Professor/Instructor

Ann Rodriguez, Mass Communications
2nd Place- Dr. Dini, Biology
3rd Place - Dawn Zuerker, Mass Communications

Best Student Organization

Raiders Helping Others
2nd Place-Pegasus
3rd Place- Residence Hall's Association

Best Sorority/Fraternity

Chi Omega
2nd Place- Alpha Delta Pi
3rd Place (Tie)- Delta Gamma & Alpha Phi

Best Class

Advertising
2nd Place- Animal Science
3rd Place-Education

Best Major

Advertising
2nd Place- Accounting
3rd Place- Psychology

Most Helpful Department

TTU Student Housing
2nd Place- Mass Comm Advising
3rd Place- College of Education

Best Athletic Coach

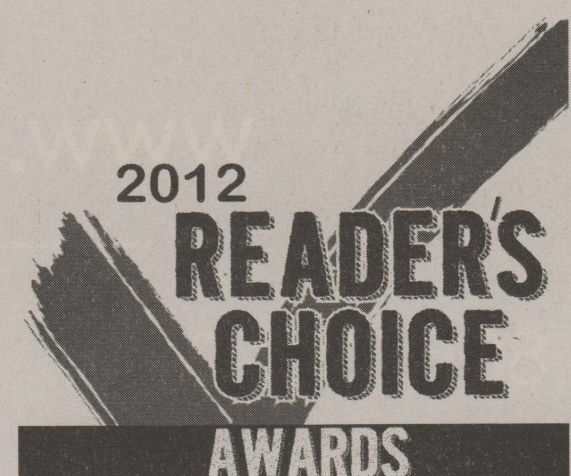
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2nd Place- Tommy Tuberville
3rd Place (Tie) - Dan Spencer & Billy Gillispie

Best Tech Landmark

Will Rogers & Soapsuds
2nd Place- Memorial Circle
3rd Place- Tech Seal

Best Daily Toreador Reporter

Brett Winegarner



Red Raiders play in final road games

By **MATT VILLANUEVA**
STAFF WRITER

Last Sunday's rubber match against Baylor at Rocky Johnson Field showed how resilient the Texas Tech softball team has been so far this season.

At the bottom of the seventh, with two out and the Red Raiders down 5-3,

Tech looked to the top of its lineup — all upperclassmen — to try and mount a comeback.

Enter Logan Hall. The senior second baseman connected on a two-run double to left field to tie the game.

The next batter, junior outfielder Mikey Kenney, would send Hall home with

the walk-off single.

But for head coach Shannon Hays, a comeback series win against the Bears was just what his team needed. The win matched the most Big 12 Conference wins through 18 games in school history since 2001, when the squad went 10-8 in conference play.

"It was a great win for us

because we didn't play well all of last week," he said. "A&M kind of jumped on us early and took the series from us, and then winning the first game against Baylor was big — but the last two games they outplayed us."

"Offensively, we're never far away from the capability of having a big inning. Just a little disappointed that it took that long to have a big inning, but they put the pressure on them when it counted."

The team is used to these kinds of games, Hall said, and it enjoys playing in tight games.

"That's what we play for," she said. "We like exciting games like that. Obviously it's real scary because you think you're about to lose,

but with this team, you're never out of it. We've come back from major deficits to come back and win, so it's real exciting for everybody."

While Tech lost its series with the Aggies last week, the two wins against Baylor kept the Red Raiders (37-13) at No. 24 nationally and No. 21 in RPI.

After playing against five straight top 25 teams, Tech will get a break in its schedule, as the Red Raiders head to Lawrence, Kan., to take on the Jayhawks (28-16), who are currently ranked 43rd in RPI and will be fighting for a spot in regionals.

"Our conference is filled with teams that are traditionally just stalwarts as far as college softball," Hays said. "And of course, losing

(to) Missouri and A&M will hurt with that, but you'll still be filled with the rest of those teams and you know every weekend it's going to be really tough."

Meanwhile, if Tech plays well in the final two weeks, Hays said, Tech has the chance of possibly hosting a regional — a feat that has never been done.

"We've talked to our girls and if we can win these last two series and being able to finish up the regular season with confidence, and go into finals and get ready to play in the regionals, which is new to us," he said. "We're in a regional; we just want to play to try to host a regional. It's a new place for us and it's exciting."

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Colts take Stanford QB Andrew Luck 1st overall

NEW YORK (AP) — Six weeks after saying goodbye to Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts handed Andrew Luck a blue and white jersey and the daunting task of leading a rebuilding team as its quarterback for the next decade.

Luck couldn't have chosen a tougher act to follow, but many believe he is the most NFL-ready passer to enter the league since Manning went No. 1 overall in 1998. All Manning did was win an unprecedented four MVP awards and a Super Bowl for Indy.

"You don't really replace a guy like that," Luck said. "You can't. You just try to do the best you can. Obviously, he was my hero growing up."

The Stanford quarterback was told by the Colts last week that Commissioner Roger Goodell would announce his name first Thursday night. He got the nod over Baylor QB Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy who was taken second overall by the Washington Redskins.

After being loudly booed at the outset, Goodell told a raucous crowd at Radio City Music Hall that "the season begins tonight, so let's kick it off." Then he did, congratulating Luck while the crowd chanted "RG3, RG3."

Luck left the stage and slapped hands with some fans in Colts shirts and headed to the interview room.

To get Griffin, Washington dealt a second-round pick this year and its first-rounders in 2013 and '14 to St. Louis to move up four spots.

Dressed in a light blue suit that didn't quite mesh with Redskins burgundy and gold, Griffin had some trouble getting the team hat over his braids and ended up wearing it just a tad crooked while he flashed big smiles for photos.

Less than an hour before Goodell began the draft, Cleveland and Minnesota pulled off another trade in what would become a virtual swap shop. The Browns moved up just one spot, from fourth to third, to ensure getting running back Trent Richardson of national champion Alabama. Minnesota received picks in the fourth, fifth and seventh rounds and

still was in position to get one of the elite prospects in this draft.

Like Griffin, Richardson was treated with lusty cheers from the crowd. Unlike Griffin, he had less trouble placing the Cleveland hat over his impressive dreads.

Minnesota then took Southern California offensive tackle Matt Kalil, whom the Vikings were expected to take at No. 3 anyway.

Luck's good fortune put him in a similar position to Stanford predecessors Jim Plunkett, who won two Super Bowls for the Raiders, and John Elway, who led Denver to two NFL titles. He is the fourth consecutive quarterback chosen first and 12th in the last 15 years, dating back to Manning.

Elway now runs the Broncos and recently signed Manning as a free agent after Manning missed all of last season following neck surgery.

Indianapolis was the only team in the first seven picks to stay put.

After Minnesota took Kalil, Jacksonville jumped up two spots, trading with Florida neighbor Tampa Bay to get Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon, the top receiver in this crop.

"It just goes to show you that anything can happen," Blackmon said, referring to the Jaguars going after him.

St. Louis must have liked dealing down because the Rams did it again, trading with Dallas, which was 14th overall. The Cowboys selected LSU's Morris Claiborne, the top cornerback, adding him to free agent signing Brandon Carr and shoring up what was a Swiss cheese secondary.

St. Louis got a second-rounder in the deal.

Tampa Bay finished off a wild 30 minutes of bartering by grabbing Alabama safety Mark Barron seventh overall.

A third quarterback went eighth where Miami — can you believe it? — stayed put. The Dolphins took Texas A&M's Ryan Tannehill, who played wide receiver for most of his time in college. His coach at A&M, Mike Sherman, is the Dolphins offensive coordinator.

Cowboys move up 8 spots to get LSU CB Claiborne

IRVING (AP) — LSU cornerback Morris Claiborne was considered by most as the best defensive back available in the NFL draft.

The Dallas Cowboys, in desperate need of defensive playmakers, couldn't

pass on the All-American.


Dallas selected Claiborne with the sixth overall pick Thursday night, moving up eight spots in the first round after a trade with St. Louis. The Rams got the No. 14 pick as well and the Cowboys'

second-round selection, 45th overall.

Claiborne led the Tigers with six interceptions last season and won the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back. He was also LSU's top kickoff returner, averaging 25 yards per

return including a 99-yard touchdown at West Virginia.

It was anticipated that the Cowboys would get defensive in the early rounds of the draft, looking to add impact players for coordinator Rob Ryan.



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SPORTS

Tech takes on Mizzou for final time in conference play

By **BRETT WINEGARNER**
MANAGING EDITOR

After putting together a four-game win streak, it has been nothing but struggles for the Texas Tech baseball team.

The Red Raiders have now dropped six of their last seven, with the latest loss coming after they blew a three-run lead in the bottom of the ninth against New Mexico.

During the game, Tech was able to put up 13 runs on 14 hits. However, the pitching staff struggled, as it gave up 14 runs on 19 hits.

It's great to finally see the offense start rolling, Tech catcher Bo Altobelli said, and the pitching staff will get things worked out this weekend.

"I think offensively we got back on track," he said, "and our pitching's there — they've been there all year — and we'll come around this weekend and do all three things right and get some wins."

The Red Raiders (23-21, 3-12 in Big 12 Conference play) will shift their focus off of nonconference play, as they host the Missouri Tigers for a three-game weekend

series. This will mark the last time any Tech sport will play against the Tigers in conference play during the regular season.

This being the last time the Red Raiders will compete against Missouri isn't going to have any impact on the game, Tech head coach Dan Spencer said.

"I don't think that Missouri not being in our league after this year concerns us — I know it doesn't concern me," he said. "I don't think it concerns our guys. I think it's just the next opponent, and we realize that we obviously need to win."

Missouri (22-17, 6-9) comes into the series with a little momentum on its side, as it just swept Kansas State to move into sixth place in the conference standings. The loss dropped the Wildcats into a last place tie with the Red Raiders. Both teams trail Kansas by one game for the seventh place spot in the standings.

Being in last place makes this series even more important for Tech if it wants to make it into any kind of postseason play, Tech pitcher Duke von Schamann said.

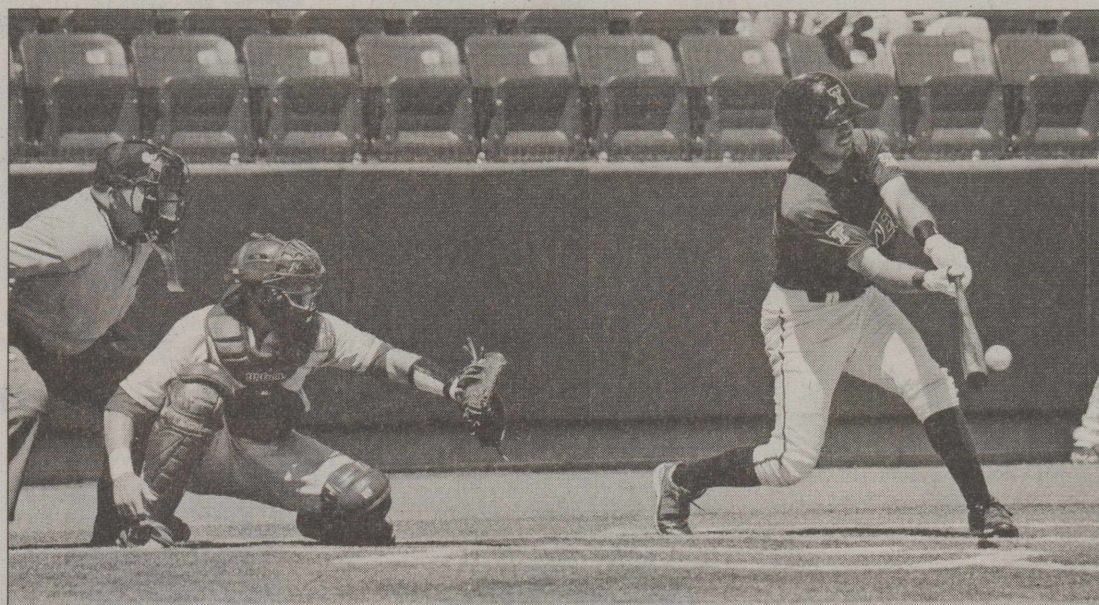
"To make the postseason, we've got to make sure we make the Big 12 tournament," he said. "That's first on everyone's mind. But I think we've just learned from this season just to take every game, game-by-game, so I just think everyone is worried about tomorrow and that's it."

von Schamann — who was recently added to the National Pitcher of the Year Watch List — will, once again, be making a Saturday start after Spencer shook up the starting lineup a bit. He ranks second in the Big 12 with a 1.84 ERA, and first among starters, as the only person above him is Texas reliever Corey Knebel who has a 1.27 ERA.

Two Tech players who started out the season in the bullpen will round out the starting rotation for Tech, as John Neely will make the Friday start and Trey Masek will be on the bump Sunday.

With the season about to wrap up, von Schamann said he still thinks the team has what it takes to compete and get into the postseason.

"I mean coming down to the



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TEXAS TECH'S Bo Altobelli hits the ball during the Red Raiders' 6-4 loss against New Mexico on April 18 at Rip Griffin Park. Tech is coming off another loss to New Mexico, and will get back to conference play with a three game series against Missouri.

end of the year, this is pretty much as big as it gets," he said, "you know, we need everyone we can get. I know we've got a lot of talent on this team, and we're still hoping to do something in the postseason, so these games are really, really big

for us and everyone knows that."

Prior to first pitch at 6:30 p.m. Friday, there will be a special ceremony in which former Masked Rider Bradley Skinner will transfer the reigns to new Masked Rider Ashley Wenzel. Wenzel is sched-

uled to make her first ride as the Masked Rider at 6:25 p.m.

Game two of the series is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, and the series will wrap up at 1 p.m. Sunday at Rip Griffin Park.

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Michael Jordan's Bobcats poised to be worst NBA team in history

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan's No. 23 has long been synonymous with greatness. By Thursday night that number could have a completely different meaning for him.

His Charlotte Bobcats face their 23rd consecutive loss and would finish the season with the worst winning percentage in NBA history (.106) if they don't beat the New York Knicks on the final night of the shrunken season. And that would mean the man recognized

globally as the greatest basketball player ever would be the not-so-proud owner of the worst NBA team ever.

A spectacular resume that includes six NBA championships and five league MVP awards would also include one very forgettable season for the record book.

It's been 39 years since an NBA team finished with a worse winning percentage than the Bobcats. In a full season, the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers finished 9-73 (.110) in

a full regular season.

In this lockout-shortened regular season, the Bobcats are a woeful 7-58 — and they are every bit as bad as the numbers indicate.

They're last in league scoring and shooting percentage. They've lost 21 games by 20 points or more. It's hard to decide what's worse, their offense or their defense.

Coach Paul Silas certainly would like to avoid the embarrassment of being known as the coach of the worst team ever.

"If we get a win it will be the best thing that has happened to us all season," Silas said.

That may be tough since the Bobcats are everything Jordan wasn't as a player — unproductive, uncompetitive and unwatchable.

Jordan told the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday that he knew this was going to be a trying year, but didn't expect it would be this bad.

"But did we want to chase the most pingpong balls (in the May

30 draft lottery)? No way," Jordan told the newspaper. "Ever since I've owned the team I think we've made some very positive moves on the business side. We had to make a difficult decision to turn over the talent. This year the talent we had didn't respond, but that doesn't cause me to turn my back on the plan."

While Jordan is sticking to his plan, the Bobcats have been painful to watch.

No one on the roster comes

close to having Jordan's charisma — not to mention his ability to dominate. They lack a face for the franchise, at least on the court.

And all that's on Jordan. His reputation as an executive continues to take hit after hit, just the way he used to make game-winning shot after shot.

Jordan's questionable decision-making has landed the Hall of Famer at the center of a debate about which former star turned NBA executive has done the worst job.

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