## Individuals from several states start petitions to secede from US

By MATT DOTRAY STAFF WRITER

Texas Gov. Rick Perry sent out a news release in response to the growing discussion about secession petitions on the White House website.

The petition, which began circulation on Friday, request-

ing the Obama administration to peacefully grant the State of Texas and others to secede from new government.

In three days after the petirequirement of 25,000 signatures for the Obama administration to look them over. On

Wednesday, the total amount of the United States. of signatures reached 105,129.

the United States and create a to start a petition to secede from the union.

In the news release, Cathtion began, Texas passed the erine Frazier, the press secretary for Gov. Perry, said the governor believes nothing should be done to change the "greatness"

"But he also shares the frus-Texas is among the 50 states tration many Americans have with our federal government," Frazier said in the release. "Now, more than ever, our country needs to take strong leadership from states like Texas that are making tough decisions to live within their

provide the opportunities to job creators, so their citizens can provide for their families and prosper."

A spokesperson for the Texas legislative office said the state has nothing to do with the

"Neither the State of Texas,

means, keep taxes low and nor the governor, has put that petition out there," she said on the phone. "So, the way that they're making it read, it's the state of Texas. No, it's individuals within the State of Texas."

> The federal government has not yet responded to the petitions.

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## Women Studies Program hosts collection drive for women, children in need

**By RACHAEL MATTHEWS** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Women Studies Program has been a part of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence since Fall 2008 to help raise awareness for sexual assault and violence brought upon women and children.

The coalition brings attention to the national Week Without Violence, and Domestic Violence throughout November.

Tricia Earl, the instructor for Tech's Women Studies Program, is the staff position adviser for this month's collection drive and the creator of co-curricular events for the program. The program examines the cultural and social construction of gender and studies the influences and that people can help those less of gender on the lives of women and men.

"We're looking to expand this

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collection drive to be further in the spring," Earl said. "What I've noticed this year is that the residents at the Women's Protective Services need various items at different times of the year. We've already had multiple items donated.'

Items such as coats, blankets, pillows, towels and basic toiletry items top the program's wishlist this year, Earl said. Dozens of items have been donated so far. Even though student donations are limited be-Awareness Month, which lasts cause of location difficulties and time constraints, many students and individuals throughout Tech are glad to participate in such a

Motola Peters, a freshman, said she thinks the donation is a good way to help out.

"It's good that this is happening fortunate find their way," she said.

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# Meat Mission

### Raider Red Meats provides meat for COWamongus

By VICTORIA HOLLOWAY STAFF WRITER

Carcasses hang from the ceiling by linked silver chains. The carcass is then taken into the Meat Science Laboratory for processing and cutting, and then packaged with a Raider Red Meats label.

Texas Tech's meat company, Raider Red Meats, operates out of the meat lab on campus.

Raider Red Meats, regulated by U.S. Department of Agriculture, mainly sells through COWamongus, a restaurant in the Animal and Food Sciences building. The company also sells to 30 United Supermarkets and local restaurants, including Café J. Aside from retail sales, anyone can purchase the company's meats on

Tate Corliss, agricultural education graduate student from Estancia, N.M., is the sales representative for Raider Red Meats.

He said Gordon W. Davis, who the Meat Science Laboratory is named after, founded the meat judging program, or team. The university did not fund the program, so Davis started raising funds for the team by selling meats, thus marking the beginning of Raider Red Meats

"There was no funding available, so he did everything he could with the resources that he had," Corliss said. "Now it's expanded to where we help fund everything from scholarships, graduate student research and the whole meat science and muscle biology program."

After the bills and the workers are paid, the leftover money goes toward funding and scholarships, he said.

The company's management, aside from Corliss, includes director Bradley Price and communications representative Moriah Beyers. There are 12 student workers, including Luke Sellers, a junior agriculture education major from Denver City.

judging team. He said he works protection against sharp machinery



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JERILYN HERGENREDER, A doctoral muscle biology major from Longmont, Colo., packages New York strips for Red Raider Meats on Tuesday in the Meat Lab. Red Raider meats are sold on campus in COWamongous and off campus in Café J and 30 local United Super Markets.

two to three hours every day usu- and knives, he said. ally cutting lamb, pork and beef in the 38-degree meat lab.

Before workers enter into the Sellers has worked three a hair net, lab coat, no-cut rubber months for Raider Red Meats gloves, steel-toed rubber boots and and is a member of the meat a chain net under their jacket for

"There's hardly any way you can contaminate because we take so many safety precautions," Sellers lab, they wash their hands, put on said. "There's hardly any way to get hurt because we're wearing so much safety gear. It's almost impossible for you to cut yourself because of all the no-cut stuff we wear."

The beginning of processing meat first begins with the harvesting, or killing, of the animal. Sellers, who has witnessed the harvesting, said the public has many misconceptions about this part of the process.

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### PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador

DESIREE DURAN, A senior visual studies major from Lubbock, cleans her mirror sculpture, which she will eventually cast in aluminum, Wednesday in the 3D Annex sculpture studios.

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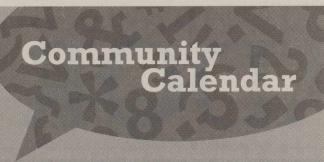
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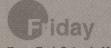
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## College of Education raises awareness for School Psychology Awareness Week

By EFRAIN DUARTE STAFF WRITER

While the number of children in school has increased, the number of school psychologists in school districts has not been able to keep up with the growing student population.

Tara Stevens, associate professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership in the College of Education, said the National Association of School Psychologists recommends a 1:1,000 ratio of school psychologists to students.

"There is a predicted shortage nationwide," she said.

One of the reasons for the shortage, Stevens said, is because there is a greying in the field, which means a lot of people are

The College of Education is raising awareness of the shortage by observing School Psychology Awareness Week. School Psychology Awareness Week, Stevens said, is something the National Association of School Psychologists does every year.

"We want people to be aware of what we do," Stevens said.

To illustrate the shortage of school psychologists, Stevens said, her first job in West Texas was as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) for nine school districts.

This year, School Psychology Awareness Week went from Monday and will end Friday. Different events going on throughout the week included a booth outside the Student Union Building and visits to other local universities to give presentations about school psychology.

Stephanie Barbre, third year school psychology doctoral student from Lubbock, said school psychology encompasses three realms: counseling, consultation and testing, and assessment.

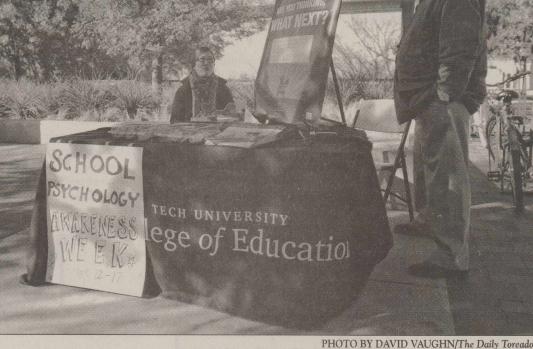


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BRITTANY LERMS, A junior psychology major from Schertz, and David Cain, a core faculty member and assistant professor in the Texas Tech Department of Psychology promote School Psychology Awareness Week with a table Wednesday outside the Student Union Building.

and education," Barbre said, "I feel it is my duty to help and support students.'

School psychologists, Barbre said, look for students with emotional disturbances and autism.

Stevens said, school psychologists' tasks range from helping a student learn math to helping a teacher understand the symptoms

Barbre, who is completing her practicum with the Frenship Independent School District, said the practicum component ties everything learned in the classroom and puts it into the real world.

The courses the students take, Stevens said, are a blending of psychology and education courses, courses like assessment, which deals with how to administer I.Q.

"As an advocate for children tests and there are counseling college is focusing on building up courses involved.

> There are two tracks students at Tech can take, Barbre said, a masters and a doctorate track, both of which allow for practice in school districts.

Barbre said the masters program is 60 hours, with the last year as an internship and the doctoral program is 90 hours, which includes a dissertation and an internship accounting for that

program's last two years. Samuel Thompson, third year school psychology doctoral student from San Angelo, said he got into school psychology because there are lots of options and it is not limited to one job.

Tech, Stevens said, focused on building the doctoral program for school psychology and now the

the masters in school psychology

"It is one of those types of jobs you feel good about doing," Stevens said:

The job outlook for school psychologists, Barbre said, is bright.

"If you are interested in working with children and psychology, what is unique about school psychology is you are in the environment working with children where they live and where they are at," Stevens said.

Other events the College of Education is hosting include a pizza lunch Friday. The event is open to area LSSP's and current psychology students who want to learn more about school psychology.

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## Quail-Tech Alliance researches decline in quail population

By ALSTON TRBULA

Researchers from the Quail-Tech Alliance, a Texas Tech research project dedicated to quail conservation, are finding last year's drought and a lack of food are both factors in the declining population of quail.

Brad Dabbert, Quail-Tech Alliance research project director and associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources Management, said there are two main factors that influence quail and their sexual behavior: light and rainfall. Increases in light and rainfall both contribute to an increase in quail reproduction.

"They have glands that can detect the amount of light they receive, and that light charges up their reproductive hormones," Dabbert said. "In turn that causes their sex organs, their testes or ovaries, depending on whether they're male for female, to grow and become active."

uail quit reproducing, he said. Rainfall also influences quail reproductive patterns. Dry and hot weather increase the amount of stress hormones in quail. When quail are stressed, they do not reproduce.

"One of their main sources of food during the spring and summer that's high (in) protein is insects," he said. "Their main deal is insects, and so the drought basically prohibits insect production, and as a result, there's no food and that it's really hot and dry causes stress, and so basically the quail don't go into reproduction.'

According to the Quail-Tech Alliance website, the research area consists of 38 counties in North Texas. Within each of the 38 counties, the Quail-Tech Alliance is providing an anchor ranch, which is serving as a laboratory for a five-research effort. The anchor ranches give Consequently, during the researchers clear and informa-

"With these 38 counties and Anchor Ranches, biologists, conservationists and ranch owners will embark upon one of the largest quail data collection efforts in Texas encompassing some 22 million acres," according to the website.

Byron Buckley, a Tech alumnus and member of the Quail-Tech Alliance, said he is studying the extent to which lack of food is contributing to the there is no food. The fact that declining quail numbers. By providing food to certain areas and not to others over an extended period of time, they are able to measure and compare data on the number of living quail in areas that did and did not receive food. The food they are using is called Milo, which is a high-protein grain.

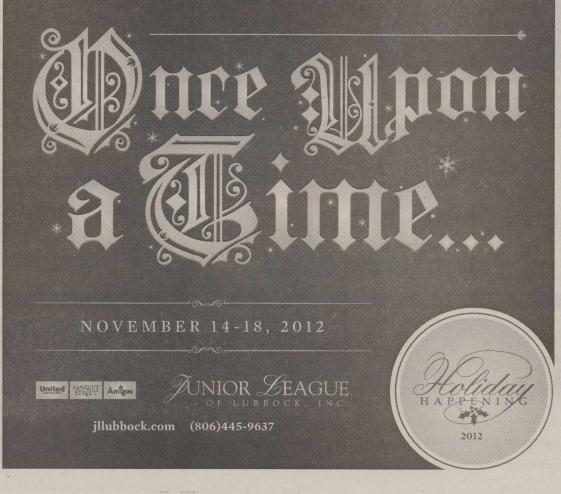
"The areas that did receive food actually had a higher survival rate," he said. "They also had higher nesting and reproductive rates. Some of the birds

winter, when there is less light, tive data sets on the population nested three times on fed areas, and only once or twice in the areas that didn't receive feed."

Humans have an ethical responsibility to conserve a declining species, Buckley said. Both hunters and the Quail-Tech Alliance are conscious of this. Quail hunters are conscious because if there is no quail, they can't hunt. When population numbers are low, hunters decrease their bag limits to compensate. Saving quail also is important for economic

"Quail are real big for hunting, and that's one of the main reason for everyone wanting to save these guys," Buckley said. "It can be an economic shot in the arm for some of these smaller towns, especially here in Texas and other places like Mississippi. All of the smaller towns that these little guys inhabit, these guys bring in millions of dollars to their local

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# Tech student acts in Dallas-based film

By TORI O'HARA STAFF WRITER

Since Bree Waldie was a little girl, she always has wanted to be in a movie.

Her dream came true when she received a call back from casting director for a movie.

Waldie, a sophomore journalism major from Dallas, spent part of the semester in Dallas on the set of "One Heart," a movie based on the true story of two high school football teams, Grapevine Faith School and Gainesville State School.

"It is the classic underdog movie," she said. "The movie really is life changing. It will touch your heart."

Waldie said the movie focuses on Gainesville State School, a maximum-security school with many juvenile delinquents as students, and its football game against Grapevine Faith School.

"No one really believed in (the students) or saw them as something other than violent criminals," she said. "The coach, Kris Hogan, wanted to give them a chance. He got fans to come out and support Gainesville. There were spirit lines for Gainesville from the Faith fans. The Faith cheerleaders cheered for Gainesville. Faith believed in them, and that really touched the players. It

Waldie said she played a cheerleader for Faith.

"There were about 12 cheerleaders in total," Waldie said.

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really fast. We spent a lot of time together. Shoots often went from 5 p.m. into early morning because of the foot-

"We bonded

ball scenes." Amanda Knapic, a Dallas native, played a cheerlead-

er alongside Waldie. Knapic said she and

Waldie bonded quickly. "We met each other briefly before all the cheerleaders got together," Knapic said. "Then, the next day we all got together, and we remembered each other. We became really close. She is now one of my best friends."

Allen Johnson, from Fort Worth, played No. 41 on the Faith team and said Waldie was a.m.," Johnson said. "We had been very outgoing.

"I like to keep to myself," Johnson said. "One day we were all on

the sidelines waiting to be called in She worked really hard." for a scene, and she just came up to me and started talking. She was really friendly.'

Waldie said balancing school-

work with being on set was stressful, but nothing she couldn't handle.

"When I found out I got the part I was really excited," she said. "I instantly went to all of my professors and told them I would do whatever it

took. I think it was because I went to them and wanted to work with them that they worked hard to help me. My professors emailed me assignments. I studied during free time, and I flew back to take tests."

Johnson said Waldie handled the balance of school and work

"One of our first conversations was about how she had a class at 8 on set from 2 p.m. to 6 a.m. She just wanted to go home and sleep, but she knew she couldn't skip class.

The best part of being able to be in "One Heart" was meeting and getting to know the cast and crew, Waldie said.

"Everyone was really sweet," she said. "(Actor) Romeo was in the movie, and he was just amazing. He would come up to us after a shoot and just joke around with us. It was really cool because I didn't know how a famous actor would be with people who didn't have a big role in a movie."

Waldie said the director of the movie, Mark Ellis, has worked on films such as "The Longest Yard," "Dark Knight Rises" and "The Amazing Spider-Man." This movie is the first time Ellis will direct by

The cast will host other famous names, such as Abigail Spencer, G.W. Lewis, Marc Blucas, and Cowboy Troy.

Even with the stress of balancing the movie and going to school, Waldie said she misses being on set.

"I got used to the lifestyle," she said. "They were all amazing people. Everyone was one huge family, and I am really going to miss them a lot. If I could, I would do it again. I do not regret taking this opportunity. It was a great experience.

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BREE WALDIE, A sophomore journalism major from Dallas, finished filming the upcoming movie "One Heart," which is set to be released in 2013. The movie tells the real-life events surrounding a 2008 high school football game between Gainesville State and Grapevine Faith.

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At the end of the month, all items donated will be transported to Women's Protective Services of Lubbock Inc., where they will be distributed to women and children in need of good care and

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"From my view, it's an act

of nature," Sellers said. "We

the animal doesn't even feel it."

Kan., has worked in the meat

lab as productions operator for

harvests every two to three weeks. The harvest is in a room

with about nine people and one

He said Raider Red Meats

five years.

federal inspector.

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shelter through the winter, Earl said. With this drive, Earl and her team hope to bring attention to the need WPS has throughout the year and to bring attention to the services the company offers to anyone who needs help.

"You end up saying, 'Here's the need,' but also, 'Here's what they can provide,' so it's an awareness of both aspects," she said. "You can tell that everyone that participates wants to help the cause.'

Every year, Earl said the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence partners with local government to help raise awareness and give those in need a chance to survive

and overcome their struggles. Students throughout campus are more than happy to help in any way they can, she said, knowing that it's for a good cause and that every little bit helps.

The drive continues until Nov. 30. Donations can be sent to Doak Hall in Rm. 125.

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"With pigs and hogs, we use a two-step stunning process," Rankin said. "The first step is using electricity to incapacitate the animal, to render them un-

have to produce meat and the only way to do it is to harvest require the electricity, but by university rules — to make sure it. I think the methods we have everything is handled humanely nowadays are so humane that and properly — a security stun A captive bolt gun is safer than Shandon Rankin, a meat is used after electricity is ap- a firearm." sciences graduate from Santana,

and bolt gun, which is about six bolt stunner. inches long and does not trigger a projectile, Rankin said.

Captive Bolt Stunning Techniques for Cattle by Temple Grandin, professor of animal

science at Colorado State University, he describes the cap and bolt method.

"A bolt is driven into the animal's brain," according to the article. "It has the same ef-He said USDA rules only fect on the animal as a firearm with a live bullet. After the animal is shot the bolt retracts and is reset for the next animal.

Rankin said only cattle, The security stun is a cap sheep and goats use a cap and

Beef is the only meat shipped in, Corliss said, so cows are not In the article, Recommended harvested in the meat lab. The animals harvested in the meat lab come from Tech's farm in New Deal.

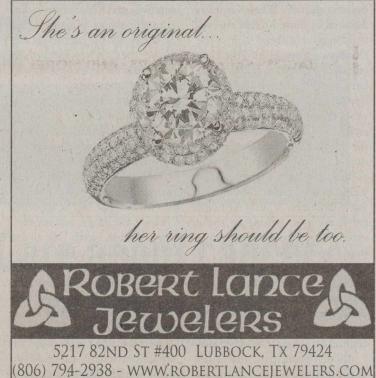
Rankin said after the meat is processed and cut, a vacuum packaging machine packages it.

Along with the work of processing and cutting the meat, Sellers said it provides him with experience for his future as an agriculture education high school teacher.

"It has helped me with knowledge of understanding products and different cuts, so I can help my students with my first-hand experience," Sellers said. "I can educate our youth on how the meat industry actually is and to help change their perception of what it is because a lot of people have misconceptions about the industry."

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## Questions about Elmo young fans won't be asking

a presidential debate that argued for next day. clipping his wings.

Then came word that the actor who plays Elmo would take a leave of hot spotlight you might expect for blissfully unaware that even on of absence amid an allegation that the rowdies of "Jersey Shore." Too he had had a sexual relationship often, it seems, the show has con-

NEW YORK (AP) — First, Big with a 16-year-old boy — an ac- fronted hairpin detours through the Bird became an unwitting player in cusation that was withdrawn the mean streets of politics and scandal.

But the show's producers can The happy band of Muppets on take solace in one simple fact: "Sesame Street" has faced the sort Their target audience remains "Sesame Street" everything's not always A-OK.



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# Election won with scare tactics, not real issues

W e all know politics can be a dirty business. I expected nothing less during the 2012 elections, and for the most part was unsurprised by what I found. However, the degree to which dirty tactics influenced the election at the presidential level was astounding to me. As it turned out, scare tactics actually drove the election rhetoric.

What do I mean by scare tactics, you ask? I'm referring to at: tempts to scare voters away from supporting the opposing party. These tactics may or may not be based on truth, and almost always make something look like something it isn't.

Take the GOP's supposed "War on Women" for example. There was a great deal of hoopla surrounding the notion that Republicans were against women's rights and wanted to control their bodies. It got to the point where people were saying Republicans hated women, and a woman had to be crazy to vote

Forgive me, but I thought the economy and the national debt were two of the biggest issues in away from the Republicans.



the campaign, not abortion. Yet the Democrats were able to steer the talk away from President Barack Obama's failed economic policies and broken promises to convince people that Republicans were just as bad for women as al-Qaida.

Granted, a pair of GOP Senate candidates didn't help themselves or their party by making some asinine comments. about pregnancies resulting from rape. They deserved to lose their respective elections, but their comments were in no way indicative of the views of all Republicans. But of course, Democrats were all too happy to make it seem that way.

Abortion should not have even been an issue to begin with, but the Democrats found an easy subject with which to scare votes

don't hate women at all. In fact many, especially in Texas, would love to see rapists get the death penalty on a regular basis. But of course, that doesn't matter. They still hate women.

Another example would be

the issue of

raising taxes on high-in-Hopefully, when the come Americans. Presinext election comes dent Obama and the around, voters are Democrats have taken able to decide based to blaming the wealthion the important est Americans for the issues rather than nation's ecounfounded fears. nomic problems and campaigned

on the idea of raising their taxes so that they pay their "fair share."

Generally being against higher taxes, Republicans campaigned against this solution. Obama then proceeded to hammer Mitt Romney over the issue, claiming Romney wanted

The truth is that Republicans to lower taxes on the wealthy after it was announced that but at the same time, nearly evbecause they were his campaign Paul Ryan would be Romney's backers. In order to pay for this, Obama said, Romney would shift that burden to the middle and lower classes, thus scaring the majority of Americans into thinking Republicans wanted

to raise their taxes.

In spite of Romney's constant assertions that he did not want to lower taxes on the wealthy, but rather keep them the same, Obama and the Democrats continued hammering this point. Romney fur-

ther noted he wanted to cut taxes for the lower and middle classes, but of course that didn't stop Obama's attempts to scare people into believing Republicans only cared about the rich, which is untrue.

We saw more scare tactics to roast Fox for being right wing,

running mate. Ryan's budget plan became a hot topic, specifically his plan to reform Social Security. Democrats touted it as a plan to end Social Security, complete with the image of Ryan pushing an elderly person in a wheelchair off a cliff.

Never mind the fact that Ryan's plan contained nothing of the sort, or that the Democrats haven't even come up with a plan of their own to save the troubled program. It served their interests to make people think the Republicans wanted grandpa to starve and to not be able to afford his heart medication.

Apparently some people also believe Romney would have allowed the auto industry to fail because he didn't support the bailouts. Again, that's untrue. A managed bankruptcy is completely different than allowing the companies to die. But of course, it suits the needs of the Democrats for people to believe

We also have the media to blame for this. Everyone loves ery other major TV news outlet leans to the left, with MSNBC being the worst of all. They're more than happy to regurgitate the Democratic talking points and to tell us why the Republicans are wrong.

It's sad that an election as important as the one we just went through was decided in this manner. It shows me that the majority of voters in this country either care more about what the government can do for them rather than doing what is best for the future of the country, or they are simply unable to see through the lies. Either way, it's scary

Hopefully when the next election comes around, voters are able to decide based on the important issues rather than unfounded fears. Our country is too important for people to be subjected to another sad excuse for an election as we just endured.

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## Republican path forward difficult, but possible

By KEITH YOST

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I'm usually skeptical of claims made by party faithfuls who, in the aftermath of losing an election, claim that no ideological adjustments are necessary to win the next election. When Kerry was defeated by Bush, I rolled my eyes as the surviving liberal rump of the Democratic Party blamed their loss on a lack of partisan purity. Similarly, I rolled my eyes when 2009 Republicans said the path forward was a return to conservative principles. To me, in both instances, the remedy for electoral losses was a simple application of median voter politics: moving toward the middle vields more victories than retreating to extremes. A bitter medicine for those who belong to those extremes, perhaps, but Hippocrates would recommend no other.

• In the wake of the 2012 elections, I have come to the opposite conclusion. If the Republican party changes nothing in the next four years, it will still enjoy excellent chances of taking the White House.

In very small part, this is because my move-to-the-middle prescription for losing parties has been defied by the evidence of the past decade. Democrats made large gains in 2006 and 2008 even as they refused all compromise and obstructed much of Bush's agenda. Republicans succeeded similarly in 2010 by running a slate of Tea Party ideologues.

But for the most part, Republicans can safely shrug off this election because it is plainly different than the sea changes we witnessed in the previous three elections. The media has been quick to diagnose Republicans as victims of shifting demographics, and claim that their party is in decline because of a growing population of Hispanics and other Democratic constituen-

cies. But demography is not destiny, past few years have seen a sharp at least not yet. This was not the sort of rebuke that Republicans received at the end of Bush's second term. Nor was this the sort of rebuke that Democrats received in the 2010 midterm elections. Four hundred and thirty-five seats were up for grabs in the House of Representatives, and Republicans looked set to win almost as many as they had before. Do the pundits panicking over the GOP's prospects think that Latino voters came out to the polls for the president, but did not bother to vote in house races? The Senate remained more or less unchanged as well, and in those races we do not see much evidence of demography flipping the outcome. In Indiana and Missouri, the GOP ran particularly poor candidates who weren't just bad at appealing to a new electorate, but any electorate. And in North Dakota and Montana (states that Nate Silver, hallowed be his name, incorrectly predicted would go red), Democrats won by running as far away from President Obama as their voting record would let them. Technically, Democrats didn't even take the Republican senate seat in Maine — the winner, Angus King, ran as a true independent. This is not a Democratic majority that has any sort of grand, progressive agenda.

This isn't to say that Republicans shouldn't soften their message on social issues, or defer more to their pro-business wing when voting on immigration. There's no reason for the party to throw away free votes. But the media's claim that this election was about a changing American electorate is utterly false. In 49 of 50 states, self-identified conservatives still outnumber self-identified liberals — only in our own little bubble of Massachusetts is the opposite true. America remains a center-right country, with no eminent change on the horizon — if anything, the increase in those identifying themselves as conservative.

So what happened? If it was not young, female minorities that did. Romney in, then what did?

Barack Obama was a particularly strong candidate. He consistently out-polled his own party, retaining his favorability even as Democrats lost theirs. Mitt Romney was a particularly weak candidate - not because of a purist ideology (if anything the charge against him was that he had no ideology), but because his biography, his personality, and his political record left him vulnerable. During the primaries, Republicans spent months casting for anyone — anyone but the boring, flip-flopping Mormon. But alas, Romney faced no serious challenger in the primaries, even though many were available.

The president enjoyed almost all of the advantages of incumbency and none of its drawbacks. While in office, he was able to buy the votes of Midwest swing states with a public giveaway to car manufacturing corporations and their organized union workforce. Meanwhile, the weaknesses in the president's record were off-limits: Republicans tapped a man almost uniquely unable to mount an attack on either the issue of healthcare (because of his record as a governor), or Obama's early term bank bailouts (due to his background in private equity).

The campaign became exactly the sort that both Republicans and challengers wish to avoid. It was an election focused almost wholly on the economy, offering Romney little opportunity to highlight national security issues where the Republican brand has strength. Meanwhile, Obama out-funded his challenger and ran one of the most negative campaigns in U.S. political history — the standard recipe for retaining the status quo.

### Petraeus emails show Internet lacking privacy By THE ORACLE EDITORIAL

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If any good has come from the troubling tale of former CIA Director Gen. David Petraeus and his sordid affair with his 40-year-old biographer, it is a lesson in exercising caution in what one writes in emails.

While covering one's tracks is not the moral that should be taken away from the media frenzy that has followed the "Petrayal" incident that has likely caused much grief to multiple families, it is a side note that should be heeded.

The tip-off of the scandal has been identified as an email sent from a lampa woman to the FBI. The depth of the scandal can be seen in the "harassing emails" that Paula Broadwell, Petraeus' alleged mistress, sent to the Tampa woman, who Broadwell supposedly suspected was growing closer to Petraeus. The details of the scandal are all found in "intimate messages"

within Petraeus' private Gmail account — even though he reportedly used a dropbox-like system that allowed Broadwell to see the emails as drafts instead of actually transmitting them, in hopes of evading the ability to retrieve them. The Washington Post reported the tactic to be similar to tricks terrorists use when communicating in fear of espionage.

But the one thing that even the director of an agency that prides itself on secrecy cannot escape is the shield of privacy that the Internet and public records laws — whisk away from all. This brief window into his personal email account could provide valuable information into other matters of national security and even allow hackers to access more classified information — a reason he was ultimately asked to resign.

But particularly in the state of Florida, where all government employees - including university employees — are, in the interest of open

government and transparency, subject to having their email searched, it is imperative one consider the merit of what is being put in written and electronic communication.

While the convenience of such communication has replaced notepassing and workplace whispering with emails to the person sitting next to you about the awful third person at a meeting or emails about non-workrelated activities, email communication doesn't offer much protection to those who are afraid of their dirty laundry being accessible to all.

Even after deleting one's browsing history, if one is logged into a Google account, any search is saved in the history and could potentially be accessible to all.

While the majority of people will never be swept into a media maelstrom and could likely safely get away with workplace wantonness, the importance of watching what one allows the Internet to know should not be forgotten.

## Obama's next four years important to his legacy

By THE DAILY FREE PRESS **EDITORIAL BOARD** THE DAILY FREE PRESS (BOSTON U.)

With re-election comes more responsibility. President Barack Obama defeated former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney and earned another term in the White House. While that allows Obama another four years to fulfill campaign promises and work on long-term economic recovery, it also means that the public will only scrutinize him more as he works to achieve his goals.

Obama stood out as the strongest candidate compared to Romney, despite Romney's appeals to the American public's wallets and desires of reduced unemployment. The public sided with Obama, arguably for his stance on social issues such as same-sex marriage and abortion, as well as for his foreign policies regarding negotiations in the Middle East. A number of Americans likely cast their ballots acknowledging that many circumstances

regarding the recession were out of the president's control and that, considering the intensity of the recession, recoveries sometimes take a painfully long time. However, the majority of those voters who re-elected Obama are doing so with the hope that he will revisit issues that he failed to address over the last four years such as Guantanamo Bay. The country is giving him another chance with the hope that he will revitalize the economy and provide new, good jobs for Americans. Now that he does not have to worry about re-election, perhaps he will be able to push harder for those changes.

That being said, it will still be interesting to see how he tackles healthcare, an area where he dedicated a lot of time in his first term.

After months of town halls and campaigning for healthcare reform, Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law in 2012, which marked the largest overhaul of the healthcare system since the 1960s.

Over these next four years, Obama will not only be overseeing the Act, but will have an opportunity to tack on minor or major amendments to it.

However, it will be even more interesting to see how Obama addresses the economy. Student loan debt is mounting and 23 million Americans are still out of work, according to a statement on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's website. There have been some small improvements — in spite of the unemployment levels, new jobs have been created and federal loan repayment has been capped at 10 percent a year.

However, going into this next term, the question on our mind is, Can Obama be proven right in his potential to bring forth economic stability for Americans? Hopefully, the Obama we see these

next four years will surpass the Obama we've seen over these past four years. The new Obama will hopefully focus more on the issues to which he has given neglect, namely the economy.

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## Oklahoma St. quarterback shuffle leaves uncertainty heading into senior day game

By MICHAEL DUPONT II STAFF WRITER

Oklahoma State has been through a few early setbacks this year, but the Cowboys still have been able to put together another productive season.

The Cowboys (6-3, 4-2) are currently the fourth best team in the Big 12 Conference, however, that will be challenged this weekend when the Red Raiders, (7-3, 4-3), currently fifth place, travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face the Cowboys at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he expects a raucous crowd for the Cowboys' senior day game.

"We're not only playing an offense that has had a lot of success and run up some big numbers, a quarterback that's experienced and playing very well, but also a defense that's considerably different than what they were at this time last year," Gundy said. "They've been very effective, so we'll have a challenge this week. Our players are in a good frame of mind, (they are) excited and we're at a point where we can have two good practices a week, polish up on Thursday and get ready to play with a lot of effort.

"It should be a lot of fun this weekend. We have two good teams and we should have a great atmosphere. We're looking forward to it."

Wide receiver Josh Stewart was named Big 12 Player of the Week for his performance against West Virginia last Saturday.

Stewart caught 13 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns in the win-

Coach Gundy said players like Stewart have a great chance to be successful because he loves the game of football.

"Josh has been really good for us," Gundy said. "Not only as a receiver but we've been able to flip the ball to him and let him run. When we recruited him, the word was that he was a gamer. He liked to touch the football, he liked to be in the heat of the moment and be the guy that you rely on for big plays. He's tarting to mature a little bit.

Stewart has caught 69 passes for 838 ished the game for the injured starting at the quarterback position.



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OKLAHOMA STATE RUNNING back Joseph Randle runs away from a pack of Bears in a 59-24 victory against Baylor on Oct. 29, 2011. Randle has more than 1,000 rushing yards this season.

yards and five touchdowns this season. Stewart said he was humbled to be selected as the Player of the Week.

"It means a lot," Stewart said. "All of these great players in the Big 12, and you get chosen as one of the best players that week. That's great."

The Cowboys have one of the more balanced offenses in the Big 12 Conference. Oklahoma State has the fourth-best passing offense in the nation, according to NCAA.com; they

also have the 22nd-best rushing offense. The Cowboys' efficacy in their passing offense comes as a surprise to many because Oklahoma State has been forced to utilize three different quarterbacks during this season.

Oklahoma State started the season with freshman Wes Lunt at quarterback before he injured his left knee during a game against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Redshirt freshman I.W. Walsh

quarterback and passed for more than 1,300 yards in Lunt's absence.

Walsh suffered a season-ending knee injury in a game against Iowa State, which led Lunt to return as the starting quarterback. Lunt led the Cowboys in a 36-14 victory against TCU, but would suffer a concussion the following week against Kansas State, leaving junior Clint Chelf as the new Cowboys

Chelf excelled in his first start for Oklahoma State last week against the subpar West Virginia defense, which is allowing opponents an average of 41 points per game.

Chelf passed for 292 yards and four touchdowns, completing 22 of his 31 pass attempts in the 55-34 win against the Mountaineers.

Offensive coordinator Todd Monken said the success speaks to how the Cowboys have recruited and acquired depth

"It says a lot about the guys we have," Monken said. "They're talented. If they didn't have the talent, you (wouldn't be able to) win. It's not like you can pull someone off the street and decide to

Oklahoma State has not named who will start at quarterback this week against

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Monken said the coaching staff will decide who offers the best chance of winning and from that, they will decide who will start Saturday.

They were all available the other night, but available and medically cleared is different from being able to function, practice, be accurate with your throws and give us a chance to win," Monken said. "They'll all be cleared this week, so we'll just go from there. We have three guys who are capable of winning, so we'll just assess it as the

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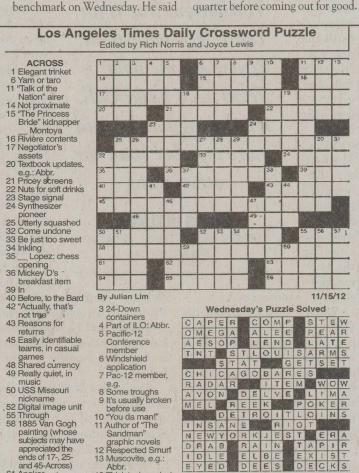
## Cowboys' running back could return after 4-game absence

Jason Garrett keeps talking about "thresholds" running back De-Marco Murray must meet to end because of a sprained foot.

It's probably not on the official list, but Murray offered a

IRVING (AP) — Dallas coach there was "a chance" he could play Sunday against Cleveland.

Murray has missed four games since rushing for 93 yards in a loss a longer-than-expected absence at Baltimore on Oct. 14. He had 90 yards in the first half but injured his right foot in the second quarter. He had just one carry in the third



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Southeastern Conference's six-year streak of national championships could be in jeopardy.

And the SEC has expansion to thank for making it happen.

No. 9 Texas A&M and Missouri are making their presence felt since the SEC invited them into the fold.

The Aggies (8-2, 5-2 SEC) rolled into Tuscaloosa and knocked off defending champion Alabama 29-24 and now the SEC is by no means a lock to get into the BCS title game. The Tigers (5-5, 2-5) have beaten Kentucky and Tennessee, adding to the coaching chaos at those schools.

Auburn's Gene Chizik is one of several SEC coaches who aren't surprised by either school's impact. He said the signs were there even before they left the Big 12.

"If you go back to SEC media day" and what I said there, I don't change one thing that I said then," said Chizik, a former Texas defensive coordinator who was also Iowa State's head coach. "No one's teaching (coach) Kevin Sumlin how to coach football; no one's teaching Texas A&M how to play or win; no one's teaching Texas A&M

about tradition. "Missouri's had their ups and downs this year at times but they're another good football team. (Coach) Gary (Pinkel) does a great job. ... They're here to compete and they're here to win championships just like the rest of them. That's why I said it was a good fit."

Actually, the Aggies have become quite comfortable in the SEC.

Texas A&M was picked to finish fifth in the seven-team SEC West and has raised a few eyebrows with just how well its playing.

"I don't think a lot of people expected Texas A&M to do what they're doing now," Tennessee wide receiver Justin Hunter said. "They've got a real good quarterback (Johnny Manziel), a freshman coming out and running the ball like he did and beating the No. 1 team. It's real exciting."

The Aggies are a game behind West-

leading Alabama entering Saturday's contest against Sam Houston State. They are tied with the Crimson Tide for the league-lead in scoring at 36.3 points per game. Texas A&M stands alone in several other offensive categories, including rushing offense (236.3 yards), passing offense (295.6) and total

Sumlin said his Aggies benefited from the disappointing close home losses to Florida (20-17) and LSU (24-19) and that knocked Texas A&M out of any national championship discussions.

"I think in a way we drew some confidence from those games because

those were top-tier teams, not only in this league but in the country," Sumlin said. "We didn't have the offense available in the first part of the year that we

Leading the way is redshirt freshman phenom Manziel, also known as "Johnny Football."

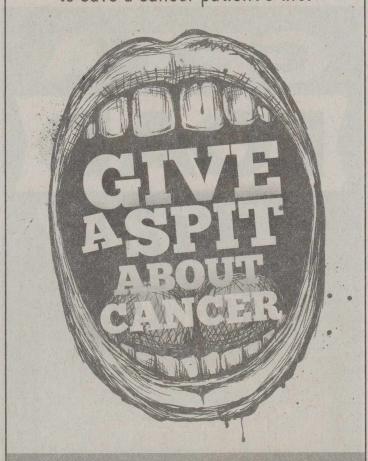
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# Red Raiders pick up second win in Walker era

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Chris Walker said he wants his team to win by wearing opponents down, playing hard and playing together. The Red Raiders did exactly that Wednesday night in United Spirit Arena, defeating Nebraska-Omaha 91-63.

The Red Raiders (2-0) shot ing and six rebounds.

The bottom line is for

Texas Tech basketball,

if you ask me what is

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it's playing harder and

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other team.

45 percent for the game playing their uptempo offense and protecting the ball, committing just eight turnovers The frantic defense did its job, forcing 10 steals and causing the Mavericks to

commit 17 turnovers. Walker said he wants his team to wear the opposition out by taking advantage of its depth and playing at a faster pace. He said he specifically wants to see his team take advantage in the second half, something it did not do in its season-opening win

against Prairie View A&M. "It was good to see a second half where we actually picked it up because in the second half of the last two games we were not

that sometimes it looks a little getting me great motivation. ragged, and it looks like the other team is scoring, but as I tell our guys, our style is to wear the opponent down.

Tech outscored Nebraska-Omaha 48-26 in the second half, led by junior forward Dejan Kravic's 18 second-half points. For the game Kravic had 20 sis Walker made was to limit points on 9-11 field goals shoot-

> nior for-Crockett came off the bench and notched a doubledouble, leading the team with a career-high 22 points and 10 re-

the first points, but

Nebraska-Omaha was able to cut the lead to six before halftime. Walker said Nebraska-Omaha's success could be attributed

Kravic said Walker told him

at halftime to be more aggressive, which led to him taking better advantage of his opportunities in the second half.

"Coach sent the message that I have to be more aggressive if I want to score," Kravic said. "I so good," Walker said. "I know had the coach and the players Tech basketball, if you ask me

They're the reason I played well in that second half. They just kept me up the whole time."

In the second half Tech outscored Nebraska-Omaha 48-26, including a 20-5 run after the lead was cut to seven points.

Another point of emphaturnovers and rebound better, Crockett said. Tech outrebounded Nebraska-Omaha 48-27, including a 21-5 advantage in offensive rebounds.

One of the biggest reasons for the success in the low post, Crockett said, was freshman guard Josh Gray and the other guards doing a good job putting pressure on the defense.

Gray scored 15 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

"To get stats like that out of our guards is great for us as a team because it puts pressure on the other team to have to guard them, and it's going to open up n the post," Crockett said. "When (opponents) start to focus on the post we can get the guards involved. I'm real proud of Josh coming out and doing that. He told me earlier how the butterflies are gone so he's ready to play.

Overall, Walker said he was pleased with the effort from his to his team missing so many players and how they kept attacking the Mavericks.

> Walker said the main thing he is trying to accomplish right now is establishing a style of play, which in the case of the Red Raiders is to play at a quick pace and wear the opponent down while playing as a team.

"The bottom line is for Texas

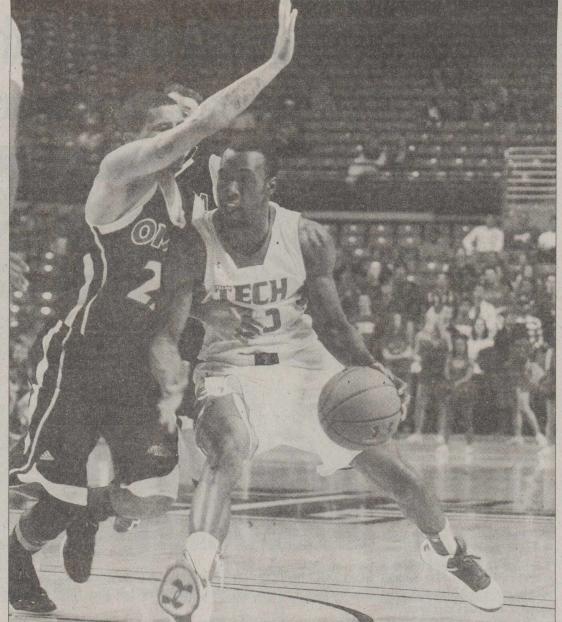


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TEXAS TECH GUARD, Jamal Williams, Jr., dribbles up to score a basket while Nebraska-Omaha forward, Marcus Tyus, tries to block him during the Red Raiders 91-63 victory against the Mavericks on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

what is Texas Tech basketball, it's playing harder and more together than the other team,"

The Red Raiders' next game is Nov. 20, against Grambling >>> hwilen@dailytoreador.com

State in United Spirit Arena. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m.

## Lady Raiders plan for hostile road trip

By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech women's basketball team heads to Albuquerque, N.M., to face New Mexico at 7 p.m. Thursday in The Pit, the university's basketballexclusive arena.

This is the Lady Raiders' second consecutive road game to start the 2012-2013 season, defeating Arizona final score. State on Sunday, 61-49.

"Certainly we're excited, and we feel like we have a great opportunity in front of us," Tech coach Kristy Curry said.

The team has some momentum coming off the road win against Arizona State, Curry said, which will help going into the hostile environment in Albuquerque.

hardest places to play," she said. "We said she is looking forward to playing enjoy the rivalry. I think it's great for Texas Tech and great for New Mexico, and we like the way that our fans embrace both schools.'

It is important to stay composed with the fans in the arena, senior guard Casey Morris said. Morris led the team in scoring against Arizona to have my back no matter what," State, with 15 points added to the

This game is important because the crowd is something they have not seen since last season, she said, and it will be crucial to remember what it is like to be in an environment like that.

"It's always exciting to go to a place where they are going to be against you," Morris said. "I think two shooters during practice and we're looking forward to it."

Sophomore guard Amber Battle "We understand that it's one of the is an Albuquerque, N.M. native and

in the tough environment.

She knows the game will be tough for her because she is a native and New Mexico tried to recruit her,

"For me, especially, I know my coaches and my teammates are going Battle said. "I know that we're going to put our arms around each other, be ready to play and hopefully come out with a victory."

From the film the team has watched, Battle said the team has two good shooters and penetrators who are versatile at every position.

Tech has been focusing on the trying to practice situations where they would guard them, junior guard Jackie Patterson said.

Patterson had 14 points and three rebounds against Arizona

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"We work hard so we can carry over each game," Patterson said. Curry said she wants the team to protect the ball better.

"It is really important to make sure we have a two-to-one assist to turnover ratio, take care of the basketball, and we have to rebound better than we did at Arizona State,' Curry said. "We have to make our free throws and do all of the little things that go into having toughness on the road."

It also is important for the team to have good chemistry while battling against New Mexico, Patterson

"We'll stick together," she said. "Our chemistry is going to be very important. So far it's been good. It's good to stick together and play

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## Kaufman named No. 1 golfer

Texas Tech Lady Raiders senior golfer Kim Kaufman became the first golfer in school history to achieve a No. 1 ranking when Golfweek Magazine moved her to the top of its individual rankings.

"It feels great," Kaufman said. "I was a little bit surprised, but it's Between the combination of the a nice surprise. It shows how hard team's ranking and her individual work really does pay off."

Kaufman already had set the school record for highest ranking when she became No. 2 after closing late October.

In the team rankings, the Lady Raiders fell two spots to No. 20 in the poll. Kaufman ended the fall season averaging a team-best 71.5

strokes per round and has been among the top 15 individuals in all four events, including three top-five Despite the team's fall, Kaufman

said it is still great for the team to be ranked at the end of the season. achievements, Kaufman said she has positive expectations for the fall season.

"It gives me a little confidence the fall season with her first career going into the spring season and victory at the Landfall Tradition in hopefully we can get the (team ranking) up," Kaufman said.

The Lady Raiders open the 2013 spring season Feb. 10-12 at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in San Juan. >>> hwilen@dailytoreador.com

## OU basketball lands 3 recruits

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) signed a pair of junior college forwards and a high-school point guard to join the Sooners next



\* Kruger announced Wednesday Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger has that 6-foot-8 Dominique Elliott from Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College, 6-foot-10 Keshaun Hamilton from Labette (Kan.) Community College and 6-foot Jordan Woodard from Edmond Memorial High School signed letters of intent with Oklahoma.

> Kruger calls Woodard "a point guard that's terrific at running his team and can become a big-time scorer as well."

He says Hamilton could provide the Sooners the low-post scoring threat they're currently lacking, although he's currently recovering from surgery on his anterior cruci-



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night's 13-6 win over Chicago

when Houston forced four turn-

vards a game, behind only Pitts-

burgh. They are also among the top

teams in several other defensive categories. Houston is third in

scoring (15.9), tied for fourth in in-

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Houston has rebounded from

That was clear in Sunday

The Texans are allowing 281.6

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HOUSTON (AP) — Just its only loss — a 42-24 defeat by

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They've allowed just one touch-

every week," nose tackle Shaun

Cody said. "We know we want to

put our offense in a good position

to get the ball a lot, and it's going

top defenders in the league. He

leads the NFL in sacks with 10 1/2

and has knocked down 10 passes.

The constant attention he receives

has given other Texans chances

to make plays. Outside linebacker

Connor Barwin has come on lately,

piling up 13 tackles and two sacks

The Texans have come a long,

long way from the days when

there were concerns about Phillips

changing the alignment, and then

in the offseason, Mario Williams

and DeMeco Ryans left for other

teams. More questions came when

star linebacker Brian Cushing was

lost for the season with a knee

injury in Week 5 and the loss to

the Packers came the next week.

in the last three games.

Watt has emerged as one of the

to lead to some good things.'

"It's important that we play well

down since the loss.

## Undefeated Kithuka named to All-Region team Houston aims to be

By MEGAN KETTERER STAFF WRITER

Kennedy Kithuka has not yet lost this season. The Texas Tech junior cross-country team member continued his perfect season last Friday at the NCAA Mountain Region meet to advance to the NCAA Championships.

Kithuka was announced Monday morning to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Region Team to honor his unbeaten season.

Kithuka crossed the finish line first with a time of 29:36.8 in the men's 10,000-meter race. His success automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championship in Louisville, Ky., which is scheduled for Nov. 17.

He was pleased with his performance at the regional meet, Kithuka said, but his goal was not only to win the race, but to qualify for the national meet.

"I'm so excited to go to nationals," he said. "I am ready to go there and do something great. I know I have a lot of competition there."

This is Kithuka's first time to compete in Division 1 championships, he said. He is a transfer from Wayland Baptist University, where he won two NAIA National Championships.

He did not have a lot of competition in the races he won early in the season, he said, so he did not run to his full potential, he said, but now he plans to run as fast as he can.

"In nationals, someone can stay close to me, so I am going to go 100 percent," he said, "so I will be faster compared to how I have done in the Conference and Regionals."

The regional meet is different than the previous meets, cross-country coach Jon Murray said, because the goal is not to win, but to qualify for the national meet in Kentucky.

"We wanted him to put out as little effort as possible and still qualify for nationals, which he did," he said. "This was the first race where he really ran in the back of the pack for the first half of the race and then basically kept the same pace going that he had and everyone else fell off of it. He ended up winning by a very comfortable margin."

He looked comfortable throughout the race and never seemed to be pushing too hard, Murray said.

Kithuka also has been a great addition to the team off the track, Murray said.

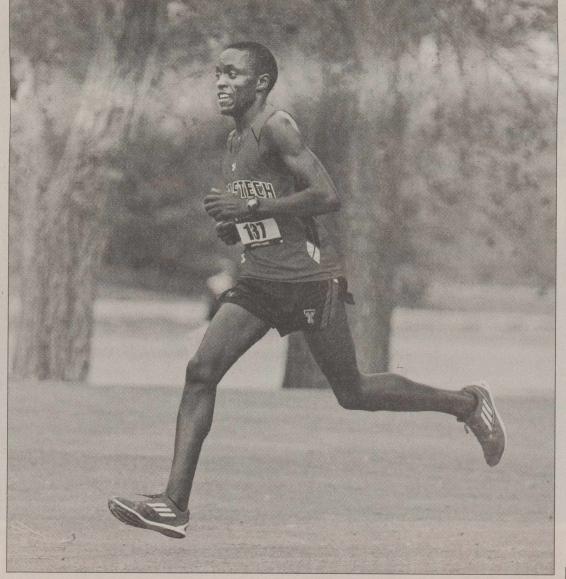


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH'S KENNEDY Kithuka runs the final leg of the Mens 8K cross country event during the Red Raider Open on Friday at Meadowbrook Golf Course. Kithuka's time of 23:34.44 broke the previous course

it's really just elevated the entire year, Murray said.

His strong work ethic and the barriers Kithuka has crossed viously with it being his first helps the men's team know it can succeed as well, Murray

Now Kithuka is looking to remain unbeaten this season

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"Kennedy has been a great as he faces off in the national leader for our whole team this meet. The favorite to win is a year," he said. "That kind of runner from the University of

"Kennedy is coming in as somewhat of a newcomer, obtime in NCAA," he said. "He's got some credentials, but they raced against each other last spring in a race and Kennedy was beaten.'

Despite his loss, Murray he said he believes Kithuka has improved since the last time leadership has been great and Arizona who won the meet last he raced against the previous champion.

"It would be an upset win if Kennedy did win," Murray said. "It's going to be a great race all the way through. It will come down to a little bit at the end there and just who is the best that day and that time."

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